

Novgorod met recently and sentenced to be cremated an elderly female resident of their neighborhood, who was charged with the murder of a child. She was dressed in black cat and broomstick costumes. The Court acquitted the defendant, but directed three of them to be executed for their "peace, by penances within the Church."

Congress has adjourned to Jan. 6, 1880.

The frequency of highway robbery and murder in this State makes honest people almost wish for capital punishment in our laws.

The United States Consul at Liverpool reports that the exports from this country to Great Britain this year, exceed those of last year by \$50,000,000.

A chance to test the stability of Congress will be had in the lottery business this time. The lotteries are filled with the workers for the lotteries.

A Cleveland man aged thirty years was lately received into the Hebrew church after undergoing the operation of circumcision. He is to marry a Hebrew maiden.

President Hayes exhibits his political sagacity by appointing for Supervisors of the Census an equal number of Democrats and Republicans. The thanks he will receive from the Democrats will not make him happy.

The imperial throne of Russia is not considered a very comfortable article of wearing apparel just now. The occupant is in constant fear of being made the target for some nihilist's pistol. We prefer the editor's tripod to any such berth.

A London chemist announces that he has discovered a process of artificial production of real diamonds by the crystallization of carbon. Trust he has, but there remains serious doubts of the truth of his report.

A meeting of the Republican National committee was held in Washington, Dec. 17, and Don Cameron, Senator from Pennsylvania, elected to the vacant chairmanship. It was decided to hold the next Presidential Convention in Chicago, June 3.

A bill is before Congress to abolish the department of agriculture at Washington. The reasons given are that the Department was more of an expense to the Government than the amount of benefit derived from it.

The election of Senator Cameron to the chairmanship of the National Republican Committee, is said to be another victory for Grant toward securing the Presidency for the third term.

The political situation regarding the legal-tender question is becoming interesting. Both political parties are afraid to tackle it, but still afraid the other will make a bold strike in the right direction and gain a point.

The Grand Trunk Company made the citizens of Elkhart a proposition to put iron and stock on a road between that place and Edwardsburg. Elkhart would grade and tie it, or grade and pay \$500 per mile. This is about equivalent to a failure. Perhaps not.

The manner in which the Democrats of Maine have managed to steal the offices in that State against an opposition popular vote of an enormous majority, by throwing out reports from Republican districts, is looked upon by the Democrats as a sharp trick that will put to shame the little games of the Southern wing of the party.

The Vice President has appointed as a committee to investigate the causes of the negro exodus from the South, Senators Voorhees, Vance, Pendleton, Windom and Blair. The Inter Ocean Washington correspondent proposes that the committee also investigate the reasons why Senator Voorhees migrated from Ohio to Indiana; why Senator Pendleton moved from Georgia to Ohio, and why Senator Windom did to Minnesota, while they are engaged in this kind of investigation.

A move was made in the Morris murder case, in Cass county, last week. Wednesday the constable and one man went to his premises and arrested Floyd Smith, purchaser of one of the Madison farms, for complicity in the murder, and on their way to town with him were set upon by several masked men and the prisoner liberated.

Later, we find the following concerning this aggravated case in the Cass County Daily News, of Dowagiac. This, however, is only report and must be taken for what it is worth: "We learn from Mr. R. F. Gard, of Decatur, who was in this city this morning, that it was reported on the streets of Decatur, last night that Floyd Smith had been taken by the masked men and strung up three times. On being lowered the first and second times, he would not divulge any secrets, but on being lowered the third time he confessed that he knew about the murder and that he drove James Mattison and another man whose name he gave but who has slipped the memory of our informant, over to Morris' house for the purpose of their committing the murder, but did not wait long before he was shot. It is also reported that he is in safe keeping."

There is probably no more excited people in the State than those of Decatur over this cold-blooded murder case and there is strong indications of lynching should any of these reports prove true.

If, however, the statements of Smith regarding his outrageous treatment, be true there are about seven of the "respectable" citizens of Decatur, including the constable and his assistant, who are very fit subjects for State prison for a good long term of years. There is no law in this State allowing whoever may feel disposed, to hang his neighbor by the neck until insensible simply on groundless suspicion. Smith says that he knows who they are and intends to know what can be done with his assailants.

Edison has at last made public his works toward the perfection of a cheap and efficient electric light, at least such is the report published in the Inter Ocean. His method to produce the electric light is to pass the electric current over a sheet of paper reduced to the pure carbon state by baking, and placed in a vacuum. This, it is claimed, produces a mellow light of about one half the intensity of sun-light and at an expense far less than that of any oil light, and suitable for street and house lighting. In this case it will not be long ere every cottage in the land will be lighted by electricity, and the grumbling about poor oil and of buildings being burned by careless servants, using kerosene to kindle fires with will be heard no more in the land.

COUNTY PRESS.

[Niles Mirror.]

A tramp got on a freight train Monday evening, going west, with a view to steal a ride. He fell off from the top of a car and received a severe wound on the forehead. About the same time he got into a fight just east of the depot and was stabbed.

[Berrien Springs Journal.]

A cow twenty years old, belonging to Daniel Feather, presented him with two calves a few days since. One of Dr. Barnard's hens laid an egg this week that is a curiosity. Attached to the shell there are several hundred eggs about the size of a pin's head, the microscope showing them to be in the exact shape of an egg.

[Niles Republican.]

Mills H. Landon met with a painful accident last Saturday night. As he was coming down the steps leading from the Democrat office, he made a misstep and fell almost the length of the stairway, striking the stone step at the bottom. His face was badly cut just above the eye. He was rendered unconscious for some time. Yesterday afternoon fire destroyed a dwelling house on Fifth street, north of the Central depot, owned by Mrs. J. P. Moss, and occupied by a couple of German families named Maize and Christner. The house was worth four or five hundred dollars, with no insurance. The German families lost nearly all of their furniture, and Mr. Menke, a hand working couple of the Central depot, had \$75 in greenbacks in the house, and this added to the blaze. The fire originated from the explosion of a lamp, with which one of the children was playing in the absence of the parents.

ITEMS FROM THREE OAKS.

Good winter weather, but not snow enough for business purposes. People are bringing bolts and wood to town on wheels.

Very little sickness in this section. Diphtheria lingers on the lake shore, in the vicinity of Troy Station. Mr. Teets lost a child, last week, 3½ years of age.

The twin, Mr. August Witte and Barbara Pickett, recently married, commenced keeping house last week on the Chamberlain farm, south of this place.

The young German boys of Three Oaks are very intimate. Each evening, whether the thermometer is below or above zero, rain or shine, they meet near the depot and have their fun, but seldom quarrel. Always happy. The German people appear by their band of nationality and society a very happy race of people. By the way, all nationalities are happy and contented in this beautiful section of Berrien county. The largest representations are the Yankees, from "Yarmouth," the Germans, from the "Vine Clad Hills of Old Germany" and those from "down trodden Ireland."

A number of the Methodist churches here consider the statement in my last letter, in regard to their society, as a reproach—that while the revival was going on, some of the members (I did not say that church were dealing in options. The article was not so intended, for I have not heard, did not at that time, and do not now know, of one member in that society who had any deal in pork options. I have no desire to injure them or lie about them, for I despise liars and place them lower than the worst criminals. For a malicious liar will swear away a man's life, property, reputation and character. Some one may take offense at this: I state that the Methodist society here have been very prosperous. The last two years they have built a nice brick church, and have gained rapidly in membership. The Baptist people have refitted their church by changing the seats, calcimining, painting and varnishing. They have held their meetings and Sabbath schools in the Congregational church for a number of Sabbaths past. It was really pleasant, on last Sabbath, to see how pleased they were in their seemingly new home. The Congregationalists have engaged Mr. Martin, of Wisconsin, as pastor for the ensuing year.

Last week this village was billed for a lecture, at the M. E. Church, on the subject of temperance, by C. P. Russell of Detroit, State Lecturer for the I. O. G. T. Mr. R. was sent out in the lecture field by the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and therefore will go to each place well recommended, and yet he had a very small audience here, not over twenty-five persons being present, including children. We have here four churches and two saloons. Mr. B. gave a good lecture. He has probably organized more good Templars' lodges in Michigan, within the last three years, than any other three men. He deserves good houses. He says he will come again. Hope he may have a larger audience the next time.

There seems to be an unusual amount of trading at this time. The five and ten cent counters are well patronized.

The children are expecting their Christmas gifts, and they should not be disappointed.

The Good Templars have reorganized, with Rev. Mr. Cole as W. G. T.

The five and ten dollar bills as Christmas presents begin to arrive.

Hon. Wm. Chamberlain was on the sick list in Chicago several days, but is better now. Mr. C. has bought this fall and winter, a large quantity of grain delivered here, and, of course, has received a large trade in dry goods. Considerable work coming to town now.

Jas. L. McKee and E. K. Warren have each bought a large quantity of grain, and have received a good trade in dry goods as a consequence. They comprise the dry goods men of our place, and are number one men to deal with.

The railroad company is buying all short wood, two feet in length, this year.

The handle factory firms are buying all the bolts they can get. Hon. Henry Chamberlain is hauling and shipping hay. Several men are getting ready to go to Kansas. We want some firm to build a flour mill in or near this village. Either a steam mill or water power. It is said there is a good water power about 1½ miles south of the village.

ITEMIZER.

Senator Bayard's resolution to wipe out the legal-tender quality of the U. S. treasury notes appears likely to unite the eastern democracy with a portion of the republicans and to catch a large share of the southern confederates. If the latter can get a wedge into the republican party they will swallow anything. The resolution contains just enough repudiation to attract that class, for after these notes are circulated among the people as legal tenders by the government, they will be out of the hands of the republicans and to catch a large share of the southern confederates. If the latter can get a wedge into the republican party they will swallow anything. The resolution contains just enough repudiation to attract that class, for after these notes are circulated among the people as legal tenders by the government, they will be out of the hands of the republicans and to catch a large share of the southern confederates.

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STATE ITEMS.

Holley, Mich., has a new system of water works that cost the village \$5,000.

Two millions of dollars have been subscribed for the Macine and Marquette railroad.

Escanaba promises a fortune to the man who will start a brick-yard there.

Last Saturday was the anniversary of the landing of the pilgrim fathers.

Hunters are returning from the north woods, the gamelaw having shut down on their sport.

The libel suit of Brown vs. John N. Ingersoll, editor of the Cornum American, in which Brown asks for \$10,000 damages, was decided last Friday.

The jury gave a verdict of guilty, placing the damages at six cents.

The terms upon which Hon. Neal Dow deals out temperance to this State is \$25 a lecture, cash, half in advance and the rest just before the lecture begins.

In Oxford, this State, the cattle have the diphtheria, or something similar.

Lansing has thirty-four saloons. One more than last year.

The several colleges in this State are voting to abolish class day and senior receptions from their expense roll. Not a bad idea.

A young lad was drowned at Albion a few days since by breaking through the ice on the mill-pond.

An Eaton Rapids man has found out how things should be managed. He gave the editor of the Journal a \$5 bill and told him to select his own Christmas presents.

The narrow gauge railroad from Mt. Pleasant to Coleman, in this State, a distance of 14½ miles cost \$8,963.51 per mile.

A printer spent five months in the jail in Kalamazoo charged with a crime of which he was innocent. Another man confessed and the printer was liberated.

Bad roads brings the price of wood up to five dollars a cord at Escanaba, and not a very good supply at that price.

George W. Crane, of South Haven, is the fourth of the same family that has died from the effects of an overdose of morphine.

One thousand and eleven persons have been confined in the house of correction, at Ionia, during the first two years of its existence. There were 378 confined there at the end of the two years.

Cadillac merchants have a private report of the dead beats of that place that is making something of a stir among the D. B's. If every town would follow the same course there would be less of the latter class than now.

The Lansing Republican and Evening News are in a fight because the News claimed that Detroit contained one-sixth of the brains of the State. Supposing it does, that does not make enough for such dignitaries to quarrel about.

Two men named Earnest, one living at Bay City and the other at East Saginaw, have lately been discovered to be heirs to an English estate amounting to \$5,000,000 left to them by will about three years ago.

Last week Thursday, a yearling calf belonging to Clark Chalmers, was playing about near the barn when it ran in, where a cow was hitched, jumped upon its horns and tore its entrails out, and he was obliged to kill it. —Hartford Day Spring.

A man is reported to have been found hanging in a tree between Paw Paw and Easton, dead. The body was not identified nor has it been decided whether it was a case of suicide or foul play.

Some Indians that left Alpena on a deer hunting expedition a while ago, and returned recently, are reported to have slain over 200.

The granddaddy of W. V. Bailey, of Noble, Branch county, who is, in her 86th year, has husked 45 bushels of corn this fall, and made the husks into a mattress for her own use.

The deputy sheriff of Gratiot county, has a list of 400 negroes.

Ned Dow, the alleged temperance man, of late, will commence the campaign for that office in Detroit about February 1.

A little girl named Jane Harvey was buried at Sturgis and undecorated and circumstances. Her father was away from home on business and her mother, on coming home, found her body lying on the floor, and she was so sickened and died. As it did not happen to be known who the mother had gone to, the child was buried by strangers.

The citizens of Tecumseh offer a reward of \$500 for the capture, dead or alive, of the person who attempted the assassination of Dr. House, of that place, Friday night.

In Vicksburg, Kalamazoo county the village marshal makes out a list of habitual drunkards and hands it to each of the saloon keepers, accompanied by a warning not to furnish any of them with intoxicating liquors. It has the desired effect.

There are still over 41,000 acres of vacant United States land on Drummond island, and those who have explored there allege that it is mostly of the first-class agricultural land. Some of it is burnt land and some of it is finely timbered, being covered with a heavy growth of hard wood. —Chippewa Co. News.

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