

CURIOUS.

A curious instance of credulity has recently been exhibited in Canby, near the town of Avon, in this State. A young woman of the name of Bonney, a spiritualist, living in the house of a Mr. L. O. Preston, became impressed with the conviction that her spirit was to leave her body for a time and then return, and she succeeded in convincing several of her friends that this phenomenon would actually occur. She was very sanguine that her expectations would be realized, and predicted that during her spirit's absence certain manifestations, such as the ringing of a bell and the shaking of the house, would take place. Her friends were particularly requested not to handle her remains, and above all not to bury them during the period of suspended animation. She complained of no illness, but on the 10th of November announced that the time had come for her departure, and after tea took to her bed, where she remained calmly conversing with several friends until midnight. Mr. and Mrs. Preston saw her several times between that hour and two o'clock. At the latter hour Miss Bonney exclaimed, "Oh, this is glorious," and ceased to breathe. There was no struggle, nor evidence of pain. Of course the friends of the young woman marvelled greatly at this fulfillment of her prediction, which gave them faith to believe that in due time her spirit would return to its earthly habitation. In this expectation, however, they were doomed to disappointment. Although Miss Bonney's remains were kept unburied according to her desire from the 10th of November until Monday last, her spirit had never reappeared. On the last mentioned day a Coroner's inquest was held on the lifeless body, which of course was in a state of decomposition, and her death was officially established. At the inquest Miss Bonney's brother-in-law protested against any post-mortem examination, avowing his belief that the spirit would yet return to animate the decaying body, and several witnesses testified that the house had been violently shaken, as had been predicted, and that the clear note of a bell had been heard on several occasions, although there was no bell about the house except the door bell. The Buffalo Courier says that so far as the physicians were able to determine the various organs of the body showed that at the time of death they were in a sound and healthy condition, and no cause of death could be found.

The Canby. It is perhaps not generally known that General Canby, recently killed by the Modoc Indians in the wilds of California, owned a farm within a few miles of this city, that he was preparing for the future residence of himself and family after the war were over. His brother, Charles Canby, owned a farm adjoining that of the General, and lived on it together with his family. The widow of General Canby, deceased, another brother of the General's also lived in the same neighborhood, and also a sister named Beulah. Miss Canby, a daughter of the widow and niece of the General, recently intermarried with one Tip Finley, and in due season gave promise of an increase in the family. Strange to tell, her husband discovering this fact, became enraged and persistently threatened to kill his wife if she became a mother. On Monday last the little stranger made his appearance and true to his villainous purpose the monster approached the door of her chamber and throwing it wide open stood with a loaded pistol blew his brains out in her presence. The retributions of eternity will adjust these matters with all such characters. Charles Canby and his sister, Miss Beulah, a lady of fine intelligence, went to Indiana to attend the funeral of her brother, the General. She was stricken down under the weight of her bereavement, seriously threatened with the entire overthrow of her reason, and has, after a painful season of trouble and affliction for many months, recently reached her home to find that her brother—Charles—who attended her on her melancholy mission, had, since his return, entirely lost his intellect and died of a broken heart. Sorrow and sadness is the portion of the cup of this spirit stricken family.—Palmira (Mo.) Spectator.

Maria L. Perry, of South Abington, Mass., aged about 40, and Lucy L. Slater, who now calls herself Joseph Israel Lobdell, aged about 50, both insane, are exceedingly strange and eccentric persons. The latter dresses in male attire and is evidently laboring under the delusion that she is a man. She claims to be the husband of Miss Perry, and for four years they have been together almost constantly. Miss Perry, who is a native of South Abington, has been insane from youth. She disappeared, four or five years ago, and when next heard from she was in an insane asylum in Pennsylvania. Here she made the acquaintance of Mrs. Slater, who was an inmate of the same institution. After their release or escape from the asylum, they started off together and have been travelling ever since. Two of their winters were passed in a hut among the mountain regions of Pennsylvania.

The prices paid to trappers and hunters for furs in the Northwest are nearly three times as high as a few years ago. In Montana, many who had quit the business for more remunerative employment have again started in pursuit of the beaver, mink, muskrat, fox, weasel and wolf. The high prices seem to be caused more by an increase of demand than a falling off in the supply, for the rivers, creeks and mountains of Montana abound with game valuable for pelts.

Frank Ross, son of ex-Congressman Ross, of Fulton County, Ill., deliberately shot Peter Stipp, son of the County Clerk, through the right lung, a few days ago, and then implorred his pardon, saying, "God knows, Pete, I didn't intend to harm you."

It is said that Gen. Fremont has cancer of the stomach, and may not live a year.

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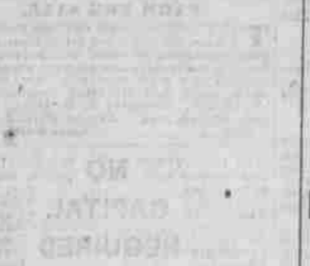
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