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The trial of the Star Route conspirators is to be pushed, General Brady and several others have been admitted to bail, in the sum of \$7,500.

The successor of Gen. Burnside in the U. S. Senate, is Nelson W. Aldrich. He is the youngest man in the Senate but is said to be a very able one.

HON. ED. LAW, member of the Legislature from Philadelphia, was drowned in the Schuylkill while rowing on Wednesday last. Mr. Law was one of the members who was a credit to the city delegation.

An oil train on the Erie Road took fire on Wednesday evening and destroyed 350,000 gallons of oil. The track was blocked and travel suspended for some hours. A small cannon was used to fire slugs into some of the cars, so as to let the oil out without an explosion.

The first pardon granted by President Arthur was the pardon of George W. Hubley of Harrisburg, who was a short time since convicted of larceny, his offence consisting in wearing a college badge which he found in the mail car of which he was in charge.

WOLF the self-nominated candidate for State Treasurer opened his canvass by a speech in Philadelphia on Tuesday night last. Life is too short to read such a long speech as he made, but we looked it over enough to find, that he files a complaint against every politician except Charlie Wolf.

THE COLD WAVE which passed over the country on Tuesday, was a remarkable change. In many places in the New England states the weather was so cold as to freeze the fruit on the trees.—In Vermont considerable snow fell, and potatoes, corn and fruit were badly damaged.

CONFEDERATE bonds were sold in London recently to a considerable amount, for from 2½ to 4 cents on the dollar.—They were said to be bought for persons in Amsterdam. They may have been bought for that dam, and it is just what they are worth, and it is just that kind of fools who would buy them.

THIS will be a memorable year for disturbances and eccentricities in the working of nature's laws. Another terrible earthquake has taken place, this time in Central Italy, whereby great suffering and much loss of life have been occasioned. There seems to be some friction somewhere in the terrestrial machinery.

GOVERNOR HOYT has sent a notice to Insurance Commissioner Foster stating that he will not issue any more letters patent to mutual assessment insurance companies. He bases his action on the fact that, as he construes the law, the business is not being conducted legally. It would have saved considerable money to some persons, if he had reached this conclusion much sooner.

A NOVEL feature has been introduced by the managers of the Luzerne Co., fair. It is the offer of a prize of \$5 to all parties fulfilling the rites of marriage by having the ceremony performed on the grounds during the afternoon of the last day. The services of the clergyman will be gratis. Ten subjects have notified the Secretary of their entry for the premium. By this arrangement the cost of the preacher is saved and a little starting fund is received.

THE New York Republican State Convention which was held in New York on Wednesday last, showed that the Conkling faction was largely in the minority. The convention was controlled by the "Half-breeds," who made Mr. Chauncey M. Depew chairman.—This was a very wet blanket to the "Stalwarts." Everything passed off harmoniously and the resolutions adopted strongly pledged the party to the support of President Arthur.

THE Secret Service division of the Treasury Department has received reports to the effect that two new counterfeit notes, produced by the photographic process, have just been discovered in circulation; namely, a five dollar note on the Leicester National Bank, of Leicester, Mass. No banks or treasury numbers given. Also, a five dollar note on the First National Bank of St. Johnsbury, Vt. Charter number, 489; bank number, 323; Treasury number, B. 120,300. The notes are said to be poorly executed, and they should be readily detected.

By a curious coincidence, a letter written by Mr. Garfield has been found, in which the practice of acquitting criminals because of their alleged insanity is vigorously deprecated and condemned.—There is, however, little or no probability that his own murderer will succeed in escaping condign punishment by means of such a defence. An effort will, of course be made to prove him insane, but its success is doubtful.

Beats a Fish Story.

A very curious and interesting spectacle was to be seen Monday afternoon in the office of Mr. P. C. Clever's livery stable in this city. Against the wall of the room stands a tolerably tall desk, and under this a small spider, not larger than a common pea, had constructed an extensive web reaching down to the floor.

About 11.30 o'clock Monday forenoon it was observed that the spider had ensnared a young mouse by passing filaments of her web around its tail. When first seen the mouse had its hind feet off the floor, and could barely touch the floor with its fore feet. The spider was full of business, running up and down the line, occasionally biting the mouse's tail, making it struggle desperately. Its efforts to escape was unavailing, as the slender filaments about its tail were too strong for it to break. In a short time it was seen that the spider was slowly hoisting its victim into the air. By two o'clock in the afternoon the mouse could barely touch the floor with its fore feet; by dark the point of its nose was an inch above the floor. At 9 o'clock at night the mouse was still alive, but made no sign except when the spider descended and bit its tail. At this time it was an inch and a half from the floor.

Yesterday morning the mouse was dead and hung three inches from the floor.

The news of the novel sight soon became circulated, and hundreds of people visited the stable to witness it. The mouse is a small one, probably less than half grown, measuring about one and a half inches from the point of its nose to the root of the tail. How the spider succeeded in ensnaring it is not known. The mechanical ingenuity of the spider, which enables her to raise a body which must weigh forty or fifty times as much as herself, has been the subject of a great deal of comment and speculation, and no satisfactory solution of the difficulty has been found. All agree that it is a most remarkable case and one that would be received with utter incredulity if it were not so amply attested.

United After Many Years.

Thomas Patterson of a wealthy Maryland family disappeared from Baltimore fifteen years ago, after bidding his young and beautiful wife adieu. Soon afterward his relatives read in a newspaper the description of an unknown man who had been found dead in Erie. The body was identified by a brother of Patterson as that of the missing man, the letters "T. P." in India ink on his arm being to him conclusive evidence. The body was interred in the family lot in Wilmington, and the tomb cared for and adorned with flowers, watered by the tears of the supposed widow. But Patterson is still alive. After falling into dissipated habits, he went to Texas and was captured by the Indians. He subsequently escaped and made his way to Michigan. A short time ago Mrs. Patterson was surprised to receive an envelope bearing the postmark of Grand Rapids, and at once recognized the handwriting of her husband. It conveyed to her the joyful intelligence that Patterson was a prosperous merchant of a large city in Michigan, had discarded all bad habits, was leading the exemplary life of an honest, temperate man, and by strict attention to business had accumulated a fortune. Mrs. Patterson is still a beautiful woman, and has had many suitors for her hand since the supposed death of her husband, all of which she declined.

She fears it is a Death Insurance.

The Harrisburg Telegraph says: The widow of a soldier of the war of 1812, a lady over seventy years of age, appeared before an alderman of one of the upper wards, yesterday, and made an affidavit to the effect that there is an insurance of \$15,000 on her life, to which she gave her consent, but that she has now learned that there is \$23,000 more insurance, to which her signature is forged, and that she is in constant fear that those who hold these policies intend to do her mortal injury and are conspiring to kill her. The old lady is laboring under great excitement, and requested

the alderman to keep her affidavit, so that if she died suddenly her death may be fully investigated, to ascertain whether or not it had been natural.

A Very bad Couple

LANCASTER, Pa., October 6.—Edward Sanders and Phillip Rogers, two notorious characters of this city, at a late hour last night forced their way into the room of Mrs. Mary Seymour, residing on John street, this city, and in the presence of her three children, Sanders criminally assaulted her. The woman struggled desperately to escape, and at length succeeded, Sanders following her into the street and knocking her down several times. Mrs. Seymour escaped to a neighbor's house, where she died from the effects of her injuries in a few moments. Both men were arrested and are now in jail, charged with murder.

Stewart's Estate.

RUTLAND, Vt., Oct. 4.—The United States Court opened here this afternoon, Judge Wheeler presiding. The first case called was that of Alexander Stewart against Henry Hilton, but at the request of plaintiff's counsel the trial was postponed until to-morrow. The suit is brought to recover \$100,000 from the late A. T. Stewart's estate, the plaintiff claiming to be an heir-at-law. Some interesting developments are expected in the progress of the case, which attracts much attention.

Costly Play.

While some boys were playing with matches a few days ago, they fired the store and dwelling of Jason R. Eaby, at Intercourse, eight miles from Lancaster, and both were totally destroyed with their stock and contents. Three kegs of powder in the garret exploded with a tremendous report, and D. Warfel, who was in the garret, was hurled far away from the building, but not seriously hurt. The loss is \$8,000, and is fully covered by insurance.

An Outrageous Robbery.

BALTIMORE, October 5.—This morning two thieves entered the building of the S. Baltimore permanent Saving association on Light st., and while one held a pistol to the head of the clerk in charge, H. P. Orem, the other felled him to the floor with a billy. The thieves then robbed the safe, securing \$300 in money and \$1,000 in checks.—One of the thieves was caught and \$140 in money recovered. The captured man gave the name of Walter H. Campbell.

More than He could Manage.

Young Cowen, of Ohio, thought that he could manage a balloon, and coaxed a professor of ballooning to let him try. The professor agreed, and in a few hours the lifeless body of the young man was brought home to his friends. After all, old mother earth, with all her unpleasant peculiarities, is the safest standby, at least under the present condition of the business of air sailing.

Arrested at the Wedding Altar.

At Richmond, Mass., on Wednesday, Charles Seymour, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was married to Miss Clara Stephens, the father of the bridegroom, who is a Congregational clergyman, officiating. Ten minutes afterwards the bridegroom was arrested for breach of promise of marriage, the complainant being Miss Allie Mansfield. The bride fainted when the arrest was made.

The Corn Market.

NEW YORK, October 4.—On early change to-day the corn market was very much depressed and unsettled, the market declining one and one-half to two per cent. on reported failure of the large bears in corn in Chicago. The sales of corn before and at the first call aggregate about 2,560,000 bushels.

Miscellaneous News Items.

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, Pa., October 4.—Charles Dean while reloading a revolver after practicing at a target shooting this afternoon, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of the weapon.

GRAY'S MILLS, Miss., October 1.—James Freeman's grandson, aged nine, being offended at the little daughter of Allen Harris, aged two years, yesterday blindfolded the child and threw her into a well 100 feet deep, where she was found dead.

A Tucson, Arizona, dispatch states that a party of soldiers sent to repair the telegraph line between Forts Grant and Thomas was attacked by Chiricahua Indians, and two of the soldiers were killed. A courier reports seeing the dead bodies of several citizens near Cedar Springs.

William McKibben, who resided near Jacksonville, Centre county, was found dead in the woods near his home recently, with two rifle balls in his forehead. A gun was found beside his body, and nobody knows whether his death was the result of accident or suicide. He leaves a wife and four children.

A terrific storm swept over the eastern part of Knox county, Ohio, on Sunday a week; it was accompanied by a high wind and rain. It is reported that every shock of corn in a field belonging to a Mr. Tucker, near that place, was carried to an adjoining farm. A house owned by a Mrs. Myer, a widow, was totally destroyed. Mr. Baker's barn was badly damaged, and several barns and houses were more or less injured. All the fences were blown away.

Dr. E. J. Hoffman of Louisville, a man who had a large practice, an excellent reputation, and was an active Methodist, has been ruined by poker. Becoming infatuated with the game he neglected his patients to play it, borrowed all the money he could to meet his losses, and finally forged checks amounting to \$2,000, for which he is now in jail. His church loses \$600.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Oct 4.—On Sunday night the fourth class of cadets, newly entered in the Naval Academy, was hazed unmercifully. Members of the third class were suspected of it, and when the matter was investigated refused to divulge what they knew. Today, at two o'clock, the whole class of fifty members was sent on board the Sautes. They had to take bedding and other articles, and will have to stay on board ship until further orders, out being allowed to speak to each other.

Member of this Department relieved of Rheumatism by the use of St. Jacob's Oil, says Geo. W. Walling, Esq., Superintendent Police New York, in one of our exchanges.—Kansas City Mail.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, October 7, 1881.

More than usual interest will centre in the National Capital for some time, as several events of public concern are entering upon the scene. The indictment already found against Guiteau is to be tried, and the wretch probably hung; the star route cases have already been called into Court for a beginning; the Senate is about to meet in extra session, and the Supreme Court convenes on Monday next. All these things, in connection with the interest attaching to a change of Administration, are likely to make Washington as interesting as it is in mid-winter. Our District criminal court is a tribunal of National and extraordinary interest when its history, or the history of its trials is reviewed. It has tried Surratt for the murder of President Lincoln, tried the notorious safe burglary cases, the Ottoman Treasury robbery case, besides Congressmen for murder, forgery and bigamy and sent ex-Senators and other former high officials to the penitentiary.

Next to the Guiteau trial the people of the country are probably most interested in the star route prosecutions. These cases have been thoroughly exposed through the press and there is a conviction in the public mind that there was under the direction of Mr. Brady a criminal waste of public money, to say the least. The enormous expenditure for that service, consuming the entire appropriation of the fiscal year before the year was half gone, and creating a deficiency amounting to millions; the excessive increase of the pay of certain contractors to five to ten times the amount of their original contracts, are facts beyond controversy and circumstances calculated to raise a presumption of wrong. When these things are taken in connection with certain other evidences, and the accumulation of large fortunes by the officials and contractors, they not only raise the presumption but inspire a conviction in the public mind which only a thorough clearing up will ever remove. Even if the accused escape upon technicalities, or for lack of legal proof of guilt, the circumstances are so strong that a general doubt of innocence will still exist.

Since the adjournment of the Supreme Court there has been a vacancy created, caused by the death of Justice Clifford, and Justice Hunt, it is understood, is still incapacitated for service. Justice Field is not expected here for several weeks, and the Court will therefore meet with three members short. There is much anxiety among the bench and the bar on the subject of the filling of the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Clifford. There is no reliable information as to whether President Arthur proposes to send in a nomination for the vacancy at the special session of the Senate, or whether he will wait until the regular session in December, as it is supposed that he may come to some conclusion in the matter during his present stay in New York; after consultation with his friends. The justices of the Supreme Court would be glad if the vacancy should be promptly filled, as it would help very much to lighten their labors; but there are difficulties in the way which the President fully appreciates, and which may possibly induce him to delay making a nomination until December. There will be a great pressure to take the new appointee from the East, as only one active member of the bench, Mr. Justice Bradley, is now from that section, and Justice Clifford was the only member from New England. But the claims of the South will also be presented and urged with persistency, as it has had no representative on the bench of the Supreme Court since the days of the war. Justice Woods, who was lately appointed, although nominally from a southern circuit, had never given up his residence in Ohio, which State has to-day no less than four members of the bench of the Supreme Court. Owing to all the circumstances, including the peculiar division of parties in the Senate, the filling of this vacancy by the President will necessarily be surrounded with more or less embarrassment, and will require the exercise of sound judgment and discretion.

It is now said to be President Arthur's intention not to avail himself of the extra session of the Senate for the appointment of a new Cabinet, but to wait until Congress meets in

December. He thinks, it is said, that the Cabinet ministers now in office should remain to make the annual reports on the operations for ascertaining the current of popular sentiment as to what his Administration should be. If this report is correct the President will of course have the benefit of the present Cabinet ministers' reports on the public business in a retrospective sense; and to that extent they may serve him in getting up his own message to Congress. But if shortly after the meeting of Congress the present Cabinet is to go out, its members can aid him but little in shaping the prospective features of his message. In laying down his policy for the future it would evidently be of advantage to him to have his future constitutional advisers at his elbow.

Doubtless these matters were all determined upon after consultation with his friends during the President's recent visit to New York. But no one here appears authorized to speak by the card. It is still insisted, by those who ought to know what they are talking about, that Mr. Conkling is to be made Secretary of the Treasury and Mr. Blaine retained as Secretary of State in an effort to harmonize things. What a family that would make! In my opinion no alarming amount of harmony will ever be produced in that way. Just think of the possibilities of the situation with Robertson as Collector of New York, and Conkling his superior officer at the head of the Treasury Department, while Blaine sat at Conkling's right in Cabinet consultations. Oh, no! I guess not. W.

A CARD.

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