

Rough Plan of Hazing.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., April 6.—At 6 o'clock this morning Johnson C. Whittaker, a colored cadet of West Point, of the class of 1879, was found bound hand and foot in his room at the barracks, with a piece of one ear cut off, the other ear slit and his head bruised. He stated that three masked men attack him while he was in bed, shortly after midnight, and committed the deed. General Schofield and Commandant Luzelle are investigating the affair. It is believed that the outrage was committed by cadets.

A West Point special says the opinion has become general among the officers and cadets that Whittaker cut and bound himself. When General Schofield told Whittaker that the officers thought he was playing a trick, the young man said that the charge was insult added to injury, and demanded a court of inquiry. The request was granted, and the court will meet Friday morning with open doors.

Surgeon Alexander says that the man was not insensible when he was found. His cuts were very slight, nor was there any bruise on his head that would have caused insensibility. The blood was fresh and could not, it is said, have flowed from wounds inflicted so long as three or four hours before.

Assassins Reigning in Turkey.

LONDON, April 3.—A correspondent at Constantinople hints that the assassination of the Grand Sherief of Mecca, who was stabbed by a Persian fanatic on March 14, and died on March 21, was procured by Abdul Mutalib Pasha his successor, who had long been in Constantinople endeavoring to convince the Sultan, that Sheikh Hussein, the murdered Sherief, sought to free Arabia from Turkish rule. Abdul Mutalib Pasha was Grand Sherief of Mecca at the time of the Jiddah massacre, in 1858, and was deposed, at the demand of England, in consequence of that affair. He enjoys great reputation among the Arabs as a warrior and statesman, and as a descendant of the Prophet. He has a fanatical hatred and contempt for all Christians—indeed, it is whispered that he is a Wahabee—but especially for the British, in consequence of the energetic action of the Government at the time of Jiddah massacre.

Novel Leap Year Idea.

The Detroit News of last week says:—Ed. F. Lee, vice president of the Eldow Club, received a letter this morning from a young lady, who has adopted a somewhat unusual method of getting a husband. The fair correspondent says that she shut her eyes, opened a city directory at random and decided to make a leap year proposal of marriage to the man whose name her finger rested on. That man happened to be Mr. Lee, and the fair one, not knowing but he might be "some horrible fellow," hesitated some time before addressing a formal proposition of marriage to him. The club will hold a special meeting this evening to consider the advisability of accepting Mr. Lee's resignation.

A Silver Ring in a Potato's Heart.

The Wilmington, N. C. Star says:—Mr. Elijah Hewlett, Treasurer of the county, informs us of a somewhat singular occurrence at his place in Masonboro township, on Monday last. One of his children broke open a large cooked potato, of the Haman species, and discovered a silver finger ring imbedded in the very heart of the potato. How it got there is the question. It is thought that the "slip" first grew through the centre of the ring and then closed around it as it grew to perfection. As soon as the discovery became known the rest of Mr. Hewlett's children wanted to prosecute a thorough investigation among all the potatoes on the plantation.

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A Passenger Shot.

CINCINNATI, April 7.—An unknown negro tramp, yesterday, shot and killed a passenger on the Bee Line Railway, seven miles west of Sidney, Ohio. The negro had boarded the train at Sidney, and having no money was put off at Hardin station. As the train started he got on the platform and fired through the window, presumably at the conductor, but the ball struck and killed a passenger, Joseph M. Lehman, of Houston. The negro escaped.

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