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TREASON has done its worst. Beaver is beaten. The gallant, spotless, maimed soldier has fallen a victim to the malignancy of a few small-souled politicians. The Republican party of Pennsylvania has been betrayed into the hands of its enemies. Pattison has been elected Governor by a plurality exceeding 10,000.

SOMERSET COUNTY has proven faithful among the faithless. Despite the corrupt bargain and sale between the Independents and the Democrats, and notwithstanding the betrayal of their candidates by the latter, who in many instances voted for their Democratic allies, the entire county ticket is elected. Colborn and Morgan will have majorities in the neighborhood of five hundred, and at this writing it looks as if the majorities (800 to 900) given Campbell and Longenecker in this county will elect them, and save the Congressional and Senatorial districts.

Longenecker is elected beyond doubt, and last dispatches seem to assure Campbell's election, also.

NEW YORK has gone Democratic by an immense majority. The Democrats claim by 80,000.

Massachusetts has elected Butler (Dem.) Governor by a majority of 20,000.

Gov. HOYT has issued his proclamation ordaining and appointing Thursday, the 30th day of this month, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

AFTER sitting on the top rail of the fence for some time, Governor Hoyt, on Friday last, slid down on the Independent side. On Thursday he authorized Deputy Attorney General Gilbert to announce that he would support Beaver and the entire Republican ticket, and to the consternation of his friends, the next day a letter from him was published declaring against Beaver. His vascillating, disingenous course so incensed Secretary of State, Colonel Quay, that he immediately resigned his position, declaring that he could no longer hold pleasant official relations with the Governor. The correspondence has been published and places Governor Hoyt in a very unfavorable light. Colonel Frank Jordan, of Harrisburg, formerly Secretary of State under Gov. Geary, has been appointed to succeed Col. Quay. He is openly and avowedly in favor of the election of General Beaver and the whole Republican ticket.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

Proclamation by the President, Designating November 30th Next.

WASHINGTON, October 26.—The following thanksgiving proclamation has been issued:

By the President of the United States of America. A Proclamation:

In conformity with custom, the annual observance of which is justly held in honor by this people, I Chester A. Arthur, President of the United States, do hereby set apart Thursday, the 30th day of November next, as the day of public thanksgiving.

Blessings demanding our gratitude are numerous and varied. For the peace and amity which subsist between this republic and all the nations of the world; for freedom from internal discord and violence; for increasing friendship between the different sections of the land; of liberty, justice and constitutional government; for the devotion of the people to our free institutions and their cheerful obedience to mild laws; for the constantly increasing strength of the Republic, while extending its privileges to fellow-men who come to us; for the improved means of internal communication and increased facilities of intercourse with other nations; for the general prevailing health of the year; for the prosperity of all our industries, liberal return for mechanics' toil, affording a market for the abundant harvests of the husbandman; for the preservation of the national faith and credit; for the wise and generous provision to effect the intellectual and moral education of our youth; for the influence upon the conscience of retaining and transforming religion, and for the joys of home; for these and many other blessings, we should give thanks.

Wherefore, I do recommend that the day above designated be observed throughout the country as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer, and that the people, ceasing from their daily labors and meeting in accordance with their several forms of worship, draw near to the throne of Almighty god, offering him praise and gratitude for the manifold goodness which he has vouchsafed us, and praying that His blessings and His mercies may continue. And I do further recommend that the day thus appointed be made a special occasion for deeds of kindness and charity to the suffering and needy, so that all who dwell within the land may rejoice and be glad in this season of national thanksgiving.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington, this 25th day of October, A. D. 1882, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and seventh.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

By the President:
FREDERICK T. FRELINGHUYSEN,
Secretary of State.

SCOOPED!

The Gallant Beaver Defeated!

A Cold Day in Pennsylvania and New York!

Pattison's Plurality Estimated at 15,000.

Campbell and Longenecker Elected!

Old Somerset, Thank God, Stands Firm!

The "Bald Eagle" Soars Aloft.

"Ajax" Defies the Independent-Democratic Lightning.

COLBORN AND MORGAN ELECTED

A dispatch just received from Blair county, says that Campbell will have 920 majority in that county. This assures the election of Honest Old Jake.

The following are the returns received from the county up to our going to press at 11:30 A. M. Wednesday. The indications are that Beaver's majority in the county over Pattison will be 1,000. Stewart's vote will not exceed 700. Colborn and Morgan are elected by from four to five hundred majority.

Berlin borough—Beaver, 40; Pattison, 103; Stewart, 9.

Brothersvalley—Beaver, 186; Pattison, 134; Stewart, 26; Campbell, 185; Coffroth, 136; Longenecker, 186; Reynolds, 135; Morgan, 186; Colborn, 184; Sorber, 156; Seibert, 156.

Conemaugh—Stewart, 4; Campbell, 200; Coffroth, 34; Longenecker, 199; Reynolds, 35; Colborn, 197; Morgan, 200; Seibert, 34; Morgan, 35.

Confluence borough—Beaver, 50; Pattison, 27; Stewart, 8; Campbell, 49; Coffroth, 29; Longenecker, 49; Reynolds, 27; Morgan, 49; Colborn, 49; Sorber. 37; Seibert, 37.

Jefferson—Beaver, 86; Pattison, 60; Stewart, 31; Campbell, 82; Coffroth, 77; McKinley, 16; Longenecker, 86; Reynolds, 61; Morgan, 85; Colborn, 85; Sorber. 91; Seibert, 91.

Jenner—Beaver, 259; Pattison, 75; Stewart, 14; Campbell, 258; Coffroth, 87; McKinley, 6; Longenecker, 258; Reynolds, 75; Conley, 15; Morgan, 274; Colborn, 242; Sorber, 88; Seibert, 72.

Jennertown borough—Beaver, 13; Pattison, 6; Campbell, 13, Coffroth, 7; Longenecker, 13; Reynolds, 7; Morgan, 12; Colborn, 11; Sorber, 9; Seibert, 7.

Meyersdale borough—Beaver, 114; Pattison, 112; Stewart, 48; Campbell, 125; Coffroth, 128; McKinley, 37; Longenecker, 118; Reynolds, 136; Morgan, 119; Colborn, 110; Sorber, 163; Seibert, 158.

Middlecreek—Beaver, 80; Pattison, 26; Stewart, 12; Campbell, 70; Coffroth, 34; McKinley, 7; Longenecker, 80; Reynolds, 28; Conley, 11; Morgan, 80; Colborn, 80; Sorber, 39; Seibert, 39.

Milford—Beaver, 222; Pattison, 82; Stewart, 48; Campbell, 216; Coffroth, 100; Longenecker, 219; Reynolds, 86; Morgan, 218; Colborn, 208 Sorber, 134; Seibert, 134.

New Centreville borough—Beaver, 21; Pattison, 8; Stewart, 6; Campbell, 18; Coffroth, 14; McKinley, 2; Longenecker, 22; Raynolds, 10; Conley, 3; Morgan, 21; Colborn, 23; Sorber, 12; Seibert, 13.

Paint—Beaver, 196; Pattison, 26; Stewart, 4; Campbell, 189; Coffroth, 26; Longenecker, 187; Reynolds, 26; Morgan, 187; Colborn, 187; Sorber, 30; Seibert, 30.

Shade—Beaver, 170; Pattison, 91; Stewart, 6; Campbell, 165; Coffroth, 99; McKinley, 2; Longenecker, 169; Reynolds, 92; Conley, 6; Colborn, 159; Morgan, 166; Sorber, 107; Seibert, 90.

Somerset Borough—Beaver, 134; Pattison, 77; Stewart, 67; Campbell, 132; Coffroth, 125; McKinley, 17; Longenecker, 142; Reynolds, 87; Conley, 37; Morgan, 128; Colborn, 145; Sorber, 137; Seibert, 128.

Somerset Township, No. 1—Beaver, 261; Pattison, 132; Stewart, 110; Campbell, 228; Coffroth, 216; McKinley, 49; Longenecker, 253; Reynolds, 155; Conley, 91; Morgan, 260; Colborn, 247; Sorber, 247; Seibert, 241.

Somerset Township, No. 2.—Beaver, 92; Pattison, 43; Stewart, 15; Campbell, 92; Coffroth, 50; Longenecker, 92; Reynolds, 46; Conley, 12; Morgan, 92; Colborn, 90; Sorber, 57; Seibert, 58.

Stoneycreek—Beaver, 178; Pattison, 60; Stewart, 85; Campbell, 183; Coffroth, 119; Morgan, 179; Colborn, 173; Longenecker, 157; Seibert, 149.

Stoystown Borough—Beaver, 23; Pattison, 29; Stewart, 25; Campbell, 22; Coffroth, 42; McKinley, 12; Morgan, 25; Colborn, 22; Sorber, 57; Seibert, 48.

Summit—Beaver, 89; Pattison, 154; Stewart, 35; Campbell, 91; Coffroth, 178; McKinley, 26; Longenecker, 93; Reynolds, 164; Morgan, 89; Colborn, 87; Sorber, 189; Seibert, 190.

Upper Turkeyfoot—Beaver, 140; Pattison, 50; Stewart, 6; Campbell, 140; Coffroth, 50; Longenecker, 140; Reynolds, 50; Morgan, 138; Colborn, 139; Sorber, 31; Seibert, 31.

Quemahoning—Beaver, 172; Pattison, 78; Stewart, 39; Campbell, 172; Coffroth, 87; McKinley, 31; Longenecker, 172; Reynolds, 86; Conley, 30.

Fighting a Kentucky Mob.

CINCINNATI, November 1.—A Lexington, Ky., special says: "Troops guarding Neal and Craft, while on their way to the steamer Granite State, were attacked by a mob. The soldiers fired and several were killed and wounded of the attacking party. The prisoners and troops got safely on board, when the mob seized a train and headed off the boat at Ashland, Ky., where another attack was made. The troops returned the fire, and again a number of the mob were killed and wounded. So far as known only three of the troops were wounded, and they but slightly. Private dispatches received here place the number of killed at five and the wounded at thirty. The steamer Granite State has passed Portsmouth, and unless the fog prevents will reach Maysville to-night, where the prisoners will be transferred to the railroad to be taken to Lexington."

A special dispatch to the *Commercial* from Ashland, Ky., says: This noon twenty-five men and boys who were partly intoxicated seized an engine and car and went to Catlettsburg, against the advice of sober men who last night gave up all hope of getting the prisoners from the military.

When they reached Catlettsburg they made no effort to capture the prisoners, who were safely placed on board the steamer Granite State at 3 o'clock P. M. The crowd then hastened back to Ashland, and about twenty of them hastened to a ferryboat and by the use of pistols compelled the captain to put out to intercept the Granite State.

Their attitude was so ridiculous and their case so hopeless that the affair would have been a farce but for the reckless discharge of a revolver in the hands of one of the boys on the ferryboat. It was answered at once by a volley from the soldiers. The balls pierced the boiler of the ferryboat, and the escaping steam completely disabled the mob.

By this time a great crowd had gathered on the banks of the river and in the houses. The soldiers turned their guns on them and fired without provocation. Here the mischief was done. Only three were wounded on the ferryboat, while all the others on the casualty list were of the peaceable people on the shore.

The following is a list of the killed: George Keener, James McDonald, Colonel Reppert, and an infant in its mother's arms. Those seriously wounded are: John Baugh, Charles Balinger, Willie Serey, Will Springer, Mrs. Serey, Graham Randall and Robert Pritchard.

The following are slightly wounded: Martin Dunlap, Alex. Harris, John Gallagher, Julius Sommers, Thomas Ceer, Mrs. B. Butler, A. H. Dickson, Thomas Demerara, N. E. Bail, Dr. Hills, Martin Gear, Robert Lowther and J. W. House.

Colonel Reppert was a highly-respected citizen, 70 years old. Mrs. Butler was a quarter of a mile away attending a meeting held to organize a public reading room. The citizens regard the firing on the ferryboat as justifiable, but have no words to express their indignation at the firing on peaceable citizens.

CINCINNATI, November 2.—Mr. Phister, clerk of the Granite State, says that Major Allen engaged their steamboat on Tuesday night to convey the prisoners and troops to Maysville, but that it was kept a profound secret, even from the other boat officers, Major Allen wishing to avoid a collision with the mob. They telegraphed to Major Allen that they would be at Catlettsburg at half past eleven, but they failed to reach there until afternoon. He thinks that if they had reached there promptly the whole trouble would have been avoided. When the boat came to Catlettsburg there were ominous signs of disturbance. Prominent men at that place assured Captain Kirker that the boat would be attacked, and a large shipment of cattle was kept off for fear of disaster. A committee from the Ashland mob waited on Major Allen and demanded the prisoners. The demand was of course, refused, and the committee warned Major Allen that the prisoners would be taken. When the boat left Catlettsburg the mob took the train, which consisted of an engine and passenger car and four flat cars. The train was filled with men, and as the road runs near the river, at the start men could be heard hallooing and could be seen firing at the boat. The distance was too great to make this of any other significance than that of defiance or threatening. When Ashland was reached the ferryboat was seen apparently filled with belligerent people, and the wharf boat was also full of men and the banks lined with people. The pilot blew two whistles, as if desiring to land, but with no intention of doing so. This was a ruse to get away from the ferryboat. When the latter saw that the Granite State was steaming by, four whistles were sounded from the ferryboat to get the Granite State to land. No attention was paid to it, and then the firing began. The Granite State had refused to take the prisoners until a written order was procured commanding them to do so. Brose Dennis, who, with Mr. Williamson, occupied the pilot house, the latter being on watch, says two soldiers were placed in the pilot house to keep the pilots at their post. He states that shots were fired at the Granite State both from the wharf boat and from the men on the bank. Many of these were aimed at the pilot house, and six balls struck it. A number of other bullet marks appear on other parts of the boat. Of the firing from the bank and wharf boat, Dennis is certain, and both he and Clerk Phister say that it would have been easy for the ferryboat to have overtaken them and had a renewal of the battle if the troops had not acted with promptness in returning the fire. They speak in commendation of the action of the officers, and say there was no disposition shown to be bloodthirsty or malicious.

Major Allen has made a statement substantially the same as the above, in which he says: "The commanding officer, while regretting that he was compelled to take such strong and deadly measures, feels that they were forced upon him, and that the responsibility for the unfortunate results rests entirely upon the men who attempted to take the law into their own hands."

FRANKFORT, Ky., November 2.—The McCreary and Nuckol's Guards, on arrival from Catlettsburg, were welcomed by a formal address, in which their conduct was approved. Governor Blackburn says he sent the troops to Catlettsburg upon the application of Judge Brown, and while deeply sorry for the dead and wounded, he could not lay the blame on the troops, and if application is made in February he will send twelve regiments, if necessary, to uphold the laws.

ASHLAND, Ky., Nov. 3.—The buildings here are festooned with crape and all business is suspended. The funeral of three of the victims of Wednesday's violence took place at 10 o'clock. Six of the wounded are not expected to live. The citizens are very indignant against Gov. Blackburn and Judge Brown. The latter has fled from the town. At the citizens' meeting last night steps were taken to raise a fund to pay the expenses of the killed and wounded. There is still great excitement.

Alexander Harris, one of the wounded at Ashland, died to-day. Among the wounded not before mentioned was Rev. C. M. Dower, of North Carolina, who was on the wharf boat with his wife and children to take passage on the Granite State. He was knocked into the river by a spent ball, and, while swimming out, his little girl, in the arms of its mother, was struck on the head and hand.

A Mother's Awful Deed.

NEW YORK, November 1—One of the most shocking tragedies known in recent time occurred yesterday afternoon in the family of Dr. Edward C. Seguin, the noted specialist on brain diseases. His wife murdered her three children and then committed suicide at the home on West Twentieth street. The tragedy was the result of the insanity of the mother. The children were: Edward D., aged 6 years; John Van Dwyn, aged 5, and Jeannette, aged 4 years.

The frightful feature of the tragedy is the manner of the murder. Mrs. Seguin took the children to an empty spare room at the top of a five story house in the absence of her husband, and when the servants were engaged in the basement and locked herself in with them. The servants believed they had gone out for a walk. What happened in the room will never be known, but when Dr. Amidon, Mrs. Seguin's brother, called at 5 o'clock, and with his suspicions aroused by the long absence of the family, made a search of the house. The mother and children were found dead, all shot through the head. The children's hands were tied behind their backs with whip-cord. They were blindfolded with handkerchiefs, and from all appearances they must have been shot while playing at blind man's buff with their executioner. They were dead for at least an hour and a half, and were quite cold when discovered. Three pistols were found in the room, all of heavy calibre and all had been used. Mrs. Seguin had been despondent from physical causes, for some time, but she had shown no evidence of insanity. She was a small, slim woman of nervous temperament. Her domestic life was very happy, and there was no family trouble.

Three servants in the house noticed during the day that Mrs. Seguin was moody, a condition she had been in for several weeks, and which her brother, Dr. Amidon, termed "the blues." About eleven o'clock in the forenoon he called upon her and she said she did not feel well, and had written Dr. Henry Draper, who had been invited to dine with the family before his visit. This note she asked her brother to send. He took it, jokingly, and told her they would all enjoy themselves. Dr. Amidon called on his sister at three o'clock, and was told she had gone out for a walk. He returned at five o'clock, but Mrs. Seguin had not yet returned. The hall boy incidentally mentioned that the door of the spare room was locked and the key gone.

A sudden suspicion seized the Doctor that Mrs. Seguin had gone to Central Park and drowned herself and children. He could not explain why he thought this. He immediately went up stairs and burst the door of the room open. A horrible sight met his eyes. Almost in the middle of the floor lay the dead body of the eldest boy, Edward, in a pool of blood. Partly in the closet lay Mrs. Seguin, grasping in her right hand a big pearl-handled revolver. Inside the closet lay the boy, John, and the girl Jeannette. There could be no doubt the mother had taken the children into the room on pretense of playing blind man's buff. She had led the two youngest into the closet and locked them in while she murdered the oldest boy. The pistol with which he was shot was a target practice pistol with a barrel eleven inches long. It lay beside him and the bullet lay on the floor. It had passed through his head. The maniac mother then proceeded to the closet, and with the heavy 32-calibre revolver, with which she afterwards blew out her own brains, shot the other two children. Dr. Amidon cut the strings that bound the children's hands and laid them on the bed. The police and coroner were notified at once. Nothing was found in the room to explain the motive of the terrible crime. The maniac had held the weapon close to her victim's heads for the handkerchiefs on their faces had been burned. The face of the little girl wore a look of innocent surprise that cut more deeply than any other feature of the dreadful deed. On the table lay a box of cartridges and a third pistol.

Dr. Seguin, when he returned about 7 o'clock, was taken to his office and physicians summoned. He acted as though his faculties were gone. He caught sight of a picture of the children on the wall and broke into a horrible, wailing cry that wrung the hearts of the listeners. Physicians fear he will lose his reason. None of the servants heard any noise. Sudden insanity is the only motive known for the deed. Mrs. Seguin was neatly dressed. The children were lovely little things and all the family she had.

The room in which the tragedy took place is on the fifth floor, and is scarcely ever used by the family.

Sore Distress.

DUBLIN, November 6.—Great distress exists in County Clare, owing to the failure of the potato crop, the epidemic among pigs, and the dear prices demanded for all articles of food, which were caused by taxes being levied on the farmers by the Crimes act, and which has proved a very heavy burden. The country presents a most melancholy and uninviting appearance. Fields and meadows are deluged with water.

Big Garden.

Mr. William G. Freyman's garden, one of the finest in Mauch Chunk, is typical of the "Switzerland of America." It requires a good deal of engineering skill to lay out a garden on a hill over 200 feet high and so steep that one could climb it only when armed with an alpen stock, and even then only by firmly inserting the toe nails in the crevices of the red rock that formed the precipitous bluff, and Mr. Freyman has accomplished the difficult task. By a liberal outlay of money and labor he has built a garden containing nearly an acre of ground, and separated into fifteen stories by walls built across its entire breadth. The ascent of the stories is by means of a long flight of steps, several hundred in number, and from a rustic arbor somewhere up in the tenth or eleventh stories a splendid view of the borough is had. From this point the visitor, if the climb has left him any vitality, can see the Mansion House, the Packer block, the Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopalian churches, the county jail and all the principal buildings and residences of Mauch Chunk. But then, as it is impossible to strike a spot in Mauch Chunk that does not afford a fine view, this garden is only one of many. Its other attractive features are the contents of the different stories. Starting at the bottom the first and second stories are given up to hot houses and fig trees, and each succeeding one is full of grapes, peaches, apples, pears and more substantial vegetables, like potatoes, sweet potatoes, cabbages and beans. Against the red walls the green leaves shadow the purple and white clusters of rare grapes, and golden quinces and blood, peaches of huge size grow amid the foliage of the laden trees, tickling the visitor's palate through his eyes.

Fisher Captured.

CUMBERLAND, November 3.—Wesley Fisher, the negro who outraged Mrs. George Wolf, three miles from this city, on Sunday last, was captured this morning by C. H. Slaughter and Andrew Johnson, who had been hunting for him for several days. They learned this morning that he had slept the night before by a haystack, and they tracked him across a field by the footprints, which were clearly marked by a heavy patch on the toe of one of his shoes. After tracking him some distance they chanced to see him trying to hide behind a rail fence. They called on him to surrender, but he began to run. They fired a shotgun and a pistol at him and hit him four times. He was shot in the elbow, head and foot. This brought him down. They bound him hand and foot and placed him in Mr. Brent's wagon and drove through the streets of this city to the jail. There they left him in the hands of the sheriff. His wounds are not serious. He denies having outraged Mrs. Wolf, and says that he was with friends all day on Sunday gathering chestnuts. There is no doubt, however, that he is the scoundrel. When the news of his capture was known in Cumberland to-day there were some threats of lynching, but the Cumberland jail is strong, and the sheriff is a determined man, and he does not propose to allow the prisoner to be taken from him.

Good for Five Tons.

A fine black Newfoundland, called Nero, was the subject of a suit tried before Judge Fell yesterday brought by Regina Hyman against Charles B. Dickman, captain of the fruit steamer D. J. Foley, of the Warner & Merritt line. The dog originally belonged to a Mr Creager, from whom he was stolen. Mrs. Hyman purchased him from the thief, and his worth and beauty soon attracted a second thief who sold him to Captain Dickman. On board of the captain's boat he had a novel experience, his tail having been caught in the shafting of a five-horse power dummy engine, around which it became wound until there was no more left to wind. Then the engine stopped, it being thereby demonstrated that the tensile strength of the dog's tail exceeded five-horse power. At this interesting stage of the adventure Nero's cries attracted the attention of those on board, and the power was turned off from the engine. The dog was released apparently uninjured, but the friends noticed that it was several months before the tail wagged with its wonted freedom. On the trial it appeared that Mrs. Hayman having herself purchased from a thief had no better title than the defendant, and the latter accordingly secured a verdict. —*Philadelphia Press.*

A Convict Confesses a Murder.

COLUMBUS, O., November 5.—Levi Kelp, the convict who tried to escape from the penitentiary last week, has addressed a letter to the prosecuting attorney of Seneca county, in which he confesses the murder of Noah Apps, an insane inmate of the Seneca county infirmary. Kelp was sentenced for fifteen years from Seneca county for assault with intent to kill. Since he made his desperate attempt to escape and failed he has grown despondent and seeks to avoid the eleven years of his unserved sentence by standing trial for the murder he confesses having committed. He concludes his letter by saying: "I might have left both State and country if my attempt at escape had proved successful, but fate decided against me, and I must submit to fate."

Cattle Poisoning.

HONESDALE, November 2.—This morning County Commissioner Jno. Williams, of Berlin township, found several of his cattle dead. They were poisoned with Paris green. On October 1 two colts were taken sick, with symptoms of poisoning. One week later a calf was taken sick, with the same symptoms. Williams resides not far from ex-Commissioner John Reifler, who on October 13 lost two barns by fire and many head of cattle by poison. On the same day William Adams was found hanging dead on a tree, and he was suspected of being the guilty one. Since the death of Williams' cattle this morning suspicion points to other persons as the performers of this diabolical work.

An Infuriated Bear.

CENTRAL CITY, Cal., Nov. 3.—Wm. Poronleau, superintendent of the Grinnell mine, while hunting near the head of Mammoth gulch yesterday, was attacked by a huge bear. He succeeded in killing the bear with his knife, but not until the bear had torn him in a frightful manner. His nose was torn out by the roots. It is thought he cannot recover.

Singular Combat.

A Baltimore dispatch says: At half past one o'clock Saturday morning, as the private watchman at the Dime Museum was going his rounds he had his attention attracted by unusually loud noises coming from the third story of the building. Upon hastening thither he found the python, the largest snake in captivity—seventeen feet—in deadly combat with an anaconda, twelve feet long. How long they had been fighting the watchman did not know, but he says that from the time his attention was attracted by the noise up stairs until half past seven, his hour for going off duty, they kept up a continuous warfare. When one would miss his aim and strike the side of the cage the blow could be distinctly heard on the ground or auditorium floor. The python, after numberless bouts with his opponent, seems to have gathered all his strength for the final attack, which was made. The anaconda was ready, and placing themselves in an almost upright position, they made for each other in fearful rage. After having carried on their deadly combat for fully six hours the python made a last desperate lunge and succeeded in getting the anaconda's head in its mouth to the depth of at least three feet, and holding it in this position for some time at last commenced to coil itself around the anaconda until it actually ground and mashed the life out of it. The watchman says he never wants to witness another such battle. He had no key to the case, and even if he had it is doubtful if he would have had the temerity to undertake to separate the reptiles.

In a Whirlwind at Sea.

The British brig Leader, Captain Thomas Date, arrived at Belt's wharf yesterday with 4,867 bags of coffee, forty-three days from Rio Janeiro to the Capes. Captain Date reports a narrow escape from destruction on October 24, while in the heart of the gulf stream, about two hundred and fifty miles to the southward of Cape Hatteras. About 9 A. M. he noticed to the windward large volumes of water ascending to the height of eighteen feet and supposed them to be a whale blowing. He kept watch upon the movements of the supposed sea monster, when it turned into a furious lashing of the elements, the sea at that point being transformed into a cauldron of seething foam, at the same time rearing itself into a revolving body of water twenty-five feet high and began moving at a furious rate towards his vessel. He at once called all hands, took in all sail and luffed the vessel, allowing the whirlwind to pass about two ships' length across the bows. Captain Date calculates that the manœuvre of luffing saved the vessel from partial if not from total destruction. The whirlwind traveled at the rate of sixty miles an hour.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

HARRISBURG, November 2.

Governor Hoyt to-day issued the following Thanksviving proclamation:

In common with the inhabitants of all the land, the people of this State have just cause of thankfulness to Almighty God for the manifold material, intellectual and spiritual fruits and increase of the year. Now, I Henry M. Hoyt, Governor of Pennsylvania, do ordain and appoint Thursday, the 30th day of November, 1882, as recommended by the President of the United States, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, to the end that the citizens of the Commonwealth, of every race, creed and condition, together with the wayfarer and sojourner therein, may gather at the alter and the hearth to give thanks to God, to implore a continuance of his favor, to renew and strengthen, in kindliness of heart and act, social and domestic ties, and to set apart out of the abundance of the year, one day as a sign and covenant of their faith, and hope and love.

A Skirmish With Burglars.

PETROLIA, October 30.—C. Scott's store at Fairview was entered by burglars on Saturday night. Entrance was gained by forcing the lock on the front door. One of the burglars was stationed on the outside while the other entered the store to do the business. The noise they made attracted the attention of Bob Scott, who was sleeping in the store. He appeared on the scene with a revolver in each hand, firing both weapons simultaneously in the direction of the noise, the light not being sufficient to distinguish objects. The fire was immediately returned by the burglar on the inside, and also by the one on the outside, who shot through the glass, but without effect. The burglar inside left a trail of blood behind, showing that he had been severely wounded. A lot of tools were left behind that were taken from Wade's machine shop, North Washington.

Man Killed.

NEWARK, N. J., November 3.—Last night Michael Beecher Ronau, of New York, was found lying in an unconscious condition alongside the Pennsylvania railroad at Chestnut street. He was taken to his home, where he died shortly after. At first it was thought that he had fallen and fractured his skull, but it was afterwards ascertained he had met witk foul play. Early this morning the police arrested George Plum as Ronau's assailant. Plum says that he asked Ronau for a chew of tobacco, and the latter would not give it to him, whereupon he shoved him and he fell upon the walk. Plum is held for trial.

A Carpet Weaver's Sturdy Legs.

PERKASIE, November 4.—To-day Josiah Sine, a carpet weaver, living at Keller's Church, Bucks county, walked from that place to Allentown, twenty-one miles, in two hours and fifty-nine minutes, over a very rough road, on a wager of ten dollars. He won the bet with one minute to spare.

Accident.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., November 4.—Truman Campbell, while hunting deer in the Pine Creek mountains, yesterday, near Waterville, slipped and fell from a log on which he was standing, discharging his gun and shattering his left arm so badly that it had to be amputated below the elbow.

A Lancasterian Fatally Crushed.

LANCASTER, Pa., Nov. 4.—David Snyder, of this city, was fatally crushed by a mass of earth and stone while quarrying stone for a cellar excavation in this city this morning.

A Lancaster Fire Bug Convicted.

LANCASTER, November 3.—George Brimmer, a young man, twenty-one years of age, was this evening convicted of setting fire to the barn of Samuel Ranck on the outskirts of this city in August last. Brimmer, familiarly known as "Tid" among his companions, was the daring young leader of a hard gang, suspected of being implicated in the incendiarism that for a long time terrorized the city. He was caught almost in the very act of firing the Ranck barn, and the evidence against him was overwhelming. At the time of Brimmer's arrest and the Ranck fire the poorhouse barn was in a blaze, and it is believed he had a hand in setting it on fire. He was indicted for this offense and the bill was taken up immediately upon his conviction of the former crime. It is believed the result of the trials will have a salutary effect in checking the operation of the organized band of fire-bugs, whose bold crimes have been the means of increasing the insurance rates in the city and causing some companies to refuse further risks upon property here.

LANCASTER, Pa., November 4.—This morniug Brimmer pleaded guilty to the latter charge, that of setting fire to the poorhouse barn. He also made a confession in relation to the numerous incendiary fires in this city during the past year, implicating as the incendiaries John Drachbar, Lewis Reidenbach, George Bear, John Daily, Harry Snyder, John Wertz, Christian Swartz and Charles Miller. Of those implicated Swartz, Daily, Snyder, Wertz, Bear and Miller have been arrested, and officers are now on the track of the others. Bear, one of the arrested men, is an employe of the fire department. The developments reveal a regularly organized band for the purpose of firing buildings. There are two additional charges against Brimmer, which, however, will be held for the present in abeyance.

Ex-Senator Henderson on His Muscle.

ST. LOUIS, November 3.—The usual quiet and dignity of the United States Court was very unexpectedly disturbed this afternoon. Ex-United States Senator John B. Henderson and Henry A. Cunningham were discussing an order of the court in a case in which both were counsel, when Mr. Henderson remarked that Mr. Cunningham had not kept faith in some matter connected with the case. Mr. Cunningham replied, in a heated manner, that Mr. Henderson's assertion was false, whereupon the ex-Senator struck out from the shoulder and planted three blows on Cunningham's face and head, knocking him violently against an iron pillar in the court room, and thence to the floor. Friends then interfered, and the belligerents were separated. Judge Treat was greatly shocked and excited, characterizing the affray as the most disgraceful thing that had occurred in the court during the twenty-four years he has been on the bench, and notwithstanding Mr. Henderson made an apology, he fined him $20. Mr. Cunningham, in his contact with the iron pillar, had a finger broken, and two others dislocated.

Accident at McIntyre.

WILLIAMSPORT, November 2.—Just before 6 o'clock this evening a loaded coal car broke loose on the inclined plane at the McIntyre coal mine, twenty-five miles from here, on the Northern Central railway, and rushed down at a fearful velocity. A number of men were on the car, three of whom were killed and two so badly injured that they are not expected to live. The killed are: James Dougherty, John Harris and Lewis Williams. The wounded are John Lundy, Sr., and John Lundy, Jr. Dougherty leaves a large family. Physicians have gone from here to the scene of the accident. At 11 o'clock to-night the injured men were still living, but it is not thought possible for them to survive. There were no men on the car except those named. The sheds at the foot of the plane were completely demolished. There is intense excitement at McIntyre and in the surrounding country.

A Woman's Terrible Death.

WHITEHAVEN, Nov. 3.—Mrs. John Fox this morning was sitting in the kitchen by the side of a small stand upon which stood a lighted kerosene lamp, when, being suddenly taken with an epileptic spasm, she fell forward, upsetting the table and breaking the lamp. The oil spread about the floor and ignited, when she unfortunately fell into it. She was unable to give any alarm, but her husband, who was in the room above the kitchen, smelling the smoke, raised a window and cried for help. Several neighbors rushed in and found Mrs. Fox lying upon the floor, her clothing all in flames and the furniture about her burning. The fire was quickly extinguished, and Dr. Trimmer summoned to attend the injured woman. He found the skin and flesh of the injured woman burned to a hard crisp. In many places the skin had fallen off with pieces of her clothing. She suffered the most intense pain for several hours, during which time she had lost consciousness, until she died, at 3 o'clock on Friday morning.

Insanity.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 4—A dispatch from Virginia City says, "the wife of Daniel Glassett, a miner, left her home here in a fit of insanity on Thursday night, taking with her her babe and two small children. She returned yesterday with the two elder children, having been in the mountains all the previous night in a heavy snow storm. When questioned about the babe she explained that it had annoyed her by crying and she had cut its head off with a hatchet. Her statement proved true, the officers to-day finding the body of the child with the head severed from it. The woman has been locked up as insane.

A Family Chloroformed.

READING, November 1.—A daring robbery was perpetrated in this city before dawn this morning at the residence of John W. Rodgers. It is supposed the thieves gained entrance the night before and when the family were asleep chloroform was used to deepen their slumber. They did not awake until 8 o'clock and were very stupid and drowsy. A bureau in Mr. Rodgers' bedroom was broken open and $455 in cash, the savings of several years, stolen. From his clothing about $75 were taken. Jewelry and other articles of value, including a fine watch, were missed by the burglars.

Storm.

DAVENPORT, October 30.—This region was visited by a destructive storm this afternoon. About four o'clock a storm of hail began, lasting ten minutes, damaging all skylights. There was no wind. Some stones were of a phenomenal size, irregular in shape, and eight inches round, by half an inch in thickness. East of Davenport the storm took the form of wind and rain, unattended by hail. Beginning four miles east of the city, the storm followed a line five miles long by one-third of a mile wide, doing damage amounting to more than $40,000. Three houses were blown down and a number of barns. Mrs. Geo. Fenno was buried in the debris of her house and killed. The other occupants of the same place were seriously injured by falling timbers. Six or eight others were slightly injured, but the fatalities will not reach more than three.

ROCK ISLAND, October 30.—A hail storm set in here at 3:30 this afternoon, the stones falling thick and fast for ten minutes, and in many instances being as large as pullet eggs.

Newspapers in Schools.

At a teachers' meeting of this State the other day Superintendent Lucky, of the Pittsburgh public schools, opposed the use of the spelling book. When a word stood by itself it was dead, he said; when put into a sentence it had life; and a spelling book generally did more harm than good. He ridiculed the popular method of teaching elocution, and declared that pupils could deliver the speeches of Webster, Calhoun and Clay finely; but when asked to read a newspaper could not do so intelligently. He advocated the reading of newspapers in schools, and stated that in the Pittsburgh public schools the geography was only a book of reference, the daily papers being the means by which geography was taught. Scholars thus associated places and events readily and were not likely to forget either.

Fatally Shot.

EUREKA, November 3.—A fatal shooting occurred here about four o'clock this afternoon, on Main St., between James E. Anderson, formerly of New Orleans, editor of the Eureka *Evening Leader* a Republican newspaper, and Geo. F. Reek, Republican candidate for superintendent of public instruction. Anderson was shot through the bladder and lower bowels. Reek was not hit. Anderson is in a dying condition. Reek after emptying his six shooter ran up the street, with anderson pursuing and trying to fire at him, but desisting on account of the crowded condition of the street, or because the hammer of his pistol got out of gear. The cause of the trouble was a quarrel in regard to politics. The stories as to who fired the first shot are conflicting.

Fighting a Mexican Mob.

MATAMORAS, Mex., Nov. 4.—A riot broke out at Siannocotas de la Raches during the celebration of religious ceremonies of the Paibon Saint. The fighting became serious. The Government had to call out the troops to suppress it. The troops fired on the mob, killing several citizens and wounding many, when the mob dispersed Quiet once more restored, the soldiers started to return to their quarters. The villagers, much exasperated over the killing and wounding of neighbors, attacked them with fire arms, stones, sticks and what ever missiles came to hand. The result was another pitched battle, in which a number of villagers were killed. The soldiers lost one killed and five wounded.

Fire in a Theater.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 3.—A fire at 3 o'clock this morning partially destroyed the building known as the Arlington Variety Theater, on High, near Baltimore street. John Pearson, a young man, was burned to death, and Miss Georgie Supple, one of the attaches of the place, had her back sprained by jumping from the roof of the front building, one story high. Madame Busteed, lessee of the place, had her ankle sprained in jumping from a window. James Kinney, an employe, was badly burned about the face and hands. Several others were slightly injured. The fire originated on the stage, and the destruction of property was small.

Sentenced.

CUMBERLAND, October 31.—In the Circuit Court to day Robert Roberts was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the penitentiary, having been convicted of receiving stolen goods, and ten years more on the charge of stealing. The first case is that in which it was proven that he received a horse stolen from Mr. Michael long, living on the Mexico farm, below Cumberland; the second sentence is for stealing the match team belonging to Major A. Shaw, of Baltimore, and which were stolen from Major Shaw's farm, above Cumberland.

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