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A TERRIBLE MAIL storm doing much damage and killing one person, passed over portions of Missouri on Thursday last.

A FERRY boat used in place of a bridge carried away by the flood; across the Fox river at Elgin, Ill., was upset on Thursday last and ten or fifteen persons were drowned. There were thirty persons on the boat when the accident happened.

GOOD GRACIOUS! under the new apportionment bill as the House propose to pass it, Philadelphia is to have one more member. Unless they pick out different material than they usually do they should be reduced instead of made more numerous. Ward politicians are poor law makers.

THE Commissioner of Internal Revenue has just decided, in a case which arose in the Fifth collection district of North Carolina, that money in the custody of the government and belonging to a citizen is not subject to levy and attachment under proceedings instituted in a State court by creditors. He holds that the faith of the government requires the return of the money to the actual depositor.

IT is announced that greater mail facilities are given to the people. By "the people" it should be understood is meant those living in the cities. Country people are not counted; anything is good enough for them seems to be the opinion of the post office authorities. At least it would seem so when the "increased facilities," make three days the shortest time in which you can mail a letter and get a reply between this place and Duncannon, a distance of 11 miles. What is said in regard to "speedy transit" between here and Duncannon, applies to many other places.

The trouble is, that all arrangements are made with special reference to the convenience of cities without regard to the accommodation of intermediate places.

The St. Louis Strike.

ST. LOUIS, April 28.—Between 10 and 11 o'clock this morning Erastus Wells, president of the Olive-street and Market street Railroad lines, made a proposition to his men to give conductors 15 cents and drivers 12 cents per hour. Three or four of the regular force concluded to accept and about noon cars were started on both roads, they being manned mainly by new or extra men. The first four or five cars on Market Street passed over the road with little trouble, receiving only a mud splattering from a few unruly persons, but about 1 o'clock a great crowd collected on Chestnut Street between Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets, stopped four cars forcibly, derailed them, and compelled the horses to haul them over the macadam pavement down Twelfth to Market Street, and then forced the drivers to take them back to the stables on the latter street. This line uses two parallel streets, namely Chestnut and Market, one block apart, the cars going west on Chestnut and east on Market Street. After this lawless act the mob stopped another car going out on Chestnut Street at the corner of Thirteenth, smashed its windows, plastered it with mud, unhitched the horses and compelled the driver to take them back to the stable. The car now stands on the track, the crowd will not permit the Railroad Company to touch it. About a dozen policemen were present at this point, but notwithstanding they arrested a number of the leading spirits of the mob, they were powerless to prevent the riotous proceedings. Another similar scene occurred on Market Street between Fourth and Fifth and the eastern terminus of the road. Several arrests were made here also, but the police could not preserve order and the mob bespattered the cars with mud and assailed the men on them with all manner of vile and abusive epithets. On the Olive-street Line another great crowd gathered at the corner of Fifth Street, extending to Fourth Street, the eastern terminus of the road, and obstructed the passage of the cars. This mob was also very abusive to the conductors and drivers and was loud and angry and bitter in its denunciation of the railroad companies. Captain Fox, with a squad of about a dozen mounted

police, was at this point and managed to keep the tracks clear enough for the cars to pass, but neither they nor the patrolmen, a number of whom also tried to prevent the use of foul language, could stop the throwing of mud at the cars and other active demonstrations.—Captain Fox's horse received a knife-thrust at this point from some unknown ruffian, and the Captain drew his pistol, but did not use it. A number of arrests were made here also, and finally, about 2 o'clock the street was pretty well cleared and order prevailed.

On Thursday troops were ordered out ready to aid the extra force of police.—The rioters finding the authorities determined to protect the companies, dispersed and the cars are again running.

A Bachelor's Surprise Party.

On Sunday morning says the Lancaster Examiner, when a certain well-to-do bachelor who resides on East Orange street went to his front door, he discovered on one of the steps what was no doubt intended as an Easter present from one of his female friends. It was nothing more nor less than a small cradle lined with satin in which snugly packed was a little girl baby. The horrified gentleman thought at first the affair was a joke upon him, but upon looking at the bundle more closely he discovered upon the cradle a card bearing an inscription.

Surprised as well as shocked at this startling revelation, he at first thought of having the cradle and its contents taken to the almshouse; but after a glance at the beautiful little girl slumbering so sweetly in it, he concluded to accept the responsible charge, and care for the child as his own. The little thing could not have fallen into better hands than it did, and we feel confident that the gentleman upon whom such good luck has so unexpectedly fallen will never regret the day when he first saw the foundling.

One of Forepaugh's Wagons Burned.

About one o'clock on Tuesday morning the wagon containing the chandeliers, several barrels of naphtha, etc., belonging to Adam Forepaugh's circus, exploded after being loaded upon the railway car, while standing on the siding near the coal wharf in West Huntingdon. The wagon took fire immediately after the explosion, and the burning naphtha was scattered over the car, setting fire to several other vehicles. The burning chandelier wagon was pulled off the car, and was almost entirely destroyed before the fire engine could be brought to the scene. The wagon had just been put on, and the last car was being loaded previous to being conveyed to Tyrone when the explosion occurred. Fortunately, no one was on the wagon at the time and only one of the employees was slightly cut by being struck by a flying fragment. A team of horses and mules engaged in hauling the wagons on to the cars were so badly scared by the explosion that they ran off and were not found until daylight. The explosion is believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion. The loss is estimated by Mr. Forepaugh at \$3000; no insurance.—Huntingdon News.

A Curious Accident.

A young man named Buzzard, a resident of Harrisburg, was fireman on the second section of fast line going east from Altoona Wednesday morning.—The Pittsburgh train west when about the same place met with a slight accident to the engine which disabled it.—The conductor then swung a red light on the fast line with the intention of stopping it and sending for another engine. It appears that the fireman saw the signal and supposing a collision was about to take place jumped to save his life. He struck on the ballast and either broke one arm badly or had it crushed by the train and his face was badly scratched. The man was taken to his home in Harrisburg.

General Strike of Bakers.

NEW YORK, April 27.—The journey-men bakers of this city and Brooklyn are to go upon a general strike on Monday, and will join in a procession and demonstration in this city. The bakers complain that they are now compelled to work from fourteen to eighteen hours a day, and they are to strike for a reduction of the hours of labor to twelve, and for one day of rest in the week.—Another feature of the demand is that the employers shall not require any of their journeymen to live in the house with them, as is now the custom.

Bitten By a Dog.

Tuesday afternoon a little girl, daughter of Mr. Welsh, residing on Kelker street, while playing in the yard with other girls was bitten in the back twice by a dog belonging to one of the neighbors. Immediately after the accident she walked into the house and soon fell asleep. On waking up, towards evening, she went into spasms, and last

evening at 8 o'clock was quite ill. Mr. Welsh being out on the road was telegraphed for, and is expected to arrive in the city some time this morning.—Patriot.

Telegraph Rates.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 27.—The Assembly bill has passed (66 to 34) Mr. Spinola's bill for fixing the charges for receiving and delivering telegraph messages of fifteen words or less to any point in this State not exceeding twenty cents, all dispatches to newspapers to be one-half this rate. Mr. Nile's bill requiring the trunk lines of telegraph below Forty-second street, in New York city, to be laid underground, has passed the Assembly—79 to 13.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 22.—Rev. Robert Matlock was lynched in Izard county a few days since, and it is supposed that Matlock was a preacher of the New Light fanaticism prevalent in this region. Last year the enthusiasts believed in blood atonement, and under Matlock's lead killed six or seven men. They murdered Thomas Miller at a barbecue last August with a knife, but were captured, tried and acquitted as insane. A short time ago a murdered man was found in the mountains between Tellico and Batesville, and circumstances pointed strongly to Matlock as the murderer. The community was greatly excited and Matlock's disappearance makes it quite certain that he is also a victim of blood atonement.

Belva A. Lockwood, Esq., solicitor and attorney-at-law, of Washington city, has applied for the Brazilian Mission in a letter of considerable length to the President. Mrs. Lockwood says that she is fitted for the place, being a native of New York, and not identified with either of the factions in that State. She says she understands French, has a smattering of Spanish, and is familiar with the consular regulations. A strong card in her favor is the fact that the Emperor and Empress of Brazil are old-time friends. Mrs. Lockwood says that as no woman has ever been sent abroad to represent the interests of the country, although one-half the population consists of members of the gentler sex, she ought to have the place.

A wedding ceremony was brought to a sudden termination at Kittanning a few days since. When the proposed groom was asked the usual question as to his willingness to take the woman for better or worse, and love and honor her until death, &c., he responded that he would marry her, but no amount of force or persuasion would ever induce him to love and honor her. The answer not being according to the form laid down by Binn, by which the squire who was officiating received his instructions, he refused to proceed. The friends of the expectant bride took umbrage at the supposed insult, and proposed to wipe it out then and there. The result was a free, rough and tumble fight.

Tuesday as the third section of the immense emigrant train containing a long string of cars whizzed along through Pennsylvania's fertile fields one of the little waifs of the old world, which scarcely had time to open its eyes in the new, died in its mother's arms.—There were a few tears and lamentations of the stricken parents, and then the little one was wrapped in a blanket and turned over to strangers at Huntingdon. The parents could not even stop to see it buried, but were hurried on in the great stream of travel.

PANAMA, April 16.—Buenoven Tura, one of the most important commercial towns on the Pacific coast, was almost entirely destroyed by fire on the 12th instant. Several lives were lost. The damage is estimated at \$1,000,000, on which there was no insurance, on account of the inflammable character of the buildings. The custom house and post office, with a valuable foreign mail, were among the buildings destroyed. Over 1,500 people were rendered homeless and are in a condition bordering on destitution.

Mr. Charles Heath now residing in Walden Mass., has sent a long statement to the Boston Advertiser in reference to the destruction of his property in Caldwell Parish La., on the Ouachita river, ten miles below Columbia. His case was referred to by Mr. Dawes in the recent debate. He says the first trouble was in 1877 or 1878, when he and his brother refused to employ white overseers, and were accused by their neighbors of a willingness to divide their land with the negroes. Last Christmas his whole place was burned by an incendiary fire. It was worth, with improvements, \$25,000.

A woman named Blynn called on a dentist in North Vineland recently, for the purpose of having some teeth extracted, and fearing to take chloroform, resolved to test the anesthetic properties of whiskey and apple-jack. She drank

a half pint of each of the beverages and became unconscious. She never recovered from the effect of the liquor, and died in a few hours.

Last Saturday, Mr. Stewart, an old resident of Woodward township, Clearfield county, boarded the train at Ramey, and came to Phillipsburg, in company with his daughter and son-in-law, for the purpose of having his picture taken. They proceeded to the gallery of Joseph Haines who was successful in taking a life like representation of the old gentleman. Mr. Stewart celebrated his one hundredth birthday on the 25 of last March, and up to last Saturday, had never taken a ride in the cars, and had not been to Phillipsburg for forty years. Notwithstanding his present age he is quite hale and hearty, and walks along quite briskly.—Journal.

The residence of John Stitts, collector for Kittanning township, Armstrong county, was entered by burglars recently who took \$600 of public money and \$100 of insurance money, then set the house on fire. The family escaped unhurt.

Miscellaneous News Items.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 26.—Hon. M. P. O'Connor, congressman from the Charleston district, died this morning of tumor in the stomach.

Nine deaths occurred at Wilmington, Del., from small-pox during the past week, and six new cases were sent to the almshouse on Monday.

The post-office at Frederickton, N. J., was broken into on Monday night and all the letters except those in the safe were stolen; also \$40 worth of stamps.

The coopers of Boston and Cambridge have given notice through their secretary that they will demand from Monday next twenty-five per cent. advance on present prices, and strike if refused.

The post-office at Norristown was entered by burglars early on Monday morning. They blew open the safe and left with the money and postage stamps, amounting to about \$300.

Secretary Blaine has instructed the American Consul at Victoria, B. C., to investigate and report upon the circumstances connected with the alleged imprisonment of two American citizens at Yale last winter.

A horse of William Strader fell into a mine-hole forty-feet deep, near Washington, Warren county, last week. A derrick was rigged and he was extricated a few hours afterward apparently but little hurt.

The post office at Pittston was entered at an early hour on Tuesday morning last, by burglars who broke open the safe and robbed it of a small amount of money, postage stamps and registered letters. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

In his sermon on Sunday, Henry Ward Beecher expressed the hope that editors might become thoroughly Christianized—not after the pattern of the religious press, however, God forbid! he said, but after the pattern of the New Testament of Jesus Christ.

The dwelling of Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffman, in East Coventry, Chester county, was broken open and robbed of over \$50 in money and a suit of clothes, while the family were at church, on Sunday morning. Some tramps who were seen in the neighborhood are suspected of having committed the robbery.

On Sunday James Olderbach shot and instantly killed a pretty Bohemian girl named Mary Brooks at Des Moines, Iowa. Olderbach was under the influence of liquor, and had just had some conversation with the girl. He asserts that he did the deed in fun, merely pointing the pistol playfully without any intent to fire it. He is in jail.

Frederick Hartman died near Centreville, Ind., about a month ago, and the old gentleman's friends suspected that he had a large sum of money that could not be found among his papers, or in any bank with which he did business. A search was made about the old homestead, and \$3,000 in small amounts have been fished out of chinks and crannies about the house.

The Huntington Journal says: "A two year old heifer belonging to Jack McCahan was found dead in a mire on the north side of the Broad Top railroad track, a short distance above the 'cut.' The animal had been missed for several days and when found was mired to its knees in a blue, tough clay, from which it was impossible for it to extricate itself."

A Cincinnati dispatch states that on Sunday night the wife of ex-Representative J. D. Thompson, of Lewis county, Ky., was drowned by the upsetting of a row boat in a swollen stream. Mr. Thompson, a delicate man, supported his wife for nearly half an hour, but when help arrived and they were brought ashore, the lady was dead and Mr. Thompson so much exhausted that his recovery is deemed doubtful.

Four boys playing on the meadows near Newark, N. J., on Monday last, discovered a number of glass preserving jars,

each containing the body of a fully developed child, apparently one or two days old, preserved in alcohol. A further search by trackmen working in the vicinity, revealed no less than seven jars, each of which contained a body. They were taken to the morgue and the deputy county physician notified.

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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26, 1881.

There is much excitement here at this time over the alleged discoveries of fraud in the letting of contracts for, and increase in payment of the "Star" Routes mail service. It will be remembered that an investigation of this service was had by Congress, winter before last, and that while the scandal was wide spread nothing of rascality could be found. When Mr. James became Post Master General he immediately began an investigation into the operations of this branch of the service, and claims to have found such evidences of fraud that he immediately asked for and received the resignation of Gen. Brady, his second assistant, and several other officials of note in the Post-Office Department, having to do with the "Star" routes. After making these changes Mr. James suddenly found himself without proof to substantiate many of the charges he had made against many of his dismissed officials, and though having given the first developments to the public, he has declined to give any of the later ones. In the mean time, Gen. Brady who is made to bear the brunt of the attack, has written a letter of defense, which is published in the New York Herald.—In it the General truly says that most of the increases were before and during the time of the Congressional investigation, and that Congress at its last session appropriated not only a sufficient amount to continue the service as thus increased, but gave \$500,000 for further increases during the next fiscal year. Gen. Brady also calls attention to the fact that in the disbursement of so many millions of dollars per annum in support of a service so widely distributed and so difficult of thorough investigation as the "Star" mail service of this country, that no mistakes be made—no money wasted—even under the wisest administration. He denies that there has been collusion between the contractors and Department, as is supposed and charged by Mr. James, and challenges proof to that effect. Let the administration hunt down fraud and make swindling a terror to all reckless officers, but let us be very careful before giving censure to see that it is deserved.

It can safely be predicted that the dead-lock will soon be broken. The necessity for acting on many of the pending nominations is becoming so urgent and the President so anxious, that all party consideration will have to give way before the now imperative demands of the public business. A caucus will be held probably to-day or to-morrow, at which a new programme will be agreed upon.

Messrs. Gilmore & Co., No. 629 "F." St., of this city, will commence in May, the publication of an eight page paper called the "America." Its motto will be "Free speech, Free Thought, Free Labor," and it will be "devoted to the interests of the people." An immense edition will be issued, and the paper will be first class in every way. OLIVE.

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