

Curious Railroad Incident.

A PICKPOCKET ROBBERY.—The Cincinnati Times relates the following incident, said to have occurred on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad a few days ago:—

Mr. John Lindwood, of Cadiz, Henry county, Indiana, was a passenger on the train, and, as through passengers are very apt to do, dropped into a snooze soon after dark. He occupied a seat near the rear.— After snoozing awhile a jolt of the cars awakened him, and looking up, he saw just above his shoulder, the head of the passenger occupying the seat just behind him, and at the same time he observed that passenger slip his pocket-book from his breast-pocket, and instantly arise and make for the door.—

Mr. Lindwood endeavored to catch the dishonest hand, but failed; yet just as the thief reached the door he caught one of the skirts of his coat. The thief pulled hard, and so did Mr. Lindwood, and off came the skirt. The thief was just outside the door, when Mr. L. caught the other skirt of the coat, and off it came. The cars were then under full headway.

The passenger in the car just began to understand the nature of the difficulty between the two parties, when the thief parted with his entire coat-tail. Several of them ran to the assistance of Mr. Lindwood, but too late. The thief preferred to risk a broken neck to the State prison, and leaped off the cars while they were under way. Whether he was killed, hurt, or escaped uninjured, we did not learn; but it is said that he must have went down fifteen or twenty feet before he reached bottom.

The pocket-book which he stole from Mr. Lindwood and kept, contained \$84. Another one containing \$2000 he failed to reach.— Mr. Lindwood was regretting his loss when the conductor was presenting an examination of the thief's coat-tail. This was done, and to the surprise and gratification of the passengers, elegant gold watches were found in the pockets. It was unanimously voted that to steal from a thief is no crime, and the conductor passed the watches over to Mr. Lindwood to repay him for his loss. There is no danger of the owner ever calling for them. The time-pieces are valuable ones, and Mr. Lindwood made full \$100 by being robbed that time.

COMMUNICATED.

How pleasant and comfortable is the winter evening home fireside; bright and smiling faces around, with nothing to rob the passing hours of a single pleasure! And should we not thank God for it? But do we consider at the same time that within a bow-shot of all these comforts, there are those who are shivering in the tattered garments of Poverty. Can we, under the circumstances, always justify ourselves before that being we profess to love and serve? In the great stretch of accounts, how will the matter stand. To the destitute a portion of those things entrusted to your keeping belongs.— Then why, with such a niggard grasp, do you hold them? It is no portion of your duty to wait to be solicited. Search the suffering out; do what you can; and then you can thank your own work with a proper degree of thankfulness and with that humility which shows your dependence on the master.

MARRIED.

On the 12th instant, by the Rev. J. L. Pascoe, Mr. JOHN BARRETT, to Miss SARAH C. THOMPSON, both of this city.

On the 14th instant, by the Rev. Wm. H. Wilson, OSCEOLA PILLS, esp. to Miss MARY FRANCES DUCKETT, both of Prince George's County, Maryland.

On the 14th instant, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Dr. Riboud, WM. H. WARFIELD, of Laurel, Maryland, to Miss LOTTIE DUVAL, daughter of Dr. M. M. Duval, of Anne Arundel county, Maryland.

On the 14th instant, Mr. ALEXANDER WILKERSON, and Miss ELIZABETH RYON, of Prince George's County, Maryland.

On the 6th instant, Mr. JOHN H. BEALL, to Miss MARGARET VERMILLION, of Prince George's County, Maryland.

On the 11th instant, Mr. GEORGE L. THOMPSON to Miss MARY J. DUVAL, of Prince George's County, Maryland.

On Tuesday, December 14th, in Madison County, Mississippi, by the Rev. J. M. Terry, late Pastor of the Protestant Church of Martinsburg, Mr. GEORGE W. BEALL, formerly of Jefferson county, Virginia, to Miss MARY L. WILLIS, daughter of John S. Willis, esp. of Madison county, Mississippi.

DIED.

Suddenly, in Leesburg, on Monday night last, Mrs. ELIZABETH JANE HIRST, wife of Mr. S. Hirst, of Westcott County, Va., and daughter of Mr. M. B. Boss, of Leesburg, in about the 24th year of her age.

On the morning of Monday, the 10th instant, at his residence in Prince George's County, Maryland, after a lingering and protracted illness, which he bore with patience and resignation, ZABOOR SANS-CER, esp., in the 70th year of his age.

In Washington, on the 10th inst., EDWARD S. CROPLEY, in the 30th year of his age, a native of England, but for the last 30 years a resident of Washington.

COMMERCIAL.

New York, Jan. 13.—Flour is quiet; State \$4.45@5.15; Ohio \$5.00@5.30; Southern \$5.20@5.45. Wheat is firm; Southern white 135c; Western red 120c@125c. Corn is quiet; mixed is nominal at 82c@84c. Pork is firm; old mess \$16.87@17.00. Lard is buoyant at 114c@115c. Whiskey is firm at 24c. Stocks are heavy. Virginia 6-9c; Missouri 6-8c.

Fredericksburg Market, January 12.

Family Flour, 80 lbs. \$8.00; 40 lbs. \$4.50; 20 lbs. \$2.50. Corn Meal, 40 lbs. \$2.00; 20 lbs. \$1.00. Wheat, white, 1.10; red, 1.00. Corn, old, 1.00; new, 1.00. Oats, 70c. Hay, 1.00. Potatoes, 1.00. Apples, 1.00. Peaches, 1.00. Butter, 1.00. Eggs, 1.00. Lard, 1.00. Tallow, 1.00. Soap, 1.00. Candles, 1.00. Sugar, 1.00. Coffee, 1.00. Tea, 1.00. Spices, 1.00. Miscellaneous, 1.00.

MARINE LIST.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA--JANUARY 13.

ARRIVED.

14 Friday..... 7 12 4 47..... D. H. W.

15 Saturday..... 7 12 4 47..... 18 6 30c.

16 Sunday..... 7 12 4 47..... 25 3 25c.

17 Monday..... 7 11 4 49..... 2 7 43c.

18 Tuesday..... 7 10 4 50..... 10 2 17c.

19 Wednesday..... 7 10 4 50..... HIGH WATER.

20 Thursday..... 7 9 4 51..... JANUARY 14.—Sun.

MEMORANDA.

Sch. Montevue, Falkenberg, from this port, arrived at Fall River, 9th inst.

Sch. Golden Eagle, from this port, for Somerset, arrived at New York, 8th inst.

ORPHAN ASYLUM NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the Orphan Asylum and Female Free School Society, will be held at LYCEUM HALL, ON MONDAY EVENING NEXT, at 7 o'clock. The usual interesting exercises may be expected. Admittance free at the door 12 cents.

The Managers feel constrained to announce that directions will be given to the Doorkeeper, to admit no boys unless accompanied by their parents or guardians. Jan 14—tdt

FOR CONGRESS.—We are authorized to announce HENRY SHACKLEFORD, esp., as a candidate to represent the Seventh Congressional District, in the next Congress. Jan 13—tdt

We are authorized to announce Dr. J. B. GRAYSON, a candidate to represent the District of Stafford, King George, and Prince William, in the Senate of Virginia, subject to the ratification of a District Convention. PRINCE WILLIAM, Jan 11—tdt

We are authorized to announce W. H. BRIDGES, a candidate to represent the counties of Stafford, King George, and Prince William, in the next House of Delegates of Virginia. Jan 10—tdt

WARRENTON ITEMS.—Rev. Mr. Barton, of Northampton, Mass., having been called to the Pastorship of the Episcopal Church in this place, a large number of our readers will be glad to hear that he has accepted the call of the Vestry, and is expected to reach here during next week.

Mr. B. has been laboring for several years at Northampton to the entire satisfaction of that people, and (his health being somewhat impaired) has only accepted the call to this place in the hope that his removal South would restore him to his original health and vigor. We hope that he will be fully realized, and that his good work among us may be productive of much good.

A protracted meeting will commence at the Baptist Church in this place, on Saturday next.—Warrenton Flag.

BRIDGE BURNED.—The bridge known as "Otter Dam," on the Southern Railroad, half way between Jarratt's Depot, in Sussex, and Belfield Depot, was consumed by fire on Tuesday night. The structure was about sixty feet long, and was built in the most substantial manner. It is supposed to have been purposely burned. The Southern mail train due here at 5 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday morning, did not come through. The regular train from this place went to the bridge and returned with the passengers, arriving here 10 o'clock, P. M. The passengers held a meeting and returned thanks to Mr. Thomas Parham and his lady, for the part they took in giving information concerning the bridge and their danger.—heaving gone to Belfield for that purpose.—Vestry Press.

STEAM BOILER EXPLOSION.—An account sent to the Richmond Dispatch, says that a terrific explosion of a steam boiler occurred at Hampstead, the residence of Mr. Henry Webb, in the upper end of New Kent county, on Monday last, killing almost instantly five valuable slaves. Mr. Webb owns a grist and saw mill, the machinery to both of which was driven by steam. The weather being excessively cold, the servants kept near the engine, and unfortunately the pump was not operating, and before they had the least warning, the boiler exploded, killing five of them instantly. A large piece of the boiler was thrown 400 yards from the mill, by the force of the explosion, the report from which was terrific.

ROBBERY.—A gentleman from the country while under the influence of liquor, was robbed on Tuesday at \$600, at a house of ill fame at the corner of 12th and City streets, kept by Josephine Douglas. Upon his complaint four of the men were arrested and taken before the Mayor. The statement of the complainant was made before the Mayor, his going there with his money, what transpired there, and his missing it before leaving. Two \$100 treasury notes constituted a part of the \$600. The examination was postponed until Thursday.—Rich. Dispatch.

Dr. Thos. Williamson, a surgeon in the U. S. Navy, and one of the most venerable and venerated citizens of the city of Portsmouth, Va., died at his residence in that city Wednesday morning. He had a paralytic attack while on the street last Monday, was carried home, and died as above stated. He had attained the good old age of 68 years and departed as he lived, with the respect of all.

SOUP HOUSE.

By order of the City Council, the SOUP HOUSE, on Royal street, will be opened TO-DAY, at 12 o'clock, M., and on each succeeding day, (Sundays excepted), until further notice. Donations of money, bread, or vegetables, will be thankfully received, and properly applied.

CASH IN MARKET.—The subscriber wishes to purchase the following quantity of FURS, viz: 5,000 MINK 20,000 MUSKRAT 5,000 COON 25,000 RABBIT 300 GREY FOX 100 RED FOX 100 OTTER. I will pay higher prices for the above named FURS than will be paid in any of the Northern Markets. (Jan 14) JOHN T. EVANS.

HAY'S MEDICAL JOURNAL AND NEWS OF 1859.—The January number of HAY'S Medical Journal is now ready. Those who wish to subscribe will please hand in their names.—Price for the Journal and News, \$5 per annum, in advance.

Dalton's Physiology.—A Treatise on Human Physiology, designed for the use of Students and Practitioners of Medicine, by JOHN C. DALTON, M. D., with 254 illustrations, price \$4.25. Just published, and for sale by ROBERT BELL, Jan 14

LONG LOOKED FOR COME AT LAST.—BULWER'S NEW NOVEL, for sale at FRENCH'S Book and Stationery Depot, 114 N. Washington street, by the proprietor, C. B. PRINCE, at 25c per copy. What will Mr. E. Bulwer Lytton, Bart., author of "My Novel," "Caxton," "Pillam," "Night and Morning," &c., &c., do for us. Ballou's Magazine for February, 1859, Jan 14

TWO STORES AND DWELLINGS FOR RENT.—The houses on Royal street, one of which lately occupied by John T. Craig, and the other by Harlowe Store, are for rent, and immediate possession given. For price and other particulars, apply to JAMES ROYCE, Jan 14—tdt

BRATHWAITE'S RETROSPECT FOR JANUARY, 1859, will be published about the 25th inst. Those who wish to subscribe for the price of postage. (Jan 14) ROBERT BELL, Agent.

BULWER'S NEW NOVEL COMPLETE.—What will He Do With It? by Pistrucius Caxton, a Novel, by Sir E. Bulwer Lytton, now complete, 75 cts. For sale by ROBERT BELL, Jan 14

A FINE ASSORTMENT OF HAIR BRUSHES, in the most elegant and useful manner, at A. S. C. BERRY'S, 72, King-street, Jan 14

FOR SALE.—A new and beautiful SLOOP, of 15 tons, built in the most substantial manner, suitable for Fishing, Ducking, &c. For terms, apply to (Jan 8—1w) F. A. MARRBY.

OAK AND HICKORY WOOD, for sale by (Jan 14) KINCHLOO & BRUN.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday, Mr. Bigler presented the petition of citizens of Philadelphia, praying the enlargement of the navy yard in that city; referred.

Mr. Seward gave notice that he would tomorrow offer an amendment to the law prohibiting the African slave trade.

Mr. Simmons offered a resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury to report to the Senate the necessary estimates and schedules for substituting specific for ad valorem tariff duties.

Mr. Stuart moved to lay the resolution on the table. He said that the Secretary of the Treasury was opposed to specific duties, and that it would be inconsistent to call on him for a plan for initiating them. The resolution was laid over.

Mr. Mason moved to take up the joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to pay the salaries of certain foreign ministers; adopted.

Mr. Houston, rising to a personal explanation, wished to know of the Senator from Georgia, (Mr. Iverson,) what he meant on a recent occasion in speaking indignantly of his (Mr. Houston's) antecedents?

Mr. Iverson said that he simply alluded to the homazans that the honorable Senator had on all occasions shouted for the Union, without due respect for the dignity and rights of the South.

Mr. Houston followed at length in review of his course in the Senate and elsewhere, and said that if his devotion to the Union had been the cause of losing his seat in that body, he was content with the martyrdom.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Curry submitted a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Navy for information as to the number of chaplains in the Navy, their religious denominations, and whether they are required to wear gowns when performing divine service, whether they are compelled to adhere to any particular church ritual, and whether the Episcopal form of service is used at all; agreed to.

Mr. Houston reported a resolution from the committee on the Judiciary, authorizing that committee to send for persons and papers in the investigation of charges against Thomas Irwin, F. S. Judge for the western district of Pennsylvania; agreed to.

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