

AN INTERESTING FIGURE.

How a Colored Boy Who Was a Slave Became a Member of Congress.

Mr. Lynch will make an interesting figure in the House as the sole representative of his race. The last colored man in the House were Messrs. Cain and Fainew, both of South Carolina, who sat in the Forty-fifth Congress, and the latter of whom was inserted just before the end of his term. Mr. Lynch has an intelligent and rather striking face. He is a moulton of a light coffee color, and his face and head of a Caucasian. He has a broad and well-developed forehead, large and expressive eyes, and heavy black mustache, and crisp, wavy hair. His address is pleasant and his speech is always correct. As a writer and speaker he is considerably above the congressional average.

Considering the disadvantages under which he began life, Mr. Lynch must be regarded as a highly successful man. He was a slave until the war broke out; did not learn to read until he was thirteen years old; did not learn to write until he was seventeen; was speaker of the Mississippi house when he was twenty-three; became of the legal age to be elected to Congress—twenty-five—one month after he was nominated for the first time and after having been four times a candidate for Congress—being twice returned elected, once counted out and kept out by the Democrats, and now counted out but seated by the Republicans—is only thirty-four years of age. He was employed at seven years.

AS A WAITER-BOY in a photograph gallery in Natchez, and while doing his work acquired the art of taking pictures. After two years he took charge of a gallery as a practical photographer, and managed it for several years. Since 1869—that is to say, since he was twenty-one years old—he has been actively engaged in politics, but has had other occupations and has accumulated some property. He owns and successfully manages a plantation of 180 acres near Natchez. He says, with some pride, that he has tried to be saving and mentions as an example of the puerile arguments with which the Democrats have endeavored to win away negro voters from him, that they have charged him with being "stingy," said he "did not give enough money away," and alleged as his particular crime that he has saved \$15,000. Out of the \$20,000 he has drawn in congressional salaries. —Washington Republican.

CLINGING FOR DEAR LIFE.

How a Texas Youth Saved a Woman From Drowning.

On Wednesday, the 12th instant, our readers will remember that this section was visited by a terrific hail, rain and thunder storm. On that day Mrs. David McNeilly, of Mansfield, accompanied by a youth who is living in Mr. McNeilly's family, but whose name we could not learn, was in the city trading. After the storm had abated they started on their return to Mansfield in a two-horse wagon. Night overtook them before they arrived at their destination. It was 8 o'clock and intensely dark when they reached Walnut creek, just this side of Mansfield. The stream was swollen by the rains, but the young man deemed it fordable and drove in. The horses immediately sank, the wagon floated away from the running gear and the lady and youth, who could not swim, were carried by the raging, muddy waters down the stream enveloped in darkness. They managed to cling to the wagon bed, which was turning. The lady, seeing no chance for escape, begged the young man to leave her to her fate and make his way to the shore as best he could. This he refused to think of, and time and again pulled her from the surging, angry waters and placed her upon the floating and rolling bed. For three dreadful hours this was continued, and at the end of this time, having drifted the distance of a mile and a half, the wagon body bearing this fainting lady and exhausted youth lodged against a log which lay across the stream. With a last manly effort this brave young man removed his charge—the helpless lady—to the shore, where she sank to the ground as if life was extinct. In that dark, damp and almost freezing night this hopeless couple wandered through the tangled thickets of Walnut creek bottom, the young man now shouting for assistance and now trying to revive Mrs. McNeilly who frequently fainted. Some students at the college building finally heard the cries of distress and went to the assistance of the sufferers. —Fort Worth Democrat-Advocate.

LEAPING INTO NIAGARA.

The Second Suicide from the Suspension Bridge.

SUSPENSION BRIDGE, May 2.—About 3 o'clock this afternoon William Allen, a farmer, living at Niagara Falls, Ont., entered the bridge from the Canada side, and shortly afterward a team followed. The driver of a team, who knew Allen, says he first saw Allen some distance in advance near the centre of the bridge. The driver turned to talk with his passengers, and when he looked again the pedestrian was not to be seen. When the wagon reached the centre of the bridge the driver saw an overcoat on the floor. At the American side the driver asked the gatekeeper if Allen had passed out. He had not been seen there, at the railway gate above, or by either of the Canadian gatekeepers. The coat was identified as belonging to the missing man, and the only conclusion was that he had leaped from the bridge. The gatekeeper on the Canada side says that Allen appeared to be "intoxicated," and he is known to have been drinking heavily of late. He was nearly 21 years of age, and held good situations, which he had lost through drink. While a clerk in the Western hotel here, some three years ago, he tried to shoot himself. "Nothing had been

seen of the body at dark. It is not visible in or near the whirlpool in two or three days it will probably never be recovered. This is the second suicide from the bridge, the first having been that of a man named Pierce, who took the fatal leap in 1870. His body was never recovered.

Two of a Kind.

In the office of a Boston hotel two men, living 4,000 miles apart, met the other day by accident, and one of them observed: "Weren't you in the oil regions in 1867?" "I was." "So was I. Did you speculate?" "I did." "So did I. Did you get out before the crash?" "Yes." "So did I." Then came a long pause, in which they carefully surveyed each other. The first finally broke himself and continued: "You don't want to go to borrow \$10 to pay your fare home, do you?" "I do." "So do I! I'll be hanged if I ain't broke for a dollar!" —Wall Street News.

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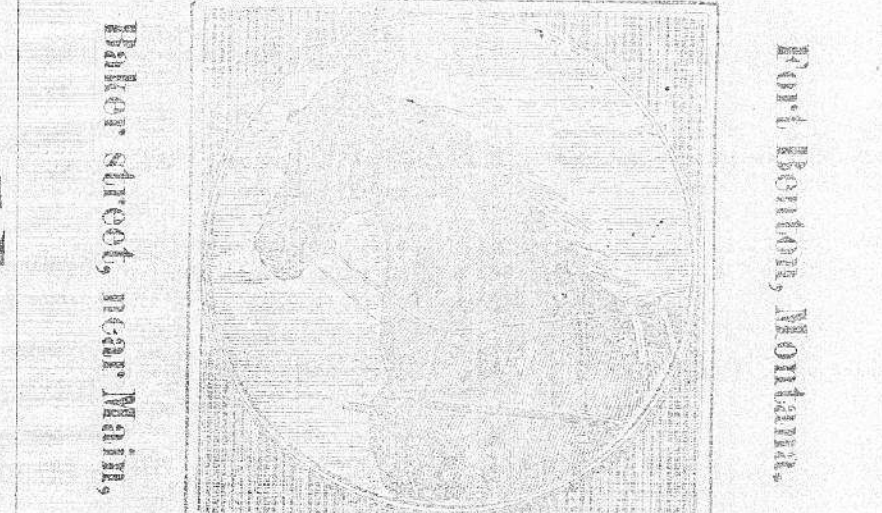
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