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Shellbanks will be unusually abundant this season.

A member of the Altoona council has been arrested for arson. It costs \$120 to send each tramp from Chester to the Media jail. The women of Pittsburg are preparing for a vigorous winter campaign against the liquor traffic. The peach crop of York county will be more than an average yield. A woman weighing four hundred pounds died in York county recently. An effort is being made to organize a military company in Carlisle. The "Knights of Labor" claims to have a membership of nearly a million. Of this number, it is said, 79,000 are located in Pennsylvania. James M. Anely, an old man, while sitting under a tree in Lancaster county on Wednesday a week was attacked by a tramp, terribly beaten and robbed of \$50. The weather set hard on an Erie county farmer. When cradling grain he was not wearing his shirt, hat and boots, and then a man's cool. The Altoona Sun says it has been at last settled for a county fair, to be held at Altoona for four days from October 1. A large number of children and grown persons are reported this season from the interior as being bitten by copperhead snakes. The school directors of Lewistown have reduced the salaries of teachers twenty per cent. The hot wave bore off the jewel of many a household in Pennsylvania, and sad are the hearts of mourning mothers. The deaths among children this month has been unprecedentedly large. The corpse of a two-year old girl arrived in Philadelphia a few days ago and will be dissected with a view to ascertain how far Darwin's theories are justified by internal facts. Two desperate thieves escaped from the Lancaster county jail, on Thursday a week. They cut through the floor of their cell, got into the cellar, reached the outer yard and scaled the wall. Under the new militia law the State furnishes the uniform, and each company is entitled to \$500 a year, which is divided among the men at the end of the year in proportion to attendance at drill. The pay for privates when in actual service is \$1.50 a day. Two tramps assaulted Wm. Sharp, of Strasburg, while walking home from Lancaster, Friday night. They knocked him senseless, robbed him of six dollars, and stripped him of a new suit of clothing. Nearly all the greenback candidates for offices in Lycoming county are frank enough to say that they were nominated by Democratic influences, and of course expect their support from that party. Augustus Hench of Blair county, while picking blackberries in a patch near his house, was robbed of \$300 in greenbacks by a burglar who entered unobserved. In Ellensburg, Potter county, the lightning on Saturday night struck the residence of Mr. Pyle, killing two of his children. The mother was sleeping in one bed, and the lightning killed the two on the outside, while the one in the middle escaped unhurt. Twin sons of Mrs. Wells, of Lock Haven, met with a horrible accident last week. They were but two years old, and while playing on the track of the Bald Eagle railroad, a passing train severed the head of one completely from its body, and out off both feet of the other.

Thomas M. Jackson, smitten with paralysis, was hauled all the way from Texas to Montgomery county, this State, in a one-horse wagon; his wife and only child accompanying him. His residence is in that county. Tuesday afternoon, after having been on the road since last February.

Rev. Daniel Baker, who has been preaching for some eighteen months at Brown's Mills, left the Greenbacke Press, suddenly left for parts unknown. The reverend scoundrel ruined a young girl of the neighborhood, and her brother got out shot at him, and had his shogun lodged and was looking around for him. The knowledge of this probably influenced him to seek other pastures.

The Sorston Republicans say that the parties concerned in the robbery of Daniel Atkinson of Archibald county six months ago have been captured.

One J. J. Gallagher, alias Wilson, at Buffalo, and the other Daniel Atkinson, Jr., a nephew of the man who was robbed. The guilty party was found through the tracing of one of the stolen bonds back after it had arrived at the Treasury department at Washington. Unsuspecting country people who come to town either for pleasure or profit are continually the victims of sharpers, who are always on the alert for prey. James Luff, a Bucks county man had his eyes opened in a not recreable way yesterday. Early in the morning he drove to town with a load of hay, which he took to the market at Seventh and Oxford streets for sale. A purchaser was there in shape of a young man who professed intimate knowledge of the market price, and who, after some bagging, agreed to take the hay if the farmer would deliver it at Twelfth and Cherry streets. Mr. Luff, of course, was willing and started for the place designated. When he arrived at Twelfth and Cherry streets he met the young man who said that he would take the team to the stable himself if Mr. Luff would go to No. 25 Cherry street and collect the money. The farmer agreed to this, and started in search of No. 25. He failed, however, to find such a number, after a search of two hours and he then thought he would look for his team. It was not to be found at Twelfth and Cherry street, and he returned home. The young man was the young man who had been in the hay market, and the other who is a bootblack, stated that he jumped on to take a ride. They were both held in \$600 bail to answer at Court.—Philadelphia Record, July 24.

Butter rose last Saturday to say that he did not invite Kearney to come to Massachusetts.

The Methodists announce forty-three camp meetings to be held, nearly all of which are appointed for August. Cape May is literally alive with people, and it is said that during so previous season has the rush been so great. A griststone, weighing some 4000 pounds, exploded in an axe factory at Jamestown, N. Y., on Friday. A large fragment struck an employe named Weber, who will probably die. Cecil county (Maryland) farmers are complaining at the lightness of the oat crop. It will take almost one bushel to weigh the legal number of pounds for one bushel. About midnight on Sunday night, Isaac Hammill rode up to John Angel's farm house, a few miles south of Jacksonville, Ill., and asked to see Angel's daughter. Angel refused permission, at the same time ordering his son, Jason, aged 14, to shoot Hammill. The son took down an old shot gun, loaded with slugs and discharged its contents into Hammill's head, killing him instantly. Father and son were arrested. A boy of fifteen, residing in Transylvania, province of Posen, has committed one of the most frightful crimes recorded in history. He killed his mother, cut out her tongue and sewed her lips together; he also sewed her stockings to her feet, cut pieces of flesh out of her legs, slit open one of her hands and tore off one of her thumbs. When taken into custody portions of the mother's lungs, which were found on his person wrapped in a handkerchief. The large bones recently found in a cave near Mount Ararat, on the Jerusalem branch of the Erie Railroad, prove to be those of a mastodon. The jawbone is four feet long and thirteen inches thick; the vertebrae twenty-three feet eight inches long; knee cap eighteen inches in length and nine and a half inches in width at the narrowest point; thigh bones six and a quarter feet long, and the bones from the knee to the foot seven feet in length. The skeleton will be boxed and shipped to the Smithsonian Institute. Mr. S. J. Leger, another gentleman and two ladies were riding along in a carriage upon an adjacent road between the river and the Reading Railroad, north of Mifflin lane, during the thunderstorm some time ago. A flash of lightning tore the bit from the horse's mouth, ran along the ground, followed around the tire of one of the hind wheels, destroying the wheel and causing the vehicle to break down. Mr. Leger, who was driving, felt the shock, but none of the others were hurt. The crew of the Park Guard steam launch rescued the party from their predicament. Ten years ago a Pinte boy of twelve years was captured by General Crook, west of Stein Mountain, Nevada. He saw the dead bodies of his chieftain father and of his mother lying near the wigwag, and with a heavy heart that he went to work in a San Francisco store when taken thither. Nevertheless he learned the English tongue, San Francisco manners, became a scholar and joined hands with the peace-making brother of the church. Not long since General McDowell told him to bury the Indians and counsel them to bury tomahawk. He visited the warriors of Chief Natchez and there found both father and mother, who had signed their death and thus escaped the soldiers. An attempt was made to wreck the east bound mail train on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, near Lock Haven, on Saturday night a week by digging the earth away from between the crossings and placing large boulders between the tracks. The work of the wreckers was seen and their plot overheard by a fisherman, who signalled and stopped the approaching train in time to prevent the wreck. The wreckers stated that the obstructions were placed on the road in expectation that a well known official would pass over it that evening on a special train. He says the funds fired at him, the ball striking his watch, thus saving his life. The impression prevailed afterward that this man had been one of the party sent ahead to prevent mischief when the rascals discovered they were attempting to wreck the wrong train, the official referred to having passed safely over on Friday night. She died in her boots, and a revolver, and from some was found in the clench of her white fingers. For several weeks the pioneers at Costilla county, Colorado, had been harassed by the depredations of horse thieves. Finally a posse of frontiersmen took the saddle in pursuit. They struck the trail pushed on rapidly and, after a fatiguing ride, overtook two of the marauders. Shots were exchanged. One of the fugitives rode with face to the pursuers and dropped bullets among the heads of the wild oncoming crowd. This was the signal for the posse to galloped riderless across the prairie. The pioneers saw that they had killed a woman. Her age was about twenty-two years. She was dressed in a heavy loose suit of men's clothes, with heavy rawhide boots, into which were tucked her pantaloons. Her face in the cold pallor showed a complexion that had once been light and rosy and her eyes were of a hazel hue.

DEPARTURES.

MONROE, La. July 31.—A party of masked men, variously estimated at from 40 to 500 in number, rode into Monroe at 1 o'clock yesterday morning and forcibly took from the Parish jail four colored men who were confined there, charged with murder. They took them to the Court House square and hanged them to the limb of an oak tree. Three of the victims were implicated in the killing in May last, of W. C. Fitzgerald, a white constable, who had attempted to arrest them. It then occurred to him that he had been swindled, and at once he sought in the police, who confirmed his suspicions. An officer who was detailed to work the matter up came across the wagon, now empty, standing on Arch street above Ninth, in charge of two colored men. They were arrested and were given a hearing at the Central Station in the afternoon. One of them said that a man met him at Thirteenth and South streets and gave him thirty cents to take the team to the hay market, and the other, who is a bootblack, stated that he jumped on to take a ride. They were both held in \$600 bail to answer at Court.—Philadelphia Record, July 24.

STATE ITEMS.

Shellbanks will be unusually abundant this season. A member of the Altoona council has been arrested for arson. It costs \$120 to send each tramp from Chester to the Media jail. The women of Pittsburg are preparing for a vigorous winter campaign against the liquor traffic. The peach crop of York county will be more than an average yield. A woman weighing four hundred pounds died in York county recently. An effort is being made to organize a military company in Carlisle. The "Knights of Labor" claims to have a membership of nearly a million. Of this number, it is said, 79,000 are located in Pennsylvania. James M. Anely, an old man, while sitting under a tree in Lancaster county on Wednesday a week was attacked by a tramp, terribly beaten and robbed of \$50. The weather set hard on an Erie county farmer. When cradling grain he was not wearing his shirt, hat and boots, and then a man's cool. The Altoona Sun says it has been at last settled for a county fair, to be held at Altoona for four days from October 1. A large number of children and grown persons are reported this season from the interior as being bitten by copperhead snakes. The school directors of Lewistown have reduced the salaries of teachers twenty per cent. The hot wave bore off the jewel of many a household in Pennsylvania, and sad are the hearts of mourning mothers. The deaths among children this month has been unprecedentedly large. The corpse of a two-year old girl arrived in Philadelphia a few days ago and will be dissected with a view to ascertain how far Darwin's theories are justified by internal facts. Two desperate thieves escaped from the Lancaster county jail, on Thursday a week. They cut through the floor of their cell, got into the cellar, reached the outer yard and scaled the wall. Under the new militia law the State furnishes the uniform, and each company is entitled to \$500 a year, which is divided among the men at the end of the year in proportion to attendance at drill. The pay for privates when in actual service is \$1.50 a day. Two tramps assaulted Wm. Sharp, of Strasburg, while walking home from Lancaster, Friday night. They knocked him senseless, robbed him of six dollars, and stripped him of a new suit of clothing. Nearly all the greenback candidates for offices in Lycoming county are frank enough to say that they were nominated by Democratic influences, and of course expect their support from that party. Augustus Hench of Blair county, while picking blackberries in a patch near his house, was robbed of \$300 in greenbacks by a burglar who entered unobserved. In Ellensburg, Potter county, the lightning on Saturday night struck the residence of Mr. Pyle, killing two of his children. The mother was sleeping in one bed, and the lightning killed the two on the outside, while the one in the middle escaped unhurt. Twin sons of Mrs. Wells, of Lock Haven, met with a horrible accident last week. They were but two years old, and while playing on the track of the Bald Eagle railroad, a passing train severed the head of one completely from its body, and out off both feet of the other.

Thomas M. Jackson, smitten with paralysis, was hauled all the way from Texas to Montgomery county, this State, in a one-horse wagon; his wife and only child accompanying him. His residence is in that county. Tuesday afternoon, after having been on the road since last February.

Rev. Daniel Baker, who has been preaching for some eighteen months at Brown's Mills, left the Greenbacke Press, suddenly left for parts unknown. The reverend scoundrel ruined a young girl of the neighborhood, and her brother got out shot at him, and had his shogun lodged and was looking around for him. The knowledge of this probably influenced him to seek other pastures.

The Sorston Republicans say that the parties concerned in the robbery of Daniel Atkinson of Archibald county six months ago have been captured.

One J. J. Gallagher, alias Wilson, at Buffalo, and the other Daniel Atkinson, Jr., a nephew of the man who was robbed. The guilty party was found through the tracing of one of the stolen bonds back after it had arrived at the Treasury department at Washington. Unsuspecting country people who come to town either for pleasure or profit are continually the victims of sharpers, who are always on the alert for prey. James Luff, a Bucks county man had his eyes opened in a not recreable way yesterday. Early in the morning he drove to town with a load of hay, which he took to the market at Seventh and Oxford streets for sale. A purchaser was there in shape of a young man who professed intimate knowledge of the market price, and who, after some bagging, agreed to take the hay if the farmer would deliver it at Twelfth and Cherry streets. Mr. Luff, of course, was willing and started for the place designated. When he arrived at Twelfth and Cherry streets he met the young man who said that he would take the team to the stable himself if Mr. Luff would go to No. 25 Cherry street and collect the money. The farmer agreed to this, and started in search of No. 25. He failed, however, to find such a number, after a search of two hours and he then thought he would look for his team. It was not to be found at Twelfth and Cherry street, and he returned home. The young man was the young man who had been in the hay market, and the other who is a bootblack, stated that he jumped on to take a ride. They were both held in \$600 bail to answer at Court.—Philadelphia Record, July 24.

Butter rose last Saturday to say that he did not invite Kearney to come to Massachusetts.

The Methodists announce forty-three camp meetings to be held, nearly all of which are appointed for August. Cape May is literally alive with people, and it is said that during so previous season has the rush been so great. A griststone, weighing some 4000 pounds, exploded in an axe factory at Jamestown, N. Y., on Friday. A large fragment struck an employe named Weber, who will probably die. Cecil county (Maryland) farmers are complaining at the lightness of the oat crop. It will take almost one bushel to weigh the legal number of pounds for one bushel. About midnight on Sunday night, Isaac Hammill rode up to John Angel's farm house, a few miles south of Jacksonville, Ill., and asked to see Angel's daughter. Angel refused permission, at the same time ordering his son, Jason, aged 14, to shoot Hammill. The son took down an old shot gun, loaded with slugs and discharged its contents into Hammill's head, killing him instantly. Father and son were arrested. A boy of fifteen, residing in Transylvania, province of Posen, has committed one of the most frightful