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DON FRAT editor of the *Washington Capitol* has been arrested for publishing libelous and seditious articles. The article complained of especially, suggests and prompts the assassination of President Hayes. Other articles complained of libel General Grant.

The Maine Law Intensified.

The "Maine law" has long been the synonyme of extreme-temperance legislation, but the recent session of the Legislature in that State proved that there could be still deeper depth or a more dizzy height, according as people look at it. The "intemperate liquor law," as it is called, will soon go into effect. The penalties for selling any intoxicating liquors, except cider, made by the seller in the State, are two months in the county jail and a fine of \$1,000, the offender to stand committed until the same is paid. The law treats cider-vending by the glass just as it treats the sale of rum and whiskey; so dealers expect to sell it by the gallon for some consumption instead.

ONE of the most wonderful inventions of the age is an improvement on the telegraph called a "telephone," by which articulate sounds, whether of the human voice or music, can be transmitted a long distance with perfect clearness. A public trial of this instrument at Boston and Salem last week seems to show that it does precisely what is claimed for it. Not only were the music of an organ and the tones of a singer's voice transmitted from an assembly in Salem, 18 miles distant, but a gentleman in charge of the instrument at Boston addressed his friends in Salem, and the applause with which they greeted his remarks was carried back to him over the wires. Conversation was held between individuals at either end of the line, the questions and answers being distinctly heard by all present.

THE PRESIDENTIAL QUESTION is virtually settled. The commission by a unanimous vote declared that the Democratic vote of Oregon was void, and by a vote of 8 to 7 that the three votes of Oregon should be counted for Hayes and Wheeler. The decision as to Watts, the Republican elector whose vote was disputed, was that he is incompetent to go behind the certificate of the Governor so far the same is not founded upon the action of the canvassing or returning authority provided for by the law of the State, which authority in the case of Oregon is held to be the Secretary of State. There may be some more objections which will create delay, but it is not supposed that any real case can be made out against any other electoral vote. It is probable that before the middle of the week, that Hayes will be declared the duly elected President of the United States.

SENATOR SHEEMAN'S bill to aid in the redemption of specie payments has been reported to the senate and placed on the calendar for consideration. It provides for the issue of not to exceed \$300,000,000 in bonds for the redemption of United States notes, said bonds to bear interest at four per cent. in coin of present standard value and payable thirty years from date, not more than \$25,000,000 of such bonds to be issued during any single year, and not more than \$4,000,000 in any month. The treasury notes so redeemed to be cancelled and destroyed, and no commission in any form to be allowed for the exchange of such bonds. The bill further provides for the issue of silver in exchange for legal tender notes, which, inclusive of the amount of such coin heretofore authorized to be issued, shall not exceed \$50,000,000. Notes so redeemed are to be called and discharged and held as part of the sinking fund, and interest is to be computed upon notes so exchanged as in the case of bonds redeemed. It is hardly probable

that the Senate will be able to discuss the measure during the present session. The appropriation bills are still in committee.

Death of Rear Admiral Goldsborough.

Louis M. Goldsborough, who died in Washington on the 17th inst., quickly follows his old comrades—Smith, Alden, Wilkes, Bailey, and Davis. The young midshipman reported for duty to Capt. Bainbridge in 1814, lived through three wars, in which he did his whole duty to die at last in his bed, at the age of 72, a retired Rear-Admiral. A gallant fight with Greek pirates in 1827, gave him as fine a send-off as a young officer could wish. In 1840 he was at Washington, breaking ground for the National Observatory. A few years later, we find him fighting the Seminoles. He helped bombard Vera Cruz and explore California. In 1855 he was commissioned Captain. In 1861 he was appointed to the North Atlantic squadron. For his services in the Ronoke (Burnside) expedition, he was thanked by Congress and promoted the following year to be Rear Admiral. His last active service was as commandant of the Washington Navy Yard.

Murderous Practical Joke.

The *Albany Journal* says: Mr. Harrison and Michael Latimer, brakemen on the Troy and Boston railroad, entered a saloon in Troy yesterday, and after awhile Harrison pulled out what appeared to be a tobacco box and laying it on the floor pretended he was endeavoring to flatten it. Damon Houghtaling, who was working in the saloon, became interested, and was finally induced to endeavor to flatten it with a hammer.

Little dreaming of the terrible consequences that were to ensue, Houghtaling laid the box on a stone and, raising his hammer, struck it a heavy blow.—The next moment he was prostrated, covered with blood, suffering from nine ghastly wounds on the face and head.—His left eye was blown out, the thumb and index finger were torn off, the palm of his hand was shattered, and his skull and the bones of his face were laid bare. The "trick box" was a torpedo about the size of an old-fashioned tobacco box.

A Tragedy After an Elopement.

Something of a sensation has been produced in Baltimore by a rumor that the mutilated corpse of the girl recently murdered at Jefferson, Texas, had been identified as that of Mrs. Kirby, of Baltimore, who eloped with her brother-in-law, John Ferguson, a few weeks ago. The face was horribly disfigured to prevent recognition, the eyes gouged from their sockets, the flesh torn away from the mouth, exposing a set of glittering teeth.

Mrs. Kirby's sister, Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. Kirby, husband of the runaway, and also her father carefully examined the picture and accompanying description. Her father thought it answered her description, particularly the teeth.—Mr. Kirby said the description corresponded with that of his wife as to her physique, dress, hair, etc., and notably the scar on her left breast. All of them unite in the opinion that the description of the murderer corresponds precisely with that of Ferguson as to features, clothing and general appearance. Mrs. Kirby was a bride of only a few months when she eloped with her sister's husband.

Late Mexican News.

Cky of Mexico advices to February 11th state that General Diaz arrived there that day amid great rejoicing.—He will probably reorganize the ministry. Benitez, Ogazon and Tagle, three of the most prominent members of the Cabinet, have resigned, but acting President Mendez has refused to accept their resignations. Outrageous frauds were committed at an electoral college organized for Congressional elections. The Tuztepeopan partisans, now in power, formed themselves into a sort of Returning Board and counted more votes for their candidate than there were electors. The chairman refused to allow discussion, and the opposition sent for the Governor. Fraud was proven by the Governor calling the roll, whereupon he immediately dissolved the college. A pistol was fired, and the police took possession of the building. Vice President Mendez ordered the reassembling of the College when the opposition's charge of fraud was established, although Esperson, a prominent government leader, was defeated. The Church party is looming up. Moderate men refrain from action, and the result will be that either the Church or the lower strata will come into power.—Liberals accuse Diaz of leaning toward the Church party. A counter revolution is certain. It is possible that Diaz may prevent disintegration and the ruin of his party by remaining in the capital.—The *Voz de Mexico*, the organ of the Catholic party, denounces strongly the outrages recently committed on Protestants in different sections. The Diazists rejoice because the United States have received the first instalment of the money awarded by the mixed commission.

Mrs. Rolland.

The following is a pen picture of Mrs. Ralph Rolland, wife of the Chambersburg Bank robber, who is again in jail at Chambersburg: To the casual observer she makes a favorable impression. She is of good size and figure, light auburn hair, eyes a light hazel, almost yellow, (felicely), melting intelligent with a slight cast in one of them, well-formed face, clear complexion, loving mouth, nose slightly sharpened and slightly turned up. In all she looks as one who is likely to be true under all circumstances and possessed of strong womanly instincts.

The Northampton, Mass., Bank Treasure.

The securities are not recovered, nor is their hiding place known. It is believed that only \$30,000 in government bonds has been divided among the crackmen with the money, so that the bulk of the \$720,000 taken is still intact. The three prisoners undoubtedly have had control of the treasure, and can easily produce it. Unless they do, sentence amounting to life imprisonment hangs over them, and it is confidently believed that the hope of the promise of a shortened term, say 10 or 15 years will secure its return.

Five Thousand Dollars for a Wife.

William Smith, aged 70, who lived near Liberty, Ind., became widowed some years ago, and had since lived in entire seclusion, was deaf demented. A few weeks ago he offered \$5,000 to any one who would furnish him a wife. The announcement created merriment at the time, but nothing further was thought of it till it was announced that the old man was married to Miss Phoebe Johns, a highly-respected young lady, aged 17. The old man's offer had been taken in hand by Powell Slade, with whose family the young woman lived, and Slade received the \$5,000, \$2,000 of which was paid to the girl's father, the girl herself receiving as an inducement a deed from the old man for his farm of 200 acres of very valuable land.

An Invalid Lady Bound by Her Servants.

An invalid woman who lived with a servant at Great Falls, N. H., has for some time been a victim of systematic robbery by this servant and three others. The robbery went on night after night, until almost all the valuables had been carried off. She discovered it at last, and attempted to give the alarm, but the villains confined her for two days, until the police accidentally surprised and arrested them as they were taking up the carpets.

A Grave Yard Mistake.

There were rumors at Rising Sun, Ind., of an attempted "resurrection" by body snatchers of a child's body recently buried, and the mayor of the town detailed a party of men to watch the graveyard the other night. A relation of the child also detailed two men for the same purpose, without knowledge of the mayor's movements. The two parties met at the cemetery and began shooting at each other with shotguns and revolvers, wounding one of each party.

Texas Colonists Doing Well.

The party that recently left Williamsport for the State of Texas seem to have got into a good locality, as the following extract of a letter from Mr. Bostian appears to indicate:

A word about our party and I shall close for this time. They are all good men; one is a plasterer, and got work at Houston at \$4 per day; the others all came down to this (Eagle) station, and they had so many offers since we arrived that they don't know which to accept. Offers like the following are abundant: 1st. The land owners offer land at a very low figure and agree to furnish them with horses, farming implements, seed and provisions; 2nd. land at any price and on any kind of terms; 3rd. \$20 a month gold, and board. At this writing nearly all are settled one way or another.

At Minneapolis on February 17th, about half past 6 o'clock, William H. Slide assistant cashier in the First National bank of that city, was shot in the head and mortally wounded by a young woman named Kate Noonan.—Slide was a young man highly connected, and the affair has caused a great deal of excitement. Miss Noonan claims that Slide had seduced and then deserted her. The shooting occurred on the street, in front of the Nicollet hotel, and was witnessed by several persons. The woman was immediately arrested. She betrays no remorse for the deed, Slide died soon after 12 o'clock that morning.

Mr. Slide was formerly from Dillsburg, York county, where a number of his relations are still residing.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21st, 1877.

Only two short weeks remain before the perplexing question of the Presidency must be settled "for better or for worse." The days pass quickly and preparations are in progress for the various changes that must take place—more preparation, doubtless, than the generality of the people are aware of many in unimaginable quarters and for unthought of reasons. Arrangements for the vacating of the White House have been made by the family whose home it has been for the last eight years and have seen more family changes there than have been experienced at the executive mansion during any other Presidential term. The President and Mrs. G. will leave the White House on the 3rd of March, and will become the guests of Secretary and Mrs. Fish at whose residence they will remain till the first of April when they will begin a traveling tour which will extend through the western part of our own country, thence to Cuba and Europe. Mr. and Mrs. Sartoris will this week take up their abode with Mrs. Louis Dent of this city where they will remain till May and then sail for Europe. Mrs. Sartoris has had an unexpected experience, having passed her girl-hood as Nellie Grant in the White House, crossed the ocean and been received at foreign courts with much honor, as the daughter of America's highest magistrate—married, became a mother, lost her little one, and is still under twenty years of age. Poor thing! She has never known the freedom and careless joy of child-hood, the truest and purest joy a person can know in this life. She was dragged into society while she was hardly more than a baby, and there she has always remained. Col. Fred Grant, who has been in Washington two winters engaged in making copies of the records of General Sheridan's head-quarters, destroyed in the Chicago fire, will return to the Lieutenant General's head-quarters at Chicago without delay. The data which he has been collecting embraces not only the official records of the head-quarters, but also the necessary material for a full and concise history of Sheridan and his connection with the war of the Rebellion. Ulysses Grant, Jr., who has been the President's private secretary, will leave for New York on the 5th of March to begin the practice of law with the firm of which he is now a member. The other son and youngest child of the President is in college. It has been announced that no more receptions, levees, or public entertainments of any kind will be given by President Grant, not even the farewell dinner to the cabinet that has been talked of and expected. The omission of the usual Presidential levees this winter has been the subject of much comment but sufficient reason for it exists in the fact of the excited state of feeling incident to the political contest between the friends of the candidates for the succession. The statement that the President intends making Washington his future home has been contradicted and the assertion made (upon what authority I cannot say) that he has come to no such decision and that his late purchase of a home here was made only to relieve parties who had purchased the ground from him which his own house partly occupies.

Monday and Tuesday of last week were completely filled with gaiety, several entertainments of the most brilliant sort being given both day and evening, on account of their being considered the last available opportunity for festivities before Lent. But the customary change in social matters does not seem to have taken place since the advent of the Lenten season, the only observable difference being that the ladies who receive during Lent are careful not to tempt their guests to break the fast they are supposed to be keeping by offering them even such light refreshments as cake and coffee, or sandwiches and tea, which are the staples of impromptu lunch-tables this winter. Dancing is not thought of, of course, but there has been very little dancing at invited companies this season in Washington, and the theatre and opera are matters of individual opinion.

The navy here, especially the older officers, have had a four-fold gloom cast upon them by the recent death of four old comrades—Admiral Smith, Alden, Wilkes and Baily. They were all residents of Washington, indeed, the District seems to be preferred by retired army and navy officers (from whatever part of the country they were originally appointed) as a home after their lives of active duty are over.

The Electoral count will reach Oregon to-day and that will probably be the last state to which objections will be made so we may hope for a speedy settlement of affairs and that when the long and painful suspense is over, both parties will lay aside their bitterness and set at work right earnestly to improve the nation's finances, develop its industry, and above all, to make those changes in its Constitution which will render a recurrence of the present difficulty impossible.

M. M. W.

Miscellaneous News Items.

PITTSBURGH, February 19.—Judge H. W. Williams, of Pennsylvania supreme court, died here this afternoon of heart disease.

The notorious burglar Rolland has a faithful wife. She is now in Chambersburg doubtless intent on getting her husband out of jail again.

Mrs. L. P. Bechtel, of Tremont, Schuylkill county, went to the barn on Sunday a week and hung herself. She was sick and despondent; 48 years old, and left two children.

James Fields, an Englishman of culture and refinement, died of dropsy in the Schuylkill almshouse on Sunday a week. He was given a Christian burial by friends of better days.

A remarkable revival has taken place in Warren, Pa., the present season. Starting with the Methodists it has gone the rounds of the various evangelical churches, ending with the Presbyterians.

John G. Clark, white, of Augusta, Ga., was sentenced to the chain gang for stealing two japonica plants. He has served one year and a petition for executive clemency has been largely signed.

Prof. George L. Vose, of the department of civil engineering at Bowdoin College, Me., in a letter on what he calls "the Ashtabula crime," says he can put

his hand upon certainly one railway where its managers are assuming a most fearful responsibility in running trains over a lot of old wooden bridges which have been justly condemned for years, which are under the inspection of no competent authority. The public ought to know what road that is.

A Newton, Conn., youth, who has just ceased his visits to a young lady of East Bridgeport, finds himself sued by the girl's mother for \$60 for food and kerosene oil. The case is coming to trial, too.

The *Courier* says there were thirteen bodies of children in Tamaqua, Saturday night a week, awaiting burial, death having occurred from whooping cough and scarlet fever.

James Sullivan laid down on the railroad track, near Beaver city, Clarion county, on Tuesday evening last, and after the passenger train went over him was very thoroughly chopped up and mangled. He was a victim of whisky.

The widow, Mrs. Oliver, who is suing Simon Cameron for \$50,000 breach of promise case is a Georgia lady. She is about thirty-five years old, very vivacious and attractive, and is a graduate of Covington Female College.

In Johnstown, recently, Mrs. Sarah Jones left Enoch Jones and ran away with John W. Jones. She took with her \$100 of Enoch's money. This is evidently a case of bewilderment. Mrs. Jones has forgotten which Jones is her Jones.

The *Shamokin Times* says that the leg of Jeremiah Hurley, the boy run away with by a mule last week, was jerked entirely off above the knee. The leg was thrown up into the air, the blood spurting in all directions. The terrible affair was witnessed by the father, who rushed up as quickly as possible, and taking the boy's suspenders tied them around his thigh to stop the flow of blood. The boy may recover, but it does not seem probable.

The Southington, Ct., *Sentinel* says: There is a man in this town between 50 and 60 years of age, who has steadily worked for his father until the present day; never had a dollar in his pocket, never went to church, wedding or funeral, never was on a car, never to a party, never spoke to a girl except to ask where her mother was, never had a holiday, and yet had his poll tax abated this year on account of poverty, while his father's estate is estimated at from \$30,000 to \$50,000.

At Albany, Oregon, a few days ago, a bag of arsenic was found fastened to the mouth of the court-house pump in such a way that all water drawn from the pump would have to percolate the bag and be infected with the poison. One of the principal schools in the city draws its supply of water entirely from that pump; so that, had the danger not been discovered in time, there would have been widespread sickness, if not death, among the young people.

An extraordinary case of usury is now being tried in Paris, the culprit being a rich Englishman, named Edwards. The total amount of money lent by him during the past two or three years is put down at 2,000,000 francs, for which he charged an interest of 1,000,000. He is now in trouble for lending a Turkish prince 50,000 francs, for which he secured 200,000 francs worth of diamonds, which were for sale on condition of a quarter of the price down, and then giving him 50,000 francs more for the jewels.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 20.—Four Molly Maguires were shot by a saloon keeper named Price on the line of the new city water works in Baltimore county a few nights ago. A gang of desperadoes attempted to rob Price, who emptied his revolver into the crowd and fled to the woods. He has not since been seen, and may have been murdered. His assailants have been scouring the country for him and openly threatened him with death if found. They gutted his establishment, and were found by the county officers in a beastly state of intoxication. The Molliés have been making things lively along the line of the works for some time, but as fast as discovered are being discharged by the contractors.

Italy is making great preparations for a representation at the Paris Exposition of 1878. Two hundred tons of statuary belonging to the Government will be sent, by way of decoration for the Italian section, besides numerous paintings and other ornaments. Manufactures will be represented to a greater extent than ever before. During the Expositions of 1851 and 1855, Italy was still divided into several States; during those of 1862 and 1867, she was torn by political divisions. At the time of the Vienna exposition she was suffering from a commercial crisis, and Philadelphia, being a distant point, did not receive the attention that a greater proximity would have commanded. In 1878, all past shortcomings are to be atoned for.

St. Louis, Feb. 20.—A fire broke out about midnight in a row of frame houses just north of the bridge approach in East St. Louis. A strong north wind carried the flames to the wood work of the bridge approach, and about 1,000 feet of the structure caught fire. Several fire engines from St. Louis attempted to cross the bridge to assist in subduing the fire, but were cut off by the flames and forced to return. Subsequently two or three fire engines were taken over on the ferryboat. Some six or eight hundred feet of the carriage way approach of the bridge, which is constructed mostly of wood, was destroyed, and some of the lighter ironwork supporting the carriage way is more or less warped and twisted, and will have to be replaced. The railway floor of the approach is much less injured, and the persons in charge of the bridge believe the track will be so far restored that trains will be able to cross in four days. The loss to the bridge company will probably be not more than \$50,000.

Spots on the Sun do not visibly diminish its brilliancy, but spots, pimples or blotches upon the face, neck or arms, seriously detract from female beauty. They may, however, be completely removed by the daily use of Glean's Sulphur Soap. Depot, Crittenton's No. 7, 6th Ave., N. Y. Hill's Hair & Whisker dye, brown or black, 50 cents. Saw

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