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The United States Senate has adjourned.

The doctors pronounce Mrs. Garfield as out of danger.

New York is said to be full of old bachelors and heiress hunters.

A preacher in Philadelphia is proclaiming that the end of the world is near at hand.

Edwin F. Johnson, of Washington county, committed suicide last Wednesday because his wife died.

Major General J. F. Reynolds, who was killed at Gettysburg, is to have an equestrian statue erected to his memory.

Robert G. Ingersoll, Pagan, labors under the hallucination that some one desires to shoot him every time he lectures.

Mr. Robertson was confirmed as Collector of the Port of New York by the United States Senate, last Wednesday.

Stanley Matthews was qualified as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States on the 17th inst., at Washington.

The persecution of the Jews continues on the Russian frontier. Their houses were plundered and burned, and they had to flee the country to save their lives.

Kearney is not a good practical chemist. Instead of dividing his proceeds with his fellows he has saved a snug sum, and is putting up a ten thousand dollar house.

Seth E. Morris, who for more than a quarter of a century was foreman of the composing room of the "North American," died in Philadelphia last week, aged sixty-four years.

Dan's forget it always remember that on the 23rd day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one, the revised edition of the New Testament was issued to the American people.

Titusville, Pa., has had a profound session; it was caused by Rev. John White being put under arrest while in the act of sloping with his sister-in-law.

The Republican party stands by President Garfield, not for the purpose of humiliating pure and able leaders of the party, but simply to maintain the President in the exercise of Constitutional prerogatives.

The pastors of Cincinnati are besought by the Enquirer not to go off on long vacations next summer, leaving the people unprotected against the devil at a season when vital piety is most needed to offset the high temperature.

Everywhere in this paper is published a letter from General Grant to United States Senator Jones. Many well-informed men declare their belief that General Grant never wrote the letter, and before many days pass by he will declare the letter a forgery.

A dispatch on Saturday from Washington, says: The amount of five per cent. bonds covered by notices and the actual receipt of bonds which have been continued at three and a half per cent. to date aggregates \$189,114,300, \$20,059,950 of which was received yesterday.

Talk about popular books. The Scriptures lead them all. The revised New Testament were sold in New York city. There was a proportionate amount sold in all the cities and large towns, swelling the number sold to several million copies in one day.

The revision of the New Testament changes words, but the doctrine of the resurrection and the life to come is in no way affected by the revision, and as that doctrine is the great principle of Christianity, all objections to the revised Scriptures must fall to the level of criticism only.

"The Czar of Russia made a narrow escape from poison on the 12th inst. A palace scullion sprinkled arsenic on a dish of salad, of which Alexander III is very fond. As salad was not on the bill of fare, however, its presence was regarded as singular, and an investigation followed, leading to the discovery of the poison and the arrest of the poisoner." That will stop the poisoning.

It is said that Mr. Tilden and Senator Davis are organizing a new party, and that they wish to get Mr. Conkling into it. The party is to be based upon the idea, or practical operation of the idea that to the United States Senators belong the control of the national appointments in the several States. It is quite a new question to theorize on; but how does the theory get around the letter of the Constitution that gives the President the appointing power? Ha!

Colonel Thomas A. Scott, ex-Railroad President, died at his home in Philadelphia, on Saturday, aged 58 years. He was born in London, Franklin county, Pa., in 1824. In 1841, he received an appointment as clerk to the collector of canal tolls at Columbia. In 1841 he was appointed railroad station agent at Duncansville. He was soon promoted to the Superintendency of the Western Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, then General Superintendent, then Vice President, and from that to President. He was Assistant Secretary of War under Abraham Lincoln. He organized the Texas Pacific Railroad, lost his health by overwork, and died a millionaire, at a period of life when he should have been in the full vigor of mature manhood. He was twice married, and leaves a wife and four children to mourn his death.

The Russian government has issued an order forbidding the persecution of the Jews.

Col. Thomas A. Scott's funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Interment in Woodland cemetery, Philadelphia. The railroad engines and passenger depots were draped in mourning.

"The lady physicians of Russia paid a graceful tribute to the memory of the late Czar while his remains were lying in state. They placed on his coffin a beautiful wreath of flowers bearing the legend: 'To the Czar Czar, to signify their admiration of the sovereign under whose rule women had first been permitted to practice medicine.'"

Those who are disposed to denounce the institutions of this country by declaring that it is no place for poor people, are not the most discriminating kind of people. In this country the avenue to every place of business, to every office, and to wealth is open to all, and a man of ability, ambition, energy and discretion may reach almost any walk he pleases to enjoy. Men in every walk of life attest the truth of the above statement. As to the securing of office, President Garfield is an illustration. The President is cited here because of the prominence the place gives him. 'J. S. Brown, President Garfield's private secretary, is another illustration. He is a native of Washington, and when a boy worked at carpentering with his father. By the advice and with the assistance of his Sunday-school teacher, he studied Latin at night after his day's work was done, and afterward studied photography in the same way. He became an expert, and now enjoys a salary of \$3,200 per year.' T. A. Scott, the great manager of railroads, is another illustration. Thousands of other cases could be cited, one and all of which would be a complete refutation of the utterances of the Communists and Kearneys.

On Friday the following dispatch, relative to the Garfield-Morey letter of last election campaign, was sent to the country: A noble pros was directed entered in the case against Kenward Philp, Charles A. Byrne, Louis F. Post and Joseph Hart, indicted for forgery of the Morey letter. Philp arose and said feeling sure of his innocence after the indignities he had suffered, he thought his acquittal should come from a jury after a fair trial. On the preliminary examination the district attorney had publicly said he had overwhelming evidence as to the guilt of the man who wrote the letter, and then and since he has been held up before the public as the writer, and he now wanted that averment denied. District Attorney Hollins said for the purpose of having it recorded, "I am thoroughly impressed with the conviction that the forgery of the Morey letter was a public crime of exceptional gravity, and that whoever perpetrated it or connived at it, or was maliciously or wilfully concerned in its publication, is deserving of severe punishment. But in the absence of evidence sufficient to show that the defendants were parties to the forgery, or had guilty knowledge that it was a forgery at the time they published it, I am unwilling to prosecute with the matter thus dismissed."

Can this be true? "Pasture states that, at a farm near Senlis, cattle which had died of carbuncular fever twelve years ago were buried at a certain spot within a walled garden. Some specimens of the soil were after that lapse of time exhumed and concentrated, and some guinea pigs inoculated with the matter thus obtained died soon afterward, developing all of the well marked symptoms of carbuncle. Seven sheep were allowed to pass a few hours a day at the place where the diseased animals were interred, and the result of this experiment was that two of the sheep died of fever in about six weeks. The vitality of the germs of this disease is remarkable."

Another case of drugging is reported as follows: A singular letter, purporting to have been written by James Singleton, who has been missing for some time from his home in Williamsport, was recently received by his friends at that city. It states that he and a friend were drugged in a saloon in New York, and when they recovered consciousness they were at sea in a ship in which there were two other men who had also been kidnapped. They had been stripped of their best clothes and all their valuables. They eventually made their escape from the vessel and hid in the woods. The letter is post-marked Salisbury, Canada.

General Simon Cameron presented his old homestead property at Maytown to the Lutheran church of that place as a memorial to his wife, deceased, conditioned, "so long as it is devoted to the uses of a parsonage and surrounded by a half to three-quarters of an acre of ground, well filled with fruit trees, vines, bushes and shrubbery."

Limestone in a new form is being experimented with in Lancaster county as a fertilizer. A Lancaster man says of the application of lime as a fertilizer: "Many of the farmers who have been for years using burned or caustic lime on their lands have been testing pulverized limestone in its natural state, and the attention of lime burners is now being directed to the production of the carbonate of lime in such a form that it can be applied to the ground. A gentleman in Lancaster county has built a mill with a capacity of 6000 pounds a day, but is unable to supply the demand, and will increase his facilities at once. The stone is crushed to a fine powder and packed in sacks. Those who have tested it as a fertilizer speak of it in the highest terms."

Hear is an item in regard to the construction of the canal across Central America from ocean to ocean: Ex-Secretary Thompson says the De Lesseps canal scheme is progressing faster than was expected with the preliminary work of clearing off trees by taking out a colony of some 500 blacks from the Gulf States. If they men do not stand it he may employ Cuban coolies.

An exchange, writing of the effect of alcohol upon the brain, says: "When brain substance is placed in alcohol it loses its water and its mobility of particles, and becomes more solid and firm. The question here is, is it possible with the living brain? Is it possible, (asks the Popular Science Monthly) that in cases of delirium tremens, so much alcohol has been consumed that it has diffused through the brain its robbing nerve-matter of its mobile character, and consequently of its power to throw off the products of its life functions? That alcohol may in this way act on the brain of the inebriate is an opinion which, as yet, can hardly be demonstrated directly, but experiments made seem to render it highly probable. Brain substance derived from an ox was placed in a dilute solution of alcohol at the temperature of the blood, viz. 100 degrees Fahrenheit. When the liquid was drawn out after a few hours, and filtered, the filtrate threw down a white deposit of matter which the alcohol had dissolved out of the brain."

George W. Murphy, a citizen of Pittsburg, to commit suicide took nine grains of morphine, and then hastened to a doctor and stated his wish as to the disposition of his property. He being a large real estate owner. The doctor summoned other doctors to save Murphy's life, but the morphine got the better of the skill of the doctors, and Murphy died.

A "CAVE-IN" of a mine near Denwood, D. T., took place last Friday, whereby three men were killed and five wounded. Great excitement was caused by the "cave-in," in all the mining region.

The following letter was written by General Grant to United States Senator Jones. A letter to the President was inclosed in the one sent to Senator Jones. The President, it is said, has replied to the General in a friendly spirit. It here is the letter to Senator Jones: "CITY OF WASHINGTON, April 24, 1881. My Dear Senator—I see by the latest dispatches received here from the capital of our country that the death-roll in organizing the Senate is not yet broken, and that nothing has been done by the President to allay the bitterness which must be engendered by his most recent appointments. When the first best recommendations were sent in, I was delighted. I believed then the President had determined to recognize the Republican party, and not a faction. But his nominations of the next day convinced me that the first act was but a part of a deep laid scheme by somebody to punish prominent leaders for being openly friendly to me. I cannot believe that General Grant is the author of this policy. I give him credit for being too big a man to descend to such means when the punishment of men who gave him a hearty support in his election, and who are disposed to give him the same support now, for the offence of having had a former preference for some one else for the office which he now holds. But Garfield is President and is responsible for all the acts of the Administration. Conkling and Platt are the chosen Senators from the great State of New York, and that, too, against all the opposition of an Administration created by the same party that elected them. This should give them all the stronger claim to be consulted in the matter of appointments in their State. When it comes to filling the most influential office in their State without consulting these Senators it is a great slight. When he selects the most offensive man to be found it becomes an insult, and ought to be resented to the bitter end. I sincerely hope the President will see this and correct his mistake himself and restore harmony to the party. He owes this to himself and to those without whom he could not have been elected. Nobody believes that he could have carried the State of New York without the active support of her present Senators. Their passive support would not have answered. Without the State of New York General Garfield would not now be President. His rewarding Robertson is not only offensive to the New York Senators, but it is offensive to New York Republicans.

The change of Badeau and Kramer, the two appointments in which I felt a strong personal interest, was very distasteful to me; the first, because of our personal relations and my wish that he should be kept where his office would support him until he finishes some work he is engaged upon, and which he could do without interfering with his public duties; the second, because it was at the expense of removing the son of my old Secretary of State, who probably never had his superior—certainly never for moral worth—in the department. It is true Fish resigned. But he did this from a sense of honor, supposing it to be the duty of representatives abroad to give a new administration the opportunity of saying whether they were wanted or not. Very truly yours, U. S. GRANT. Hon. J. P. Jones, United States Senator, Washington, D. C.

Major Dalrymple the great Minnesota farmer, will seed 80,000 acres of his land to wheat this season.

A TRAVELER from the East says: "The Suez Canal is changing the direction of the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. Aden, which is at the mouth of that sea, enjoys the first that has occurred in three or four centuries. It is now in three years, but they are puny, sickly affairs. The late storm flooded the country and frightened the natives, who had never seen a genuine rain before, out of their wits. Ever since the Suez Canal has been dug the climate of Western Arabia has been modifying, and rains have become more and more frequent, owing to a change of current and winds."

In regard to the Rober murder in Lebanon county, a dispatch, under date of the 18th inst., from Lebanon, says: One year ago Charles Drew, Frank Stichter, Henry Wise, Israel Brandt and Josiah Hummel were hanged for the murder of Joseph Rober in the northern portion of Lebanon county in order to secure the insurance money on his life, amounting to \$11,000. An important sequel has just been made public in the confession of Brandt and Hummel, two of the conspirators, who requested their spiritual adviser, Rev. George F. Trabert, and counsel, Colonel J. P. S. Tobin, not to furnish the same for publication until one year after their death. Brandt was the hotel keeper at whose inn the conspirators met and conceived their scheme. He charges that the project was broached by Henry Wise, who effected the purchase on Rober's life, and that George Zechman, who was tried and acquitted, was the most active one in carrying out what Wise had planned. Brandt's reason for requesting that his confession be withheld was that it implicated Zechman, and hence he desired a delay of a year in its publication. Hummel states that Wise was the instigator of the scheme and used his utmost endeavors to interest others in the project. Zechman met Hummel at Wise's house and made arrangements for the insuring of Rober and the working plan of the scheme. Five persons had insurances on Rober's life and Drew was the man selected to do the job. Zechman and Wise sent Hummel to Drew's house to order the killing of Rober upon a certain day, but he failed to find Drew at home. On the next day Hummel went to Brandt's and asked the letter whether Drew would do the deed and was told that it would be done that week. Drew wanted \$1,500 for drowning Rober, but the sum was considered too high, and Hummel felt that a little less was better. The project was abandoned. Zechman, the only one of the six conspirators who escaped the law, five having suffered the penalty of death, is now engaged in farming in Upper Bern township, Berks county.

Eighteen hundred hats are made in Reading daily.

A white rabbit with only one ear, and that located in the center of its forehead, is a Titusville curiosity.

Jacob Fondersmith died in the Lancaster County Almshouse on Thursday, aged 80 years. He was born and reared in that institution.

W. S. Quigley, a tax-collector in East Nottingham township, Chester county, was robbed of \$454 by highwaymen on Friday.

Albert Myers, of Culbertson's Row, Franklin county, was dragged around and kicked to death by a vicious mule on Monday a week.

George H. Lang has been sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 and undergo an imprisonment of three months for selling liquor without a license.

The fly is damaging the wheat crop in Berks county considerably. It is seen weighing six pounds and three ounces recently stopped a water wheel at Towanda.

On the 15th inst., as David Bredender, Charles Knauss, Frank Bredender and a man named Ecoulas, repairman on the Sunbury, Hazleton and Wilkesbarre Railroad, were crossing the trestlework at Mainville on a truck-car, they were overtaken by a freight train and hurled a distance of fifty feet. Knauss and one of the Bredenders were instantly killed, and the other two are not expected to live, as they were all married, having families.

Farmers in Washington county are very much troubled by foxes carrying off young lambs, the depredations extending over a wide country. All efforts to detect Reynard in these exploits are unavailing.

A thirteen-year old son of a butcher named Whiteside, in Lancaster, had his left hand torn off by a chopping machine on Wednesday.

A horse belonging to John Maloos, living near Loudon, Franklin county, was shot in a field adjoining the house on Monday night a week.

Farmer Price Sayler ploughed up a cannon ball in Valley Forge recently.

Farmers of Chester county are badly frightened by the appearance of the cut worm.

John Herbert Weld, a small boy, living in Becoras township, Clearfield county was kicked to death by a horse on Tuesday.

There are twenty-five persons in the Washington county jail, ranging from nine months to eighty years old.

Cyrus Chambers, of Kennett borough, Chester county, who is eighty-five years old, plowed and harrowed the ground and planted his corn crop of several acres without any assistance whatever.

The body of a child partially decomposed, was recently found in a cupboard in Pittsburg where it had been placed by parents too poor bury it.

On account of unrequited love Miss Fannie Bennett, residing with her mother, a widow in the village of Montoursville, Lyeonning county, attempted to commit suicide by taking a dose of arsenic. While trying to swallow the poison she was detected by her brother who seized and choked her to make her desist. Antidotes alone saved her.

Judge Orvis and J. L. Spangler, an attorney at the Centre county bar, had a fierce encounter last week, the attorney bursting with rage and applying many vile epithets to the judge. A rule was served on the irate attorney to show cause why he should not be stricken from the roll of attorneys. He apologized sweetly and was allowed to remain in court.

STATE ITEMS.

The scourge of epidemic rages in Bedford and Fulton counties.

The pastors of Titusville deliver a temperance lecture once a week.

Ebensburg is to have a new Presbyterian church of large dimensions.

Round Top mountain, near Gettysburg, is to have an observatory sixty feet high.

The will of the late Mary Lindeman, of Upper Providence, Montgomery county, is to be contested on the ground that she believed in witchcraft.

Six members of the Burns family, numbering twelve, living at Hanover, Luzerne county, died of small-pox recently.

A lien belonging to a small managerie was killed by a railroad accident in Westmoreland county last Friday.

Daniel Miesler, a farmer living near Schoeneck, Lancaster county was found dead in his bed yesterday morning. He was about sixty-five years of age.

One of the Northampton county constables has fallen a victim to the small-pox now raging in that section.

William Profat, a well to do tailor of Pittsburg committed suicide by hanging on Wednesday while in a despondent mood.

The Reformed Congregational Church at Leubartsville, Berks county, was guarded by one portion of the members to prevent another from holding services there on Sunday.

Truck farmers throughout different portions of the State report great damages to the growing crops by cut-worms. They are busy making and harrowed in the Watkinson fields, as well as with corn, early cabbage and beet plants.

Miss Joanna Moorehead, of Lower Tyrone Fayette county, was fatally burned the other day in kindling a fire with kerosene.

It has been discovered that a company of tramps have utilized a number of large water pipes lying on the riverbank in Pittsburg as sleeping places. They were found to be furnished with quantities of straw and shavings, with which comfortable beds were made.

A lad and two children were drowned in the Monacahele river, at Ellettsville on Monday afternoon, while attempting to cross in a leaky boat. The young man who rowed the boat succeeded in swimming ashore. The bodies were recovered.

Charles Miller returned to Carlisle on Saturday after spending two years in the penitentiary for stabbing Captain William Shriver. He got drunk and fired an ineffectual pistol shot at Chief of Police Bantz. After his arrest he stated that he intended to kill Judge Herman and Congressman Belzhoover, who were instrumental in accomplishing his conviction.

GENERAL NOTES.

Thomas Irwin fell from a step ladder at Ashmead's store on Avenue A, New York, and was killed.

A man bought a ticket on a Canada railroad and immediately tore it up. He had stolen a ride several years before, and this was his method of clearing his conscience.

A Georgia boy was aiming a gun at a robin. A little girl begged him not to shoot the bird, and when he would not desist, searched it away. The exasperated young hunter thereupon shot the girl.

Six trained horses on exhibition in San Francisco are remarkable for having been taught by kindly means.

In proof of this the trainer uses no whip in making them do their tricks, and they will readily obey a stranger.

The general belief of trainers of beasts is that they can only be controlled through fear.

At the depot in West Cornwall, N. Y., recently, people were stupefied at seeing a young woman attempt the difficult feat of entering the car through the window. She had never before seen a railroad train, having lived in the inland country, and said she thought that was the regular method of ingress. She is about 20 years of age.

A despatch from Oswego N. Y., explains itself as follows: The army worms has made its appearance in this section, destroying all kinds of vegetation. Several fields of grain have been destroyed and hundreds of acres of pasture lands have been stripped of every green thing. Reports from all parts of St. Lawrence county indicate that the ravages of the worms extend over the whole of Northern New York. Serious consequences are feared and many of the farmers are greatly agitated.

George H. Wheeler died on the 22nd of November, 1879, as was alleged from poison contained in a pie purchased at the bakery of Charles Schinkler, on Eighth avenue, New York. His mother, Mrs. Bethuel C. Wheeler, brought suit in the Supreme Court against Schinkler for \$5000 damages for the death of her son. On the 17th inst. a jury gave her a verdict for \$1000.

On Monday night a week at the Grand view Hotel, near Deaver, Col., J. D. Rhyner murdered his wife while she was asleep. They had been conducting an insane asylum on a new principle which proved a failure, and Rhyner, who was discouraged, it was his intention, to commit suicide by killing his wife, but his courage failed him.

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