

The Mariettian.



MARIETTA, PA:

Saturday Morning, December 29, 1866.

An elderly lady, unable to speak or move from paralysis, was sitting before a wood fire in Dutchess county, on the 20th when sparks flew out and ignited her clothing—unable to speak or give any alarm, the poor creature sat there until burnt to a crisp. The smoke issuing through the door and windows attracted the attention of some of the household, when they rushed to the room and discovered the terrible cause. They had left her but a few moments before.

The corruption of Legislatures can seldom be reached by the law, but it is encouraging that a member of the New Jersey Legislature, convicted of selling his vote, has been sentenced to imprisonment for one year, and forever precluded from holding any office. A few examples of this kind in our own Legislature might have a wholesome effect. The trouble is, that while the existence of bribery is notorious, the fact is not easy to prove.

In Hamburg, Berks county, last week, a thief broke open a smoke house, and stole some sausages. The owner, Mr. Krause, placed a loaded gun in such a position that as soon as the door of the smokehouse was opened the "gun" would discharge. On Monday morning Mr. K., forgetting all about the gun, opened the door, when the gun went off, and the load entered his side, from the effects of which he died the same day.

At a recent dinner party in Richmond, Va., a son of Gen. Robert E. Lee was asked to join in a toast to "The Fallen Flag," but instead of doing so, rose and said: "Gentlemen this will not do. We are all paroled prisoners. We now have but one flag, and that is the flag of our whole country—the glorious old stars and stripes. I can recognize no other, fight for no other, and will drink to no other."

All the drafts awarded to the captors of the assassins of President Lincoln have already been cashed by the Treasury Department, with but one exception, that of Wm. McQuade, private of the 16th New York cavalry, whose claim amounts to \$1653.84, and who, although nearly a year has elapsed, has never applied for his share of the government reward.

It is announced that a site for a new Presidential mansion at Washington has been determined upon. It is to be located about two miles northwest of Washington, and will be surrounded by a park. The land in that neighborhood is valued at \$1,200 an acre, but before any fiscal action can be taken upon the subject, an appropriation must be had from Congress.

The County Superintendents, in their recent convention, at Harrisburg, recommended the adoption of a law fixing six months, instead of four, as the minimum term in the Common Schools of Pennsylvania, and also, that the School Directors should be authorized to purchase school books and apparatus at the expense of their respective districts.

Lewis H. Weissman, who it will be remembered, was one of the principal witnesses for the Government in the case of Payne, Atzerot, Harold, Mr. Surratt and others of the assassination conspirators, was before the Grand Jury to give his testimony as to the complicity of John Surratt in the murder of President Lincoln.

Maximilian has just announced his intention of fighting for his throne, and has issued a proclamation to that effect, also stating that a national congress shall be convened on the "most simple and liberal basis," and this congress shall "decide whether the Empire shall continue in the future."

It is thought that the trial of Surratt will make public the private journal of Booth, in which he wrote a few words before his death, and which has hitherto been kept secret.

Mrs. Francis Harper, a colored rival of the fairer Dickinson, is lecturing in Cincinnati. Her similes are unique; the last is a comparison of Mr. Johnson to a mustard plaster.

A lady in Saxony, the wife of a barrister, lately committed suicide in order that her husband should get her life insurance money and free himself from debt.

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A shipwrecked cargo of rum was washed ashore at New Brighton, a bathing place in England, a few days ago. The barrels were opened by the spectators who crowded the shore, and many drank until they dropped. One young man died on the spot, and near a hundred others suffered desperately from the debauch. Nor was this all, a number of servant girls and married women who went down to the beach to see the wreck, were prevailed upon to taste the rum. The consequence can be conjectured. Its effects soon told on them, and in a state of insensibility many, if not all—maid and matron—were helplessly violated. One young woman, very well connected in company with a more elderly female, was prevailed upon to take some of the ravish spirit, and she, like many others, was gratified with the greatest violence, having been attacked by three robbers. She was discovered at a late hour in the night, in the sand hills quite unconscious and was taken home by the police, and not vice versa.

Among the "bold men" of Carson county are the following persons with incomes for 1865 as per assessment list: Dr. C. W. Farnum, \$10,000; Asa Packer, \$185,007; G. B. Linderman, \$102,195,524; C. G. Steers, \$10,000; John Belsenering, \$100,000; George Bedford, \$100,000; William Williams, \$10,000; G. W. Stiles, \$10,000.

These men all commenced life in moderate circumstances, and made their piles by coal operations.

Application, it is said, is about to be made to Chief Justice Chase for writ of habeas corpus in behalf of Dr. Mudd, one of the conspirators in the assassination of the late President Lincoln, and now confined at the Dry Tortugas. As Mr. Lincoln was the Commander-in-chief of the army and the navy there is some doubt whether the late decision of the Supreme Court in regard to trials by military commissions covers this case.

Another shipment of prostitutes similar to the one which went down with the Evening Star, was made on the 12th inst., from the City of New York, to Havana. It consisted of 16 young ladies selected from among the most beautiful inmates of the fashionable brothels in the city. It being the intention of Madam Celeste, D'Espinoza, who accompanied them to provide her Cuban bagnio with a coterie of northern beauties for Spanish patrons.

Rumor says that the Hon. Ben Wood of Oregon, very notorious, and Hon. John Morrisey, congressman elect locked horns on the familiar grounds of war on Wednesday night last. The tilt resulting in favor of the lottery generalissimo, and costing the shoulder hitter \$124,000. At one time in the evening Wood was the loser to the extent of \$80,000, but cool persistence induced the change of fortune recorded above.

Hon. Montgomery Blair has declined the appointment of Foreign Attorney to take charge of the United States suite in Europe against the public property of the late would-be Confederates. It is probable that Hon. T. J. C. Donley will go out, he now being in the employ of the Government. He was Assistant Attorney General with Mr. Bates, and is a man of ability and stern integrity.

The will of the late Elizabeth Howe of Philadelphia, contains the following bequests: \$5,000 to the trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, for the benefit of such disabled ministers and their families as the trustees may designate; also \$3,000 to the Board of Domestic Missions connected with the same church, and \$100 to the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans.

The Governor of Alabama is also reported to have recommended the adoption of the amendment on the ground that the Empire shall continue in the future.

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The President sent to the Senate, on the 13th inst., over 1500 appointments made by him during the late recess.

It is stated that, if the clergy rates the loan offered by them to Maximilian he will remain at the head of the government.

The trial of Mollie Russell, for the killing of George Trusell, tower of Dexter, was concluded, on the 15th inst., with verdict manslaughter. Sentence one year in the penitentiary.

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Agustín Iturbide, eldest son of Agustín (Iturbide), first Emperor of Mexico, died at the Clarendon hotel, New York, on the 11th inst. He was taken to Philadelphia and buried there with his mother and brother. He was slightly deformed, a wit, and a great favorite in Mexico.

A dispute is now pending between Western and Eastern Virginia as to the counties inclined to the Old Dominion and sympathized with her during the war, but fortunately the trains were moving slowly, and the cowcatcher of the engine pushed the obstructions aside.

The owners of the omnibus lines of Gotthenburg, Sweden, some time since provided each of their vehicles with a small cask of beer for the passengers to quench their thirst. They have now extended their courtesy by providing each traveler with a newspaper.

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Mr. Murdoch, Jr., in Wisconsin, compelled to give up his engagements for lecture and readings.

Hon. G. W. Chapman has been released

from jail at Franklin, and has gone to Washington in company with the Sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, to attend the trial of the late James A. Garfield.

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The friends of Schuyler Colfax in New York, are making arrangements

to present him the old Tammany Hall, headquarters of the Tammany Democracy of New York. It was built by the Society in 1811, cost \$28,000, will now sell for \$100,000, one of the largest express companies is anxious to buy it.

It is insisted that the house formerly owned by Mrs. Surratt is haunted. No less than five different tenants are said to have experienced frightening experiences in the house, averring that she herself persists in trudging its halls clad in her garments of serge in which she quitted this world.

SAD INCIDENT.—On Saturday a lady named Millard entered a mill owned by a man named Wright at Washingtonville, Orange county, for the purpose of seeing her husband. While passing some machinery her dress caught, and in an instant she was drawn in and her leg severed from her body. Her husband hearing her cries, went to her assistance; but in endeavoring to extricate her from her perilous position, got his arm caught in the machinery, the latter tearing the limb nearly off. Putting his remaining hand in his pocket,

he drew out his knife, and, opening the blade with his teeth, cut the piece of flesh which his crushed arm hung by, and saving his life in this manner.

carried her downstairs, where both fell exhausted. Medical attendance was in-

stantly given, but Millard gradually failed until death put an end to his sufferings. His wife is thought to be out of danger, received a small wound in the

head.

THE WAR IN INDIA.—Twenty million

thousand dollars were paid by Austria to Prussia,

was conveyed to Berlin in one railroad car.

THE GOLD STANDARD.—The gold standard was adopted in 1878, and was paid in silver. It was loaded by the ton

and took twenty men six days to count.

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