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THE STATE BANK at Harrisburg has suspended. The bank officers say they will pay all their liabilities and have a surplus.

EX-MAYOR OAKLEY HALL who has been missing from New York for a couple of weeks has been recognized among the passengers on the Steamer Victoria arrived at Liverpool.

THE Supreme Court has decided that on a lease of land made in 1770 by Thomas Pennington to Jonathan Evans, for 999 years, during the term of the lease the lessee had no right to cut trees, or in legal phrase, "commit waste."

THE STAY LAW which was passed and approved, may be a good thing, but we confess our inability to see it in that light. There is no doubt but what it will increase costs and so in the end be a positive disadvantage to the poor debtor.

One of the disadvantages of the law was shown at the Sheriff's sale on Friday last.

A property was offered, but failed to bring two-thirds of the appraised value and consequently was not sold. But the costs were charged against the property and if the defendant wishes to avail himself of the further advantages of the stay, the costs must be paid.

THE STAY LAW.

The stay law passed by the late legislature has been approved by the Governor. The law is quite lengthy, but the following is an abstract of its provisions:

The first section provides for an inquest to be held upon the real estate levied upon, by a jury of six men. If such property cannot be sold for two-thirds of the appraised value, then the sales shall not be made, but shall be stayed for one year from the return day, of the writ, provided, that the Sheriff or Coroner shall not be entitled to poundage unless in those cases where a sale of the property shall take place.

The second section makes similar provisions for cases where the levy has been already made.

The third section makes provisions for life interests in estates. The other sections are given in full.

Sec. 4. That in all cases where personal property shall be taken in execution by virtue of any writ of fieri facias issued out of any Court of Common Pleas of this Commonwealth or by virtue of any execution issued by a Justice of the Peace, it shall be the duty of the officer to whom such writ shall be directed respectively when it shall be requested by the debtor to summon three respectable freeholders, citizens of the vicinage, who, being first duly sworn or affirmed by the said officer, shall value and appraise the personal property aforesaid, which valuation or appraisement, signed by the appraiser, together with a schedule of the property taken in execution, shall be annexed to the return on said writ, and in case said personal property, or any other part thereof, cannot be sold for two-thirds of the amount of said valuation or appraisement at a public vendue of the same, of which notice shall be given to the plaintiff or plaintiffs, his, her, or their agent or attorney, agreeably to the directions of the first section of this act, that then the sale of such property shall be stayed for the term of twelve months from that date; provided that the said defendant or defendants shall execute and deliver to the Sheriff, Coroner, or constable, as the case may be, a bond with one or more sufficient securities in a penalty of double the amount of the said valuation or appraisement, conditioned for the faithful forthcoming and delivery of all and every part of the said personal property upon the expiration of the said stay of execution to the proper Sheriff, Coroner, or constable, or his successor in office, in like good order and condition (reasonable wear and tear being allowed) as when the same was so aforesaid offered for sale, or other personal property equal in value and in like good order to be ascertained in the manner aforesaid, or in default thereof for the payment of the amount of the appraisement or valuation with interest and costs of the amount of the debt interest and costs for which the levy was made, and upon the execution and delivery of such bond the said personal property shall be returned and redelivered into the possession of the said defendant or defendants; provided also, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prevent any judgment creditor or creditors from having the property of any debtor or debtors exposed to sale at any time and as often as he, she, or they may think proper, after it may have once been exposed to sale as aforesaid, by paying all costs which may accrue in consequence thereof, except the time at which a sale may be effected according to the provision of this act, which costs shall be paid out of proceeds of the sale as in other cases.

Sec. 5. That before any person shall be entitled to a stay of execution on real estate levied on, he shall pay the interest due on the debt and the interest due upon prior liens thereon and discharge all ground rent, and municipal charges due on the property, subject to the judgment, and shall pay semi-annually during the continuance of the stay of execution all the accruing interest on the judgment, mortgages, liens or charges on said real estate, and the accruing ground rents: Provided, That the provisions of this act shall not apply to suits for the collection of interest semi-annually on moneys due the estates of decedents, widows or minors, which suits are hereby authorized to be instituted, nor to claims for labor: Provided, further, That this act shall not remain in force for a longer period than eighteen months.

Approved—The 23rd day of March, A. D. 1877. J. F. HARTMAN.

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Another Dam Disaster.

A despatch from Staffordville Ct., dated the 27th ult., says: The reservoir dam at this place gave way about 7 o'clock this morning, sweeping everything along the valley from Staffordville through Old Furnace to Stafford Springs. The national bank of Staffordville, the Congregational church, L. W. Crane's store, the freight depot and all the houses on the island at Stafford Springs were destroyed. All the bridges between the scene of the disaster and Tolland, both on the railroad and the highway are washed off. The probable loss of life is not yet reported. The loss in Staffordville is very heavy, the mills suffering more or less damage, and work will have to be suspended in them until the reservoir can be rebuilt. Converse & Co.'s mills have four sets of cards and 1,000 spindles, and employ a large number of hands. The Home company, the Home manufacturing company and the Home woolen company are also situated there. The latter runs 3,300 spindles. The exact loss of these companies is not known. In Stafford Springs are the mills of Fox & Co., and Converse & Co., with 1,800 spindles. In Ellis are the Converse & Co., and the Mineral Springs manufacturing company, with 1,740 spindles. In Stafford are the Valley company's mills, the Glynn mills, 2,000 spindles, the Granite mills, 5,500 spindles, the Valley manufacturing company, the Phoenix woolen mills and the Rossiter company's mills. The Granite mills and tenement houses at Staffordville were all swept away and also the stores and store-houses.

All the dams on the stream from Staffordville to a point below the springs, with all the bridges, are gone. Probably not less than thirty houses were destroyed, and the loss will be very large.

The dam was considered safe, but the heavy rains of Monday afternoon and evening filled the reservoir to overflowing. The breaking away was wholly unexpected, but the reservoir being set some distance above the village, the alarm reached the people in time for them to effect their escape in safety.

Spoiling a Woman's Beauty.

A man named Peckard and his wife had disagreed in New York, and after parting had again begun living together. He was brutal and jealous and fearing that he would do her injury, she was ever watchful of him. Last week however she went to sleep on a chair and was awakened by feeling her hands roughly grasped. She tried to start up, but found that her husband had fastened her to the chair.

She attempted to cry aloud, but he seized a large butcher knife, and with the point at her breast, told her that any word above a breath would be the signal for him to strike. He then took from the stove a red hot poker and standing over her he cried:

"Your cursed handsome face has done too much harm already. I'll see that it does no more." Then, as if suddenly recollecting himself, he cast the poker aside muttering, "No; they might arrest me for that. I will take as sure a way, but a safer one."

At this he produced a vial of vitriol and with a rag rubbed it upon the soft yielding flesh. She shrieked in agony, but he crushed a pillow over her mouth and drowned her out-cry. Then he left the room, saying, "I'm done now. You're disfigured for life, curse you."

How Disease is Carried.

A gentleman happened to be passing a door in a certain street in London before which stood a hack cab. As he passed an invalid, bearing on his face the eruption of small-pox, came out and entered the cab. The observer followed the vehicle as rapidly as he could, and was just in time to see it deposit its fare at a small-pox hospital. Then he saw the driver hailed by a lady and gentleman, whom he vainly endeavored to warn by shouts. They took no notice, got in and

drove off. The observer still followed, was just in time to see the pair descend at the door of a house in one of the best squares in London. Some time after being again in London, our informant thought he would call at the house. He found the blinds of the house down. The master had died on the previous day of small-pox, and his wife was not expected to recover from the same malady.

A Hotel Burned—Narrow Escape of its Guests.

PATTERSON, N. J., March 27.—At four o'clock this morning the St. Charles hotel, opposite the Erie depot, caught fire and was almost destroyed. A large number of boarders narrowly escaped with their lives. Part of them being obliged to jump from the third and fourth stories to the ground. Two persons broke their legs and one had an arm broken by the fall. One man slid down the lightning rod cutting his hands terribly.

A Very Sensitive Chap.

Honore Cotte, cashier of the Jacques-Cartier bank, at Montreal is shortly to be sent to the penitentiary for falsifying the bank statements submitted to the government and swearing to their truth. He was always a very sensitive man, and once had a boy who had served a term in the reformatory for till tapping ejected from a street car because, as he said, he could not consent to ride in the same vehicle with a thief.

A most wonderful restoration of speech took place at Shpemaersville, Berks county, the other day. A meek and sad-eyed German tramp called at the house of John Shappell, with a book, and made motions indicating that he was deaf and dumb, and was soliciting alms. Suddenly a small dog made a dash at the poor mute, and seized him by the shin, when the fellow broke into a double volley of Dutch oaths, at the "dunner-wetter hunt," and then disappeared in haste. Those who heard the dumb man speak were greatly astonished.

About a year ago a Missouri farmer captured two young wild geese, and raised them with the rest of his domestic fowls. They became quite tame, but in November, prompted by instinct to seek a more shiny clime, flew off to the South. This spring, however, they returned, bringing with them eleven more wild geese, whom they piloted from some Southern bayou, and the whole flock have settled down as if "to the manor born."

Miscellaneous News Items.

TRENTON, N. J., March 26.—A burglar named George Anderson and a forger named Lyman H. Lowe, who were confined in one cell of the Mercer county jail, cut through the ceiling into the grand jury room this morning and escaped.

While Joseph Stahl, a German, was asleep in a brewery at Guttenberg, N. J., on Friday night, his clothing was saturated with petroleum and set on fire. He was so badly burned that he died on Saturday. The case is a mystery yet. No arrests have been made.

The standard of drunkenness varies between London and Edinburgh. A witness in a London court recently testified that "a man is properly drunk when he cannot walk;" in Edinburgh, at about the same time, a witness gave it as his opinion that "a man hasn't enough till he canna' speak."

A Paducah, Ky., court is trying to settle whether or not it damages a hotel clerk \$5,000 to call him a "thieving woolly dog." That is what Mrs. Ross called Mr. Keeth, and he rates the injury at the figures given. It remains to be seen whether a jury can be induced to put the same value on the rip in his reputation.

A citizen of Baltimore county, near Waverly, finding a house that he had erected on a leased lot was subject to a debt of \$500, due by the person from whom he had leased the ground, recently in the night, assisted by his friends, pulled down his house and removed it to another location.

Orders have been issued at Washington providing for a vigorous prosecution of the work of detecting and bringing to punishment depredators on the public timber lands, especially in Minnesota, where the violations of the law on this subject have been of late most numerous.

A negro convict near Gordon, in Wilkinson county, Ga., committed suicide recently. He stated that he would rather die than to be chained and work as he was doing, and deliberately threw himself backward, his head striking a stump and fracturing the skull, causing his death shortly afterwards.

A preacher named S. H. M'Gee said to be a native of Clinton county, has been placed in jail at Dixon, Illinois, charged with poisoning his wife in order to marry a girl in the neighborhood. Strychnine was found in the stomach of the deceased woman and the circumstances point very strongly to M'Gee's guilt.

DEADWOOD, March 26.—A bold attempt to rob the Cheyenne and Black Hills stage bound north was made near here last evening. As the coach was coming down Whitewood canon, about two and a half miles from Deadwood, five masked men walking along the road before the stage suddenly wheeled, ordered the driver to stop and instantly commenced firing on the coach. At the first fire Johnny Slaughter, the

driver, was killed and Walter Her, of Deadwood, slightly wounded in head and arm. The horses started suddenly, throwing the driver, Her and another passenger off the coach. The stage was not stopped till it had arrived in town, leaving the driver on the road dead. About twenty shots were fired at the coach, but all the passengers, except Her, were unhurt.

A party went out and found the body of the driver with a charge of buckshot in the breast. The robbers got no booty. The sheriff and a party are in pursuit of the road agents. The sheriff offers \$500 reward for their dead or alive.

Zachariah Apple, a farmer near Kennode's mill, on the edge of Alamance county, N. C., was engaged in unloading a horse last Monday; the horse bit him on the arm, broke loose and ran. Apple, becoming enraged, went to the house and took down his gun, with the intention of shooting the horse.

His wife and daughter tried to persuade him not to do so, but he persisted, went out in the yard with the gun, and preparatory to loading blew into the barrel, at the same time placing one foot on the hammer to open the tube. His foot slipped, and the gun, which happened to be loaded was discharged, and the ball went through his head, from which he died in a few hours.

A hen was recently found in the middle of a hay-mow in a barn in Tennessee, which had been there six months, without water or anything to eat except what the hay afforded. Being covered up when the hay was put in the barn, the hen could not get out. Her toe nails and beak had grown half an inch during the time, and her size was greatly reduced. When taken out and placed in the open air the hen tumbled over, with every symptom of a fit, but she shortly recovered, and is now doing well.

Joeko, a pet monkey in the United States arsenal at Summerville, Georgia, came to an untoward end last week.—Joeko had been in the habit of watching the artillery-men. One morning he slyly approached the piece used for firing salutes and pulled the lanyard. The piece did not explode at once. Joeko darted to the mouth to see what the matter was, when suddenly a report was heard, and Joeko's remains were scattered over the award.

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