

The average daily attendance on the Permanent Exhibition at Philadelphia since opening day has been 4,000.

BLACK clothes, among the Mahomans, is looked upon as the devil's color.

THE wheat crop in California this year is sufficiently developed to warrant the conclusion that it will scarcely be an average crop in point of yield.

DEPARTURES from Washington report the organization of a new party within the Republican party, to oppose the policy of President Hayes.

THE Democratic papers are greatly dissatisfied with their Governor, Mr. Williams, of the State of Indiana. They say he is into all the "jobs" that can be stirred up, at the political capital.

THE way to distinction and office in a number of the Southern States is to join the White Lines, raid on the negroes, burn them out, and shoot them. They call that civilization. The worst feature about such cases is found in the fact that there is no remedy or redress for the violence in the courts, or anywhere else. Unless a man can overcome it by superior violence he has no redress.

THE fast mail trains are a convenience for business men in cities, and no one objects to them except when they are run to the disadvantage of the intermediate points or communities, such, for example, as the Juniata Valley. Why not carry a mail on the Way Passenger trains? The rights of the people in the Juniata Valley are just as important as the rights of the people of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. When it comes to be a question of dollars and cents, of course the Juniata Valley people are nowhere with the cities; but it is not a question of dollars and cents, it is a question of rights. If a government or corporation dare violate the rights of one man, or two men, it dare violate the rights of all, and turn usurper on a grand scale. The community generally are indignant at the "baiter skelter" mail delivery in the Juniata Valley. Once they learn definitely who are the real authors of it, whether corporation, contractors, or Post Office Department at Washington, there will be a withering condemnation hurled at the authors of it.

Reduction of Wages on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Harrisburg Telegraph, says it is due to this great corporation to say that the reduction of wages announced by the recent circular issued by Thos. A. Scott, president, is an effect of causes which have no relation whatever with the internal management of the road.

The continued pressure of the shrinkage of values, the cessation of work in the mining and manufacturing regions, the falling off of merchandise, and the reduced consumption felt in all parts of the country, have affected carrying companies' receipts more seriously than those of any other combination, for the reason that the personal and real property required to conduct such operations involve an amount of capital second only to that which is used to carry on the government, State and National.

Assassination of James Laws, a Colored Republican, by the Bull-Doggers.

NEW ORLEANS, May 23.—The Republic gives the following account of the assassination of James Laws, colored, of East Feliciana, who reached New Orleans, and brought with him the coffin that was placed at his door on Saturday, and a bunch of Winchester rifle cartridges which were placed with it.

It also states that the crowd of bull-doggers, after threatening him, went on, with the information that they would return soon and put their threats into execution. They proceeded to Jackson, and rode up to the house of James Laws, (colored), and found him seated in his gallery with his mother. They said, "Hi, hello, Laws, have you got back?" He arose and answered them, and was instantly shot dead. This was on Saturday night.

In reference to the assassination of Laws, ex-Governor Packard states that just before his return to East Feliciana, Laws wrote to him, stating that on account of his presiding at the one of the regular meetings held in East Feliciana during the late campaign, and his consequent enforced absence from the parish, his business as a merchant, he feared, had been destroyed, and begging Packard's influence to get him a position in the common house.

Packard further says that Laws had told him his life was in danger, as he had testified before the Howe Senate Committee, giving the names of prominent citizens who had threatened his life, and as he believed, has caused his store to be fired. Packard further asserts that Laws was one of the best and most conservative colored men of the whole of the Feliciana district.

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Yielded to Force.

Within the past week Senator Morton has published an article on the political situation. In regard to the State governments of Louisiana and South Carolina he says:

They yielded to force. They have gone down before an armed minority whose threats of future violence were guaranteed by a long train of bloody deeds in the past. I regret that the real character of the transaction should be obscured in the least by pretended investigations or negotiations. Stripped of all disguises and pretenses, the simple fact is that Packard and Chamberlain were not able to maintain themselves in authority, and the government of the United States, in the exercise of its discretion, refused them its support. Then the legislators, finding themselves defenceless, fell to pieces, and from their ruins in part new legislatures have been constituted, whose legal validity consists only in the fact that there are none to oppose them."

Making Amends.

Under slave rule, Thomas Simms escaped from Georgia, and fled to Boston, Mass., and was taken from that city by the officers of the slave power, and again put into slavery. Attorney General Devens was then a lawyer in Massachusetts, and was quite active in endeavoring to return Simms. Now, under the new order, Devens turns up in the Cabinet of President Hayes, and tries to make amends by giving Simms an appointment as Messenger in the Department of Justice.

Startling Disclosures in Luzerne County.

A despatch from Scranton, under date of the 27th inst., says: The auditors appointed by the County Court a year ago to make an audit of the Luzerne county finances for the past seven years, have finished their labors. It reveals a record of official dishonesty unparalleled in the previous history of the county, and shows how for seven years past the Commissioners, Treasurers, Sheriffs, Clerks and others have stolen, boldly, large sums from the treasury. The thieves took all possible shapes, such as bogus contracts, changing records, altering figures, retaining taxes, etc. Positive proof was furnished by the auditors of \$50,000 stolen from time to time, but the full amount of the seven-year steal will doubtless reach \$100,000. Some of the dishonest officials, including an ex-Treasurer, for seven years past the Commissioners, Treasurers, Sheriffs, Clerks and others have stolen, boldly, large sums from the treasury. The thieves took all possible shapes, such as bogus contracts, changing records, altering figures, retaining taxes, etc. Positive proof was furnished by the auditors of \$50,000 stolen from time to time, but the full amount of the seven-year steal will doubtless reach \$100,000.

Blowing up a Turkish Monitor.

A despatch from Europe, under date of last Sunday, the 27th, gives the following account of the blowing up of a Turkish monitor:

It was one of the most daring deeds ever recorded. A small detachment of Russian soldiers left the northern shore of the Danube in a number of small boats. The night being very dark they managed to surround the monitor before being discovered. When finally observed by the sentries on board, they were challenged. The major replied in Turkish: "Friends," the Turks, not satisfied, commenced firing in the direction of Matchin, not knowing where the boats came from. The shots few wild. During the firing several Russian soldiers plunged into the water, swam silently to the vessel, and placed the torpedoes in close contact with her bottom. After it had been securely fastened the men returned to the neighboring shore. The monitor was blown into the air and all on board perished.

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Murderers Executed.

The North American says: Nine men convicted of murder and known as "Mollie Maguire's," are to be hung on the 21st of next month, in Schuylkill and Carbon counties—five in the former and four in the latter—and August 9th will witness the execution of three more, making twelve in all belonging to that secret organization which has been the terror of the coal regions.

These men had so long escaped the vigilance of the law that they committed crime with impunity and felt that justice could be defied and trampled upon at any and all times. But the day of reckoning came at last, and although "the mills of the gods grind slow, they grind exceeding sure," as these red-handed assassins have in the end discovered. June 21, 1877, will be a memorable day in the annals of our Commonwealth. In addition to the nine "Mollie Maguire's," Andrew Langan will also be executed on the same day, making ten persons who will on that occasion expiate their crimes. Never before has there been in any State in the Union so many murderers under sentence of death as there are in Pennsylvania to day. The fate of these wretched men should be a warning to their associates, for there are many men in the mining districts who are just as ready to imbue their hands in human blood as were they, and it is necessary that a terrible example should be set them, both for the protection of the community, of property and for the vindication of justice.

Not a Man but a Steer.

The other day a steer fell out of a car, west of the Allegheny mountains, and was killed, when some parties hung the defunct animal up to a telegraph pole and skinned it. Some brakemen on passing freight trains mistook the carcass for that of a man, and at the next place they stopped they raised the report that a party of tramps had killed a man and hung him up to a telegraph pole. Later advice betrayed the "true inwardness" of the murder, and an organized army for the capture of the tramps dispersed to their homes.

Lime Burned.

The little boy, son of Mrs. Alexander, an inmate of the Widow's Home, Allegheny, who was burned on Thursday evening a week, died after sixteen hours of terrible suffering. The little fellow was playing around a box of boiling slaked lime that had been run off for making mortar. The outside peeled off a large portion of the body, and large portions of flesh fell from the legs of the little sufferer.

Plead Guilty.

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Rats.

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A Row in the Congregation.

The pastor of the congregational church at Northville had a row with his people, or they with him. They locked the doors of the church against him, whereupon he threatened to burn it down, and burn it did. When tried for arson, however, he was acquitted.

Frightened to Death.

A little boy was frightened to death in Astoria, Ill., a few days ago. Another little boy, in a hideous costume, sprang upon him to scare him. He fell in his fright prostrate. Scrambling a little further he fell again, a corpse.

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How to Set the Hens.

President Hayes says his present embarrassments remind him of Mrs. Hayes' dilemma when she first went to home-keeping. There was a large family of them, and when the eggs were brought in to breakfast, one number complained that they were boiled too hard, another that they were boiled too soft, and another thought they ought to be warmed through. This thing went on for several days, till at last Mrs. Hayes got tired, and summoning the farm boy said: "John, we've had enough eggs this season—set the hens." "Now," said the President, "that's just the way with my policy; it's too hard for some, and too soft for others, and what bothers me is how to set the hens."

A Domestic Field.

A pious hen crawled into a Methodist church in Jefferson City, a few Sundays ago, and laid an egg in the contribution box. While the minister was making an earnest appeal to his congregation for foreign missions the hen suddenly left her nest, and, presenting herself in the chancel, cackled most energetically. The deacons discovered the eggs when they went forward to get the boxes. The pious hen's contributions was adapted to the domestic rather than the foreign field.

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News Items.

The Tamaqua Courier reports the good excitement in that neighborhood rapidly on the increase.

A silver wire is reported to have been discovered to Upper Mount Bethel, Northampton county.

A prominent physician of Carbondale, Dr. Hampton, has been held in one thousand dollars bail to answer a charge of adultery.

The Primitive Methodist Episcopal church at Tamaqua, has been attached by the sheriff for debt, and will be sold.

Dog posters are operating in Lewistown, Pa.

There are one hundred and ten prisoners in the Pottsville jail.

Luzie Ibing, the aeronaut, will be one of the attractions at the Bellefonte Fair in the fall.

Disappointment in love led a young lady of well to do parents in St. Louis to jump into a well forty feet deep and drown herself. The stern parents of the suicide opposed her marriage with the man of her choice, with the above sad result.

The man who invented the process of vulcanizing rubber died the other day. He was William Henry Towers, of Boston, and was a native of Tiquis, O.

The galleys constructed for the condemned Mollies in Carbon county is intended to swing only one at a time, and the four are to be hung one after the other.

The United States mails carry 10,000 frogs from New York daily.

William Kelly, of Triangle, Clarion county, was dangerously shot on Sunday night by some parties who forced open the door of his sleeping apartment. Who they were he does not know.

Citizens of Lock Haven are raising a fund by subscription to sink a well near that city in search of oil.

A terrible accident occurred at York on Friday. Samuel Sprengle was driving along an embankment with a blind horse and an empty cart, and finding himself in such a dangerous position tried to turn the horse away, but fell off the wagon and precipitated himself and team over the embankment a distance of thirty feet. Sprengle had his arm crushed by the cart falling on it, but the horse escaped with a few slight cuts.

James Neuffer rooked a boat near Pittston to frighten a companion. The craft was upset, Neuffer attempted to swim to the shore and was drowned. The other man was saved by clinging to the boat.

Clathrus Shore, of Allegheny county, has died from the effects of a gun shot wound, which he received while assisting a lad to turn a log in a field to search for rats, a log in the hands of the boy being discharged.

Myriads of grasshoppers have appeared in Lower Heidelberg township Berks county, and they threaten to move on the growing vegetation.

The investigation into the cause of the murder of ex-County Commissioner, Miller, of Lebanon county, still continues. The body was recently exhumed and the stomach removed by Drs. J. Keith and Thomas Miller, for the purpose of examining it and corroborating the theory of the prosecution, that he died of cholera.

At Hartselle, on the 23d inst., the body of an unknown man, partly decomposed, was found floating in the water in Tumbung Run dam. A fragment of a telegram, in which only the words "George R." are legible, is the only clue to its identity. He was apparently about fifty years of age. There are no marks of violence on the body.

Another wonder has been discovered in California. The water of Deep Spring Valley Lake is charged with borax and ducks, which at certain seasons visit the lake in great numbers, become so loaded down with crystallizations as to be unable to fly, and fall into the water. The Indians, who pick them from the water by the hand.

Mon. Gascon, the aeronaut, lost his balloon by fire just as he was about to make a recent ascension, at Easton. The York girls say that there is too much collar and too little young man to the present style of gent's neckwear.

Wintersport has forty milk wagons and no town pumps.

John C. Boorse, ex-potomac, Surveyor and Conveyancer, wrote 71 deeds and mortgages this spring, and thinks business is rather dull, as he is unable to write from 10 to 15 a day, as he used to do. He has written 1,063 deeds since January 1, 1866.

Two young men from Lebanon, who intended to commence stock raising went into the country to look at some fine stock, when a bull tossed one of them into a stable, chased the other over a fence and threw their dog high in the air. They have abandoned their project.

A farmer in Peters township, Washington county, reports killing 278 rats within eight weeks. This has been accomplished with two dogs and three traps.

Miss Laura Pierce, aged sixteen, is in the Union county jail, having confessed that she fired a farmer's barn which was burned some weeks ago.

A young married woman named Alderman, residing near Youngstown, eloped a few days ago with a young man who had been a schoolmate and lover. She left a note to her husband, stating she could not be parted from one she loved, and one to her mother, telling her this was in consequence of being forced into a distasteful marriage.

James Wagoner, employed on the farm of Frank Irwin, Martinsburg, Cumberland county, had a fifteen minutes fight with two black snakes, each measuring 5 feet in length. By the skillful use of a pitchfork he succeeded in keeping the formidable enemy at a respectful distance and finally killed the snakes.

On Tuesday evening hollistones measuring 54 inches in circumference fell at Hanover, York county.

George A. Austin, of Bow, N. Y., assaulted his wife on Tuesday night a week and was fatally shot by his stepson, William J. Flinders, a lad 17 years old. Some of the bullets wounded Mrs. Austin, necessitating the amputation of her right arm.

On the 23d inst., at Syracuse, N. Y., five men were arrested for committing an assault on a young lady in the Eighth ward. One man confessed and gave the name of his companions. It is stated that the gang have been in the habit of committing similar offenses.

News Items.

In Arkansas neckties, according to the New York Herald, are cheap. The crowd puts one round your neck always it over a tree, and it doesn't cost you anything.

It looks suspicious in Wm. E. Dodge to carry a pig from the corner grocery, consequently marked "This is Mollie's." Methinks he doth protest too much.—Rebeker Democrat.

Unless the French patch up a speedy peace among themselves, the success of their expedition will be seriously endangered.

Overcome with Joy.

A Milwaukee man, who had been unable to get work for a long time, was so overcome with joy when he got a situation that he died.

Legal Notices.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE!

The undersigned, Assignee of Solomon Coffman for the benefit of his creditors, will offer at public sale, on the premises, in Fayette township, Juniata county, at 1 o'clock P. M., on

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1877.

The following described real estate, to wit: No. 1.—A tract of land, being the Manito Farm, said to contain 270 acres, more or less, having thereon erected a

Large Stone Dwelling House,

BANK BARN, Wagon Shed with Stabling, and other outbuildings. About 125 acres of this land is cleared, well fenced, and in a high state of cultivation. There is a fine Quarry of excellent LIMESTONE on the premises, with KILN covers and machinery. The land has recently been thoroughly limed. There is a fine Spring of water on the premises, with a Fountain Pump, which supplies both the house and barn with an excellent quality of water. This farm is well supplied with Fruit, there being a good Apple Orchard, a Peach Orchard, and a good supply of grapes and other small fruits on the premises.

FRAME HOUSE, BANK BARN,

and outbuildings. About Seventy acres of this land is cleared, well fenced, and also in a good state of cultivation; the remainder is well set with timber. There is a fine Spring of water near the house, and a Fountain Pump in the yard.

100 ACRES.

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2 Comfortable Dwelling Houses,

one of which is new; and a GOOD FRAME BANK BARN.

REAL ESTATE AT PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned, Administrators of the estate of George Hegner, deceased, late of Fayette township, Juniata county, Pa., will offer at public sale, on the premises, at 10 o'clock A. M., on

SATURDAY, JUNE 9th, 1877.

The following described real estate, to wit: A Farm, containing 175 ACRES, more or less, in Fayette township, about midway between McAllester and Biefeld, on the main road, the greater portion of which is cleared and in a good state of cultivation. The improvements consist of a

LARGE MANSION HOUSE,

A Large Stone Bank Barn, Tenant House and Good Barn, and necessary outbuildings, Cider Press, &c. A fine stream of water runs through the farm, and an abundance of Fruit—young trees, Church, school and mill convenient.

At the same time and place, a tract of WOODLAND, containing 33 ACRES, more or less, will be offered for sale, situated in West Ferry township, Snyder county, but only one mile from the farm above mentioned.

It desirable by any of those present on the day of sale, the farm will be offered in two tracts, or in separate tracts, each tract having a set of buildings.

Terms made known on day of sale.

J. JOHN SCHNEFFLER, JOHN BEPNER, Administrators of Geo. Hegner, dec'd.

May 29, 1877.

Executors' Notice.

Estate of Sarah Strong, deceased.

L. L. OF SARAH STRONG, late of the borough of Mifflintown, dec'd., having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands are requested to make known the same without delay.

JOSEPH ROTHROCK, Executor.

May 2, 1877.

NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, Commissioners of the county of Juniata, hereby give notice that we do not sell or renew any County Bonds, after this date, at a higher rate than four per cent, and the Tax Collectors for the year 1877 shall allow five per cent abatement on all taxes paid on their respective Duplicates until the 15th day of September next; and that said Collectors will be required to settle their respective Duplicates promptly in one year from the date thereof.

JAMES McLAUGHLIN, W. H. GRONINGER, D. B. COX, Commissioners.

May 1, 1877.

NOTICE TO ASSIGNEES.

The Assessors of Juniata county are hereby requested to call at the Commissioners' Office, on or before FRIDAY, J