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THE GUESSING MANIA.

Of all the absurd methods of raising the wind by way of running up subscription lists of daily papers, the guessing one is the most absurd.

We have now fallen upon the guessing era. A coupon is printed in every issue that is to be filled out and sent in.

Of what particular interest it will be to a community, or to the general public to know that Jones made a better guess than Brown, no paper has as yet felt equal to the task of telling.

What the next thing will be, who dare guess? Wouldn't it be a good idea to try this on. But before substituting something else, we suggest that some of our enterprising city dailies should give a chance to guess where the wheels of Pharaoh's Chariots are, or who wrote the Junius letters, or who threw the Billy Patterson brick.

The County Commissioners of Blair county are warned by the Altoona Tribune against allowing the court house at Hollidaysburg to be used for holding political conventions, particularly Democratic conventions of such character as that which assembled there recently.

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The way some of the Democratic politicians of Blair county have been raising the wind of late would make one believe that they had been taking lessons in political methods of the Quay-Delamater people.

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THE MORMON QUESTION.

The United States Supreme Court on Monday decided that the Edmunds' Anti-Mormon law is constitutional, and the church property of the Mormon Church corporation in excess of \$50,000 will therefore be confiscated according to the provisions of the law.

That stringent and effective measures to abolish polygamy should be taken, no one will question, but how that is to be done by seizing the property of the Mormon Church corporation is not by any means clear.

THE LEFT LEG.

In the May Nineteenth Century Mr Walter K. Sibley most curiously treats of "Left-leggedness."

He starts with the suggestion that, contrary to the common notion, the left leg in most people is stronger than the right.

In walking, the left leg is more used than the right. Skaters perform more figures on the left than the right foot.

Troops in England, Germany, France always start off with the left foot. In mounting horses or bicycles it is the left foot which is placed in the stirrup or on the step.

And the conclusion is that right-handedness and left-handedness are attempts of nature to preserve a bi-lateral individual.

A HISTORIC SCENE.

A Thrilling Reproduction of the Atrocious Mountain Meadow Massacre.

The great Forepaugh and Wild West combined shows, which exhibit in Johnstown, Friday May 23d, on the old show grounds on the Point, brings the unwritten history of the far west to the door of civilization.

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On Tuesday afternoon the subject of this notice died at his residence in the Fourth ward, No. 439 Bedford street, after a brief illness.

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BY 161 TO 143.

The McKinley Tariff Bill Passes the House as First Reported.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The vote in the House on the third reading and engrossment of the tariff bill resulted: Yeas 161, nays 143.

The scene in the House this morning when the McKinley tariff bill approached a final vote was the most exciting that has yet taken place with the exception of the uproar that occurred on Saturday night between Wilson, Bynum and Bayne.

A Freight Wreck in Which the Engineer is Killed.

One of the most disastrous freight wrecks that have occurred on the Middle Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad for a long time, happened at Elizabeth Furnace, a few miles east of Altoona, Tuesday night.

William Boyd, one of the engineers, was almost instantly killed. He was 65 years old, and was one of the most thorough and trustworthy in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

The wreck is what is known as a "side wipe." Engine No. 882 was pulling off the siding and was going east with a big load of dressed beef, and Engine No. 507 was running west with through line freight, and a terrific collision followed.

Beat the Record. The Edgar Thomson Steel Works at Braddock have been given the championship in the manufacture of steel rails by the South Chicago Works.

A Brakeman Killed. GREENSBURG, Pa., May 21.—Frank S. Westbrook, of Altoona, a main line brakeman, fell from his train near New Florence last night between 11 and 12 o'clock, and was so badly injured that he died this morning.

Sergeant at Arms Canaday Tenders His Resignation. WASHINGTON, May 21.—In the Senate to-day the resignation of Sergeant at Arms Canaday was presented, to take effect June 30th.

ROMANCE AND INSURANCE.

A PLOT TO SECURE \$10,000 THAT WAS FINALLY EXPOSED.

The Secret of Burns' Reappearance After He Had Been Mourned For by His Best Girl—The Doctor and Matilda Overshoot the Mark.

About eight years ago a man living in Peconica, Ill., who may be called Burns for short, insured his life in the Provident Savings Life Assurance company of New York for \$6,000.

A CLEAR CASE.

Burns never came back to town. His Peconica friends never saw him again and his loss was mourned bitterly. In a day or two a group of boys came up from the country along the river, four miles from town, and said they saw a man whose description answered that of Burns come skating toward them the morning of his disappearance while they were attending to some muskrat traps.

It looked like accidental death, and Miss Matilda, the charming beneficiary under the policies of life insurance, asked that the money be paid her. But until the body was produced and identification fixed beyond a doubt the soulless corporation declined to contribute.

But chief among those who examined and identified the body was Dr. Pills, who had passed upon Burns' application for insurance. He seemed exceedingly interested in the case, making many trips to Peconica and comforting Matilda by almost daily visits.

Next morning the court room was filled and every one was on tiptoe to see how much of the \$10,000 Matilda secured. Bill Evans, a barber, was placed in the witness chair by the defense.

WHY BURNS TURNED UP. All eyes followed the barber's keen glance. Judge, jury, lawyers, witnesses, everybody rose up and gazed in horrified interest at an apparition near the door.

Burns told his story. He and the girl and the doctor formed the scheme to get \$10,000 from the insurance companies. He was young and careless, and willing to take some risks. The doctor was to take \$2,000, the girl \$2,000, and he was to have the balance.

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