

Express Robbers Foiled.

SHOOTING THE ENGINEER AND TAKING CHARGE OF HIS TRAIN.

A desperate attempt was made last night to rob Express Messenger Burke at Long Point, Ill., on the Vandalia road.

Last night, at midnight, when passenger train, No. 5, bound east, Conductor Fralan and Engineer Milo Amos in charge, stopped at the water bank, two men boarded the locomotive, one from each side, and ordered the train to start.

The whole party of robbers then ran the train to a point about two miles from the station, where they stopped, and going to the door of the express car demanded admittance.

How a Little Boy's Forethought Saved a Train of Cars.

The Indianapolis Sentinel of Saturday, 3rd inst., has this interesting story: Last Tuesday the Cincinnati day express, going east, left Connersville on time, and was flying on its way at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour, when approaching a bridge over a river a few miles from Connersville the engineer noticed a small boy in the middle of the track moving heavily with his arms.

since passing an hour previous. He remembered the down passenger train, and knowing that it was about time it came along, hurried up the track to give warning.

A Reminiscence of the Indian Mutiny.

[From the London Times.] A case which recently came before the High Court at Calcutta recalls some of the earlier horrors of the Indian mutiny.

Bursting of a Balloon.

The upper portion of the balloon rolled up into a body at the top of the net, of perhaps ten feet in diameter, the lower hemisphere having the mouth of the balloon attached by a strong cord to the hoop folded together like an umbrella turned inside out by the force of the wind, so that there was but little resistance to the air.

Little Things.

Little villages are nearer to being atoms of shattered Paradise than any thing we know of; and little fortunes bring the most contentment, and little hopes the least disappointments.

Zanzibar in London.

It was with great hesitation that the Sultan and suite allowed themselves to be photographed. Certain religious scruples stood in the way; they had a vague idea that there was something like witchcraft connected with the process.

An intolerable bore talked a friend nearly out of his senses, and finally struck out on the oyster which he called, "one of the most remarkable instances of creative wisdom extant," when his friend interrupted him, and closed the debate with the exclamation, "Ah, yes, the oyster is a glorious fellow. He always knows when to shut up."

In Brest lately, a marine fell into a lethargic state, was certified as dead by the hospital authorities, and his supposed remains were conveyed on a military escort to the cemetery.

Speaking of railroads, a wag made the remark that they are now built of three gauges, viz., Broad gauge, narrow gauge, and mortgage.

Miscellaneous Items.

An experienced gentleman says that all that is necessary to the enjoyment of love and sausages is confinement.

A printer's devil says his lot is a hard one, at his boarding house they charge him with all the pie they can't find, and at the office his employer charges him with all the pie they do find.

A Boston editor blushes for the ignorance of three young girls of that city who tried to get their horse's head down so that it could drink by unbuttoning the crupper.

According to the St. Louis Republican, two farmers of extensive tracts of land near Fort Scott, Kansas, have carefully examined a large number of grasshoppers, and have found that about three-fourths of them contain a well developed live maggot.

An automaton of wonderfully clever construction is creating much wonder in London. The figure, which is a mass of wheels and springs, plays whist with skill, and figures out simple arithmetical problems.

A California story tells of a man who resolved to give up drinking, and went to a notary to draw up an affidavit to that effect. The document was drawn, read, and proved: the party held up his hand and murmured the usual promise.

Lord Derby has recently said: "Unhappily there is no international tribunal to which cases of dispute can be referred, and there is no international law to meet such cases. If such a tribunal existed it would be a great benefit to the civilized world."

A boy got his grandfather's gun, and loaded it, but was afraid to fire; he, however, liked the fun of loading, and put in another charge, but was still afraid to fire. He kept on charging, but without firing, until he got six charges in the old piece.

It is the duty of every person to look sharply after his own interests. Always buy good articles, and those as cheap as possible. When you require a thoroughly good sewing machine, one which is of simple construction, one which makes very little or no noise, and one which is adapted to every kind of tailor or family work, ask for the "Wanzer E."

True Hospitality.

The perfect host should strive to make his guests comfortable, if they are not at present, so that they might in future days trace back their friendship to their having met together at his house.

A ragged little urchin came to a lady's door, asking for old clothes. She brought him a vest and pair of trousers, which she thought would be a comfortable fit. The young scape-grace took the garments and examined each; then, with a disconcerted look, said, "There ain't no watch-pocket."

At a camp-meeting last summer, a venerable sister began the hymn—"My soul be on thy guard; Ten thousand foes are sure."

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