

Remarkable Case of Petrification.

PITTSBURG, April 15.—During the summer of 1876 Benjamin Singery, Esq., for a number of years State Printer and proprietor of "The State Journal," died suddenly at his residence this city. Mr. Singery was a very heavy man, weighing 300 pounds. Six professional pall-bearers were present at the funeral to guard against accident. The casket was of walnut, seven feet three inches long by three feet wide, and was placed in a heavy stone box, securely fastened. Some months since, the relatives in Philadelphia concluded to have the remains removed to Laurel Hill Cemetery, where his parents and friends are buried. The work of raising the body was commenced, and to the surprise of those who had undertaken the job, no offensive odor prevailed as they approached the casket. An effort was made to raise the body, but this was found almost impossible on account of the extraordinary weight. Still greater was the surprise at this, and it was decided to raise the lid of the casket. Imagine their amazement upon finding that the body had undergone petrification, and assumed the color of common brown store paper. The entire face and form seemed one entire mass of stone chiseled from the block. Not one of the features or lineaments, except the eyes, which were sunken, were out of place, or unnatural in the slightest degree. Even the shirt, coat, boots and pants were intact. The remains were then placed in a stout casket for transportation, when it was found the weight was 925 pounds. They were shipped to Philadelphia per Adams Express, and interred by the relatives immediately upon arrival there.

Shaffer, the Wife Murderer, Attempts Suicide.

A Chambersburg dispatch of Monday last says: "Shortly before 8 o'clock this morning it was discovered by the prison authorities that Hezekiah Shaffer, who is to be hanged on Thursday next for the murder of his wife last summer—the particulars of which you have already published—had made an attempt to commit suicide, by opening the main arteries on his arms and legs with a piece of very sharp wire, which he had in some way taken from a broom left in his cell on some occasion. The prison physician was at once called in, and the flow of blood was stopped. Had Shaffer made the attempt in the night time the gallows, no doubt, would have been cheated out of one of its victims. He was reported to be delirious at noon, but it is thought he will recover. A strict watch is kept over him now, of course."

A San Francisco Mystery.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—Josiah Bacon, treasurer of the Goodyear Dental vulcanite company, of Boston, who came here a short time ago from the east, was found on the floor of his room at Baldwin's hotel yesterday afternoon, with a pistol shot wound in his abdomen. He had been dead several hours. No firearm was found in his rooms, and, as the hemorrhage was entirely internal, there was no means of judging of his movements subsequent to the fatal shot and nothing has as yet transpired to throw any light on the affair. He was a native of Massachusetts, aged forty-five years.

More Virginia Judges to be Indicted.

RICHMOND, Va., 11.—There is good authority for stating that the recent action of United States Judge Rivers in indicting county judges in his (western) district for not having mixed juries in their courts, will be followed by a similar movement in this (eastern) district and that the United States district attorney will, probably tomorrow, present the names of a number of county judges for indictment.

Plowing up Gold Coins.

A farmer named Joseph Keetor, residing near Deep creek, Norfolk county, Va., while plowing on Wednesday last in an old field that had not been under cultivation for several years, unearthed an iron chest containing several thousand dollars in American gold coin of dates as far back as 1830. The chest is believed to have been buried during the last war. Mr. Keetor is a poor man, and the treasure is very acceptable.

Railway Rates Reduced.

St. Louis, April 15.—As a result of the recent breaking of the Southwestern pool St. Louis roads have reduced the rates to and from St. Louis and Missouri river points about as follows: Lumber to Missouri river points, from fifteen to five cents per hundred; cattle from the West, from fifty to twenty dollars per car; wheat and corn, from twenty and fifteen cents to eight cents per hundred.

So severe was the storm on the prairies, one day last week, that trains on Indianapolis and St. Louis road were troubled to make headway between Quincy and DeWitt. The gale struck a freight train, ripped the roof from the top of one box car, carried it into a field some distance, and roofs of other cars were damaged.

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FRIDAY, THE 25th OF APRIL, 1879, where and at which times all persons feeling themselves aggrieved will be heard by the Commissioners, Assessors of the several districts. By order of the Board.

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