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The Commune.

Dispatches report that foreign communists in St. Louis and in Chicago, have organized into military companies, and are completely armed to resist any civil or police interference that may be issued against them for disturbing the peace of the community in which they live.

This is a free country, in which a man may choose any business, to follow for a living, provided he possesses the ability to honestly conduct it, but if a man chose a business not suited to him or his ability, or if he selected a place already overstocked, the penalty will be his failure, or if he conducts himself dishonestly his sin will find him out, and the penalty will be visited on him. With such unlimited freedom in existence, it is not to be presumed that "loaf" about the slum places of cities, and organize the worst classes into an organization against the business and honest free labor of the country, will be allowed to threaten society with communism.

If all the lazy, tumultuous elements that float about the cities and larger towns, with their relative straggling tramp membership could be fused into one solid commune party, with the worst of aggressive demonstrations, trouble would exist, only till the 40,000,000 people of the country could arise and assert themselves. How long it would take the country to assert itself, cannot be told, but that the families of the millions that live in quiet and peace, would so assert themselves, is as certain as that law and order, however invited and trampled underfoot, is certain to follow violence and disorder, with a swift and revengeful hand, and then the day of the commune would come to an end in the Republic.

There are no legal distinctions in this country and the man and woman who tells that there are such distinctions, tells what is not true, and tell so because they are ignorant of the truth, or tell it so because they are bad.

In this country there are no legal distinctions. The rich man may become a poor man, he may become extravagant and spend his means, or overreach himself in business, and be sold out to the man who traded to his honesty, or his ability to pay his promises. In this country the poor man by industry, or by locating where his labor is in demand, and by economy may become rich, or if not rich secure a home for himself and family. The lawyer may become a judge, and the judge may be returned to the bar. The man in business who employs labor, or people to work for him, may become an employer himself, and the employee may become a proprietor. The layman may become a preacher, and the preacher may turn layman, and so it is with every phase of life. There is no legal hindrance to the choice of a vocation, every channel of business, every place of prominence, and every avenue of pleasure are open alike to all, and if a man gets into the wrong place or wrong channel it is his mistake and society cannot be justly charged with it. In this country there is an absolute freedom for everything, excepting for the commission of crime.

Hon. Daniel J. Morrill, of Johnson, California county, is to be dined and wined on the 7th inst., in Philadelphia, in honor of Centennial Exhibition services. On the 9th Mr. Morrill expects to sail for France to attend the Paris Exposition, as an accredited officer from this country.

"F. S. Pauli, a wealthy citizen of Scranton, convicted in January last of forgery, was sentenced April 30 to two years' imprisonment. The forgery consisted of an interlineation of a lease, whereby Pauli was enabled to remove the porch from a building." Great dissatisfaction exists at Scranton with the Judge, who it is alleged went entirely beyond his right, and beyond the right of every one to sentence Pauli. The Supreme Court was appealed to, and that judicial body set aside the sentence of Stanton so far as to permit of his being bailed out of jail. If reports are true it was the commune element that put Stanton on the bench. However, it is best to suspend opinion till the merits of the case have been more fully learned.

The Democrats Lively in the Ohio Senate.

A dispatch from Ohio on the 1st inst., says, "There was an exciting scene on the floor of the Ohio Senate yesterday, growing out of a misunderstanding in the Democratic family." Hon. Wm. Bell, is Railroad Commissioner of Ohio, at a salary of \$3,000 a year. His son enjoys the position of chief clerk in the same office at a salary of \$1,500. It happens that in making up the Appropriation bill, which is being prepared with a view to the fall campaign, young Bell's salary was cut down \$300. The older Bell, who has been Secretary of State, and is generally understood to have claims upon the party for the next offices going, was on the floor of the Senate yesterday lobbying against the reduction. Senator Forrest, of Cincinnati, spoke in favor of cutting the salary down. He said the office of Railroad Commissioner was practically of no account; that Bell and his son were never to be found at their post, and that the work was left to a boy, who was usually drunk. Soon after Mr. Forrest had finished, a commotion was heard in that part of the hall, and the next minute the Senator was seen lying on the floor, with Mr. Bell gripping his throat. Several Senators rushed in and separated the combatants, and a scene of great confusion followed. Several members called out to have Mr. Bell arrested, and the Sergeant-at-Arms at once took him in charge, but he was afterward released. When order had been restored, Senator Marsh offered a resolution, which was adopted, appointing a committee of three to investigate the matter. It is likely to result in expelling Mr. Bell from the office. The Legislature now has four investigations on hand, and the usual time for adjournment is long since passed. The Democratic managers in the State are beginning to feel nervous about the approaching campaign.

Something Concerning Tariff.

A recent writer on the tariff that has been prepared by Congress, says "Mr. Wood desires to stir up the farmers against manufacturers, and tells them how they are taxed from the cradle to the grave by the duties imposed upon hardware, cotton and woollen goods, soap, carpets, etc. He does not refer to the fact that competition among manufacturers has so reduced prices that farmers are now able to purchase goods produced in this country at perhaps lower rates than ever before. Nor does he mention the duties imposed upon agricultural products, which, according to his theory, must be a tax upon manufacturers and mechanics. A statesman would scorn to present so one-sided a picture; but a demagogue never hesitates to appeal to popular prejudices, even should it be necessary to conceal facts essential to a proper understanding of the subject discussed. If the duties imposed upon foreign manufactured goods enhance the cost of like goods produced at home; and if, in consequence, the farmer is taxed 30 per cent. on his wall paper, 60 to 70 per cent. on his carpet, 40 per cent. on his glassware, 70 per cent. on his spoons, 20 per cent. on his assafoetida, then it follows that manufacturers pay more for their food by reason of the duties levied on meat, vegetable and flour, so that the mechanic, the laborer, the merchant and the manufacturer are taxed on beef and pork, one cent per pound; on hams and bacon, two cents per pound; on cheese, four cents per pound on butter, four cents per pound on lard, two cents per pound; on cornmeal, ten per cent. on rye flour, ten per cent. on wheat flour, twenty per cent. on rice, two and a half cents per pound, (equivalent to one hundred and five per cent. ad valorem) on potatoes, fifteen cents per bushel, etc.

Crack Sport in Texas—A Bull Vanquishing a Lion and a Lioness.

Some days ago a showman entertained the people in the vicinity of San Antonio, Texas, with a contest between a bull and a lioness, and on Saturday last he varied the performance by attempting to get up a first class fight between some Mexicans and four bulls. The bulls declined the wage of battle, and nothing remained but to drive them from the arena in disgrace. Two thousand citizens of Texas who went to see the encounter were not to be disappointed, and so the bull which was quipped the lioness was pitted against the lion. The monarch of the forest was badly beaten by the monarch of the prairie in a terrible and bloody fight, and when the lioness was left in as a reinforcement to her liege lord, the bull after tossing them over his head, punted them to the bars of the cage, where they fought and cowering them in ignominious flight, turned away from the contest in proud and sullen triumph. Just before the bull was loosed there was a very pretty scene. The two lions were very close together, the crippled lion huddling up close to the terrified lioness. The bull advanced on them on a trot but just as he was upon him he seemed to realize their helplessness and stopped short and after eyeing them for a few minutes slowly walked off in a different direction. Just at this juncture, when everybody supposed the fight was over, an old Mexican bull fighter, who had failed to have a fight in the morning, entered the arena, and declared his intention of fighting the vicious bull. Just before the bull was turned in, the man's wife interfered in a most emphatic manner. She said her husband would kill any bull in the world if he was sober, but now he was drunk. His mother who would be upward of ninety years of age, added her voice to harmony, and the angry old man, who in a return of the bull rags was taken off. The victorious bull is one of the most extraordinary fighters ever seen. Arrangements will be made to fight him against Mexicans next Sunday, when something still more tragic may be expected.

Col. Quay has been appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the State Senate, as Recorder of Philadelphia. The appointment is a good one.

Plan for the Destruction of the British Fleet.

"A Scotchman" sends some remarkable information to the London Globe. He says, upon the strength of a private letter which has been placed in his possession: that the Russian authorities have a plan of destroying the English ships by the use of 1,000 tons of crude petroleum. This is to be allowed to float on the surface of the water, so as to be carried down with the current at the time when the English iron-clads are midway in the Straits. The oil being then ignited, the whole length and breadth of the Bosphorus Narrows would be converted into a sea of fire, destroying the crews, and leaving the iron-clads to be captured at leisure. The Russians can always rely upon abundant and rapid supplies of crude petroleum, the wells in Roumania and the Caucasus being inexhaustible. The whole expenditure would amount to only about \$30,000. Such is the plan which the "Scotchman" professes to have discovered.

A Missing Man Freed.

Margaret J. Mead against James V. Whitbeck was the title of a rather interesting case which occupied the attention of the County Court to day. The plaintiff in the case is the wife of Dr. Jasper Mead, of Heilshelm, and she seeks at the hands of the law damages in the sum of \$1,000, for an assault inflicted upon her April 19, 1878, when Whitbeck attempted, without success, to kiss her. The lady who was well dressed and of a progressing appearance, told the story of the assault in a self possessed manner. It appeared, according to her evidence, that about twilight on the evening of the date above given, her husband was absent from home, and she was sitting on her front doorstep alone, when Whitbeck came along. He stopped, spoke, and finally sat down on the stoop beside her. The jury believed that about half an hour talking on various subjects, until finally he spoke of a strange dream he had a short time previously, and asked if she believed in them. On her replying in the negative, Whitbeck went on to relate his dream. It was about a dog that had got into her cellar, and which he dislodged. Then as a reward, he had demanded a kiss. According to his dream, when he took the kiss her cheek turned black. On completing his relation of the dream Mrs. Mead became frightened, and rose with the intention of retiring into the house, Whitbeck, who is old enough to be her father, seized her by the shoulder, and with the remark, "Maggie, may I have that kiss?" attempted to take it. Mrs. Mead by an effort thrust him off, and escaping into the house locked the doors and windows, and drawing the curtains waited for the return of her husband, to whom she related the facts on his arrival. The defendant on his examination denied the facts as related above, but it was brought out on cross examination that he had told his dream to other ladies, and that on another occasion he had been compelled to disburse \$5 to a wrathful husband whose wife he had kissed, besides \$10 to another woman's father. The jury returned a verdict for \$400 in favor of the plaintiff.—Albany Journal.

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STATE ITEMS.

Carlisle sent out a number of May day parties.

The Huntington county National claim to have the names of 1700 persons enrolled in their clubs.

A new Catholic church, to be the largest in Northern Pennsylvania, has been commenced at Meadville, Crawford county.

Delaware county farmers talk of combining to prosecute parties who paint advertisements on their fences and gate posts without leave.

Rev. Levi L. Batley, a Methodist preacher in charge of the Loyalist circuit, fell dead at Williamsport on Monday. He was fifty three years old.

A large number of horses and cattle in the lower end of Berks and northern part of Chester county are afflicted with catarrh and typhoid pneumonia.

Uriah Killian, aged thirty-seven years, fell down stairs and was fatally injured at his home in Lancaster on Sunday.

Sanbury has refused to continue the illumination of her streets with gas—because she can't afford to pay for it.

The over production of tobacco in Lancaster and other counties has greatly reduced its price, and the profit of its culture.

There is a State law imposing a fine of \$10 for burning brush during the night.

There is excellent black bass fishing in the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers it is said.

A guard made of rubber, has been placed on the one-horse cars of the Sixth Avenue line, to prevent them from running over people.

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NEWS ITEMS.

It is claimed that Barnum can pack up his big show and be on the move in an hour's time.

A dispatch from Greenleaf, Kan., announces that Fritz Meyers, a notorious horse thief was taken from jail at Belle ville, Republic county, Saturday night and hanged, by a mob of forty men armed and masked.

Commodore Vanderbilt once visited a spiritual medium, who commenced a business by saying, "You first wife wishes to communicate with you." "Perhaps so," said the Commodore; "but that is not what I came here for. She can wait."

A grain of pure gold found in the gizzard of a chicken at Skiocton, Wis., makes the people of that section believe that there is a gold mine not far off.

Chambers fell into a flume in Placerville, Cal., was swept with frightful velocity through a tunnel 800 feet long, and dropped forty feet into a canon, but he was not much hurt.

Two chimpanzees which arrived at the Zoological Garden May 2nd, are natives of Africa. They live socially in communities and aria themselves with clubs to resist the attacks of more powerful beasts. They live in huts and attain a height exceeding four feet, and their bodies are covered with long hair.—North American.

On the night of April 29 four male men broke into the ranch of John Kennedy, near Fort McKinnay, Wyoming Territory, stole everything of value in the house, and ran off four horses and two mules. Yesterday a party of 20 cavalrymen, under the famous scout Frank Giverson, left Fort McKinnay to scour the country for the thieves. The road between here and Fort McKinnay is so infested with organized bands of horse thieves that travel with horses or mules is almost impossible, the thieves running off with animals at every opportunity. A Vigilance Committee is strongly talked of.

The elevated railroad in New York works satisfactorily.

Recently at a hearing before Squire Kutler, at Weymouth, Berks county, Jonathan E. Wylich and Jacob S. Werner were required to enter bail in the sum of \$1,000 for their appearance at the August sessions of Berks county court, under the charge of passing counterfeit bills on the Bank of Hanover, Ohio, of which, Lebanon, who appeared for the Commonwealth, said that about \$1,000 of the bad bills were passed in parts of Lebanon and Berks counties, and that about forty citizens were directly or indirectly implicated in the matter, many of whom are highly respected and well known.

On Sunday evening, says the Altoona Mirror, of Monday, as Fast Line west was coming around the curve at Birmingham the rear parlor swung and struck the smoking car on Atlantic Express, the press east which was passing, and tore the side of the roof from end to end. The parlor car which did the damage, swung back again into place, whence it swung across to the other track in time to hit the rear sleeping car "Tramit," of the Atlantic Express, but not inflicting it much. No one was hurt, but by the first collision a trainman was almost thrown from a brake.

Business in Chicago has been greatly overdone, and as a consequence there are many business houses breaking up.

DISPATCHES.

A special dispatch from Bill Fontaine Ohio, states that Deputy Sheriff R. K. well was murdered by Amos Laskip while leaving on the property of the latter. The man is a farmer of very dark skin and a large crowd is in pursuit of the murderer threatening to lynch him.

Boston, May 1.—Burglars leading the residence of Ephraim Otis, a leading citizen of South Scituate, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, took the safe from a chamber on the first floor carried it about half a mile down the road, then opened it and then put away with the contents, consisting of railroad stocks and bank books representing over \$30,000 and \$65 in money. A large crowd is in pursuit of the murderer threatening to lynch him.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 1.—A foul murder was committed yesterday morning at 2 o'clock at 1409 Grand avenue. The neighborhood was aroused by the sound of a pistol shot and flames issuing from the house. After the fire had been extinguished it was found that Theodore Hattenbach and wife had been murdered, and their little girl eight years old, knocked insensible and lying at the point of death. Mrs. Hattenbach was found on the bed, with her head crushed in and her limbs burned to a crisp. Mr. Hattenbach was found in the kitchen with a bullet hole in his head and the back of his head crushed in with an axe, which was discovered near the body. The little girl was found out of doors in an insensible condition. Suspicion at first pointed to Hattenbach as the murderer, but subsequent developments have destroyed that suspicion and the real murderer is still unknown.

Through mails for cities, but give people in the Juniata Valley mails on way trains.

From the Altoona Tribune we learn that on Tuesday two weeks, a terrible accident occurred at the Frankfort ore bank, near Hollidaysburg. Thomas Lawie and John Hart were preparing a blast, and when in the act of emptying powder into the hole drilled for that purpose, from a keg which contained about 12 pounds of powder, a spark from a lamp which one of them held, fell into the keg and a terrible explosion followed. Lawie was burned from the waist downward, one of his arms was broken in two places, the other was broken off his head, and it was thought he was dead. He was destroyed. Hart is also maimed in his hair and otherwise pretty badly burned.

On Tuesday evening as the Philadelphia and Erie train from the east at 7:20 o'clock was coming into Williamsport, a boy about sixteen years old, named Robert Hawkins, jumped on the steps of one of the cars and struck Conductor Harvey Holden alongside of the head with a club, almost knocking him off the train. The conductor stopped the train and ran after the fellow, and caught him. He was put on board the train and taken before Alderman Stead, where he gave bail in the sum of \$300 for an appearance at court.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Convention of School Directors.

As per requirement of school law, school directors of the districts in Juniata county met in convention in the Court House, on Tuesday—yesterday—to elect a Superintendent of Common Schools in Juniata county, and to transact such other business as belonged to them while sitting as a convention.

The convention was called to order by Mr. John Garman a quarter past 1 o'clock. His effort to organize the convention was objected to. Capt. Lewis Deigan was seated as Secretary, and called the roll of directors, 88 directors responded to the call. After which the discussion on the further organization of the convention was resumed. The question of the Presidency was compromised on E. S. Parker. After Mr. Parker took the chair, John Dietrich was elected an additional Secretary. The attention of the chair was directed to the third section of the school law, with the request that the section be read. The President read the section. Secretary Dietrich stated that that clause of the section that relates to salary is inoperative because of a recent law passed by the Legislature on the question of salary. The chair was requested to, and did read a circular from State Superintendent Wickham relative to the requirements of the new law, on the salary clause.

On motion the convention proceeded to nominate candidates for the County Superintendent; John Garman, Wellington Smith, A. V. McAtee and P. C. Wickersham were nominated in the order as they have appeared. The name of Mr. McAtee was withdrawn.

A director expressed the thought that the convention might go into the consideration of the question of the competency of the candidates, which caused quite an earnest discussion and resulted in Mr. Smith and Mr. Garman each presenting certificates that settled the question of their competency.

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For A. V. McAtee, 2
For P. C. Wickersham, 3
For J. Garman, 4
For W. Smith, 5
For A. V. McAtee, 6
For P. C. Wickersham, 7
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