

**WIRED TO DEATH.**

**Fatal Accidents, by Telegraph, Among the Birds in England.**

Of the orthodox bird, as Sidney Smith called the pheasant, it is in some places a very common victim. I think I could pick out one stretch of railway which, at certain seasons of the year, produces for the surfaceman who goes along it in early morning a never-failing supply of wounded and dead birds. On one side of the railway is a long belt of plantation, where the birds are turned into after being hand-reared; on the other side a river, with corn-fields stretching down to it; and it is in the passage from the covers to the corn-fields, when the grain is ripe or standing in stock, that the accidents occur. Partridges also often fall victims to the wires, as also did the red grouse where the telegraph crossed their native heaths. In more than one instance have the wires been laid underground, where crossing grouse moors, to prevent the birds killing themselves; but even when crossing these moors in the usual style from post to post, grouse after a time get to beware of them, and deaths through this cause get fewer and fewer. One instance of this peculiar adaptation of themselves to new circumstances came very forcibly under the writer's notice. A wire fence was put across a very good grouse moor in Cumberland, dividing the fell into two allotments. For some time after this was done, dead or dying birds were picked up daily, until it was well known that whoever was first along the fence was sure of a grouse pie. It was amusing to see the different stratagems employed by shepherds and others to get along the fence without seeming to do so. Indeed, I have seen two farmers meet at the "Townfoot" and, after a short gossip separate, going in different directions and away from the fell; and an hour after I have heard of them meeting about the middle of the fence, both intent on dead or wounded birds. While for some time this slaughter of grouse went on, another fellow put in an appearance, this time with four legs, and made a track by the side of the fence to replenish his larder; and Mr. Stoot had even the temerity to dispute the claim in one instance with the two-legged hunter. But the grouse in time got to know the dangers of the fence, and now the victims are few.—*All the Year Round.*

**The Oldest Newspaper.**

The oldest newspaper in the whole world is the *King-Pau* or "capital sheet," published in Peking. It first appeared A. D. 911, but came out only at irregular intervals. Since the year 1351, however, it has been published weekly and of uniform size. Now it appears in three editions daily. The first, issued early in the morning and printed on yellow paper, is called *Hsing-Pau* (business sheet) and contains trade prices and all manner of commercial intelligence. The second edition comes out during the forenoon, also printed upon yellow paper, is devoted to official announcements and general news. The third edition appears late in the afternoon, is printed on red paper and bears the name of *Puani-Pau* (country sheet). It consists of extracts from the earlier editions, and is largely subscribed for in the provinces. The number of copies printed daily varies between thirteen thousand and fourteen thousand.—*West Shore.*

—Scene in Chicago.—Two long-separated friends meet: "Where is Uncle John living, my dear fellow?" "He isn't living." "What! Why, when did he die?" "He isn't dead?" "Good gracious! You said he isn't living, and I infer that he is dead." "Well, it's about the same thing. He moved to St. Louis."—*Newman Independent.*

—A New York physician says "it is dangerous to go into the water after a hearty meal." And we presume if he did go in after one he wouldn't find it.—*Shoe and Leather Reporter.*

—\$1.50 in advance! for the Reporter for 1887, means just what it says—IN ADVANCE. Not a month after the beginning.

In addition to the pocketing, the president has vetoed 132 bills, twenty-one more than the entire number of vetoes recorded from the establishment of the government up to the Cleveland incumbency.

The annual stallion show for Washington county will be held at Hillsboro April 2d. Arrangements have been made by which 75 or 100 horses will be in training on the Hillsboro track this year.

Miss Russ has just finished trimming a fine plush case, toilet and manicure combined, which compares very favorably with similar articles imported from the eastern states. The wood work was done by Mr. Clark.

"Fun on the Bristol," that most successful musical comedy of the age, will be produced at the Casino March 24th, under the management of M. B. Goldstein, with the popular comedians Harry Brown and Jas. T. Kelly, and a strong company.

Following close upon the heels of the discussion concerning Lincoln's profanity and Grant's intemperance, comes the statement that George Washington did not know how to spell. It is deplorable that our historical idols are being so wantonly shattered.

The heirs of Horace Greely have asked the comptroller of New York to pay them \$486 which was due him for attendance at the constitutional convention of 1867. Mr. Greely became disgusted with the proceedings and went away before the end of the session.

McMinnville has made substantial progress for several years, but indications clearly point to more improvements the coming summer than during any former year. Several bricks are talked of besides many elegant private residences. Verily we will have lively times here this summer. Telephone.

Charles A. Pillsbury, the great Minneapolis miller, was poor when, in 1863, he was graduated from Dartmouth. Four years later, still poor, he went to Minneapolis and established a business, which to-day is the largest of its kind in the world. His mills turn out 10,000 barrels of flour daily, and he pays for freight alone on his wheat \$1,500,000 yearly.

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2.37	6 50	Dallas	8 30
2.53	7 10	Cochrane	8 06
2.65	7 28	Monmouth	7 50
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