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A GREAT EPIDEMIC prevails among cattle in Russia.

A STATE CONVENTION of Prohibitionists was held in Altoona last Thursday.

RATS in Paris are getting scarce, and French kid gloves are correspondingly higher.

MAJOR GENERAL HANCOCK has been invited to take charge of the Yorktown Celebration.

The Prohibitionists have nominated James M. Wilson, of Mercer county, for State Treasurer.

The English Government complains to the Government of the United States that infernal explosive machines to be exploded by clock-work, have been sent from this country to England, to be used in the Fenian cause.

JUDGE PEABODY, of the Dauphin county court, delivered an opinion sustaining Attorney-General Palmer in his opinion that the Legislative salary law that gives members over one thousand dollars for a session is unconstitutional.

The Government at Washington has given directions to Government officials at Boston and New York to use every endeavor to find the men that sent the infernal machines to England.

GENERAL SWAIN, one of the men who has watched at the bedside of President Garfield ever since the attempted murder, has lost 25 pounds in weight. Another attendant has lost 17 pounds in weight, but both are in good health.

A Miss Mrs. colored, living down in Connecticut, is reported as being gifted with the marvellous power to cure all manner of diseases. It is said that she has restored nearly two thousand invalids to health. She charges only for expenses incurred in the attention upon the case.

THERE is a talk of sending Carl Shurz to Germany as Minister. Mr. Shurz fled from Germany years ago because of his revolutionary work against the government. For the Government at Washington to send him back as Minister, would in all probability insult the German government, for which there is no cause. Suppose that Germany would refuse to accept the credentials of Mr. Shurz.

The Democrats of the New York Legislature are out in a long array about the time that was consumed in electing successors to Conkling and Platt. It is true a good deal of time was consumed in choosing new Senators, but what causes the erring brethren to write so bitterly is the fact that they are "mad" because the Legislature was not adjourned, so that the election of Senators might remain open for further contest.

On Monday doctors attendant upon President Garfield used what they call an induction balance, an electrical machine, that detects metallic substance that is imbedded in the human body. It must be a delicately-adjusted machine, for the metallic substance when found is indicated by slight sound. According to the machine, the bullet is in "the front wall of the abdomen, a little to the right of the navel, and just above the groin." The bullet, according to the doctor's view, must lie within two and a half inches of the surface of the body. No effort will be made to remove the bullet till the President gets stronger, unless his case should take an unfavorable turn.

CUSTOM-HOUSE officers at Liverpool, England, have found infernal explosive machines in barrels of black earth that were sent from America to England. The men that have manufactured the infernal machines and sent them across the sea should be hunted and punished. Think of a vessel in mid-ocean being blown to pieces by a machine set to explode by clock work. The Irish people owe it to themselves to repudiate such fiendish methods to wrong their cause. If a people are wronged or have a grievance their wrongs will be better sympathized with every movement to correct it, but nothing so effectively drives away all sympathy and help as blackguardism and deceit.

WHAT one bad man can do toward changing matters toward a more rigid rule is set forth in the management of the affairs at the White House at Washington. Five weeks ago the home of the President of the Republic at Washington was easier of access than the houses of private citizens in the chief political city of the nation. Now the soldier, with gleaming bayonet, and private guards guard every approach and every door. All of which comes from encouraging such worthless men as Guiteau. It is a crime against the best interests of the Republic for men that seek official position by election, to encourage the bad men in the respective communities by promises of office, or places of profit. The people must arouse themselves to an appreciation of the dangers that threaten the free system of government of which the Republic rests. If they permit their office-seekers to surround themselves with the bad element of society, free government cannot last. Bad men are violent men; they provoke strife and discord, and commit murder and assassination, and when such things enter into the governmental affairs of a people there can only be one end to reach. It should be the undivided purpose of every man that has the right to cast a ballot to be certain that there after he casts it for the man or men that have the least following of bad men. Every man that seeks an elective office, and promises his patronage to bad men in his party, should be defeated. It is not yet too late to remedy the impending evil at the polls.

Blood is one thing, position is quite a different thing. The former has qualities that are innate, and cannot be added to or taken from by position. Position in this country lies within the possibility of every young person. Blood cannot be acquired in this country or any other country; it is a quality of birth or descent. The position of President Garfield, and the position of the murderer Guiteau, fully and clearly represent the possibilities that lie before the youth of the people of the Republic. The President was born poor. The laws of the Republic opened up to him, as it does to every other man, all the places to business, professional, and official position. From a position of poverty he has reached a position of comfort and the chief magistracy of the nation. His has been a life of advancement from one position to another. So has the life of Guiteau been a life of advancement, but it was in the opposite direction from that of Garfield. It was from good to bad, and from bad to worse. Guiteau was born in the position of every circumstance. His father's position was that of a banker, a position that is always prominent in a community. From such a prominent place he sank to lower and lower positions, till at last he reached the extreme position of a murderer. The respective positions held by President Garfield and Guiteau are represented the possibilities that lie before the youth of the Republic. It is a subject that is worthy of the best thought of men that value free government.

COMPLAINTS come from Germany and Russia that civilized American citizens, when they return to their native country on a visit, are impressed into the military service of the government from which they had withdrawn their allegiance. It would be well enough under such circumstances to give a copy of the history of the United States to the respective officers of the German and Russian governments, and mark the chapters that tell of the cause of the war with England in 1812. Royalty of today may therein learn that the war with England in 1812 was caused by American citizens being forced into the English military and naval service. America then was only a small boy; now she has almost reached the age and vigor of manhood. But the three great races, the Slavonic, the Germanic, and the American, should not come to blows on that question.

Last Thursday the carpet and curtains and drapery in the room of President Garfield were removed by the order of the doctors. The old-fashioned way was to have the floors of long boards carpeted. The action of the doctors in uncarpeting the floor of the sick chamber of the President will raise the question in the country at large as to whether or not it would be better for everybody to return to the old-fashioned and have no carpet on the floor of their houses. It would be a little hard on the carpet manufacturers; they would be closed up by the want of sales. If the President held his office for life, instead of for a period of four years, all of the officials would not be lifting their heels in their bed chambers. It would be a common rule put into practice, a rule that is forcibly expressed in the sentence, "When the king takes snuff the courtiers all sneeze."

Two Susquehanna, Pittsburg and Western railroads had been chartered at Harrisburg. The road will start at Pittsburg and run through the following counties: Allegheny, Westmoreland, Armstrong, Clearfield, Adams, Clinton, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Union and Lycoming to Milton, in Northumberland county. The length of the road would be about 225 miles and the gauge 4 feet 8 inches. Capital stock, \$5,000,000. President, James S. Negley; Directors, H. E. Collins, Frank Boninger, James S. Negley, Jr., William N. Riddie, H. T. Huns, of York; J. B. Culler, of Jersey; F. W. Lockwood, and Charles Seston, of New York.

This is a perplexing case: "Two babies were born in the same house at Oakland, Tenn. The mothers are sisters, each remembering each other, and the infants are both girls. In the excitement of the occasion the little ones got mixed, and this happened before they had been dressed, or in any other way marked for identification. There seems to be no way out of the uncertainty, for three months have passed without developing any resemblance to the father in either case; and if the children grow up, as they seem likely to, with the physical characteristics of their mothers, nobody will ever know their exact parentage. The present agreement is to decide the question by lot."

The following uncommon proceeding is reported by dispatch from Providence, R. I., under date of last Friday: The Rev. W. F. Whitehead, pastor of the Matthews Street Methodist Church, has been charged with publishing nasty books from the various public libraries. He called the board of his church together yesterday evening, confessed himself guilty of grievous sin, expressed the deepest contrition therefor, and announced his intention to retire from the ministry and the church.

PROFESSOR LANGLEY, a scientific man, declares that the light of the sun is blue, and that the apparent glaring fiery color is caused by the atmosphere of the earth. He has gone to Mount Whitney, in California, to demonstrate the fact of his theory.

ANXIETY concerning the health of President Garfield has caused the postponement of a proposed banquet to Minister Hayes.

A farmer's family, numbering seven persons, were drowned near Chasburg, Vernon county, Wis., during the storm there on Friday last. The water at that point is four feet higher than it has ever before.

The Philadelphia Record of last Friday says: Guiteau's bad example is apparently being followed to some extent. There is no telling how many imitators of his species of crime may spring up in different parts of the country before the thing is over with. The President cannot be shot at any more just now, and so the cranks go on getting for Governor. We are told that Governor Pillsbury, of Minnesota, was marked for assassination by a crazy man who spent several days lurking about the Executive premises with a musket, trying to get a pop at him. Coming close upon the report that attempt was made on Wednesday to get a chance to shoot Governor Cornell at Albany with an unloaded old-fashioned gun, the incident suggests the propriety of a sharp lookout on the part of this class of public functionaries. Inconsiderate and unreflected persons may be inclined to ridicule the danger to which Governor Cornell was exposed as wholly imaginary; but, if such scoffers will only reflect upon the fatal execution which has been done by unloaded firearms, he will see that it is no laughing matter. It is always the shotguns, pistols, and so forth, which are not loaded that do the most mischief, and the more old-fashioned and dilapidated these weapons are the more disastrous are the results of handling them.

The Harrisburg Telegraph of July 27 1881 published the following: Mr. John Hoofnagle and his aged wife occupy a house on his farm near Legettown, the farm being worked by a tenant. Mr. H. is an elderly gentleman, living in quiet ease, both he and his wife being much respected in the neighborhood where they reside. The old couple occupy the first story of the house, where they sleep, not ascending to the second story, for days and even weeks at a time. Some time last week Mr. H. received a check for fifty dollars from the West, which he had cashed, and after using between four and six dollars, he placed the balance, which he thinks was \$45, in a chest in one of the rooms of the second story. This was done sometime on Friday afternoon last. On Monday evening following Mr. H. had occasion to go to the room where he had put his money, when he discovered by the appearance of the furniture that someone had been there. The chest in which the \$45 had been placed was open and its contents scattered over the room, the drawers of a bureau open and their contents thrown upon the floor, while the pockets of all the clothes in the room were turned inside out. One of the windows was raised, showing that the burglars had entered at that point. Suspicion points to parties in the neighborhood as the burglars, who evidently knew Mr. H. had received his check and had it cashed. This is one of a series of burglaries committed in the vicinity of Legettown within the last six weeks.

On Friday the 22nd day of July Mrs. Nancy Wise, wife of Henry Wise, of Raber murder case, in Lebanon county, was bitten in the left foot by a snake. She was three months children in bed. Being afraid that the snake would attack his horses, he waited a while and the snake crawled away. After passing, he got off his horse and killed the reptile, when it proved to be a pretty old customer, having twenty-five rattles. While M. D. Young was walking in a grove near Sinking Spring, Lebanon county, with two of his children, they were attacked by a copperhead snake over four feet long. Had it not been for a little dog one of the children would have been bitten. The dog attacked the snake and killed it, but was severely bitten in the nose and died from the effects.

The snake was cut down near Samer's recently a nest of black snakes was found. Bees and snakes entered by the same hole and the latter made themselves at home by caring of the honey. Children playing with matches set fire to straw in the barn of John Garber, in Rapho township, Lancaster county, on Friday, and the building was destroyed.

In a flock of sheep belonging to Daniel Myers, Perry county, eleven were killed by a thunder bolt a few days ago. A Pittsburg woman who was insulted by a man on the street went home, got a revolver, returned to the spot and shot him. The man fell, but as his wound were not thought to be fatal the woman was allowed to go.

As John Beaty, aged 62 years, was repairing the leather belting at the Central Foundry, in Lewisburg, on Friday afternoon, he was caught between the belt and the shaft, and had his right arm torn off near the shoulder five ribs broken and received several lacerations on the body and limbs. It is thought he cannot recover.

Mrs. Ann Dever, of Conemaugh, Cambria county, who was arrested a few days since in Jersey City for deserting her husband there, states that the charge is untrue. She claims that she merely asked that he be admitted to the porch because he had a legal residence there.

About twenty five years ago, Harry Eicher, a farmer near Greensburg, set aside an acre and a half of his farm for a "sund bank." From that time to the present he has delivered an average of \$1,000 worth of sand per year, making an aggregate of \$25,000 dug out of the earth from a very small space.

Mrs. Morris Downing, of Bellefonte, while attempting to kindle a fire with coal oil a few days ago, was terribly burned about the face and head.

A child of eighteen months died in Philadelphia on Wednesday from the effects of drinking a quantity of coal oil which it got hold of by accident.

John Roach, living at Mahoney City attempted to board a passing train on Friday afternoon at St. Nicholas and was instantly killed. Oliver L. Jessup, of Bradford, committed suicide on Tuesday by taking poison. Cause unknown.

STATE ITEMS.

Philadelphia has a policeman to every 1,200 inhabitants. A large bug resembling a locust, is attacking chickens with fatal effect in Westmoreland county.

Three daughters whipped their mother unmercifully on the streets of Williamsport last week.

Rev. J. McKimoy of Marietta prohibits dancing by his flock, but all his young people with two exceptions lately waited at Colonel Duffy's park, and church fess is anticipated.

Mrs. John Barron of Greensburg, while holding a six-months old child on Monday night a week was struck by lightning. The child was fatally hurt, but the mother may recover.

During a storm in Conemaugh township, Somerset county, a flash of lightning killed twenty-five sheep.

A bowlder thrown into the air by a blast at Jones' from one mine, near Reading, burst into three pieces. Paterson, John Kurt and Haber McCormick, The Schuylkill Valley Creamery at Bridgeport, Montgomery county, was sold by the Sheriff, when 500 cheeses brought from 85 cents to \$1.50 apiece.

Miss Maggie McClair accidentally fell out of a boat on the Susquehanna, at Pittston, and was drowned.

Jonathan Hay, a wealthy citizen of Milton township Somerset county, committed suicide on Saturday last by shooting, while suffering from melancholy.

David Snyder, of Trout Run, Lycoming county, saw the bears on his farm on Monday night. He did not stay to see what became of them.

The Fayette County Commissioners offer a reward of \$3000 for the arrest of the Mollie Maguires who murdered Captain Healey at Dunbar that county over a month ago.

During a quarrel at Houtzdale, Clearfield county, on Saturday, Alexander McKenzie fatally shot John Weir.

A severe drought prevails in the frontier counties of Texas. Grass and water are very scarce.

Much damage to the farm lands and suffering cattle at Long Branch N. Y., is being caused by the prolonged drought. The army worm thrives on the parched grain and clover fields.

Harry Abbot, son of General H. L. Abbot, U. S. A., stationed at Wille's Point, N. Y., died on Monday evening Wilton, N. H., from injuries received a few hours before by falling from a load of hay on to the pointed end of a stake of the wagon, the stake entering his side.

A dispatch from Lexington, Mo., says: "Four men, supposed to be the Winston train robbers, camped near there on Friday night, and on Saturday morning they were seen by the government engineers and rowed to miles down the river to Benton, from which they struck into the country. A Sheriff's posse is pursuing them."

The Work of a Confidence Man. The work of the confidence man in Huntington is thus related by the Huntington Journal of last week. Read it, and profit by the unpleasant experience of Mr. Decker: "Our honest farmer friend, Andrew Decker, of Henderson township, was made the victim of sharpers on the day that Decker & Davis' circus exhibited at this place. He was standing at the corner of Fourth and Penn streets, when he was approached by a well-dressed, affable stranger, who soon succeeded in insinuating himself into Mr. Decker's confidence. The stranger represented himself to be a real estate agent, and that he was desirous of purchasing land in this vicinity for his sister-in-law, who, he said, had money to invest. Mr. Decker gave all the information he could to the gentleman, and talked with him until they almost ceased to be strangers. After their acquaintance was established to the satisfaction of the agent, he told Decker there was a very fine horse over at the circus, which he was very anxious to see, and suggested to Decker that he should go along over, and he readily consented to accompany the agent. On the river bridge that the agent seemed to know, and whom he addressed as Judge and expressed great pleasure and surprise to see him. An invitation was extended to the Judge to go back to see the horse. He could not do so, he said, as he had come from the Henderson with his family and had left them over in town and was just on his way over to look after them. He added, however, that he might possibly return before Decker and the agent would leave the ground, and if so, would see them. The latter then went on to the circus ground and had been there but a few minutes when the Judge made his appearance. Mr. Decker had been informed in the meantime that this was an ex-Judge from Blair county, a man of very high character and standing. The three went together in search of the horse. They met a man who seemed to be connected with the show and of whom they made inquiry. He told them that the horse had just been taken from the ground, but would be brought back within half an hour and advised them to wait. As a means of passing the time, Decker and the agent collected the showman introduced a game played with cards, the name of which Mr. Decker, of course, does not know. The agent turned a card and won five dollars. Then the judge turned one and met with equally good fortune. Mr. D. declined to take any part in this game and remains ignorant of what his luck might have been. This amusement having come to an end, the Judge commenced talking about his business here at this time. His statement, in brief, was that he was engaged in the temperance cause and was establishing agencies for the distribution of temperance literature, tracts and books; that he wanted to open an office in this town and procure an agent to attend to business, and that he would like to find a good, responsible man for this position. There was to be a profit of five hundred dollars to the agent out of the business. Mr. Decker was asked to accept the agency, which, after obtaining a full understanding of the matter, as he thought, he concluded to do. He was then informed that it would be necessary to furnish some evidence of his responsibility, or, in other words, to put up a sum of money as a guarantee of the faithful performance of his duties, which sum was fixed at one thousand dollars. Mr. Decker said he hadn't that amount, but could get eight hundred dollars by going to bank. The agent came at once to his relief, stating that his, the agent's, wife was in town and had some money, and that he would go and get two hundred dollars of it to loan to Decker to make up the required amount. This was very clever and pleased Decker very much. Decker then started to the bank and soon

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