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with and without top, and which will be  
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and all kinds of repairing done in short  
space. Call and see his stock of Buggies  
for purchasing elsewhere. Apply to  
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Surgeon & Mechanical Dentist,  
who is permanently located in Arons-  
burg, in the office formerly occupied by  
Dr. Neff, and who has been practicing  
entirely successful for the experience of  
a number of years in the profession, he would  
cordially invite all who have as yet not  
given him a call, to do so, and to be  
assured of the satisfaction of his patients.  
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## A BALLOON ADVENTURE.

**Prof. La Mountain's Recent Ascention**  
**from Bay City—His Passage**  
**Through Snow and Rain Clouds—**  
**Explosion of the Balloon Nearly**  
**Three Miles above the Earth—Won-**  
**derful Escape from Death.**

The Saginaw Enterprise says: On  
the occasion of Prof. La Mountain's  
recent balloon ascension from Bay  
City he met with a terrible adventure,  
and very narrowly escaped death.

The balloon was filled before start-  
ing, to its utmost tension, but, owing  
to recent repairs, leaked badly, so that  
after one or two unsuccessful attempts  
Mr. Hendley, who was to have accom-  
panied Prof. La Mountain, was obliged  
to get out of the car. Mr. H. had  
certainly instruments of observation  
and little paper used to ascertain the  
ascending and descending force of the  
balloon, and as he stepped out of the  
car, before he could transfer the arti-  
cles named, those who had hold of the  
car let go and the balloon shot up with  
a rapidity that carried it to an altitude  
of two miles within a few minutes. A  
perfect gale of wind was blowing at  
the time, and a moment after rain and  
sleet commenced falling. The balloon  
was still ascending when lost to sight  
in a cloud. Prof. La Mountain, in  
relating his experience, says that it  
became dark at once intensely cold. The  
cloud he entered was one swimming  
mass of snow flakes, interspersed with  
rain, which formed a frost work on  
the netting of the balloon. The cloud  
with the snow flakes forming and fly-  
ing higher and thither, had, as he ex-  
pressed it, the appearance of a cloud  
of steam through which the sight  
could not penetrate. The earth was  
lost to view. By tearing up his hand-  
kerchief and throwing out threads he  
became conscious that he was passing  
upward with wonderful rapidity, and  
along with the current of the air east-  
ward toward the lake. Nothing was  
discernible but the thickening mist,  
and overhead his balloon, which, as  
the air became lighter, had expanded  
the thin cloth covering to its utmost  
length. Fearful that he might be  
carried into the lake, and without a  
pound of ballast to regulate his descent,  
he reached for the valve rope  
with the intention of lowering himself  
gradually. To his surprise the valve  
would not open. The rain and sleet  
accumulating on the top of the bal-  
loon had frozen the valve to tight as to  
resist the pressure from below. Put-  
ting his whole strength to the rope,  
pulling out the iron staples attaching  
the rope to the valve, the falling down  
into the car. The balloon was mount-  
ing up faster than ever. It had pass-  
ed the storm cloud, which was a mile  
below, and the heavens above were as  
clear, and the sun shining as bright, as  
at mid day in June. But the air was  
very cold, and La Mountain was be-  
numbed with cold. But little time was  
in speculation. He had attained a  
height of over three miles. The bal-  
loon could not burst, for when the ex-  
pansion became too great the gas could  
escape from the fire or valve below,  
which was open; but he was fearful of  
being carried into or over the lake  
without having made preparations for  
such an event. Mounting the hoop  
over head he reached for his knife only  
to find that he had left it on the  
ground. Clinging to the ropes with  
one hand, with the other, and his teeth  
after some exertion succeeded in tear-  
ing a rent in the balloon from the bot-  
tom ten or fifteen feet upwards. Then  
serving the opposite side the same way  
he descended to the car to watch  
the progress. During this operation  
the ends of the fingers of both hands  
had become frozen. For a few min-  
utes the balloon kept ascending and

then, as the gas escaped, it reaches an  
equipoise, and a moment after com-  
menced gradually to descend to the  
earth. Every instant increased its  
downward speed. The professor says  
that he heard the cloth tearing, the  
rents enlarging, until, with a crash,  
that sounded like a death-knell, the  
cloth gave way to the pressure, opening  
a seam on both sides from the bot-  
tom to the top. The gas escaped in a  
thousand of a second, leaving not a thousandth  
of an inch of cloth; while the air rushed in, filling up  
the vacuum, the balloon acting as a  
parachute. The Professor gives it as  
his opinion that at the height of two  
miles there was not a foot of gas in the  
balloon. The cloth, ballooning out,  
formed a strong resistance to the at-  
mosphere, and retarded the descent.  
He remembers distinctly passing  
through a cloud, and the sensation on  
regaining sight of the earth. He  
has an almost indistinct recollection of  
approaching the earth's surface. A  
dull moaning like the surging of the  
waves greeting his ears, the flapping of  
the cloth became louder, and a moan  
after he became unconscious. On re-  
siding his senses, he found himself  
lying in the woods, and his billow was  
some yards distant. Several persons  
who seem to have seen the balloon descend  
had come to the scene and were standing  
near. They afterwards assisted him.  
His arms and legs were badly bruised  
and himself stunned, but no bones  
were broken or internal injury sustain-  
ed. The spot where he fell is seven  
miles from Bay City. He stopped  
over night at a farm house near by,  
and yesterday morning returned to Bay  
City. The time that he was in the air  
was less than thirty minutes, and the  
reason that he was not carried further  
was on account of passing through dif-  
ferent currents of air.

**The Signs of the Hands.**  
A. R. Craig, in his "Book of the  
hands; or Modern Palmistry," brings  
together a large amount of amusing  
gossip, without saying how much of it  
he believes. He found his story upon  
the system of D'Arpentigny and Des-  
barrolles, the celebrated French Chi-  
ro-mancers. From them are taken in  
detail the rules for interpreting all the  
knots and hollows, lines and furrows  
that occur in various hands; and he who  
studies them aright will be able to tell  
fortunes and read characters, at any  
rate as wisely as any wandering gipsy.  
Without much study he may, in a  
superficial way, a palmist. Thus:

A hand something long and the fin-  
gers thick, denotes the person to be of  
a phlegmatic complexion, idle, slothful,  
but modest.

If the palm of the hand be long, and  
the fingers well proportioned, and not  
too short and thick, it denotes the  
person to be ingenious, but changeable,  
and given to theft and vice.

If the hand be hollow, solid, and  
well knit in the joints, it predicts long  
life; but if overwarmed then denotes  
short life.

If whose hand is according to the  
quantity of his body, and the fingers  
too short and thick, and fat at the ends,  
will be a thief; a liar in wait, and ad-  
dicted to all manner of evil.

When the palm of the hand is longer  
than the due proportion requires, and  
the fingers more thick by how much  
they are more short, it signifies  
that the man is proud, idle, negligent,  
and so much the more by how much  
the hand is the more brawny.

Great long hands betoken a great  
spirit, liberality, good condition, crafti-  
ness; but the person will be a good  
counselor, and faithful to his friends.

Observe the finger of Mercury—that  
is, the little finger; if the end of it ex-  
ceeds the joint of the ring finger, such  
a man will rule his own house; and his  
wife will be pleasing and obedient to  
him; but if it be short, and does not  
reach the joint, he will have a show,  
and she will wear the breeches.

Broad nails show the person to be  
bashful, fearful, but of gentle nature.

When there is a certain white mark  
at the extremity of them, it shows that  
the person has more honesty than sub-  
tlety; and that his worldly substance  
will be impaired through negligence.

White nails, and long, denote much  
sickness and infirmity, especially fever—  
an indication of strength and deceit  
by women.

If upon the white anything appears  
at the extremity that is pale, it de-  
notes short life by sudden death, and

the person to be given to melancholy.  
When there appears a certain raised  
redness of diverse colors at the be-  
gining of the nails, it shows the  
person to be choleric and very quarrel-  
some.

When the extremity is black, it is  
the sign of insanity. Narrow nails  
denote the person to be inclined to  
mischief, and to do injury to his neighbors.

Long nails show a person to be good  
natured, but distrustful, and loving  
reconciliation rather than differences.

Oblique nails signify deceit and  
want of courage. Little round nails denote obstinacy  
anger and hatred.

If they be crooked at the extremity  
they show pride and fierceness. Round  
nails show a choleric person, yet soon  
reconciled, honest, a lover of  
secret sciences.

Flethy nails denote the person to be  
mild in temper, idle and lazy. Pale  
and black nails show the per-  
son to be very deceitful to his neighbor,  
and subject to many diseases.

Red and marked nails signify a  
choleric and martial nature, given to  
cruelty; and as many little marks as  
there are they speak so many evil de-  
sires.

**THE ROTARY MOTION OF THE  
EARTH DEMONSTRATED—An Inter-  
esting Experiment.**—The question of  
the rotary motion of the earth has for  
ages past given rise to learned discus-  
sions between scientific men, and num-  
berless experiments have been made  
to demonstrate the theory. Foucault,  
a learned Frenchman, some years ago  
announced a simple contrivance which  
he claimed would set at rest all dispu-  
tations on the question and demon-  
strate the theory beyond cavil. Mr.  
T. C. Mendenhall, of the Columbus  
high school, completed arrangements  
for a test of Foucault's contrivance  
on Saturday, and proceeded to put it  
in operation. A wire was attached to  
a light brass beam from the inside cen-  
tre of the dome of the State Capitol,  
reaching nearly to the floor of the ro-  
tunda below. To the lower end of  
this wire a metallic ball of twenty-  
eight pounds weight was attached.

The ornamental piece of rotunda pave-  
ment furnished a circle, through the  
centre of which, from the true north,  
a line was struck to the south. Nine ad-  
ditional lines, representing nine degrees  
of variation from the true north, were  
marked on the circles. The ball was  
sent in vibration on the north and  
south line, and in one hour had de-  
parted from that line in its vibration,  
and was describing the line of the first  
degree to the right. The proposition  
was that at the fifth hour from the  
start of the ball, it would so far depart  
from the true north and south line as  
to describe the ninth. While the ball  
seemed to leave the track in which it  
originally started, it really did not.  
The apparent variation was due to the  
rotary motion of the earth. This was  
the second trial of this interesting ex-  
periment in the United States, and the  
third in the world. The committee of  
gentlemen conducting it on Saturday  
expressed themselves entirely satisfied  
with the result. It will probably be  
repeated. [Columbus (Ohio) States-  
man.]

**Crime.**  
Louisville, October 30.—At Albany,  
the county seat of Clinton county, Ky.,  
adjoining the Tennessee line, a negro  
shot and killed Louis O. Story, the  
sheriff. The negro was afterwards  
killed by some citizens. Story was en-  
deavoring to arrest the negro.

Lynchburg, Va., Oct. 30.—Miss  
Bayler, aged twenty-one, was found on  
Thursday, near Sharon, Bland county,  
with her throat cut. The murder-  
er is unknown.

The negro nurse of Henry Greedy in  
Bedford county, threw Mrs. Greedy's  
child into the fire yesterday, and it  
was burned to death. The nurse was  
arrested.

Evansville, Ind., Oct. 31.—Deputy  
Sheriff Major James Fitzwilliams was  
shot through the heart, at ten o'clock  
to-night, in a saloon, by one of the city  
police. The murder has caused great  
excitement.

Queen Victoria intends to offer a  
prize of one hundred pounds sterling  
to all mothers who have twenty chil-  
dren.

Counter attractions—Pretty lady  
cloaks.

## The Bible not to be Used in the

**Cincinnati Schools.**  
Of the twenty-two votes by the Board  
of Education last night for excluding  
the Bible from the public schools, ten  
were republicans and twelve democrats,  
and their religion as follows: Three  
Protestants, ten Catholics, eight free-  
thinkers and one Jew. Of the fifteen  
votes against excluding, twelve were  
Republicans, and three Democrats;  
their religion as follows: Thirteen  
Protestants, one free-thinker, and one  
Jew. The champion of the party for  
exclusion was the Rev. Thomas H.  
Vecken, and the champion for retain-  
ing the Bible was the Rev. A. D.  
Mayo. The resolutions forbid religious  
books and the singing of sacred  
songs.

An injunction was granted by Judge  
Stover, in the Supreme Court to-day,  
restraining the Board of Education  
from carrying into execution the resolu-  
tion prohibiting the reading of the  
Bible, religious books, sacred music,  
&c., in the public schools. The ground  
on which the petitioners prayed for an  
injunction was that the framers of the  
Constitution by declaring in that in-  
strument that religion was essential to  
good government, denied to the Board  
of Education the right to exclude all  
manner of religious instruction. The  
case will be heard on Thursday next.

**A Son Shoots His Father through**  
**the Heart while Lying on a Bed**  
**of Sickness.**

**MEMPHIS, November 2.**—A horri-  
ble murder was committed at Okalon  
Mississippi, Saturday night. Major  
Shepherd, Collector of Internal Reve-  
nue, while lying in bed, prostrated by  
paralysis, unable to lift a hand, was  
shot through the heart by his son Sam-  
uel, who entered the room just as his  
mother was leaving. Mrs. Shepherd  
hearing the report of the pistol return-  
ed to the room. She noticed the ab-  
sence of her son, and was surprised at  
the report having no effect on her hus-  
band. She went to the bed and dis-  
covered that he had been shot through  
the heart. Young Shepherd after  
committing the deed fled to the woods,  
where he was pursued by the citizens  
who had learned of the affair, and ar-  
rested and brought him back. By  
this time the excitement was so great  
that it was with difficulty the citizens  
were restrained from inflicting summa-  
ry punishment upon the parricide.  
He is still under arrest to await trial.  
Whisky is supposed to be the cause.  
He is twenty-eight years of age.

**An Entire Indian Village Razed by**  
**a Prairie Fire.**  
The Sioux City Times learns from  
Captain Hill, commander of Fort Rice  
the details of one of the most harrow-  
ing tales of loss of life by fire that has  
ever come within the range of latter  
day occurrences. About five weeks  
since a band of the "Sioux," under  
"Little Bear," were camped on the  
South side of the Missouri river, above  
Fort Rice. A large number of squaws  
with their paposes, accompanied the  
Indians. They had camped for the  
night, and not thinking of danger, had  
all gone to sleep; about midnight the  
prairie contiguous to their lodges was  
set on fire, and before the alarm could  
be given, or measures taken to save  
their lives, about one hundred were  
consumed in the flames, together with  
a considerable amount of dried meats,  
and such articles as they generally  
carry with them, or use while in camp;  
about seventy ponies, were likewise  
burned, the others made their escape  
by being driven to a place of safety.

**A Fire at Lock Haven.**  
Lock Haven, Nov. 1.—A fire broke  
out this morning about one o'clock,  
which burned Rynter's music store,  
Hopkins' photograph gallery and a  
dwelling, along with several other  
buildings—now occupied by Mr. Lewis  
Walters, booties of Harvey Walters,  
of your town, who lost nearly all.  
The others are principally insured.

The fire is supposed to have been  
the work of an incendiary.

Treasurer Spinnaker announces the  
conscience fund at \$114,000 the ac-  
cumulation of years, and made up of  
small amounts—not a single shoddy  
contractor is supposed to have contrib-  
uted to the amount. They have no  
conscience.

**RELIGIOUS FANATICS.**  
THE SPRINGERS.  
Dresden, Germany, August 10.—  
Russian sects appear to be little less  
than a vast religious disease. No soon-  
er has the fanaticism of the Skopzen  
been unearthed and the leaders of the  
body punished, than other sect spring  
up, almost exceeding the former in  
the extent to which human nature can  
be debased. A correspondent of the  
Vienna Neue Presse now sends an  
account of a new fanatical relig-  
ious body, whose dogmas and practices,  
though of a less dangerous character  
than those of the Skopzen, are still a  
sad picture of the religious life of the  
interior of Russia. The members of  
this new sect are called "Springers,"  
and their worship shows itself in vi-  
olent paroxysms, which lead to mysti-  
cal dancing and vehement self-estiga-  
tion. Therefore the name "Springers,"  
or jumpers.

The chief prophet of the sect is a  
rich old peasant of the government of  
Tambof. The fame of his saint has  
spread as far as the government of  
Sarator; and the pilgrims in great  
numbers, wend their way thence to the  
village of Uwarono, the home prophet.  
Among a late batch of converts were  
very many young women, who made  
the long journey. As these were re-  
turning home again, there being twelve  
waggon-loads of them, they all fell in  
to a state of ecstasy, between which  
condition and insanity is an appreci-  
able difference, when they stripped  
themselves of their garments, and be-  
gan a real witch-sabbath of flagellating  
orgies. One male member of the party  
declared himself to be Jesus Christ,  
and a female impersonated St. Bar-  
bara. The religious passion led to severe  
injuries being committed by the mem-  
bers upon each other.

The fanaticism went so far, indeed,  
that finally one woman was executed  
as a human sacrifice, though it was  
quite voluntary on her part, she being  
just as fanatically excited as the rest.  
She was bound fast to a spoke of a  
wheel, when the wagon was driven on,  
the wheel passing over her until the  
body was transformed to a perfect jel-  
ly. The most active of the party  
were the two who personified Christ  
and Saint Barbara. When the re-  
turning band reached the village of  
Peschanks, in the district of Balas-  
chou, government Sarator, the civil  
authorities stopped its further progress,  
and an investigation into their actions  
was ordered. Whatever may now  
be revealed about their actions  
can hardly be surprising, after what  
has been revealed in many similar  
sects which have of late been discov-  
ered.—*Cor. of Eve. Post.*

**CUBAN HOPES.**  
Leading Cubans and representa-  
tives of the insurgents here hope for  
great things from the next meeting of  
Congress. With the aid of Banks,  
Butler, Bingham, Ben Wade and  
others they say a joint resolution will  
pass the House expressly sympathy  
and calling for the recognition of the  
rebels. The House may favor belliger-  
ent rights, but it is well known that a  
majority of the Senate will vote  
against recognition.

**Election Returns from New York.**  
Albany, N. Y., Nov. 4.—Returns  
received from all parts of the State  
give a majority of 13,600 for Nel-  
son, democrat.

The New York legislature is democ-  
ratic in both branches—the Senate  
standing 17 democrats to 15 radicals,  
and the House 71 democrats to 57 rad-  
icals. The democratic majority in the  
State is now estimated at 25,000. That  
will do.

The Governors of nineteen States  
have designated the 18th, instant as a  
day of thanksgiving and prayer. This  
is the day originally fixed by the  
President for national thanksgiving.  
The day will probably be observed in  
nearly all the States.

St. Louis, Nov. 5.—A dispatch from  
Fort Harker, says that the government  
corral at that post was struck by light-  
ning on Wednesday and sixty mules  
killed and the building partially  
burned.

The Board of Education of Cincin-  
nati have prohibited the use of the Bi-  
ble as a school-book in the common  
schools.

**Address of the American Minister**  
St. Petersburg, November 2.—Hon.  
A. G. Curtin, the American Minister,  
in addressing the Czar, expressed his  
pleasure at being able to repeat the  
sentiments of admiration and es-  
teem entertained by the Government  
of the United States toward the Czar,  
and its hopes and desires for the con-  
tinuation of those feelings, and for the  
well being for the present govern-  
ment of Russia, which has been made  
justious by its wisdom, firmness, and  
glorious success.

The Janus-faced character of the  
radical party is beautifully illustrat-  
ed in the composition of its "State  
ticket in New York. General Sigel  
was put on to represent the bibulous  
side and Horace Greely to catch the  
temperance man. The word "radical"  
seems a misnomer when applied to  
such a party. The term "hypocrite"  
would be more appropriate.

While some boys were recently  
amusing themselves pushing cannon  
into the track of the Railroad at Col-  
umbia City, Ind., one of them was  
over, and killed.

**Paris, November 1.**—The city  
remains perfectly tranquil, and all sym-  
toms of agitation have disappeared.  
Madrid, November 1.—The pro-  
spect of an agreement in the Cortes on  
a choice of a king improves. It is  
now known that 141 deputies are  
pledged to vote for the Duke of  
Genoa.

Paupeers are hurried from English  
workhouses at three shilling, and en-  
force a head, two mourners furnished.

Work has been resumed at the west  
end of the Hoosier tunnel, where the  
damages by the recent inundation  
proves to be much less than was at first  
supposed. The arching was injured,  
but very little.

A frequently divorced man was re-  
cently slain in Arkansas, and the  
papers announce that he leaves several  
families of numerous children.

Father Hyacinthe is coming West  
to hunt the buffalo. It is said the Pope  
will send a bull to hunt Hyacinthe.

Two "gentlemen" have been fined in  
Bremen, the one for biting off the end  
of a cat's tail on a wagger, and the other  
for holding the cat for that purpose.

A man named Brock was recently  
found dead on the grave of his wife in  
Vanderburg county, Indiana.

The fact is noted that only two  
Generals have declined "testimonial"  
—George H. Thomas and Robert E.  
Lee.

A child, at Harrison, N. J., was poi-  
soned on Wednesday, by eating a glazed  
candy, and the child, being chief-  
ly Paris green.—*News*

**WANTED HOMES  
AND FORTUNES**  
In the mountains West of us, it is  
said, it speaks to the young man of the  
fortune and self-sufficiency, who has  
invested the laborer, to find good work  
for the farmer, the best lands, the most  
mechanic, the professional man, and  
the merchant. It tells every body just  
what they ought to know, about the vast  
resources and wonderful progress in every  
part of this great country. Now, from  
S. B. BISHOP, Philadelphia, Pa.,  
send for Circular. Farmers, their  
sons, and other enterprising men, can  
get a money making business.  
S. B. BISHOP, 122 N. BROAD ST., PHILADELPHIA,  
Pa. CINCINNATI, Ohio, Chicago,  
Ill., St. Louis, Mo., or Springfield, Ill.,  
Oct. 30, '69, at term here meeting.

**COURT PROCLAMATION.**  
Whereas the Hon. Charles A. Meyer,  
President of the Court of Common Pleas  
of the County of Centre, Clinton and  
Glen hills, and the honorable John Hosterman  
and the honorable William A. Lyon, Associate Jus-  
tices of said county, having issued their  
precept, bearing date the 4th day of July,  
A. D. 1869, to me directed, for holding a  
Court of Oyer and Terminer and Criminal  
Court at Centre county, in the town of Bellefonte,  
for the county of Centre and to commence on the 4th  
Monday of November next, being the 22 day of Nov.  
1869, and to continue 2 weeks.

Notice is therefore hereby given to the  
Governor, Justice of the Peace, Allorneys  
and Constables of said county of Centre,  
that they be then and there in their respec-  
tive capacities, with their records, inquests, exami-  
nations, and their own memoranda, and also  
those things which to their office appertain,  
to be done, and those things which are bound  
upon them, or shall be in the joint or  
several names of them, or shall be justly  
against them as shall be justly against them,  
in any way, in and to the effect of the  
18th day of July, in the ninety-second year  
of the Independence of the United States,  
D. Z. KLINE, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office,  
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