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THREE members of the lower House of Legislature were elected on Tuesday...

TWELVE one-year Senators were chosen on Tuesday in the 1st, 13th, 17th, 22nd, 24th, 31st, 35th, 38th, 49th, 46th, 47th and 49th districts...

President Scott and Vice President Cassell last week were on a tour of inspection on their roads in the middle and western part of this State.

SPANISH troubles with this country are coming to a focus, and it is the opinion of some men that a war with that country cannot be avoided.

The leveling process is an apt phrase applied by certain people to the failures of great houses, the losses of fortunes, the division of large estates, bequests to public purposes, etc.

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National Thanksgiving.

November 26. Appointed by the President.

WASHINGTON, October 27.—By the President of the United States of America.

A PROCLAMATION: In accordance with a practice at once wise and beautiful we have been accustomed, as the year is drawing to a close, to devote an occasion to the humble expression of our thanks to Almighty God for the ceaseless and distinguished benefits bestowed upon us as a nation and for His mercies and protection during the closing year.

Amid the rich and free enjoyment of all our advantages we should not forget the source from whence they are derived and the extent of our obligations to the Father of All Mercies.

We have full reason to renew our thanks to Almighty God for favors bestowed upon us during the past year.

By His continuing mercy civil and religious liberty have been maintained, peace has reigned within our borders, labor and enterprise have produced their merited rewards, and to His watchful providence we are indebted for security from pestilence and other national calamity.

Apart from national blessings each individual among us has occasion to thoughtfully recall and devoutly recognize the favors and protection which he has enjoyed.

Now therefore I, Ulysses S. Grant, President of the United States, do recommend that on Thursday, the 25th day of November, the people of the United States, abstaining from all secular pursuits and from their accustomed avocations, do assemble in their respective places of worship, and in such form as may seem most appropriate in their own hearts offer to Almighty God their acknowledgments and thanks for all His mercies and their humble prayers for a continuance of His divine favor.

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 27th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundredth.

U. S. GRANT.

By the President, HAMILTON FISKE, Secretary of State.

News Items.

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An attempt was made to rob the store of King & Kurtz, at Beaver City, a few nights ago. The villain was trying to effect an entrance at the large front window, when their big Newfoundland dog quietly walked up to the window inside, and making a leap through the glass, caught the fellow by the leg and then let him go.

The dog was seen limping away, and the robber returned to the store through the broken window.

Some of the farmers of Bucks county have been badly swindled in the purchase of guano. It came in the original packages, and was bought from the agents of the Peruvian Government in New York.

The larger part of it proved to be a coarse sand and gravel. It appears that the source of supply has run out and adulteration is being resorted to.

A few days ago an eagle carried off a lamb from the premises of a farmer in North Coventry, Chester county.

The next day it returned and was shot in the act of swooping down upon another lamb. It measured seven feet two inches from tip to tip of its wings.

Davis, the Toronto abolitionist, who, with his wife, is to be hanged in December, threatens unless his sentence is commuted to publish a full list of his patrons and all particulars as to his diabolical business.

They tell of a widow, of Leesport, Pa., who got the best of a sewing machine agent. Her husband, some time previous to his death, had purchased a machine, promising to pay for it in monthly installments.

He had paid nearly the entire sum when he died, and the widow was unable to make up the balance. The agent called for the machine, and the widow demanded a portion of the money that had been paid.

This was refused in a surly way. Then the widow locked the doors of the house, putting the key in her pocket, and told the agent he could have the machine when he returned the money, and not before.

"She took hold of him," says the account, "and a severe tussle ensued, while the children screamed and cried. The widow threw the agent over the hot kitchen stove, and finally succeeded in sitting him down on the top of it, and held him while he begged piteously for mercy.

"For God's sake, let me go, and I'll pay you back every cent your husband paid me." Being satisfied that he was severely scorched, she pulled him off the stove, but held on to him until he had paid back every cent of the installments, and then she gave him two minutes' time to take the machine and clear out with it.

The tramps, it is said, have a way of conveying intelligence to each other by marking gate-posts. A gentleman in New Haven, Conn., annoyed by the frequent calls of these vagabonds, observed that they inspected the gate-post before entering, and upon examination, found there a mark, which he rubbed out. He has not since been troubled.

A colored man was hanged on the 22d ult., at St. Louis for murder. The execution is narrated as follows: Henry Brown, a negro, who killed Philip Pfarr, a German living a few miles from the city, then outraged and robbed his wife, on the night of the 25th of last May, was hanged in the yard of the jail at the Four Courts at 1:30 o'clock to-day.

In a brief speech made on the scaffold he admitted having struck Pfarr the blow which caused his death, but denied outraging Mrs. Pfarr. Nearly 2,000 persons were present in the jail yard, and the windows and roofs of all the houses in the vicinity, and even the roof of the jail itself, as well as the streets in the neighborhood, were thronged with people.

The crowd must have numbered nearly 5,000. At exactly half-past one o'clock the trap sprung, and the wretched culprit hung dangling in the air. He fell five feet, and never moved a muscle. At the end of eight minutes life was declared extinct, and the body was cut down and placed in a coffin for burial.

Wm. Murphy, an Irish laborer of Louisville, was found dead in the mouth of a sewer on Monday a week. He was seen lying near the sewer the previous night, but was not molested, the observers preferring to let the effects of liquor wear off. During the night he rolled over and was suffocated in the mud.

There is not a drunkard among the 1500 people who live on Rock Island, and the nearest approach to a bar-room is a place where pop beer is sold by a Freewill Baptist.

Ann Swain, of San Francisco, has sued an omnibus company for \$299 damages, for being left on the sidewalk "for one hour or thereabouts," the driver having failed to answer her hail, "thereby suffering great bodily and mental pain and agony, and being greatly damaged and injured."

The body of a young and beautiful woman, aged about twenty-five years, was found in the river at Leavenworth, Kansas, on Wednesday last week. The corpse was richly dressed. In the pocket of the dress were found \$175, a card case containing cards bearing the name of M. M. Blackwell, a check for \$200, and a pass from Chicago to Kansas City.

We milk 13,000,000 cows in this country, keep 3000 creameries and cheese factories, and have a cheese and butter product of \$450,000,000.

Table salt is served in China dissolved in water, it being used in a fluid state.

Sheep are now selling in Fresno county, Cal., at 75 cents each.

A remarkable escape from being buried alive happened in the town of Bradford, Mass., a few days since. The facts of the case, according to a correspondent, are as follows: A lady in the above town had been sick for some time, and to all appearances had died, and arrangements were accordingly made for the funeral to take place on the third day after her supposed decease. The preparations for burial had progressed so far that on the day of the funeral the lady was placed in a coffin, when it was observed that one of her eyes was partially opened. Nothing, however, was thought of it, as it was supposed to be the result of muscular contraction, and the arrangements for burial were all completed, when the supposed corpse astonished her attendants by asking to be placed on her side. The house of mourning was suddenly turned into one of joy, and at last accounts the lady was doing finely, with every prospect of a complete recovery.

Epizootic, in mild type, is reported from all parts of the country. Coffee can be cultivated in Louisiana, Alabama and Florida.

A man who a few years ago was worth \$80,000 is working out a fine on the streets of Richmond, Ind.

There are now in the Tombs prison, New York city, five murderers, all of whom will suffer the extreme penalty of the law within the next three weeks.

Stenderman and Dolan will be hung on December 10, and Weston, Ellis and Thompson on the 7th.

A despatch from Pottsville, last Friday, says: The coroner's jury in the case of the boy Frederick Brown, who died of injuries received by the collision of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, at Tuscarora, on Tuesday night, after an examination of a number of railroad employees and passengers, returned a verdict that he came to his death from injuries received by the collision on the Schuylkill Valley railroad, at or near Tuscarora.

They find that the conductor and engineer of Engine No. 89 are guilty of gross and culpable carelessness in starting for Middleport at the time when the regular passenger train was nearly due; they are of the opinion that the Philadelphia & Reading railroad company are censurable for not placing a more experienced telegraph operator at Middleport station, who could advise the conductor and engineer not to start until passenger trains had passed, and the accident would have been averted.

The other wounded continue improving, except Dimmeling, who has shown no change since he was taken out of the wreck.

A despatch from London on Saturday announces that an iron establishment at Leeds is about to suspend business, which will put between 9,000 and 10,000 workmen out of employment.

There was a half million fire in Philadelphia last Sunday, by which some nine hundred hands are thrown out of employment. The fire originated in the dry house of Krumer's Woolen Mills on 24th street.

A remarkable case of child-stealing lately occurred at Carlinville, Ill. A message came for Dr. Harrison to attend a case in the country. Arriving at the place designated, he found that he had been hoaxed; and upon returning home, learned that his little girl, aged 18 months, had been carried off by two women.

Miss Beckman, the Illinois giantess, who died the other day, weighed 412 pounds.

About eighteen miles from Fort Gibson, Miss., and one mile from Brandywine Springs, on the place of Mr. O'Quinn, the existence of a great number of cut stones has been known for an indefinite time, and the people in the neighborhood have used them for props for their houses.

Mr. Jas. Gage, Jr., went out there a few days ago to explore and had a specimen stone brought into town. It is about three feet long by about twenty inches square, resembling in shape a bar of soap. It is probably a native sandstone. Mr. Gage took this block himself from beneath the roots of a large pine tree. It formed a portion of a wall about twenty feet broad on the top, which Mr. Gage traced for a distance of 260 yards. The inference that one would naturally draw from this superficial view is that this must have been a city wall, but a deep exploration might show it to be a portion of a fort, temple or other building. Any way, its antiquity is probably immense, antedating the history of the red men.—Part Gibson (Miss.) Standard.

From the Scranton Republican we learn that shortly after five o'clock on Saturday evening Hyde Park Hill was the scene of a most distressing accident, by which Mrs. Mary Mulherin, a married woman twenty-one years of age, lost her life.

Mrs. Mulherin, whose home is located beside the street railroad, went to a well situated on the opposite side of the track, about twenty paces from her door, and while in the act of lowering a pail for some water, the earth beneath her feet gave way, and she was instantly swallowed in the well and buried beneath a heap of earth and culm. A faint outcry and then her voice was hushed forever, and she sank from sight. Her shocking situation soon alarmed the neighborhood, and an excited multitude came rushing to the scene, but it was several minutes before they could render the poor woman any assistance, and then it was too late. The yielding nature of the earth around the fatal spot, and the fact that the well was some fifty feet deep, made it a more difficult and dangerous task to extricate the unfortunate woman. Her friends were almost frantic, and in their efforts to release her encountered a serious risk. The upper portion of the well was torn away and thrown down into the culm, and then the work of digging and shoveling away the clay and culm was commenced, amid breathless suspense, and carried on vigorously. At eight feet deep the searchers encountered a portion of the clothing, and animated by the hope of still saving her they redoubled their exertions. She did not sink into the shaft, but was jammed against the side and firmly held in that position by the falling mass. Ropes and boards were procured, and as soon as practicable a ladder was fastened to the prostrate woman, who was taken to the surface. At first it was hoped she would recover, but the hope proved a futile one. Her hand was firmly clinched on the handle of the bucket, which she held when the accident occurred, and, brief as the time was, she was a rigid corpse. Mrs. Mulherin leaves a child a few months old. Although the fatal well was sunk through a high bank of culm and earth, the surroundings seemed perfectly safe, and were consequently most deceptive. The neighbors along that street for a considerable distance were furnished with water from it, and frequently had recourse to it during the day, even up to a few minutes before the tragic occurrence.

Delicate as the organization of the brain must be, it is surprising to read of the hard knocks it can bear, not only without injury, but even to its advantage. One man who lost half his brain through suppurating of the skull, preserved his intellectual faculties to the day of his death; and the brains of soldiers have been known to carry bullets without apparent inconvenience, and to undergo operation for the extraction of the foreign bodies without loss of power. A physician who was afflicted with an abnormal cerebral growth which pressed upon the cavities of the brain, so as to paralyze one side of his body and render him speechless, retained possession of his reasoning and calculating powers until he died. One of three brothers, all idiots, after receiving a severe injury on the head, gained sense, and lived to be a clever barrister. A stable boy of dull capacity, and subject to fits, had his wits sharpened by the kick of a horse, which necessitated the abstraction of a portion of his brain; and no less a personage than Pope Clement VI owed the improvement of his memory to a slight concussion of the brain. On the other hand it is a fact that the brains of persons with thoroughly disordered minds, as a rule present no abnormal appearance after death, which is not to be wondered at, Dr. Wynter declares, when it is found that symptoms of a disordered brain are often produced by a very slight alteration in the constitution of the blood.—Chambers' Journal.

Samuel Malick, of Selinsgrove, was drowned in the river, at that place, last Wednesday. The circumstances of the case, as we received them are as follows: He and two other men were taking a truck across the railroad bridge to meet the 6 o'clock train, and while about midway of the bridge his clothing became entangled in machinery by which the truck is propelled, which threw him into the river—at which place the water is deep and the current rapid. His comrades knew nothing of the accident until they heard the splashing in the water. Search was at once made, and the body of the drowned man was found with an arm and leg broken, about 100 yards below the bridge.—Frederburg Courier.

The Blair county Register says: On Monday morning last, about 8 o'clock, a heavy rumbling report was heard at the Paper Mill of Messrs. Morrison, Bare & Co., at Roaring Spring, this county, and upon looking in that direction, heavy rains, timbers, and different kinds of machinery, was seen flying in every direction, and the paper mill was a vast heap of ruins. The Straw Digester, a sort of engine, had burst. It was 18 feet in length, 6 feet in diameter, 4 inch iron; weight 7 tons. It went high up in the air, several hundred yards, till it appeared not larger than a common tin bucket, and alighted in a field upon the hill, some two hundred yards away, the smaller end striking the earth and sinking 5 feet into the solid ground, the other part breaking off and alighting some 25 feet below. The smoke stack was blown beyond the church, about half a mile.—Heavy rains and timbers shot like arrows from one end of the building to the other, and other heavy articles flew in all directions, and it is providential that no lives were lost, although several persons were badly injured. The Straw Digester usually carried 80 pounds of steam, and was calculated to carry 200 pounds with safety, though this morning it only had 75 pounds, and it is not known, or at least not made public, what was the cause of the explosion. The injured are—John Henry, badly scalded and bruised; Amos McKee, badly scalded; William Bowers, badly scalded, bruised and cut; John Hainry, badly scalded; Baxter Hamilton, badly scalded; and David Butler, Wm. M. Hancock, and John Price, slightly injured by bruises and cuts. Although the first six named are seriously injured, yet the physician thinks they may all recover. The mill is a perfect wreck. In fact, we have never before seen such a complete pile of ruins.—The machinery, timbers, &c., are scattered around in all directions, for sev-

eral hundred yards, and nearly all the machinery is destroyed or badly injured. About \$30,000 of prepared stock was a total loss—and the loss to building machinery and stock, will not fall short of \$30,000.

The Harrisburg Patriot of the 26th ult. says: Considerable excitement was created last evening, a little after seven o'clock, on North Third street, between Briggs and Foster. A young lady, feeling aggrieved at remarks made about her by a married man, purchased a cowhide, and sending a messenger into the store to inform him that he was wanted, applied the cowhide to his face.

He returned and he stepped into the street. He made an effort to grasp her by the throat, but was prevented from doing the woman any harm by the interference of a male relative of the aggrieved lady. The quarrel arose, we understand, from some unhappy neighborhood quarrels. A suit for assault and battery and a counter suit for slander will probably end the matter.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO CONTRACTORS. SEALED PROPOSALS will be received up to December 4, 1875, by the undersigned, for the building of a new Free School House, at Wislona, in Spence Hill township, and other buildings to be seen at the residence of the Secretary. Proposals will be opened and the letting take place at Spence Hill School House, on Monday, December 6th, at 10 o'clock P. M. Direct your proposals to the office of rejecting any or all bids.

S. P. WHARTON, Sec'y Nov. 3, 1875-64

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. THE undersigned, appointed Auditor by the Court of Common Pleas of Juniata county to make distribution of the funds in the hands of Lewis Burdick and his son A. Lukens, Assignees of Samuel Y. Shelby, to and among the parties legally entitled thereto, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in the borough of Mifflintown, on the 17th day of November, 1875, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M., of said day, when and where all persons who are interested may attend. ALFRED J. PATTERSON, Auditor. Oct. 18, 1875.

PROCLAMATION.—W. HERAS, the Hon. BEZ. F. JONES, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Juniata, do hereby certify that the Hon. J. M. Peery and Cumberlander, and the Hon. J. M. Peery and Cumberlander, and the Hon. J. M. Peery and Cumberlander, have issued their precept to me directed, bearing date the 10th day of SEPT., 1875, for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, and the said Court of Common Pleas of Juniata county, on the FIRST MONDAY OF DECEMBER, 1875, being the 6th day of the month of December, next.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace and Constables of the County of Juniata, that they are to attend to the duties of their office, at one o'clock on the afternoon of said day, and to return their records, inquisitions, examinations and oyer remembrances, to do those things that to their offices respectively appertain, and those that are bound by record to prosecute against the prisoners that are or then may be in the Jail of said county, be then and there to prosecution against their names as shall be just.

By an Act of Assembly, passed the 10th day of May, A. D. 1854, it is made the duty of the Justices of the Peace, of the several counties of this Commonwealth, to return to the Clerk of the Court of Sessions of the respective counties, all the recognizances entered into before them by any person or persons charged with the commission of any crime, except such as are returnable respectively, and in all cases where any recognizances are entered into less than ten days before the commencement of the session to which they are made returnable, the said Justices are to return the same in the same manner as if said act had not been passed.

Dated at Mifflintown, the 16th day of Sept., in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five. WM. H. KNOX, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Mifflintown, Pa. Nov. 3, 1875.

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Real Estate.

Executor's Sale of VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

THE undersigned, Executor of the estate of David Gingrich, late of Delaware township, deceased, will offer in public sale, at the late residence of said decedent, in Delaware township, Juniata county, Pa., two miles northeast of Thompsonston, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1875. The following described real estate: Tract No. 1.—Containing SEVENTY-THREE ACRES, more or less, 85 acres of which are cleared and under cultivation; the balance is well set with chestnut and rock-oak timber; having thereon a

LOG DWELLING HOUSE; rough-sawn, BANK BARN, and outbuildings. A Spring of never-failing water near the house. An Orchard of a general variety of fruit. This property is bounded by lands of Samuel J. Kurtz, J. A. Ayer, and others. Convenient to churches, schools, mills and stores, and is a good neighborhood.

Tract No. 2.—Containing FOURTEEN ACRES, all cleared, has long been erected a comfortable LOG HOUSE, weatherboarded, and Frame Stable. Water convenient. Fruit in variety. This tract is bounded by the residence of said decedent, and the above mentioned, and bounded by lands of Samuel Kurtz, Wm. Benner and others. Terms made known on day of sale.

Also, at the same time and place, the following personal property of said decedent will be sold at public sale: Three work horses, two colts, three cows, three head of young cattle, sheep, 5 head of hogs, shoats, 1 carriage, 1 spring wagon, 1 farm wagon, 1 threshing machine and farm power, plows, harrows and other farming utensils, grain, corn fodder, chickens. Also a full line of household furniture. Terms made known on day of sale.

JACOB SHELLEY, Executor of David Gingrich, dec'd. Oct. 20, 1875.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE! THE undersigned, Administrator of the estate of Jacob Thomas, Sr., late of Fernhollow township, Juniata county, deceased, will sell at public sale, on the premises, at one o'clock P. M., on

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1875. A large farm of about ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY EIGHT ACRES, more or less, situated in said township, adjoining lands of Wm. Ott, Wm. M. Allison, John Hoffman, Horning's heirs and others, having thereon erected a

GOOD FRAME HOUSE, 30x40 feet, a large BANK BARN, 45x85 feet, a frame TENANT HOUSE, and a complete set of outbuildings. There is a good fruit Orchard on the premises, and there are two good Springs near the dwelling house. This farm is eligibly located in the fertile Lost Creek Valley, and is now in a fine state of cultivation. The land has nearly all been cleared within the past few years, and produces good crops.

Also, two tracts of WOODLAND: No. 1.—Bounded by lands of Evan Davis, John Shaffer and others, containing about THIRTY-FOUR ACRES. No. 2.—Bounded by lands of Lucien Wilson, Philip Ranck, and others, containing about THIRTEEN ACRES.

This land is well wooded with good young chestnut and other valuable timber, and should be owned by the owner of the farm. TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent. of the purchase money to be paid when the property is stricken down to the purchaser; the balance to be paid in cash on the first day of April, 1876, when possession will be given; and the balance of the annual payments, with interest from April 1, 1876, to be secured by judgment notes.

JACOB THOMAS, Administrator of Jacob Thomas, dec'd. Oct. 20, 1875.

VALUABLE FARM AT PRIVATE SALE! THE undersigned offers at private sale, on the premises heretofore mentioned, a farm of

175 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. One hundred and twenty-five or thirty acres of which are cleared and under cultivation, situated in Tuscarora Valley, Juniata county, Pa., seven miles from Mifflintown, the county seat of said county, and four miles from the Pennsylvania Railroad at Port Royal, bounded by lands of Mrs. G. W. Thompson and others, having thereon

GOOD HOUSE AND BARN, and all necessary outbuildings, good never-failing running water at both house and barn, about 2000 feet of excellent fire-proof kinds. Will be sold very low, as the subscriber is not able to work so large a place. For particulars inquire of the undersigned, residing on the premises, or of J. H. Long, Sadsburyville P. O., Chester Co., Pa. J. F. G. LONG, Port Royal P. O., Juniata Co., Pa. Oct. 29, 1875.

VALUABLE FARM AT PRIVATE SALE! ON account of age and declining health, the undersigned offers, at private sale, his farm situated in Walker township, Juniata county, three miles west of Thompsonston, consisting of about 100 acres of land, one mile south of Vauvert, adjoining lands of J. N. Thompson, J. S. Lukens, David Allison and others, containing

ONE HUNDRED ACRES. Ninety acres of which are cleared and under good fences, and in a good state of cultivation, having all been well tilled within the last five years; the balance is well set with good timber