

Whole Farms Washed Away.

Never in the memory of man has there occurred such a rise in the streams of Hampshire county, W. Va., as by the recent flood, nor so great destruction of crops and fencing. So extensive has been the destruction that it amounts to a calamity. Along the South Branch scarcely a shock of corn or a stack of hay remains; the whole valley is a clean sweep; crops and fencing, and the embankments are all broken and swept away. All the fat cattle and other stock of every kind are left on the hands of the farmers at the beginning of winter without food, and probably not a sufficiency of food left to winter the horses that are used to till the ground; consequently the cattle must be thrown on the market, or seek a more favored country for food.

A despatch from Moorefield, Hardy county, say that the destruction by the flood in that county alone will reach \$400,000. There are not a thousand stocks of corn in the valley of the South Branch of the Potomac. Farms have been washed completely away, and land that was worth \$100 an acre is now utterly without value. The suffering among the cattle is very great, and hundreds of farmers are ruined. The torrent reached from mountain to mountain, and was twenty feet deep.

A Priest Said to Have Been Kidnapped.

DETROIT, Mich., December 5.—The evening papers give an account of the recent abduction of Father Fitzpatrick of Kingville, Ont., sixteen miles from Windsor.—Fitzpatrick lived next to Elder Henderson, with whom he became intimate, and by whom he was converted to Methodism.—On Friday Fitzpatrick appeared at the Methodist Conference at Belle River, and embraced the faith, an exciting crowd of Catholics attending. Fitzpatrick, accompanied by Henderson, started to return to Kingville, and on the way stopped for supper at a house near Essex. While waiting for supper Fitzpatrick was called out by two men, supposed to be members of the Kingville Catholic Church, who said they would like to talk with him concerning the step he had just taken. The three strolled leisurely down the road until out of sight of the house, and nothing has been seen of Fitzpatrick since. An investigation is in progress. The Catholics in Canada as well as in Detroit are stirred up over Fitzpatrick's defection. It is believed the kidnapped priest was kept at the house of the priest at Maidstone Cross that night, and the next day taken to a convent at Sandwich or Amersburg.

Can a Wife Hire Her Husband?

A novel question presented itself before Judge Schenck, at Asheville, North Carolina, recently. At the spring term of Buncombe Court, Judge Farches sentenced one Shaft to imprisonment in the County Jail for six months. After he had remained in jail a month, the County Commissioners, having seen the recent act of Assembly allowing them to hire out convicts to the public works, or "Individuals," proceeded to hire Shaft out to his wife for \$5 per month, and Shaft moved his quarters to the old domicile as the prisoner and "hiring" of his wife. The matter now presented by the Solicitor of the Court, His Honor ordered that Shaft be committed to prison as an escaped convict, holding that though the letter of the law had been complied with, it was a violation of its spirit and meaning, and a virtual nullification of the sentence of the Court. Capt. McLoud, who is the prisoner's counsel, has appealed to the Supreme Court.

Skirmish Between a Journalist and a Mayor.

Isaac M. Brown, editor of the Columbus, Indiana "Republican," has been making things hot for gamblers and other wrongdoers in that city, and has been bringing his stogas down upon the horns of Mayor Cooper, who, he declares, agreed to wink at infractions of the law as the price of his election. On Sunday the mayor and the editor met, and after a war of words buckled in. The editor displays two black eyes, and the mayor shows up with a chawed thumb and a loss of whiskers.

LAWRENCE, Kan., December 11.—The Simpson bank, of the city, went into voluntary liquidation yesterday, and J. S. Chew was appointed receiver. It was the oldest banking institution in the city. It is believed that the assets of the bank, if not sacrificed, will be sufficient to pay the creditors in full.

Stephen A. Haviland, who is supposed to be the most correct type-setter in New York, died recently, aged 66 years.—He has been known to set twelve book pages of type, in mixed Greek, Latin and English, without an error; and the remarkable feat of setting a concordance to the Bible in diamond type without an error is attributed to him.

A Business Widow.

A St. Louis widow has on hand a lawsuit to break the will of her first husband, another to recover the insurance money on the life of the second, and a third to obtain alimony from the last.

VEGETINE WILL CURE RHEUMATISM.

Mr. ALBERT CROOKER, the well-known druggist and apothecary, of Springvale, Me., always advises every one troubled with Rheumatism to try VEGETINE.

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