

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

THE PROUDEST LADY.

The Queen is proud on her throne, And proud are her maids so true, But the proudest lady that ever was known...

EPHEMERIS.

Yokes is the text of Parton's next sermon. \$25 per ton is the price of hay in Clarion, Pa. A bust of Forrest, the actor, is to adorn Central Park.

with their booty. They were each fined twenty dollars. A family in New Haven was found the other day in the act of dining on boiled dog.

George Alfred Townsend is said to have severed his connection with all the other papers for which he wrote, with the intention of hereafter devoting himself entirely to corresponding for the benefit of the happy readers of the Chicago Tribune.

There have recently been going through New Orleans heavy shipments of Malaga fruits, etc., from New York to Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis. The railroad charges are so heavy that it pays to ship freight to the west by sea from New York.

The Harrisburg Guard says: "Three hundred and ninety thousand three hundred and ninety-five tons of coal were shipped over the Summit Branch Railroad for the year just closed, being an excess of upwards of ninety-one thousand tons over the preceding year."

The leading illustration in the last number of Punch is entitled "Under the Mistletoe," and represents old John Bull and Miss Columbia, with clasped hands, in the act of kissing each other under the mistletoe bough, which the good-natured Rev. Mr. Johnson is holding over their heads.

Hearth and Home has a letter on the "moustache movement," with which the writers attempt to wither the wearers of hirsute appendages, because they constantly stroke and pull them. If the writer will tell those gentlemen, old and young, some rational mode of disposing of their hands when idle, we venture to vouch for the abolition of the "moustache movement."

An exchange says: A recent storm in Belgium was distinguished by some singular phenomena. The wind carried off several articles of the first necessity. For instance, the roof of a house and a lawyer's wife have totally disappeared. It is possible that the roof may have been found, but as for the lady, who was a light weight, her husband has given up all hopes of her recovery.

The London Daily News refers to the appointment of Mr. John Savage, the Fenian, as Consul to Cork, as proving exclusively that President Johnson has a sense of fun and "a power of banter as exquisite as Mr. Russell Lowell or Dr. Wendell Holmes can boast," and it thinks Mr. Gladstone might refute the slander that he has no appreciation of humor by appointing Mr. Judah Benjamin as envoy at Washington.

The notorious Philadelphia rascal, Jim Haggerty, is in goal in that city, and some of his friends endeavored to release him by breaking into his cell from the outside. This attempt so amuses the Philadelphia Bulletin that it gets off the following:

Haggerty says he only wanted the bar taken out of his window for additional security. He wished to make a fresh bolt out of it. The way Haggerty's friends handled their crow-bars on Saturday night proved the prior attachments for him.

The attempt to bore into Haggerty's cell, on Saturday night, did not augur well for his innocence. Several "jimmies" were found outside of the Central Station on Saturday night, but the principal "jimmy" remained inside.

Yesterday morning we saw a crowd of from fifty to seventy-five persons, men, women and children, standing on the lower side of the Allegheny Suspension Bridge, eagerly watching eight men and two dogs on the steamboat and wharf below, endeavoring to kill or capture a rat which had taken refuge on a spar which was floating between the boats and the wharf.

The sagacity and agility of the rodent proving too much for the sticks and stones of his assailants, one man boldly got into a skiff, and armed with a stout pole got near enough to push the scared animal from his perch on a spar into the water among the broken ice. Several times the drowning animal bravely clambered out, only, however, to be thrust back by the brave St. George in the skiff.

Breathlessly the dogs and eight men watched the struggle, and the final agonies of the audacious animal were heartily greeted by them and by the crowd on the bridge above. We think the admiring army which gazed from the bridge might testify their approbation by having the handsome commemorative badges made for the victors, on which might be some such legend as "These eight assisted only by dogs, poles and sticks, valourously succeeded, after a spirited conflict, in drowning a rat January 13, 1869."

The "Wild Man" Story in Ohio. (From the Cincinnati Commercial.) Gallipolis is excited over a wild man, who is reported to haunt the woods near that city. He goes naked, is covered with hair, is gigantic in height and "his eyes start from their sockets." A carriage, containing a man and daughter, was attacked by him a few days ago. He is said to have "bounded at the father, catching him in a grip like that of a vice, and hurling him to the earth, falling on him and endeavoring to bite and scratch like a wild animal. The struggle was long and fearful, rolling and wallowing in the deep mud, half suffocated, sometimes beneath his adversary, whose burning and maniac eyes glared into his own with murderous and savage intensity. Just as he was about to become exhausted from his exertions, the daughter, taking courage at the imminent danger of her parent, snatched up a rock and hurling it at the head of her father's would-be murderer, was fortunate enough to put an end to the struggle by striking him somewhere about the ear. The creature was not stunned, but feeling unequal to further exertion slowly got up and retired into a neighboring copse that skirted the road."

In speaking of the long-eared libel verdict against the Chicago Tribune, the New York Commercial Advertiser relates: "Not long since, a subordinate employed on one of our New York journals passed, by mistake, into the printers' instead of the reference box, a savage and malicious onslaught upon the principal proprietor, and it appeared a few hours later on the editorial page. An office errand-boy, who aspired to editorial responsibilities, was recently detected in sending newspaper extracts up to the printers. We speak of these incidents to show how easily a mistake may occur in the conduct of a large daily journal which employs many heads and hands, and is necessarily made up rapidly."

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