

A STRANGE BILL has been introduced into the California Legislature. It provides for the "suspension of the penal code," so far as it relates to one Harry Meigs, a former resident of the state. It also provides that he shall not be indicted for any offenses committed before the 1st of January, 1855, except murder, and the courts are instructed to dismiss any indictments that may have been found against him. Twenty years ago Meigs was a bold speculator, and so outrageously swindled many persons that there was an earnest desire to have him lynched, and he had to leave the state. He went to South America, where he built railroads and made an immense fortune. He then paid all his old creditors, with interest, and now that he is a millionaire, the Californians want him to return to his old home. If the bill should be passed, a curious precedent will be established, which may some day raise the question of exactly how much money a man must be worth before the legislature of a state can pardon him for crimes in advance of his conviction thereof.

A MAN named Bloomfield, who was an accomplice of the notorious Bender family, of Kansas, was arrested recently, but took strychnine and died before his trial. It has been established that Bloomfield assisted in building the Bender house, and arranged the screen in front of which the victims were placed in order to despatch them, and that he was an inmate of the house for some months during the scenes of the terrible murders which so shocked the world, and made Labette county so notorious.

SOME of our country exchanges remind us of the Scriptural comparison of certain men to kind sayings, fair words, and foul whinnies. They look very well outside, but their insides are poorly printed. The reason is patent, but we would not advise its being copy-righted.—Alexandria (Va.) Sentinel.

SOME sentimentalists at the South telegraphed Thursday night to his young lady at Portland, Maine: "To your life is a rich bouquet of happiness, yourself the sweetest flower. If Northern winds whisper Southern wishes, how happy you must be. Good night. Happy dreams, sweet love." Frank.

COFFEE CROP LIGHT.—The London coffee circulars show that the price of that commodity is still upwards in England, and as the crop is light in the producing countries, and the imports so far have been materially in excess of those of last year, it is not improbable that prices may advance still further.

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BANKRUPT NOTICES.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Please to take notice hereby, that a petition has been, to-wit: on the 27th day of February, a. d. 1874, filed in said District Court by Mary E. Russell, of Accomac county, in said district, who has been heretofore duly declared bankrupt under the act of Congress entitled "An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," approved March 2d, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof from all her debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 3d day of March, a. d. 1874, at 10 o'clock a. m., before J. L. Waterman, one of the registers of said court in bankruptcy, at his office, in Petersburg, in said district, is the time and place assigned for the hearing of the same; when and where you may attend and show cause, if any you have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted.

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UNITED STATES MAIL.

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT, Washington, December 1st, 1873. PROPOSALS will be received at this Contract Office of the Department until 3 o'clock p. m., on MARCH 23, 1874, to be sealed by the 30th inst. for carrying the mails of the United States from 1st July, 1874, to June 30, 1875, on the following routes in the State of Virginia, and by the schedule of departures and arrivals herein specified, viz: NO. 4760 From Winchester to Capon Springs (W. Va.), 24 1/2 miles and back, six times a week, from 15th June to 30th of September only in each year. Leave Winchester daily, except Sunday, at 3.30 p. m.; arrive at Capon Springs daily by 8.30 p. m.; leave Capon Springs daily, except Sunday, at 8 a. m.; arrive at Winchester at 9 a. m.

NO. 4761 From Aldie, by Sudley Springs, to Manassas, 20 miles and back, twice a week. Leave Aldie Tuesday and Friday at 9.30 a. m.; arrive at Manassas by 4 p. m.; leave Manassas Wednesday and Saturday at 9.30 a. m.; arrive at Aldie by 4 p. m.

NO. 4762 From Hampstead to Fair Haven, 10 miles and back, once a week. Leave Hampstead Wednesday at 9 a. m.; arrive at Fair Haven by 12 m.; leave Fair Haven Wednesday at 1 p. m.; arrive at Hampstead by 4 p. m.

NO. 4763 From West Point, by Shackelford's, Driver's Shop, Glendon, to Sedalia, to Urbana, 20 miles and back, three times a week. Leave West Point Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6 a. m.; arrive at Urbana by 12 m.; leave Urbana Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1 p. m.; arrive at West Point at 7 p. m.

NO. 4764 From Stevensville, by Carpton's, to New Prospect, 10 miles and back, twice a week. Leave Stevensville Wednesday and Saturday at 2.30 p. m.; arrive at New Prospect by 5.30 p. m.; leave New Prospect Wednesday and Saturday at 11 a. m.; arrive at Stevensville by 2 p. m.

NO. 4765 From Rural Retreat to Clem's Branch, 25 miles and back, once a week. Leave Rural Retreat Saturday at 8 a. m.; arrive at Clem's Branch by 5 p. m.; leave Clem's Branch Friday at 10 a. m.; arrive at Rural Retreat by 7 p. m.

NO. 4766 From St. Tammany's, by Shaw's Store (s. o.), Joyceville (s. o.), and Marengo (s. o.), to Cabbage Farm, 20 miles and back, once a week. Leave St. Tammany's Saturday at 6 a. m.; arrive at Cabbage Farm by 11 a. m.; leave Cabbage Farm Saturday at 1 p. m.; arrive at St. Tammany's by 7 p. m.

NO. 4767 From Pamplin's Depot to Walker's Church, 6 miles and back, three times a week. Leave Pamplin's Depot Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 1 p. m.; arrive at Walker's Church by 3 p. m.; leave Walker's Church Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 12 m.; arrive at Pamplin's Depot by 2 p. m.

NO. 4768 From Salt Creek, by Pedlar's Mills and Millner's Store, to Forks of Buffalo, 16 miles and back, twice a week. Leave Salt Creek Tuesday and Saturday at 6 a. m.; arrive at Forks of Buffalo by 11 a. m.; leave Forks of Buffalo Tuesday and Saturday at 1 p. m.; arrive at Salt Creek by 6 p. m.

NO. 4769 From Carsonville to Elk Creek, 10 miles and back, three times a week. Leave Carsonville Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 1 p. m.; arrive at Elk Creek by 1 p. m.; leave Elk Creek Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 2 p. m.; arrive at Carsonville by 5 p. m.

NO. 4770 From Poplar Hill, by Staffersfield's, Eggleston's Springs, 14 miles and back twice a week. Leave Poplar Hill Wednesday and Saturday at 7 a. m.; arrive at Eggleston's Springs by 11 a. m.; leave Eggleston's Springs Wednesday and Saturday at 1 p. m.; arrive at Poplar Hill by 5 p. m.

NO. 4771 From Hansoville, by Hawkins's Mills and Willow Springs, to Nickolsville, 18 miles and back, twice a week. Leave Hansoville Tuesday and Friday at 6 a. m.; arrive at Nickolsville by 12 m.; leave Nickolsville Tuesday and Friday at 1 p. m.; arrive at Hansoville by 7 p. m.

NO. 4772 From Peeryville (W. Va.), by Mouth of Bradshaw Creek (s. o.) and Head of Slate (s. o.), to Grundy, 25 miles and back, once a week. Leave Peeryville Wednesday at 12 m.; arrive at Grundy Thursday by 12 m.; leave Grundy Thursday at 1 p. m.; arrive at Peeryville Friday by 12 m.

NO. 4773 From Sulphur Springs, by Peeryville (W. Va.), to Alderson's (W. Va.), 20 miles and back, once a week. Leave Sulphur Springs Tuesday at 6 a. m.; arrive at Peeryville by 6 p. m.; leave Alderson's Thursday at 6 a. m.; arrive at Peeryville by 6 p. m.

NO. 4774 From Jeffersonville (s. o.) to Peeryville (W. Va.), and back, once a week. Bidders who propose to bid on the contract should be embraced in the contract, see advertisement of September 30, 1870, and December 1st, 1872, inviting proposals for mail service in Virginia, to be found at the principal post-offices. Bids should be sent in sealed envelopes, superscribed, "Mail proposals, State of Virginia," and addressed to the Second Assistant Postmaster General.

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