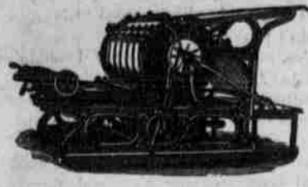


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A SUBSCRIBER from Urbana, Ohio, writes us that the potato bugs have eaten up the early potatoes, and are now setting around the fence corners waiting for the later ones to get large enough to make an attack on.

Plans of Fishways.

One or two persons owning models of fishways having submitted the same for adoption or rejection to the Commissioners of Fisheries for the State. It has occurred to the Commissioners that there may be others who possess such plans and who would wish to do the same. Such persons are hereby notified that they may send plans or models to the room of the Commissioners any time before the 25th of June, and they will receive due attention at the Commissioner's hands.

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Stokes.

The Court of Appeals by a unanimous opinion, has granted a new trial to E. S. Stokes for the murder of Fisk. There are two opinions written, one by Judge Grover and the other by Judge Ruppalo. The charge to the jury is held to be erroneous on the point that the law presumes murder from the fact of killing, and calls on the prisoner to mitigate or justify. Also, that there were errors in excluding proofs of threats by the deceased to kill the prisoner; also, an error in permitting Mrs. Morse to contradict Jennie Turner in a collateral matter called out on the cross-examination of Jennie, namely, as to whether she left Mrs. Morse's against her wish, and because the detectives were said to be after her soon after the homicide. There are other points discussed, but these are the principal ones.

When Stokes was informed of the decision he expressed himself well pleased. His counsel, relatives and friends soon arrived at the Tombs, and there was a good deal of rejoicing among those interested in the decision of the Appellate Court. Counsel say that upon the next trial they will prove to the satisfaction of the New York public that there has been gross apprehension of the case from the day of the tragedy, and they will be able to establish the fact of his innocence by evidence of an overwhelming character.

A Remarkable Murder Trial.

At Dover, Del., on the 11th inst., in the West murder case the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, on the ground of self-defense. Dr. Isaac C. West was put on trial for the alleged murder of a colored laborer, Henry Turner, commonly called "Cooch" Turner, the crime having been committed on the evening of Monday, December 2, 1872. In some manner and for some reason as yet unknown, West killed Turner in the dusk of evening, in the office of the former. He cut off the head, hands and feet; skinned the body with a pocket-knife; and then attempted to burn the skin white with alcohol, with the intention if the burning proved successful, to replace the skin on the body. He made several attempts to get rid of the remains of his victim, but was unsuccessful. These attempts occupied his time from Monday evening until the following Wednesday morning, when an effort was made to destroy the building by an explosion of powder, in the hope of obliterating all traces of the murdered man. This also proving unsuccessful, Dr. West left Dover, but soon returned and gave himself up to the Sheriff. After his incarceration he made a detailed confession to the Attorney-General, alleging that Turner was about to assault him when he struck him in self-defense, and was horrified to find that the blow resulted in death. This confession was generally discredited. Dr. West is about thirty years of age, a native of Delaware, and very respectably connected. He is a man of more than ordinary intelligence, a graduate of Dickinson College, at which place he studied both law and medicine. The prisoner was remanded to jail, an indictment for arson, having been found against him.

Foreign Items.

London, June 9.—A dispatch just received from Alexandria, Egypt, says a large conflagration is now in progress in that city. A vast amount of property has been destroyed. The magnificent palace of the Sultan is now in flames, and will probably be reduced to ashes. Great excitement prevails, and every effort is being made to arrest the progress of the conflagration.

London, June 9.—A dispatch from Dublin says a great fire is now raging in that city. A crowd of persons whose object is plunder hinder the efforts of the firemen to extinguish the flames. At one time they stoned the firemen and a detachment of soldiers which had been brought to the spot to preserve peace. The latter charged on the mob, wounding many of them. The mayor of the city, who was present, was hit by one of the stones. Intense excitement prevails in the vicinity of the fire and the scene during the charge of the troops was fearful. Property to the value of \$1,000,000 has already been destroyed.

Hamilton, Ontario, June 12.—This morning a man named Fields attempted to split open the head of his wife with an axe. She escaped from the house, but not before receiving a cut which will probably prove fatal. Fields then deliberately cut the throats of his two children, aged three and five years. Fields had been drinking hard for some time.

Bursting of a Grindstone.

This morning about 8 o'clock, a large grindstone, weighing over 2,100 pounds, burst into four fragments while running at the rate of 200 revolutions per minute, in the grinding and polishing establishment of Peter Wirth, Christian street, north of James street. One of the fragments weighing about 500 pounds, was hurled through the ceiling and out of the window of the building, landing in the middle of Daniel Brown's lot, more than a hundred feet distant. Another fragment, weighing about 800 pounds, was thrown through the ceiling and lodged in the second story of the building. The other two fragments were thrown, respectively, in the front and rear ends of the pit in which the grindstone worked. Only a moment before the accident, the grinder was sitting on his "saddle," (a very heavy oak log, three or four feet in length.) He had scarcely left his seat, when the stone burst, splitting his saddle into splinters and landing in fragments in different places as above described. Nobody was hurt by the accident, and though the building is considerably shattered, the loss will not probably exceed \$150.—Lancaster Intelligencer.

Crime.

Fred Bickes, living at Decatur, Illinois, went home last week after a three days' debauch, and was invited to take a seat at the supper table by his mother, whereupon he commenced abusing her with vile language. His father remonstrated, and told him he must cease or leave the house, at which he drew a revolver and shot his father in the face, inflicting an ugly but not dangerous wound. He then fired a ball into his own brain, and at last accounts he was in a dying condition.

Dr. Lewis E. Meyers, dentist of Middletown, while drunk on the evening of the 11th inst., stabbed, supposed fatally, his father in the breast near the heart with a sharp instrument. Meyers is in custody.

A man named Golding was taken from his house in Leavenworth, Crawford co., Indiana, a few days since by a band of men and nothing has been heard of him since. Golding was plaintiff in a suit to compel Crawford county to complete its subscription to the stock of the Louisville, New Albany and St. Louis Railroad Company, which a number of citizens claim to have been voted by fraud.

James M. McDermott, of Cincinnati, was shot dead last week while attending his stand in Sixth street market, by W. C. Daniels. The parties had quarreled on Sunday night previous.

Fell into a Well.

Last week, a widow lady named Smith, residing about 3 miles south of Lucas, Ohio, paid a visit to her son-in-law for the purpose of spending a day or two with him, and who also resides in the vicinity of Lucas. The son-in-law unhitched the horse from the buggy and was about leading it to water and while doing so he was about to place upon the back of the horse one of his little children to give it a ride, but before he succeeded in doing so, the horse commenced backing and backed on to an old covered well one hundred feet deep, which gave way and the horse with the harness on was precipitated, tail foremost, to the bottom of the well. No effort was made to get him out and he was at once covered up. Truly, a lucky escape for the child.

A Careful Old Lady.

Old Mrs. Turner, of New Albany, Ind., had an old musket lying in her shed, and fearing it might fall into the hands of some careless person, she placed the stock in the stove intending to burn it from the barrel. The old thing went off shattering Mrs. Turner's left leg above the knee. The limb was amputated, but it is probable she will die. The gun however, was put out of harms way.

A Tough Story.

The Huntingdon Monitor says: A short distance below Petersburg are the "cliffs." They are about 450 feet high and at an angle of about 70 degrees. On Thursday last, James Claybaugh, of that place, while engaged hauling stone from the top of these cliffs, with a two horse team, in making a turn too near the edge, the team went over, turning several somersets and lodging about twenty feet below. The driver went down to where the horses had lodged and discovering that one of them was choking, cut the tangled harness when it rolled down the entire distance, over ten distinct and almost perpendicular slopes, the last of which is full thirty feet. The horse, instead of being killed or terribly mangled, was scarcely injured at all, and when Mr. Claybaugh reached the foot of the slope the horse was on its feet as though nothing had happened. The other horse was drawn up to the roadway on the top of the cliff by ropes.

Massacred.

On Saturday the 7th inst., while a party of seventeen Modoc prisoners, including five warriors, were being conveyed under a small escort, a party of Oregonians took them from the care of the guard and deliberately slaughtered them. The outrage meets a general condemnation. The warriors killed were Shacknasty Jim, Bogus Charley, Tehee Jack, Pony, and Little John.

Miscellaneous News Items.

About three weeks ago two men in Baltimore were slightly bitten by a dog which they were leading. A few days since they both died of hydrophobia.

Of the 134 young men who presented themselves as candidates for admission as cadets to West Point, forty-nine have been rejected, and the remainder, eighty-six, passed their examination creditably. Among the latter is Frank P. Blair, Jr.

A foolish young man in Savannah, Georgia, fired his revolver in the bung hole of an empty kerosene barrel. The barrel burst, breaking his nose, gashing his forehead, and knocking him more senseless than he was at first.

During a recent fire in Boston a steamer which was located at a hydrant on Mason street, sucked an eel from the pipe three feet long, seven inches in circumference, which weighed three and one-half pounds.

A Memphis jury, having convicted a man of murder, now finds that the supposed murdered man is living. The question is whether the verdict shall be rescinded, or the man allowed to murder his victim.

A few mornings since the Pacific Express eastward ran through a trio of calves near Tipton, but, as the engineer thought, without injuring any of them. On arriving at Huntingdon, in oiling his engine, the engineer discovered one of them dead, on the platform above the pilot.

At Cohoes, N. Y., June 12th, four men named Patrick Carney, John Maher, Jos. Brown, and John M'Mahon, were buried alive, while excavating for a new gas holder on Mohawk street. Brown and M'Mahon were rescued. Maher and Carney were smothered to death.

All the Esquimaux who have been brought to St. Johns from the Polaris are said to be suffering with severe coughs: their own climate being more congenial to them. One would think that coughs and colds would be more common with people living six months on a cake of ice.

Among the effects of James Warden, of Albany, New York, who recently died in London, were a loaded revolver, a box of cartridges, three full bottles of morphia, some partly full and some empty ones, a bottle of chloroform and a quantity of prussic acid. The jury rendered a verdict of suicide.

The house of Joseph Dalrymple, near Goheen, Ind., was totally consumed on last Wednesday, and Mrs. Dalrymple, her daughter, aged 19, and a son of 10, perished in the flames. The little boy had taken a lighted candle up stairs and left it burning beside his bed.

Lincoln Munn, a lad about fourteen years of age, son of Mr. A. Munn, of Illinois, had his foot caught in a corn-sheller a day or two since, and before the horses attached to the machine could be stopped the foot and ankle were literally ground to pieces. The same lad had three fingers chopped off a year or two since.

Miss Alice Johnson, an attractive young woman, started a barber-shop in a Kansas town the other day. All the wives in town seemed moved by a common impulse to present their husbands with some little love-token. By a remarkable coincidence they all selected razors and brushes and mugs.

At Steubenville, Ohio, on the 10th inst., at the house of a miner named George Edmones, a can of gunpowder, weighing 25 pounds, exploded, killing three children and fatally wounding another. The can had been placed in a cupboard, and in the absence of their parents the children set fire to it.

On the night of June 10 there was a severe rain-storm at Memphis, accompanied by immense sheets of electricity. In an hour and a half 2.70 inches of rain fell. It is feared that great damage has been done to the planting interests in the adjacent country, but the sanitary condition of the city is greatly improved.

General Schofield telegraphs to Davis at Boyle's Camp, to appoint a Commission on the spot for the trial of the Modoc prisoners. Tom, a Piute Indian prisoner, having attacked a guard at Fort Alcatraz, the latter fired and killed him, putting six bullets in his body. The Oregon papers denounce the massacre of the Modoc prisoners in unmeasured terms.

Reports from Memphis dated the 11th inst., says: The cholera is undoubtedly increasing. There were eighteen interments against eleven yesterday, while undertakers had received at six P. M. orders for fourteen burials to-morrow. The weather continues cloudy and sultry.

Jacob Thompson, Secretary of the Interior under Buchanan, is laying dangerously ill in this city with cholera.

The Peoria Review says (but we don't believe it) an engineer on the Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw Railroad, in approaching the trestle work just across the river, last evening, saw what he took to be a cow on the track. He shut off steam and whistled lustily, and just as he came up to the animal it sprang over the fence and disappeared in the water. It proved to be a fair specimen of the Illinois river bull-frog. This is the engineer's story.

A fire damp explosion occurred at the Henry Clay Colliery, near Shamokin, Pa., Tuesday afternoon last.

Eleven persons were taken out shortly after the explosion, eight of them dead, John Hays, the inside foreman, being one of the latter. McArthur, the general foreman, was among the number rescued alive.

There were from fifteen to twenty-five persons still in the mines, at last accounts, but energetic efforts were made to get them out.

Merritt Wheeler, keeper of a disorderly house in Auburn, murdered his mistress, Fanny Sterling, Tuesday night, by holding her by the hair of the head, and kicking her till the blood gushed from her mouth and ears, and then stabbing her in the forehead. This is the sixth murder committed in Cayuga County since the 1st of January last. Wheeler is in custody.

A man went into a drug store in Smithport, Cameron county, and demanded some whisky. The boy refused to furnish it, telling him he must wait until the proprietor of the store returned. While the boy was temporarily absent, Beckwith helped himself to what he supposed was whisky, but got hold of a poisonous compound which caused his death in forty minutes.

A young man in Indiana, Pa., seduced a young lady, under promise of marriage, more than two years ago, and left suddenly for the far West, in order to escape the consequences of his villainy. A half brother of the injured lady procured a requisition from Governor Geary, and followed the fellow for two years, finally catching him at Lincoln, Nebraska, about two weeks ago. He returned with his prisoner last week, and had him put under ball for trial.

On the 1st inst., Wm. Berry of Shamokin, and John Berry of Mt. Pleasant, Shuylkill county, drove two valuable horses in a buggy on a visit to some friends in Jordan township, Northumberland county, and when near Wm. Shurtle's Hotel, one of the horses accidentally stumbled, and broke both front legs off below the knee. As no other relief could be given him he was immediately killed, and put out of misery.

George L. Fulmer, a bartender employed at Downing's billiard hall, 328 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, was found about 4 o'clock Thursday morning, by Officer Patterson, of the Third district, unconscious, in front of the Girard Bank, on Third street, with a severe wound in his head behind the left ear. He was immediately removed to the Pennsylvania Hospital where the physicians in attendance declared the wound to have been the result of a pistol shot, and stated that there were but slight hopes of the wounded man's recovery.

A very serious accident occurred at the Eastport, (Me.) gas works on the 10th inst. Repairs were to be made, and a young man named Hiram Laurence went down into the gasometer to let off the water. The gas overcame him and he fell from the ladder into the water. His brother Edward went down to get him out and he too was suffocated, and fell. Another brother, James, tied a rope around his body and was lowered down, but he had to be drawn up immediately. He was nearly dead when taken out, and now lies in a precarious condition. The other two were dead when taken out.

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