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THE ELECTION in Rhode Island has resulted in the complete success of the entire Republican State ticket, an event that has not occurred there for the past three years.

THE PRESIDENT has issued an order for the withdrawal of the U. S. troops from the State house in South Carolina. The order goes into effect to-day at noon. This virtually places the Hampton government into power.

MUCH INTEREST attaches to the experiments by which the practical working of the newly-invented instrument—the telephone—were demonstrated last Monday night, in Philadelphia, an operator in the Western Union office, at Tenth and Chestnut streets, performing a number of acts for the delectation of an audience in Steinway Hall, in New York. The test is reported as having been an entirely successful one.

Political Religion.

The Methodist Conference which convened last week at Lynn, Mass., believe in having a say on political affairs, judging from the following resolution which was almost unanimously passed.

Resolved, That we protest most earnestly against the action of the new administration in making terms with the chief of the ku-klux and instigator of the Hamburg massacre, M. C. Butler, and still more earnestly do we protest against the official recognition by the administration of that arch enemy of the republic, who long since ought to have been hung for treason, Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, and who now by threats and intimidation under the very roof of the White House, as well as on railroad platforms and in other public places defies the government and bullies the President into compliance with his traitorous and wicked usurpations.

Too Much Water.

The recent storm had the effect of flooding the Southwestern portion of Chicago to an extent equal to about seven miles square. The water, which the sewers and drains could not carry off with sufficient rapidity rose in some cases to the first stories, driving from the houses people who are now obliged to make their way about in boats improvised from floating timbers. The damage is very great in that section West of Western avenue and South of Harrison street, and far out into the country. The water Monday afternoon receded somewhat, but it will be several days before it leaves entirely.—No lives have been lost so far as heard from.

The damage inside the city limits is small compared with that done to farming lands along the Chicago and Alton Railroad and the Desplanes canal. The water in the canal, which is six feet higher than the ordinary level, has broken through in several places and flooded the low lands for miles to the South and East of the railroad.

A Strange Railroad Accident.

DANVILLE, Va., April 1.—Last night, about twelve o'clock, as a heavy freight train was approaching a bridge over Difficult creek, in Halifax county, Va., on the Richmond and Danville railroad, an infuriated bull jumped upon the track and showed fight. The engineer discovered the animal, put on the brakes and blew the whistle to frighten him off.—The bull, with mane and tail erect, stood firm and waited the approach of the iron horse.

As the train was advancing slowly the cowcatcher of the engine mounted the bull just as it was entering the bridge, throwing the engine off the track and precipitating it with great force on the trestlework, which in an instant gave way, and the engine, tender and six freight cars went through with a terrific crash.

By a miracle the fireman escaped with some severe injuries, but Engineer Kidwell was nearly crushed to death, though he still survives. The brakeman who was on the roof of the first freight car also miraculously escaped by running back and stepping from the rear of the back car as it toppled over into the abyss.

In a moment after the crash the boiler

of the engine exploded and the bridge and cars caught fire and soon the surrounding country was illuminated by the flames from the burning wreck.—The engineer was happily rescued by the train hands before the flames reached him, but he is certain to die from his terrible injuries.

The bridge, which was over 120 feet long, was totally consumed. The engine is dismantled and worthless except for old iron, and the loss in cars and freight will stand the company \$8,000. The scene to-day presents an appearance of ruin and disaster quite as complete though not so terrible as Ashtabula.

Who is She?

POTTSTOWN, Pa., April 3.—One day last week a middle aged woman, calling herself Sarah L. B. Walker, arrived at the Hughes House, Phoenixville, and registered from Bridgeport, Connecticut. She was poorly and strangely clad, but from her conversation appeared quite intelligent. On Thursday last she returned to the hotel after a tramp through town, during which she disposed of a number of stonell plates. This appeared to be her occupation. She was suffering severely, and a physician being summoned, her disease was found to be congestion of the lungs. She still continued to grow worse from that time till Saturday evening, when, while sitting on a chair, she fell forward with her face upon a bed, and being too weak to rise she thus expired. Her clothing was found to be very scanty and filthy, and her person swarmed with vermin. In her two thin, ragged skirts were sewed up nine bank books showing deposits in various Connecticut banks as well as a number of certificates of stock in the same. A document was also found showing that she had paid off a judgment which had been a lien on a farm willed her by her mother. These papers show her to have been worth at least \$18,000. The public authorities of Bridgeport have been telegraphed to concerning the mysterious woman.

A Will and a Pot of Gold.

In the year 1865, just after the breaking up of the Confederate army, a young soldier of Joe Shelby's command, accompanied by his father, arrived in Corsicana. The old gentleman had with him a large sum of money in gold. After providing liberally for his son, who was then on his way to Mexico, the old gentleman, whose name was Bently Irving, sadly and sorrowfully journeyed back to his home in Charleston county Missouri. The son remained abroad until a short time since, when, upon the receipt of letters, and his father's last will and testament, together with the announcement of his death, he returned home. It seems that the old gentleman had enclosed a brief description of the spot on Richmond Creek where he had taken the precaution to hide his treasures for the benefit of his absent boy. After a mournful visit to the desolated homestead in Missouri, the young man came on here, and soon found the treasure—a pot of gold—amounting to nearly \$8,000, exactly in the spot described in his father's directions.—Galveston News.

A Married Woman's Note.

An Allegheny county farmer recently purchased a little knowledge of the law, for which he paid an extravagant rate. He loaned a married woman fifty dollars, taking her promissory note for the amount. When the note fell due, the maker refused to lift it. The holder brought suit, and learned, to his surprise and chagrin, that the document was not worth the paper upon which it was written, as the woman's husband's signature was not appended to it. It is a risky thing to ask that farmer any questions concerning the value of a married woman's personal property. He's mad.

Little Charlie Ross.

Last Wednesday Mr. Christian K. Ross was at police headquarters, New York city, making inquiries regarding a boy answering the description of his son, at San Francisco. Correspondence by telegraph passed between Superintendent Walling and the San Francisco authorities relative to the matter. There is said to be strong hopes that this child may prove to be the proper one. Mr. Ross still believes that little Charlie lives, and has not given up all prospects of finding him.

A Bank Robber's Rare Ingenuity.

It has just been found out how Brown the would-be bank robber at New London, Conn., intended to get the safe's contents. He had removed the dial and cap-plate and had drilled a hole through the door so as to be able to read the combination. All that would be necessary would be a screw-driver and two combination wires, 15 minutes would do the business, and the bank officers would remain in blissful ignorance in regard to

the method of the job. Only a peculiar concurrence of circumstances prevented his success.

A Terrible Tragedy.

On Thursday last a dispute arose between the partners in the firm of Jewett & Co., White Lead manufacturers in New York city, during which a hand grenade was exploded and several pistol shots were fired resulting in the instant death of Mr. George W. Jewett and the wounding of Orville Jewett and another partner named Dean. Orville Jewett died that night and the post-mortem examination resulted in finding four pistol bullets in his body. Whether they were fired by one of the other partners or by himself is as yet a mystery and will remain so unless Mr. Dean can give some solution of the affair. At present he is in too feeble a condition to converse with any one and the coroner's inquest was adjourned till he was able to be examined. His physicians think his wounds will not prove fatal. It is as sad an affair as ever occurred. The Jewett firm was one of the oldest and wealthiest concerns in that business.

There was a curious comedy of errors that came near being a tragedy at San Francisco, recently. A sailor returned from sea, and found his young wife fondling a baby. Without giving her a chance to say that the child was a neighbor's he knocked her down, and then tried to throw her from the window. A crowd gathered below, and the man stabbed his wife in the back, and jumped from the window, unhurt. But some of the crowd had entered the house, and going to the wrong room, awoken a sleeper who emptied his revolver on them, but was dragged to the street, and was just being hanged to a lamp post, when the mistake was ascertained, though not before a rib or two was broken by the mob. The woman was not much hurt, and is anxious to have her husband find his mistake and return.

On last Friday night Thomas Powell, who was confined in jail at West Union, Doddridge county, accused of the murder of Thomas Burton, was released from jail by a court heretofore unknown to the jurisprudence of this State. The jailor and several other persons got together at the jail and drank freely. They became so hilarious and reckless that they gave Powell a part in their drunken spree, and at length they determined to organize a court and try him for the crime with which he stood charged. Accordingly, one was made judge and another prosecuting attorney, and the trial commenced. After giving him a hearing, Powell was adjudged not guilty, amid much hilarity, and the door of the jail thrown open to him, and he was allowed to go. The Sheriff has been searching for him, and a reward of \$50 is offered for his arrest. The jailor has been arrested for releasing Powell.—Clarksburg News.

Mrs. Sarah B. Pettigill, M. D., the oldest female medical practitioner in Philadelphia, died suddenly last Thursday evening. She entered a street car and took a seat in the corner. Nothing unusual was noticed by the conductor or passengers, until the car reached Third street, when the conductor asked her where she wanted to get out, and receiving no reply, laid his hand upon her shoulder, thinking that she was asleep, and tried to wake her. It was then discovered that she had died, and apparently without a struggle. The car was full of passengers when she died.

Some of the idle employees of the Reading Railroad company have queer ideas as to the proper method of securing work. A note enclosed in an envelope, recently picked up in Reading, threatens that the shops of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad company "shall be in ashes if all hands are not employed in a month." If the police do their duty, the writer of this incendiary epistle will soon be busily employed in defending himself in a court of justice.

Miscellaneous News Items.

- George Kimball, an old man of Dalton, N. H., while drunk recently, beat his wife to death with a stick of wood.
- On Tuesday, about one o'clock, Aaron Briggs, aged fifty-four, fell down a flight of stairs at Allegheny and sustained injuries which caused death in ten minutes.
- At St. Louis, on Tuesday, the water in the river rose over two and a half feet. Merchandise and other property was removed from the levee to places of greater safety.
- All the ex-prisoners of the war throughout the United States are invited to attend the fourth Annual Reunion of the National Union of Andersonville Survivors, at Hartford, Conn., on the 19th inst.
- State Senator Alexander B. Cochran, of Stanton, was stricken with paralysis, last Monday, in the Virginia Senate Chamber while making a speech. His condition is believed to be critical.
- More than one-half of the business portions of Monroeville, Ohio, was destroyed

by fire on Sunday night a week. The total loss is estimated at \$75,000, about one-half insured. The Franklin, North American and Fire Association Companies, all of Philadelphia, are involved. Monroeville is in Huron county, Ohio, sixty miles west of Cleveland.

The residence of Henry Selly, at Crediton, Ontario, (Can.), was destroyed by fire on Monday a week. Three children, aged respectively 9, 7 and 5 years, were burned to death.

In New York on Tuesday night the clothing of Lucy Freeman, aged 19 years, was set on fire by an unknown man, who escaped arrest. The girl was badly burned and died the next day.

A matter-of-fact justice of the peace married a couple in the shortest time on record recently. "Did you come to be married?" he asked. "Yes." "Go out; you are married." And they went out wondering.

At Skinner's Eddy, Wyoming co., Pa., a few days ago, Andrew Champion, a young man, shot his wife and then killed himself. The cause is said to have been her refusal to live with him because he had no work.

D. B. Beynon, a rolling-mill employe at Tamaqua, had the clothing entirely stripped from his body recently in consequence of his coat tail becoming caught upon a fly wheel. He narrowly escaped instant death.

A boiler explosion occurred at the Goss well No. 5, near Edenburg, on Friday a week, and huge pieces of the boiler were hurled in every direction, but fortunately did no damage.

By the falling in of a two-story brick house at Alexandria, Va., on Sunday a week one of two brothers sleeping in a bed was killed. Two ladies were severely hurt, and a crippled son of one of the occupants of the house was badly bruised.

The wife and daughter of Joseph Hamburg were badly burned by an explosion of gas in their house at the Diamond Mines, near Wilkesbarre, on Saturday a week. A deep fissure extends into the ground near the mouth of the shaft, and at one point the dwelling stands over this crack in the surface.

This is the way the Courier-Journal puts it: A deputy marshal recently shot at a negro, whom he was trying to arrest, and slightly wounded a Miss Hearn. The negro happened to be near the young lady, and of course the marshal thought the form he was shooting at was his instead of Hearn.

The failure of A. Friedlander, a prominent grain operator of San Francisco, was announced Wednesday. Mr. Friedlander states that in case he can collect the amount due him his unsecured indebtedness will be about \$600,000. As nearly as he can judge from the present condition of affairs, his indebtedness is entirely local and affects but few persons or firms.

Lillie Bullock, daughter of Thomas P. Bullock, of Concord, in this county, disappeared mysteriously from her home on Friday last. Her father supposed her to be at school, and did not concern himself about her until evening. No trace whatever of her has since been learned. She is about nine years old, complexion light, blue eyes and light hair. Any information concerning her will be thankfully received by her father at Elam.—Delaware Co., Republican.

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