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From an early period in the history of the case the editor of the Sentinel and Republican, on the request of members of the church, on both sides of the question, opened the columns of the paper to such articles as it was desired to have published.

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The revenue receipts of the national government last year were \$360,000,000. Chicago people talk of bringing the question of stock gambling before the grand jury.

Four more ballot thieves—men that made false return of the vote cast in the 11th ward in Philadelphia for Mayor—have been indicted.

MASTROUS was found down in Florida not long since. The skeleton measured: head 9 feet, neck 7 feet, length of spine 27 feet, fore leg 7 feet.

THE SENATE Committee of pensions have examined a bill that gives to Mrs. Garfield, Mrs. Polk and Mrs. Taylor five thousand dollars annually as long as they live.

GOVERNOR GEAR, of Iowa, said to a friend on retiring from office some days ago: "I am going home and going to work to earn a living. I am \$5,000 poorer to-night than when I came to Des Moines."

THEY DO NOT hang crooked bank of Soers down in New Jersey as they do out west, but the next best thing is done with a crooked cashier in Jersey every day.

LAST November when James Blaine was in the Cabinet at Washington he issued a call or intimation to the different governments—excepting Canada—in North and South America to send representatives to Washington on November 1882.

THE question of Legislators' salaries was argued in the Supreme Court at Harrisburg last week. Members of the Legislature last year received \$1,000 for their service of the session.

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LAST Sabbath morning a Reading man arose from his bed, and found a note on the breakfast table, informing him that his wife had gone out to see a sick neighbor.

"An institution to which the death of Gen. Garfield has made a perceptible difference in the Christian or Campbellite Church of Washington. From a position of relative obscurity it was suddenly lifted to national fame, as being the church which the President-elect attended, but now it bears more inquiries made for the church where he realized the profanity of such a declaration.

"The people that read the newspapers know that beef is sent to England, and a lower figure than it is sold at in America. An English paper of a recent date the Manufacturer's Gazette explains that the secret lies in the difference of beef cuts into pieces of from ten to twenty pounds weight, and neither bone nor fat is removed.

A despatch from Washington last Wednesday says: A message of the President transmitting a report of the Secretary of the Interior, with a computation of the cost of arrears of penalties for twenty five years ending 1906, causes a disagreeable sensation among members of Congress here.

STATE ITEMS. Joseph Pegley was run over and instantly killed at Reading Pa., on the 1st by a sleigh. The driver and another occupant of the sleigh were arrested.

A Chester county man identified his chicken which a neighbor refused to give up by taking the bird on the wing stand and saying, "Amie sing for me." Whereupon, according to the vivacious scribble of the Village Record the chicken produced a noise which was not a cackle nor a crow, but an evident improvisation intended as a supplication for edible favors.

James Simmons, of Washington county, set a steel trap upon a dead chicken and caught a red-tailed hawk which measured four feet and four inches across the wings. On Saturday he caught another in the same manner which measured only one inch less than the bird caught the day previous.

The residence of Moses Greenwald, at Chambersburg, was entered by burglars on Friday night and robbed of \$400 in money and valuables. Washington county has \$16,976.06 in her treasury and has no debts.

Four children of Wrighter Shay, of Jessup township, Susquehanna county, have died of diphtheria within the past two weeks. A table was overturned containing a lamp at the residence of P. Wiseman, in Edenboro, Erie county, last week and the flames from the burned lamp in a few minutes enveloped a small child near by, burning it to a crisp.

At the January term of court in Schuylkill county one hundred and seventy-six licenses to sell liquor were issued. Masked men entered the house of Squire Somerville, at Catfish, Butler county, on Friday night, and compelling the family to silence at the points of revolvers, took \$4000 in money and bonds.

Web Russell, aged fifty years, was killed at Big Shanty, McKean county, by a log falling on him which he was removing from a car.

Frank Rumberger, the youngest of the Harrisburg murderers, made a new confession. He admits the murder, but alleges his brother fired the shot. The confession is disbelieved.

An unknown man, evidently a tramp, was found on Friday morning at Wistar's furnace, near Harrisburg, burned to a crisp. He went to sleep beside the ovens, and fell off during the night upon some red hot plates.

Charles Holan, of Prospect, Cambria county, was killed by cars near that place on Thursday. There are several cases of small pox in Plymouth, Luzerne county, and the schools have been closed.

An unknown man, apparently a German about thirty-five years old, was found on Thursday a week in the woods near Linden forest. He was sitting on the ground leaning against a chestnut sapling, with a rope loosely entwined around his neck and banging slack from a twig incapable of supporting his weight. There is a suspicion that he was murdered and put in that position to mislead.

White Mary a colored married woman, while walking on the evening of Feb. 1st at Harrisburg with a man named George Tolbert, was dangerously shot in the left breast by a person unknown, who was secreted in an alleyway. The bullet passed through the right hand of Tolbert and then struck the woman. No cause has been discovered for the act. The woman's husband was at home at the time of the shooting.

John Lytle, of Utica, Venango county, was caught under a falling tree, a few days since, and fatally injured. William Ray, a well-to-do farmer residing near Ludana, widely dependent committed suicide on Thursday night by hanging.

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The bullet has been extracted from the back of William Root, a prisoner in the Lebanon county jail, who was shot a short time ago while attempting to commit a burglary in Lebanon. It was found a few inches below the surface, where it had penetrated.

The Titusville Herald says that Mr. A. K. Williams, of Minneapolis, Minn., is in that city looking after machinery that will give a current of air moving from 75 to 100 miles an hour. Mr. Williams has invented pipes by which he proposes to move grain from the West to the seaboard.

Mrs. John Todd was thrown out of a buggy in Bradford by an unruly horse on Saturday, and received injuries which will result in her death.

Edward Gardner, the boy who died in Camden, N. J., of hydrophobia, during his sufferings spit in his father's eye and in an abrasion in his sister's face.

Mary Zimmerman, a servant girl, hung herself in Allegheny city on Friday. Disappointment in love was the cause.

Mrs. Seebearing, of Pine Swamp, Carbon county, was put off a Jersey Central train at Weissport, Carbon county, about two weeks ago, as she was too unwell to proceed further. She was taken into the house of Mr. A. W. Marsh, and two days afterward broke out with small pox.

The action brought by Dr. Edward Snodgrass of Brooklyn, N. Y., to recover \$25,000 from Mr. Balkenbush, a grocer in Montague street, for estranging his wife from her home and children, resulted in a verdict for \$6000 for the plaintiff.

In Yosemite Valley this winter there are fifty-nine residents. Also more visitors are in the valley than at usual at this time of year. The ice at the base of Yosemite Falls has formed in a cone that extends upward some two hundred feet and with the falling water forms a scene of surpassing brilliancy.

Miss High, a teacher in a public school three miles from West Jefferson, Ohio, on Thursday called in John Butler, one of the directors, to assist her in quelling a disturbance among the pupils instigated by a boy named George Scott, 19 years of age. Mr. Butler so engaged Scott that the latter struck him on the head with a piece of coal, crushing his skull and inflicting injuries which he cannot recover. Scott escaped.

Mrs. Ellen Bergen, charged with killing her ten-month-old child by sleeping on it while intoxicated on Decem 9 last, was at New York convicted of manslaughter in the second degree. The District Attorney stated that she has killed two other children in a similar manner.

A number of cattle are dying in Mills county, Iowa, from what is supposed to be anthrax. A farmer named Joseph Schickman one of his and threw the carcass to his fattening hogs, and next morning every hog in the pen was dead — one by one.

Nearly all of the agricultural work in Prussia is done by women, and the custom is now as it has always been: the men are considered far too brave and strong to engage in anything less important than war.

J. R. Hildy, residing at Wapello, Iowa, on Thursday fatally shot his wife and then blew out his own brains. The couple had lived unhappily together.

Edward Fox, colored, aged 10 years, who was arrested at Flushing, L. I., on Thursday, for robbing a club room, has confessed that a lad named Parker and himself have burned several buildings in the village lately.

A Norristown barber has been fined for working on Sunday. Captain Clarke, of Cassville, Huntingdon county, is 101 years old. He served in the war of 1812.

The Peruvian-Chilian war promises to be transferred to this country. Polygamists must go is the prevailing sentiment.

Queen Victoria will visit the continent next summer. L. M. Phillips, a prominent young farmer of Jeffersonville, Ill., and Richard Milford a schoolboy of 16 years, fought last Friday about the collection of money for a Sunday school library.

Milford stabbed Phillips with a pocket-knife, killing him instantly. Milford has surrendered himself. Tuesday forenoon a week a stranger named John Streicher was found lying in a woods near Soledade, in Westmoreland county. There was a ghastly bullet wound in his left breast, but life was not extinct. Near him lay a handsome revolver, stained all over with blood.

The man was removed to the county home, near Greensburg, where he died the next night. The only words he spoke were "Follow them up! follow them up!" He was apparently fifty years of age. The only clue to his identity was obtained from a paper bearing the words, "John Streicher, Bloomfield." A small sum of money was also found on his person. The theory that he had murdered for his money, and that the amount found was left in order to throw off suspicion.

The following interesting story comes from Richburg, New York: Last July this was a village of less than 200 inhabitants. It was a pious neighborhood, peopled by a community of Seventh Day Baptists. In July a man named Boyle struck a 250 barrel oil well near the village. Land went from ten dollars to three hundred dollars.

There are now 550 oil wells in the neighborhood producing 100,000 barrels of oil a day. Richburg has 5,000 inhabitants. It has three nurseries within six weeks. There are several hotels, an opera house, banks (and national), Chinese laundries, bagrooms and run hotels. Four railroads have been built within three months. The Seventh day Baptists have all sold their lands and become rich. Six oil wells are completed, daily yielding from 15 to 250 barrels each on an average. Every door yard has his derrick, and one man has taken his front porch for a boiler house. A short distance away there are 3,000 mud pits, known as Boivars, has sprung up from a collection of farms.—Four railroads centre at that place. The oil production of this district at the present rate is only 80 cents a barrel, and that the Bradford field is alone producing 25,000 barrels of oil a day more than there is any demand for. There are now stored in the tanks of the United Pipe Lines in the oil regions over a market—about 65,000 barrels of oil are run through the pipe lines every day. There are \$180,000,000 invested in the Bradford field. Not less than \$5,000,000 have found a place for investment in this new territory since it was opened. At the present very low price of oil, producers get 20 per cent. returns for their money.

The Cambria Iron Company will erect fifteen blocks of houses in Cone spring, to be occupied by its workmen. Michael Cuddy, of Wilkesbarre, was found dead in the bottom of a well on Friday. It is not known whether he committed suicide or was murdered.

TRAVELER'S GUIDE.

Table with columns for WESTWARD, STATIONS, and EASTWARD. Includes train names like F. ESPENSCHADE and CENTRAL STORE.

Call the attention of the public to the following facts: Fair Prices Our Leader—The Best Goods Our Pride!

One Price Our Style—Cash or Exchange Our Terms! Small Profits and Quick Sales Our Motto!

FRESH GOODS EVERY WEEK IN DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, GROCERIES, BOOTS AND SHOES, for Men, Women and Children.

HOUSE and LOT in McAlisterville. A lot containing one-fourth acre of ground, with a two-story double log house, water-boarded in front, and some rooms plastered inside.

A FARM OF FIFTY-FOUR ACRES more or less, all clear, and in a good state of cultivation, having thereon erected a new frame house, new frame barn, one hundred fruit trees.

A HALF-ACRE LOT, SITUATED in Walker township, about two miles west of Thompsonstown, on the old pipe, having thereon erected a comfortable two-story dwelling house, with kitchen and outbuildings.

A FARM OF 75 ACRES, 55 ACRE balance in a good state of cultivation, the balance in timber, in Spruce Hill township, Juniata county, Pa., one-half mile from the proposed railroad from the Juniata to the Potomac river.

ONE OF THE MOST PROFITABLE BLACKSMITH STANDS in the county may be purchased at the undersigned at a reasonable price. The property is situated in Johnstown, Juniata Co., Pa., and with the Smith stand includes a lot of about TWO ACRES, having thereon erected a comfortable two-story frame house, a commodious Stable and other outbuildings.