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Protection in the South.

The Secretary of Agriculture Reports Progress in that Section.

The protective policy continues to be justified by its fruits. Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture has just returned from a trip to Louisiana and Texas. Those Southern States have found that they need the protective policy of the Republican party. The secretary says of the sugar industry: "Very extensive improvements have lately been made in the sugar factories in anticipation of a life-and-death struggle with sugar countries where labor is cheaper and condition quite as favorable. The encouragement given by the Dingley Tariff will have a tendency to increase the area of production and attract capital to the enterprise. The people are much more concerned over the future policy of Congress respecting their industry than they are over the heavy loss on the coming crop by low temperatures. They are pleased to note the great increase of sugar production from beets in the Northern States, judging that they will not be alone in the future when public policies are framed regarding the importation of their product. The large amount of money being paid to foreign countries for saccharine matter gives abundant opportunity for enterprise in the production of sugar within the United States, and every effort will now be made by the producers of sugar to earn that

Hard Times for One Class.

The effects of a Protective Tariff are probably felt no where in the country more than in Pittsburg. Consequently the following statistics, compiled by the New York "Work," are of more than passing interest: Area of Pittsburg's industrial Klondike, 180 square miles; number of industries being operated on full time, 118; number of men employed in these, embracing all classes, 270,000; average wages per day, \$2.15; range of wages, \$1.75 to \$7 per day; number of idle men, 1,000, except from sickness; number of mills and factories unable to run full time by reason of scarcity of labor, 60; railroads unable to move freight promptly because the tariff is 30 per cent. larger than all the freight cars in service; gross daily value of trade in Industrial Klondike, \$9,000,000.

When it is remembered that the foregoing statements are published by a journal that has lost no opportunity for denouncing and ridiculing the Dingley Tariff bill, they form pretty good evidence that there is more comfort in the present situation for industrial toilers than for Free-Trade theorists. And it should also be remembered that most industries throughout the country are nearly if not quite as active as those of Pittsburg. These are hard times only for those who are hunting anti-Tariff arguments.—Pittsburg "Commercial Gazette."

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The McKinley Policy.

It is America first, last and all the time. It never halts, never hesitates, whether the question be the defense of America industry or the defense of America dignity. McKinleyism and Americanism are synonymous terms. The one involves the other. Listen to what the President of the United States said in his address before the Catholic summer school at Plattsburg, N. Y., August 13, 1899.

"The flag symbolizes our purposes and our aspirations; it represents what we believe and what we mean to maintain, and wherever it floats is the flag of the free, the hope of the oppressed; and whenever it is assailed, at any sacrifice it will be carried to a triumphant peace."

This utterance was greeted with ringing cheers, all the reports agree in saying. Its lofty purport appealed instantly to the intelligent minds to which it was addressed. It appeals to every true American throughout a country consecrated to freedom and progress. It ought to make the small coterie of "fire-in-the-rear" anti-Americans feel smaller and smaller.

Marion Female College Announcement.
The College Faculty, for next session, which begins the first Monday in September, will retain most of last year's members.

The Primary Department has lost Miss Rowan, but we believe that her place will be filled most admirably by Mrs. C. J. Brown, whose merits as a teacher, a refined lady and a consecrated Christian are known to the people of Marion.

Miss Hottel will have charge of the Department of Music. She taught here two years ago, and then took charge of the Music Department of Danrick College. She is now in Cincinnati studying music, and her musical talents and admirable methods with pupils of all grades makes her an instructor who deserves the patronage of the community.

Story of Arthur and Blaine.

There was a story of the presidential excursion down to the eastern shore of Maryland, says the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The party were fortunate enough to hear an excellent sermon from the venerable Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Maryland; who was there to administer the rite of confirmation. President Arthur and the two secretaries sat in quiet satisfaction. But their peace of mind was suddenly dispelled. The offertory was sung. At the familiar words: "Let your light so shine before men, etc.," the President and the secretaries each quietly dropped a hand into a pocket.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth."

Windom drew forth a crisp one-dollar note and held it between his thumb and forefinger, ready for the approaching plate. The President and Mr. Blaine went a little deeper into their pockets. One brought up a nickel and the other a dime. Their faces flushed. It would never do to make such a contribution.

"He that soweth little shall reap little, and he that soweth plenteously shall reap plenteously. * * * God loveth a cheerful giver."

The President went to his pocket-book, and the Secretary of State explored his vest pocket with nervous fingers.

"Zacchens stood forth and said unto the Lord: 'Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have done wrong to any man I restore fourfold.'"

The plate was only four pews away. What the President found in his pocketbook was one fifty-dollar note and a ten dollar greenback—nothing smaller. What Mr. Blaine found was two ten-dollar notes—nothing smaller. To put in a nickel or a dime only was not to be thought of. To give ten dollars was more than either cared to do. Each looked at Windom sitting there calmly with his dollar note in hand. He shook his head.

"Charge them that are rich in this world that they be ready to give and glad to distribute."

There was no time for further pocket exploration or consideration. With a smile of commiseration at each other, and something like glee on Windom's placid countenance, the President and the Secretary of State each planked down his ten-dollar note for "the poor of this congregation." And the worst of it is, said one of the party afterward, that the Lord would probably give them credit only for the dollar or two which they intended to give.

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS.

He Announces the Policy in the Philippines.

Long Branch, N. J., August 26.—President and Mrs. McKinley with Vice-President and Mrs. Hobart, Garret A. Hobart, Jr., Attorney General Griggs, Dr. and Mrs. Rixey, Private Secretary Cortelyou and Mrs. Barnett, arrived here at 7:45 this morning from Plattsburg, N. Y. They were driven at once to Vice-President Hobart's cottage at Normanhurst. Soon after that the party was formally welcomed to Normanhurst by the local reception committee tendered the President a public reception at the Hollywood Hotel at night, but Mr. McKinley was compelled to decline. President McKinley addressed 12,000 people in the auditorium here this afternoon. He was introduced by Bishop Fitzgerald.

The President said: "I believe that there is more love for our country, and that more people love the flag than ever before. Wherever that flag is raised it stands, not for despotism and oppression, but for liberty, opportunity and humanity, and what that flag has done for us we want it to do for all people and all lands which by the fortunes of war have come within its jurisdiction. That flag does not mean

one thing in the United States and another in Porto Rico and the Philippines. There has been doubt in some quarters respecting the policy of the government in the Philippines. I see no harm in stating it in this presence. Peace first, then with charity for all, establishing the government of law and order, protecting life and occupation, for the well being of the people who will participate in it under the stars and stripes."

The President will leave Long Branch on a special train at 7:45 tomorrow morning for Pittsburg.

Democrats and TRUSTS.

Intelligent Treatment of a Serious Problem Not to be Expected at Their Hands.

The Democratic press is blowing Boreas blasts just now—at trusts. It is the same wind power that in the past has been directed at the cussed Tariff, at the gold standard, and at the courts, and it means just as much, which is to say not necessarily anything.

The Democrats never had an intelligent conception of the Tariff. They never understood that the essential object in Tariff legislation had not to do with either raising or lowering prices, but had to do with the broadest development and utilization of a country's resources and energies. The vast American industrial system that is today supplying our own markets, and in many ways assuming a commanding position in the world at large, is chiefly to be credited to a patriotism that resented the European proposition (indorsed by American Democrats,) that this country was to be only a granary, to a wisdom that perceived American possibilities in industrial development, and realized the incalculable value of that diversification in which alone is possible the full and highest use of raw material and human brawn and brain. This was and is the underlying idea of a Protective Tariff. The Democrats never saw it. They could never get farther than to point to something that they fancied had been raised in price—and then howl.

Similarly the Democrats never had in recent years, and have not now, an intelligent conception of questions of finance. Driven, temporarily from their position on the Tariff by the dire results of their own propositions expressed in legislation, they eagerly seized upon 16 to 1, proclaimed it a medicine, when it was really a disease, and began to cuss the gold standard, the standard of the civilized world. And they howled through a long campaign.

The logic of events has driven them away from 16 to 1 as a proposition not now remotely possible, and they were burnt so badly by the Tariff that they see a chance of using their historic slogan merely incidentally, as a sort of understudy.

But there is something left. The trusts have reared their horrid fronts. With the Tariff as a cause thereof, there is a magnificent chance to howl. And the Democrats are howling, with great redness of face.

It is not asserting anything in their favor to say that trusts should be considered philosophically and dealt with scientifically.—American Economist.

A dispatch from Charlottesville says that all through that section the caterpillar is stripping trees and plants of their leaves to such an extent as to amount to a very serious matter. Large trees are covered with the webs and give evidences of being so injured that they will die. To move the pest in most cases, would involve the ruin of the trees, as the flame would have to be put in contact with every limb and twig.

It treats with you whether you continue the habit of smoking. It removes the desire for tobacco, with all its attendant evils, such as cough, asthma, bronchitis, etc. It purifies the blood, restores the system, and makes you strong. It is a sure cure for all cases of nervous debility, indigestion, and all other ailments. It is a sure cure for all cases of nervous debility, indigestion, and all other ailments. It is a sure cure for all cases of nervous debility, indigestion, and all other ailments.

APPETIZING SAUERKRAUT.

It Was Given to a Sick Cow in Pennsylvania and with Good Results.

A reporter who spent Christmas among the Pennsylvania Germans of Lancaster county discovered what will probably be to most people a distinctively new use for sauerkraut, a native production of old Lancaster and a staple article of food, says the Pittsburgh Times. He had called to see an old friend who keeps a dairy and found the dairyman in the act of taking great bunches of succulent cabbage from a barrel in the cellar. The odor pervaded the neighborhood and made glad the nostrils of every true and loyal Pennsylvania "Dutchman" within a distance of about half a mile.

The reporter was astonished when the dairyman picked up a bucketful of sauerkraut and carried it to his cow stable. The second animal in the long row of stalls was a big, strong-horned cow. Her head was hanging low under the manger, although there was a plentiful supply of hay in the rack above. Her ears had a dejected droop and her eyes were half closed. She was evidently a very sick cow at a time when she should have been in good spirits, for among the Pennsylvania Germans it is still a popular belief that on Christmas eve the cows in their stalls may be heard to talk to each other of the great event of the day commemorated.

The bucketful of sauerkraut was dumped into the manger. The cow, by some peculiar system of feeding, first gave evidence of her appreciation by slowly switching her tail, which had before hung limp and lifeless. Then she raised her head, poked her great muzzle into the kraut and slowly began to munch the stuff. Fifteen minutes later she looked quite happy. She had eaten all the kraut and was taking great mouthfuls of the hay. The dairyman said sauerkraut had long been known as one of the best things in the world to give a sick cow an appetite.

A MISERLY COUNTESS.

One of Roumania's Old Nobility Who Though Immensely Rich Lived in Squalor.

The Bucharest correspondent of the London Daily Mail says that a most extraordinary character lately died in Jassey, namely, Countess Balsch, one of the last of the old Roumanian nobility, all titles, except some few complimentary ones, having been abolished since the declaration of independence after the Russo-Turkish war.

The old countess, although extremely rich, was an inveterate miser, and hardly spent a penny, except in defending a lawsuit which her only daughter, a widow and an extreme invalid, who had incurred the countess' displeasure by marrying without her consent, had started against her, claiming but 300 francs monthly to live on. On this she spent thousands until the death of her unhappy daughter at a hospital in Paris brought the case to a close.

When the authorities entered the dead countess' dwelling to take possession of her property, they discovered, secreted in numberless impossible places, no less than 1,610,000 francs, a quarter of a million being in Napoleons and deucats. While making a final inventory, they found, hid in a bundle of old moth-eaten curtains, a box containing another 40,000 francs, so that the entire amount left by this extraordinary woman amounts to 1,650,000 francs.

Numberless little cheap note books were also found, in which the eccentric being had noted down every half-penny spent. Some books devoted to her law expenses were headed: "Cost of process against that beastly and poisonous serpent, my daughter."

ROMAN AQUEDUCTS.

They Were Built Because There Were No Suitable Pipes to Be Had.

People forgetful of the real status of mechanical economy in the time of the Romans have often expressed wonder that they built expensive aqueducts when, it is proved, they knew the hydrostatic principle that water rises always to its own level.

The principal reason undoubtedly was that they had no suitable material to make pipes which would stand the enormous pressure inseparable from an underground system. Lead was out of the question for the purpose because the pipes would have to be made so disproportionately thick, and, besides, water flowing for miles through lead would be poisonous. Short lead and clay pipes were used by them in their cities and houses for the supply of baths, but without cast iron, which they did not possess, they could not have made pipes to carry water long distances. Lastly, the water brought to Rome was strongly impregnated with lime, and this would have caused a great incrustation in pipes and necessitated frequent openings and cleaning, whereas an aqueduct, once built, would, as events have proved, last for a very long time with a very moderate amount of repairs.

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Everyone who will recall the terrible hard times existing during the latter part of Cleveland's administration and during the time Bryan was threatening the country, and will compare the state of affairs then existing with the state which now exists can readily see how much good the sound financial and economic legislation of the Republican party has done for the country.

List of Smyth County Schools and Teachers for the Session '99-1900.

MARION CORPORATION-4th DISTRICT. Marion Graded School-V. J. Hill, principal; Miss Theda B. Phillips, assist. principal; Miss Edwards, intermediate; Mrs. Phillips, primary.

SALTVILLE CORPORATION-5th DIST. Palmer School-F. A. Kelly, principal; Miss Gay Muslewhite, assist. Berryville-R. S. DeBusk, principal; Miss Bettie Wagg, assist.

MARION-1st DISTRICT. Chilhowie H. S.-W. L. Umbarger, principal; Misses Josie St. John and Nellie Preston, assistants. Cleghorn-Elvin D. Wolfe. Dungan-Mrs Rhoda Dungan. Golehon-Edgar A. Fry. Prestou-Wade H. Duman. Oak Point H. S.-N. C. B. Anderson and Miss Mattie St. John. Mt. Zion--W. Lynn Copenhaver. Walker's Creek-Edgar Copenbaver.

Ebenezer-Miss Rachel Killinger. DeBoard-Miss Agnes Lunsden. Wassum Valley-Miss Lucy Pickle.

Greenwood-Miss Gordie Wolfe. Pendleton's Chapel-Miss Mattie E. Scott.

Spruce Creek-Miss Rachie Killinger. Falling Water-Mrs. Lena Killinger.

Johnson-Miss Pearl Carper. Mt. Carmel H. S.-J. A. Humphreys, principal; Miss Nannie D. Hurt, assistant.

Walnut Grove-Miss Josie K. Anderson. Aker-B. H. Eller. Lampie-Geo. S. Davis. Cedar Grove-Miss Sarah B. Wyal.

Pleasant Grove-Miss Minnie Killinger. Sgardale-Miss Annie Davis. Newman's-Miss Josie Frye. Lindamood-Q. A. Eller. Glade-S. S. Creger.

SECOND DISTRICT-RICH TALLEY. Eikhone-Miss Mary E. Whitaker. Lion's Gap-Miss Georgia Buchanan. Allison Gap-Chas. E. Allison. White Rock Cove-D. M. Scott. McCready's Gap-Miss Georgia Wampler.

Cedar Branch-Jos. Buchanan. Union-Miss Mary L. Meadows. Laurel Fork-Miss Mary Walker. Taylor's-James A. Shannon. Ridgedale-Chas M. Shannon. Cove.

Chatham Hill-Miss Mabel Sexton. Spratt's Creek-L. D. Hancock. Hick Creek.

East View-Miss Edna Coulthard. Camp Ground. Oak Grove. Miss Nannie Buchanan. Pleasant Grove. Miss Mary Pratt. Prin. Miss Mary Price, Asst.

Ellendale, H. S.-Jos. R. Sevier. Prin. Miss Maggie St. John, Asst. White Oak Branch-Miss Carrie Richardson.

Olympia. Noho, H. S.-D. J. Blankenbecker, Prin. E. L. Harmon, Asst.

THIRD DISTRICT-RYE VALLEY. White Top. Lon E. Blankenbecker. Groves. George F. Pierce. St. Clair Bottom. Niel Young. Riverside, H. S. P. A. Scott, Prin.

River Bend, Miss Minnie McKee. Holstein Mill. J. M. Rouse. Stoney Battery. Miss Nettie Housh.

Lansdown. George Dutton. Rock Grove. Mrs. Anna McCarter. Williams. C. A. Rouse. Rye Valley. Miss Phina Wolfe. Warf Hill. Mrs. Cédalia King; Summit. J. J. Kirk. Bridge Hill. J. W. Dutton. Maple Swamp. Emma Williams. Blue Spring Academy. Mrs. Jennie Horne, Prin. Asst. Colored teachers were assigned as follows:

Marion-Chas. F. Broady and Mrs. Nannie Broady. Sanders-Chas. Richardson. Chatham Hill--Wm. J. Jennings. Broad Ford--T. J. Cyrus. Beaver Creek--Miss Ella M. Smith. Rye Valley--W. S. McLanahan. Holstein Mills--Miss Hessie Jennings.

Five teachers are yet to be elected in Rich Valley District. For these vacancies a special examination will be held at Ellendale, Sept. 5, 1899. An unusually large per cent. of these teachers are college graduates and normal training.

Richmond Dispatch says: Private advices received here were to the effect that in the Senatorial convention for the Sixth District held at Hillsville, J. H. Harvey was nominated. There were several aspirants for the nomination. No resolutions were adopted, and it not known here how the nominee stands as to the Senatorship. This district, composed Carroll, Grayson and Patrick, is now represented by Edmund Parr, Republican.

VIRGINIA-TENNESSEE LINE.

Result of the Conference of Officials at Bristol. Bristol, Tenn., Aug. 26.-In accordance with the expressed wish of the legislature of Virginia and that of Tennessee, Governor Tyler and Attorney General Montague, of Virginia, and Governor McMillin and Attorney General Pickle, of Tennessee, met here in conference today relative to the disputed boundary line between the two States.

All were agreed as to the importance of having the line re-run and remarked, and the matter chiefly discussed was as to the method of accomplishing this result. Former efforts of Virginia to secure a re-running and re-marking of the line were denied because made in the original case after the close of the term of court at which that case was finally disposed of.

It was, therefore concluded that an original proceeding in the Supreme Court of the United States would be necessary, and that one or the other of the States would have to take the initiative in the matter. On this point, there was no difference of opinion. By agreement, Tennessee, through Attorney General Pickle will institute proper proceedings in the United States Court in October, and it is not anticipated that there will be any considerable delay in obtaining an order of the court appointing commissioners and giving them proper directions to re-run and re-mark the State line.

The conference was amicable and in every way successful, being actuated by a desire to have the controversy between the two States put to rest. The difficulty of having the matter acquiesced in without an order of the court was apparent to the Executives.

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More Work, More Wages More Appetite.

The advance in the price of meats of all kinds affords opportunity to Free-Traders for some remarks about trusts and the Tariff, and they are harping on it with their customary rashness. To the average man who stops and thinks a moment the explanation of this increase in price is easy. It is explained by the simple fact of increased consumption. Earning more money in the shape of wages than ever before, the American people are eating more meat per capita than ever before. Ours is a meat eating nation. No other nation consumes anything like so large a proportion of animal food. While the wage earners of Europe consider themselves lucky to get meat once or twice a week, the American workman and his family eat meat three times a day the year round.

With more work, more wages and more appetite the American workman in these days of Protection and prosperity has greatly increased his meat diet, with the result that usually follows an increase of demand and consumption--namely, an increase in price. It is a condition peculiar to the present period. Nothing of the kind occurred during the four years of Free-Trade Tariff reform, 1893-'97. Then there was no advance in food prices because of increased consumption. On the contrary, the prices of nearly all food-stuffs suffered a decline because of diminished demand and consumption. People ate less meat, less of everything in those dreary four years. The demand for agricultural products fell off enormously and prices fell off accordingly.

It is estimated that the farmers of the United States in the four years of Free-Trade Tariff legislation suffered an aggregate loss of fully five billions of dollars by reason of diminished values of farm products. What the work people of this country lost through diminished employment and decreased earnings in that same distressful period can scarcely be computed. In any event they are so much the gainers through present conditions that they would not welcome a return of the lower food prices and accompanying conditions of Wilson Tariff times.

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The Democrats held their precinct primaries throughout the county last Saturday. Not a great deal of interest was taken in the affair here as very few voters turned out. The result was a decided victory for G. A. Lambert, the Martin candidate for the legislature, and he will have a safe majority over W. G. Howe in the nominating convention which meets here Saturday.--Wytheville Sentinel.

FURNACES IN BLAST.

The Virginia Iron Coal and Coke Co., as Seen From Richmond. The Richmond Times says: Mr. T. P. Trigg, assistant to the president and general manager of the Virginia Coal and Iron company, with head offices at Bristol, Tenn., is stopping at the Jefferson. Mr. Trigg will meet Mr. George L. Carter, president of this company, there.

It is this company, with a capital of \$15,000,000, that has put new life, hope and great prosperity into southwest Virginia. The tall, smokeless furnace stacks which have stood through all that section for the last eight or ten years and have been pointed out by some as monuments to a man's folly, are now clouding the sky with a dense smoke as a result of this company's organization.

This company owns fourteen furnaces in this section. Eight of this number are now in blast. The others are being put in repair and will be operated at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Trigg said his company could sell twice as much pig iron as they are now making.

Is Baby Thin this summer? Then add a little SCOTT'S EMULSION to his milk three times a day. It is astonishing how fast he will improve. If he nurses, let the mother take the Emulsion.

Postoffice Abolished. Washington, Aug. 26.--The Postmaster-General to-day ordered the discontinuance of the postoffice at Peck, Fla., because of the recently white-capping of the postmaster there.

This follows closely a report received from Postmaster Crum, and verified by a representative from Postoffice Inspectors Tate and Bass, who were ordered to investigate the affair.

The United States district attorney is now on the ground preparing a prosecution of the guilty party. A reward of \$200 will, it is stated, be offered for the arrest and conviction of each of the assailants. Postmaster Crum, in reporting the occurrence, says he was proceeding from the postoffice to his home, a short distance away, when he was confronted by a party of sixteen men, who took him from his horse, bound him hand and foot, removed his clothing and whipped him with switches. After this, he says, the men poured carbolic acid on his wounds and saturated his back with it, causing intense agony.

KILLED BY A BASE-BALL.

Rufus E. Potter Loses His Life in Suffolk. Suffolk, Va., August 27.--While playing base-ball this afternoon Rufus Eldredge Potter, aged 14 years, was struck near the heart and almost instantly killed. After falling to the ground he arose, walked about ten feet, and then expired. Dr. R. E. Parker was summoned, but the lad was dead when he arrived.

The ball was thrown a distance of forty-eight feet, and it is considered strange that it should have produced death. There is no bruise nor sign of a blow on the lad's body. The Doctor says the concussion may have caused a rupture of a blood vessel around the heart.

MONEY FOUND IN THE MAIL BAGS

Almost \$10,000 a Year for Which Claimants are Never Discovered.

"It seems almost incredible that in the neighborhood of \$40,000 in actual cash should have been confided to letters during the last year, and harder still to the credit that the most exhaustive efforts failed to find the owners of one-fourth of that amount," writes Patti Lyle Collins in 'The Ladies' Home Journal' for September. "The envelopes which are addressed are kept on file for four years, blank ones not so long, but in either case a liberal margin of time is allowed for claimants to appear before the money is finally turned into the Treasury to the credit of the Post-Office Department. In addition to the money contained in letters during the same period, something like \$10,000 was found loose in the mails. It is officially styled 'loose money.'"



Sweet Bells Jangled Out of Tune and Harsh.

Shakespeare's description fits thousands of women. They are cross, irascible, nervous, a burden to themselves and their families. Their life is a struggle, and they are like the bells, seem ready out of tune. But there is a remedy. They can use

McELREE'S Wine of Cardui. It brings health to the womanly organism, and health there means well poised nerves, calmness, strength. It restores womanly vigor and power. It tones up the nerves which suffering and disease have shattered. It is the most perfect remedy ever devised to restore weak women to perfect health, and to make them attractive and happy. \$1.00 at all druggists.

For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Luther Hall, the thirteen-year-old son of L. T. Hall, of East Radford, went in search of a cow Saturday mornin, and failing to return, a search was made for him. His hat was seen floating on a small pond, and when the water was dragged his body was found in it. It is supposed he was riding on a small raft that was on the pond, and it overturned with him. The pond is small but very deep, and the boy being unable to swim, was drowned.

Higher Prices.

Some people are never pleased. Three years ago a large number of newspaper editors and stump-speakers were calling attention to the low prices at which farmers were compelled to sell their products, if they sold them at all, and assuming that nothing would advance the prices of such products but the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Now some of the same editors and politicians are complaining bitterly at the advanced price on meat, charging it up to the trusts and showing that the republican party is responsible for the trusts.

Then they wanted prices to advance, and to accomplish that wanted more and cheaper money. Now, without the aid of a debased currency, prices have advanced, and still they are not happy.

We know nothing about a beef trust, or whether there has been a combination to raise the price of that useful article of food; but we do know that for a number of years the price of beef cattle was so low that it did not pay the farmers to raise them. We know that nearly everybody who wants employment has it, at good wages, and we know that when times are good more wheat and all kinds of human food are consumed than when times are hard. This will account for the price of beef being higher, and it would be that if there had never been a trust on earth.

Any man who does not know that one of the features of good times is higher prices, is a food for the want of sense, and when these chronic grumblers and political ne'er-dowells howl because prices are higher they show that they are no wiser than they ought to be.

Virginia and Southwestern Railway. Natural Tunnel Route. Through Sleeping car service between Bristol and Cincinnati, Ohio, on following schedule:

Leave Bristol, 4:00 p. m. Arrive Cincinnati, 7:30 a. m. Leave Cincinnati, 7:55 p. m. Arrive Bristol, 1:00 p. m.

The route is through the Natural Tunnel, the beauties of which must be seen to be appreciated, via Big Stone Gap, Middleborough, Corbin, Richmond, Winchester and Paris. At Cincinnati connection is made for all points North and Northwest. For information call on any agent of V. & S. W. Rv. or address, W. B. EMMERT, Gen'l Passenger Agt. M. D. CHAPMAN, General Manager.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be free, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No. 10. It cures the smoker's habit, makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1.00. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Predicts More Prosperity.

LONDON STATIST ON THE OUTLOOK IN THE UNITED STATES.

London, August 27.--The Statist yesterday under a heading "American Prosperity," says:

"There will be very large exports of wheat to meet the demands of Western Europe. American farmers are disposing of the crops rapidly and at tolerably good prices, and they will be able to purchase from the East and Europe as fully as they have been doing this year.

"The United States has made great progress of late years in manufacturing and trading, but it is still an essentially agricultural country, and its prosperity depends mainly on the harvests. Therefore fair wheat and good harvests of other productions mean the continuance of the well-being of the farmers, who are the backbone and lifeblood of the country.

"Under the circumstances, it is reasonably certain that railroad traffic returns and foreign orders for locomotives and steel will continue to increase."

The tenor of the article prophesies an increase of the present prosperity of the United States.

Conditions Have Changed.

General David B. Henderson, who will, without doubt, be the next speaker of the House, to succeed Mr. Reed, has no fears about the success of the Republican party in 1900 and the continuance of our present national policy. He is quoted as saying in reply to the question whether in his opinion Bryan would be the Democratic candidate for the Presidency next year: "He may be, but if he is, he will get a much smaller vote than he did three years ago. The 'Grange' states, which in 1896 voted for Bryan, entered the Republican column in 1898. They will be found there in 1900." Evidently the General is of the opinion that the people of the country know a good thing when they see it and are not going to risk the substantial benefits which they have received through the restoration of Protection for any fancy promises on the part of Mr. Bryan or any one else. The election of Bryan would mean a change from present conditions, and no change could mean greater prosperity than that which we now enjoy. In 1896 the constant cry of the Bryanites was: "Any change must be for the better; nothing could be worse than present conditions." They were not far wrong, for the conditions then existing, as the result of Free-Trade Tariff tinkering, were such as to bring the country almost to the verge of revolution. But today it is different. Conditions are such that any change from the restored policy of Protection to America labor and industries would inevitable be a change for the worse.

1. About three hundred acres, choicest of Smyth County, on the R. R. near depot, of land and schools. Splendidly located on a beautiful looking one of the finest west Va. Large barns and men houses. Good new healthy locality. Will yield gain.

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ACTS GENTLY ON THE KIDNEYS, LIVER AND BOWELS. CLEANSSES THE SYSTEM. DISPELS EFFECTUALLY COLDS, HEADACHES, OVERCOMES HABITUAL CONSTIPATION. PERMANENTLY TO GET ITS BENEFICIAL EFFECTS.

BUY THE GENUINE - MANUFACTURED BY CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarella's Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

GEORGE W. RICHARDSON, Real Estate Agent, MARION, VA.

I desire to state that I am still in the REAL ESTATE BUSINESS, and would be glad to help my friends, who are desirous of selling their property to find a purchaser therefor. Any one desiring to purchase, might find it to their advantage to call on me before purchasing elsewhere. I desire to call special attention to the following desirable tracts.

- 1. About three hundred acres, choicest of Smyth County, on the R. R. near depot, of land and schools. Splendidly located on a beautiful looking one of the finest west Va. Large barns and men houses. Good new healthy locality. Will yield gain.
2. 110 acres in the splendid and mineral sections, County. 11 room frame house, good barn and 10 miles from Emory. Fine spring about 20 steps from door. Good fruit and garden, so on the place a small store, dwelling combined with which is a nice place. In a good neighborhood city churches and schools. If desired, acres of good improved land, with mineral reserve will be sold in connection with the above.
3. 180 acres of good land, nicely located in a good neighborhood, close to churches and schools, with a small storehouse and grainary thereon. Splendid spring, good building site and a small orchard. A nice place and will be sold at a reasonable price and on reasonable terms.
4. 4 acres of land, about 2 miles southwest of Marion. All cleared and south land. Good water, garden, etc. 4 room house. School house in sight and lays along the public road. Possession given between now and Christmas. Price \$250 cash.
5. 300 acres. Eight room frame house, good stable and outbuildings. About 150 to 175 acres cleared; about 200 acres timber. Good water, good farming land. Improved belt and 10 miles from R. R. Price \$15 per acre.
6. 80 acres of land on the McCann road, about 3 1/2 miles east of Marion at \$20 per acre. This is a nice piece of land and a rare opportunity to those wanting land conveniently located. For further information call on
7. About 300 acres of desirable land within 2 1/2 miles of Marion at \$15.00 per acre. Comfortable 4 room log house ceiled and weather boarded. Good water and all necessary outbuildings &c. A desirable place.
8. 310 acres of land about three miles from Emory will be sold at right figures Write for particulars.
9. A 3-room house and one fourth acre lot on Lee Street, Marion, Va., price \$500.
10. A new frame store and 8 room dwelling house combined, and 2 1/2 acres of good land in a good state of cultivation. Well located for a store. Close to high school, post office and churches. Price \$2,000.
11. 4 room cottage house and lot on River St. \$600.
12. 5 room house and lot on River St. \$700.
13. 1-4 acre lot on River St. Easy terms.

OPIMUM. Castoria. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

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MARION NEWS

Local Items.

W. S. Poage, of Wytheville, was attending Circuit court last Friday. Straw, Crash and Fur Hats at M. WEILER'S.

Prof. Jos. R. Sevier, of Ellendale, was a visitor in the city Monday.

For every day or Sunday suits go to M. WEILER'S.

Mr. G. W. Ewald, of Bluefield, W. Va., is visiting relatives and friends in Marion.

Pants of all kinds at M. WEILER'S.

Rev. C. D. Waller returned to Marion last Tuesday after a month's vacation.

Black and Tan Shoes at M. WEILER'S.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Copenbaver went down to Bristol Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jno. M. Smith.

All kinds of Dress Shirts at M. WEILER'S.

The local option election held at Pulaski last Thursday resulted in a majority of twenty for the "drys."

Rev. Walter Spence, of Rural Retreat, preached two able sermons at the Methodist Church last Sunday.

Mr. Sol. Bloomberg, Grand Regent of the Royal Arcanum for the State of Va., was in the city last Friday.

James White Sheffey, C. C. Lincoln and Judge Geo. W. Richardson went down to Abingdon last Monday.

Rev. Dr. J. D. Tudlock died at his home in Bristol Saturday. He was born in Greene county, Tenn., Aug. 4, 1825.

A former steward of North Carolina state prison farm swears that in 1898 a convict was beaten to death by guards.

Jon. Jno. M. Gwyn, of Chatham was in the city last Monday. Gain a candidate for legislators.

J. D. Buchanan, of Ellendale, over looking after his legislatures last Tuesday. The Dr. Tyler was in.

Mr. Wesley Robinett, aged about 70 years, was found dead last Saturday near his home in the upper end of Rich Valley.

Miss Pendleton is a graduate of S. W. Va. Institute and one of Smyth county's well trained and highly cultured young ladies.

M. H. Rush, of Bristol, has been appointed Deputy Revenue Collector for the counties of Washington, Tazewell, Russell and Grayson.

Miss Nora Wilcox who has been visiting friends in Marion for the last week returned to her home in Bristol Tuesday.

Mr. A. T. Lincoln, our weather man, reports that Saturday was the hottest day we have had here in sixteen years--95 in the shade.

Miss Flora Pendleton, of Chilhowie, has been employed as governess in Mrs. Mary Lyuch's family and will arrive next week.—Lebanon News.

The Graded School opens next Monday. The Principal wishes to emphasize the importance of the presence of all pupils on the first day.

Judge A. P. Cole left for his home in Buckingham county last Saturday. The Judge expresses himself as well pleased with his Eastern, Va. home.

Miss Effie Reeves, of Chatham Hill, stopped off here Tuesday on her way home from a visit to friends in North Carolina. She was accompanied by her aunt and two cousins.

Tilden Scherer, late on the Pulaski News-Review force, arrived at his home here last Friday. He has decided to enter the ministry and we wish for him much success in that noble calling.

Miss Josephine Sheffey has been elected intermediate teacher in Russell College. Her thorough education and experience render her well qualified for the important position to which she has been elected.

Prof. V. J. Hill, principal of the Marion Graded School, arrived in the city last Wednesday, preparatory to commencing school next Monday. The Professor reports a pleasant vacation and we welcome him back to Marion.

We regret to chronicle the serious illness of Mrs. Dr. Geo. W. Sprinkle. Her two daughters, Mrs. Groseclose and Miss Maud Sprinkle, who are in Washington State have been wired for. We trust she may recover, but her friends have despaired of such

A son of John Moss was killed Friday at Hilton's, Scott county, Va., by the accidental discharge of a gun. The shot took effect in his head and killed him instantly.

Rev. J. H. Wise, of Burks Garden, arrived in Marion Wednesday and returned home the next day.

Mrs. Geo. Schley, Miss Kate Schley, R. M. and W. S. Schley are stopping at Hotel Holston this week. They are relatives of the great admiral, the hero of the late Santiago naval victory.

Umbrellas of all kinds at M. WEILER'S.

Mr. John T. Loving, the mayor of Pulaski, wrote to a friend in Richmond last week that he had decided to become a candidate for the clerkship of the House of Delegates. He has been one of Colonel Biggers' most valued assistants for several years.

Go to Hull & Staley's for your Grass Seed. They handle the best grades.

At a meeting of the Salem Town Council last week, a franchise was granted the Virginia and Tennessee Telephone Company to operate its system in Salem. It is said this system is a part of one that will extend from Roanoke to Bristol, and from Radford to the coal fields.

Hull & Staley are selling nice fine Salt 150 pound sacks at 60 cents per sack. If you need Salt go to them for it.

The best upright piano ever produced in America for \$250.00 on easy payments, or discount for cash, is being offered as a specialty, by The Hobbie Company, Roanoke. This company, with their experience, ought to know a good piano, and they say it is indeed a fine instrument; fully warranted for five years.

If you want bargains don't fail to call on COLLINS BROS.

Miss Lucy Dickenson, of our town, who graduated at S. W. Va. Institute last session, has accepted the position of teacher in a private school at Saltville. We congratulate the people at Saltville who have been so fortunate in securing the services of so highly educated and well trained instructress as Miss Lucy.

Organdies, Piques, Lawns &c., now at cost at COLLINS BROS.

Fire broke out in the plant of the Holston Woolen Mills Company, at Salem, last Friday and destroyed about one thousand dollars worth of property in the way of picking machines, wool, buildings, etc. It was confined to the picking room. Loss covered by insurance.

Mrs. R. A. Henderlite, of Accomac, Va., arrived in Marion last Friday. She is the guest of Miss Mary Scherer at the M. F. College. Her many friends welcome her back home again. She will remain here only a short time.

New lot of Black Skirts at COLLINS BROS. Call and see them when in town.

Prof. Frank L. Bruce, has been elected to succeed Prof. Littleton to the chair of modern languages of Emory & Henry college. Mr. Bruce was educated at Emory, Vanderbilt, Leland Stanford and Cornell Universities.

Come and examine our large and elegant stock of shoes at Rock Bottom Prices. COLLINS BROS.

We are glad to note that our esteemed friend, G. E. Goodell, is fast convalescing. So much so that he was able a few days ago to take a short drive from his home. He has been confined to his room about five months but we trust he will soon be restored to full vigor and health.

Mr. L. P. Collins, of Collins Bros., will spend the month of September in Baltimore and New York selecting Bargains in all kinds of Dry Goods, Notions, Gents Furnishings, etc., etc. Having enlarged their store room they will soon have a complete line of the latest styles and best goods that can be procured, and will offer best inducements to the public that has ever been offered.

Attention Farmers. Hull & Staley will grind or exchange any amount of wheat for you. Take your wheat to them if you want nice flour. They don't grind musty wheat for any one. If you let them grind your wheat you will be sure to get good flour.

Rev. Ray Preston filled the Presbyterian pulpit last Sunday morning, and Rev. J. B. Bittering at night. The sermons both morning and night were able and impressive.

Mr. J. B. Rhea returned last Saturday from northern markets where he had been buying a large stock of fall and winter goods. Read his new ad. in this issue of the News. He offers his goods at remarkably low prices.

CROSS TIES! CROSS CROSS TIES I want 5000 cross ties at once, will pay 33 cents for first-class, 20 cents for second-class, and 10 cents for cula. D. H. MITCHELL, Depot Store.

W. F. Culbert, an iron man of Marion, was here yesterday in consultation with representatives of the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke company relative to the development of certain ore deposits in Smyth county.—Tuesday's Bristol Tribune.

Mr. W. H. Wolfe, Jr., and Meek Copenhaver, two of Adwolve's most sprightly young men, left last week for Nashville University where they go to enter school.

Judge S. W. Williams and A. A. Campbell, of Wytheville, A. A. Phlegar, of Christiansburg, and I. H. Larne, of Newberne, came to Marion last Friday to argue before Judge Sheffey the P. G. M. Sanders divorce suit. The case was removed here from Judge Jackson's circuit. We understand a decree was entered granting a divorce to both parties.

Struck by Lightning. The grain barn of W. A. Buchanan was struck by lightning last Sunday evening about 6 o'clock. The barn and its contents—about 350 bushels of wheat, unthrashed, and other provender, was entirely consumed. It was covered by insurance to the amount of \$350, leaving the net loss several hundred dollars. Mr. Buchanan is a brother of our townsman H. A. Buchanan and resides about two miles southwest of Rural Retreat near the Smyth county line.

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MEN AND WOMEN Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased. For pleasing results use Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy. At druggists. Sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet Address, Dr. Kilmer & Co., Birmingham, N. Y.

The Board of Supervisors of Giles county has voted favorably on an appropriation of \$17,500 for a steel bridge across New River at Ripplemead in that county. Their action was immediately certified to the county court, and was approved and the contract ordered to be made.

WANTED—I am buying all the old Iron I can get. Cast or Wrought. Farmers pick up your old plow points old machinery, horse shoes, scrap iron and bring it in, can handle all you bring. D. H. MITCHELL, July 28th, 1899.

We return thanks to General Walker for a copy of his brief in his contested election case against Wm. F. Rhea. He shows up the corrupt Va. election law, as well as the corruption of certain democratic leaders in their true light. It is a masterly compilation of facts and authorities and proves his majority to be 2320 instead of a majority for contestee.

SALT! SALT! SALT!!! I have just received a car load of the finest New York Salt in 100 and 150 pound sacks. Now is the time for farmers to supply themselves. D. H. MITCHELL, Depot Store.

The dedication of the new Methodist Church in Rye Valley was a success in every particular. A splendid sermon was preached by Rev. L. L. H. Carlock of our town; Presiding Elder Geo. A. Maiden was also in attendance and rendered valuable service. A collection amounting to \$357.00 was raised and the entire indebtedness on the church was paid off.

I want Butter, Eggs, Chickens, old Iron of all kinds. D. H. MITCHELL, July 28th, 1899.

General James A. Walker, en route to his home from Abingdon, stopped off in Marion Wednesday to see his private secretary, Mr. Goodell. The General said he never felt better in his life and his many friends here were glad to see him looking so well. He feels assured he will get his rights at the hands of the coming congress and retain his seat in that body.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

Fresh Groceries EVERY DAY AT C. M. WOLFE'S. Fresh Tar-Bell Cheese, Fresh New Mackerel, Cakes and Crackers, Candies, Lot Petersburg Watermelons, Lot of Canteloupes, Lot of Concord Grapes, Lemons 20 cents a dozen, California Hames 10 per pound, Breakfast Bacon, 5 Gal. 150 test Lamp Oil 60c. FOR FRESH UP-TO-DATE GROCERIES, DON'T MISS OUR STORE. Look at our prices on fruit jars: HALF GAL. FRUIT JARS 60c. QUART FRUIT JARS 55c. PINT FRUIT JARS 45c. ALL CHINAWARE, LAMPS, and GLASSWARE AT COST. Don't miss our store, C. M. WOLFE. MARRIED. Jno. Martin and Kittie V. Hopkins, of Adwolve, were united in the bonds of matrimony last Wednesday. Geo. W. Duncan and Nettie L. Bishop, of St. Clair Bottom, were married the 23rd inst.

FARM FOR RENT. I desire to rent a 90 acre farm situated in Rye Valley, near Sugar Grove Post Office—about 50 acres cleared land. For terms apply to JOEL PIERCE, Adwolve, Va. Aug. 24th, '99.

I am getting in new goods daily now. Lot of new DRY GOODS received yesterday. I want to sell summer goods left at cost. D. H. MITCHELL, July 28th, 1899.

It is Time to Plant Bulbs. "This is the season of the year in which to set out bulbs. Prepare the ground for them before they are received by having it dug up to a depth of at least a foot—a foot and a half is better—and worked over until it is mellow," writes Eten E. Rexford in the September Ladies' Home Journal. "Mix with it a liberal quantity of old, rotten manure from the cowyard, or, if this is not obtainable, use bonemeal in the proportions of one pound to a square yard of soil. If the soil is naturally heavy, it is well to add considerable sand to make it lighter and more porous. Plant the bulbs as soon as possible after they are received, as they are greatly injured by exposure to the air. Set tulips and hyacinths six inches deep, smaller bulbs from four to five inches. All bulbs should be placed five or six inches apart, and each kind kept by itself."

WANTED!—One hundred white or colored miners or laborers by the Thacker Coal and Coke Co., Thacker, W. Va. Highest wages are paid since the increase in mining.

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ELLY'S CREAM BALM FOR CATARRH OF THE HEAD. It opens and cleanses the nasal passages. Allays inflammation. Heals and protects the membrane. Restores the senses of taste and smell. Large Size, 50 cents at druggists or by mail; Trial Size, 10 cents by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren Street, New York.

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A Private Class. I will teach this year a private class. Those who desire to enter such a class, under my tuition, will please consult me at their earliest convenience. V. J. HILL, Sept. 1st, 1899.

Take Note! All claims presented for payment, whether transferred or otherwise, will first have all Taxes deducted against the person for whom the claim was originally drawn. GEO. W. WRIGHT, Sept. 1, '99. Treasurer.

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FARM FOR RENT. I desire to rent a 90 acre farm situated in Rye Valley, near Sugar Grove Post Office—about 50 acres cleared land. For terms apply to JOEL PIERCE, Adwolve, Va. Aug. 24th, '99.

I am getting in new goods daily now. Lot of new DRY GOODS received yesterday. I want to sell summer goods left at cost. D. H. MITCHELL, July 28th, 1899.

It is Time to Plant Bulbs. "This is the season of the year in which to set out bulbs. Prepare the ground for them before they are received by having it dug up to a depth of at least a foot—a foot and a half is better—and worked over until it is mellow," writes Eten E. Rexford in the September Ladies' Home Journal. "Mix with it a liberal quantity of old, rotten manure from the cowyard, or, if this is not obtainable, use bonemeal in the proportions of one pound to a square yard of soil. If the soil is naturally heavy, it is well to add considerable sand to make it lighter and more porous. Plant

SUBURBANVILLE DIVIDED

Torn by a Feud That Grew Out of Two Practical Jokes

THE danger of loitering between the lines in Suburbanville is so acute just now that I think it will be wise for me to stay in town for a few days.

"These little affairs lend variety to life in the suburbs. Brown began this one as a joke on Adams, and Adams retaliated with a joke on Brown, and then came the row.

"I went over to Adams' house yesterday," he said, "to discuss the yacht club troubles and he led me from cellar to garret showing me his old junk. I'll fix him if he comes here."

"As Adams came on the piazza Brown greeted him cordially, and when he was comfortably stretched out in a steamer chair he said:

"It's lucky you came in, old man. I've got something which I think you will appreciate. I was thinking of sending it over to Van Tassel, but he doesn't care much for those things."

"Is it a souvenir?" asked Adams eagerly.

"It is," said Brown, solemnly, "and a very valuable one. It became necessary several weeks ago to chop down one of the trees at Washington's old home at Mount Vernon. This tree, according to authentic records, was standing when Washington lived there.

"Would like it!" exclaimed Adams. "Why, man, I would value it higher than anything in my collection. May I have it?"

"Certainly," said Brown, "and I'll get it for you."

"When Brown reappeared from his cellar he bore on his back a log about four feet long and fully a foot and a half in diameter. He said afterward that he hated to part with it because it was one of a lot of big logs which he had bought for back logs in his new fireplace. Adams was greatly excited.

"That's fine," he exclaimed. "If you don't mind I'll take it home now and label it. Then I will invite you all to come over and see it."

"Pretty warm day for such a load," said Adams. "And if you choose to leave it here I don't think it would be stolen. One of the servants might split it up for kindling wood, however."

"I'll take no such chances," said Adams.

"We helped him balance that old log on the back of his new white coat, and while we were doing it Jones came to our rescue by saying:

"What a funny thing the bark on a log is! The laugh that followed surprised Adams.

"I don't see any joke in that," said Adams. "You must be hard up for something to laugh at."

"That's the explanation," said Brown, "but, really, the bark on a log is funny."

"As Adams started back down the dusty street he could hear us shouting at the joke which he thought was pointless.

train Brown, who is very near-sighted, stepped on the skirt of a woman in front of him. There was the sound of ripping goods, and as the woman turned around and Brown began to apologize, Jones said: "There is one train that you haven't missed. Brown's apology ended in a laugh and the woman whose skirt had been ripped naturally resented it.

"You are a boor, sir, and you ought to be ashamed of yourself," she said, and before Brown could admit that he was ashamed of himself she had gone.

"She looked like an Italian, Brown, and it was lucky that her husband was not with her or you would have had trouble," said Adams.

"Two days later, when Brown turned up at the station for the nine-thirty to town, he looked worried. He confided to Van Tassel: 'I'm in serious trouble,' he said, 'and I want your advice. Perhaps you remember my stepping on a woman's skirt coming up in the train night before last. Well, when I got home last night, I found Mrs. Brown walking up and down the hall very much agitated. My daughter was in the library weeping.

"Good heavens, Mrs. Brown," said I, "what has happened?"

"Don't speak to me, sir, don't you speak," she said, and then, rather inconsistently, she added: "Give me an explanation of this at once."

"This" was a letter addressed to me which read:

"Sir, it is my misfortune to live in the same town with you, and as circumstances may bring us together socially, I am going to write to you frankly. Last night you nearly tore my wife's skirt off, and instead of offering her an apology you laughed in her face. I have learned that you are a churchman and the father of a family. I am an Italian and of noble family. Our race is quick to resent a wrong. Now, sir, you must send me an absolute apology for your rudeness to my wife, and in it you must admit that you were intoxicated or you must give me the reparation which one man owes another for such an insult. We Smadas are a proud race. We frequently wipe out insults with blood. Yours, sir, "RACSO SMADA."

"That's pretty fierce," said Van Tassel.

"Fierce," said Brown. "Why, it's bloodthirsty. Think of it! He wants me to either say I was drunk, and thus disgrace myself for life, or fight him and probably lose my life. My God, I hardly know what to do. I couldn't sleep last night. Mrs. Brown and my daughters received my explanations with suspicion. I am a disgraced man. What did I do? I wrote Mr. Smada a pacific letter. I explained the circumstances and offered an apology. I told him that I could not say that I was drunk, because I never got drunk. I told him that I had never fought a duel in my life and that I didn't believe in them. I concluded with a little pen picture of my happy home and how it would be ruined unless he showed himself a reasonable man. I mailed that letter this morning. I can find no such man as Smada in the directory, and I have sent the letter to the post office. I don't even know what he looks like. He might come up and stick a knife in me. Oh, Lord!"

"Van Tassel comforted him as much as he could and so did Adams and the rest of us. Brown was a changed man. A haunted look came in his face. Adams advised him to get a police permit to carry a revolver. Brown watched the mails closely, and the fact that no reply came to his letter indicated to his disordered mind that his explanation had been unsatisfactory. Adams stirred him up every time that he met him. Two days ago, on the nine-thirty, when Brown was telling his troubles to a lot of us in the baggage car, Adams asked:

"What name was it that the dago signed to that letter?"

"A curious name," said Brown. "It was Rasco Smada."

"Ever try to read it backward?"

"O-se-a-r," said Brown. "Why, that's Oscar, your name. A-d-a-m-s—Adams! Why, Oscar Adams! You miserable scamp. I understand it now. A joke is a joke, Adams, and I enjoy one as well as the next man, but this goes a bit too far."

"Do you remember that log you got me to carry home last summer?" asked Adams.

"That has nothing to do with it," said Brown.

"You have sown the seeds of distrust in my family, and you have wrecked my nerves. You have treated me shamefully, Brown, and I am going to resign from every organization in Suburbanville with which you are connected, and I don't want you to speak to me again, not even in church."

"Adams resented these remarks, and by every fire in Suburbanville that night the Brown-Adams feud was discussed. They are both good fellows. Those who hold that Adams was justified in paying back Brown formed one party and those who held that he had gone too far formed another party. I wanted to call it a draw, but public feeling ran too high. I couldn't commit myself to either faction, and so I left for a few days. It will blow over in just about a week, and I may then return."—N. Y. Sun.

Not Clear. "Yousny," persisted the lawyer, "that the prisoner pointed the revolver as though intending to blow out the dead man's brains. What do you mean? Here is a revolver. Now, show me how you would point it to blow out my brains."

"I wouldn't attempt it," replied the witness, ambiguously. —Philadelphia North American.

Industrial statistics inform us that 4,000,000 women in the United States earn their own bread. They have invaded all occupations, and one-third of the persons engaged in professional services are women.

When congratulated recently on not having lost an arm or leg at Santiago, Gen. Ludlow rejoined that he had "left nearly 40 pounds scattered all the way from Siboney to San Juan."

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says it is becoming harder every year to get acquainted in Missouri. Under the new state law barbers are required to pass an examination and take out a license before they can scrape an acquaintance.

SOCIETY IN SITKA.

Strange as it May Seem, Dress Societies Are Important Requisites at Social Functions.

That dress suits should be considered important requisites in Sitka is a somewhat startling anomaly, says the San Francisco Chronicle. The fact remains, however, that the most rigid social rules prevail. Whether it be a ball, a tea-fight or a muffs struggle, evening dress is imperative. Dinner parties of ten and twelve courses are frequently on the tapis, and, since none of the officials come prepared to entertain on a lavish scale, every prospective hostess borrows from her neighbors. All the day long preceding an important function a more or less intermittent procession of men, women and children and hand-carriage may be seen carrying lamps and furniture, punchbowls, crockery, glass and silverware and other paraphernalia to the scene of festivity.

Everybody lives in small, cramped quarters, and when an entertainment of unusual scope is desirable a vacant store or other unoccupied building is appropriated. Sometimes the courtroom is denuded of its cumbersome furniture, the walls decorated with flags, bunches of scarlet edderberry, festoons of spruce and cedar, moss and ferns, and behold an attractive ballroom. A guitar and concertina, or perhaps a couple of banjos and a flute, compose the more or less tuneful orchestra. Sandwiches of cucumbers or nasturtium leaves and blossoms are among the surprises of the refreshment table.

The courtroom is over the jail, and the rhythmic tread of the dancer and enlivening strains of music are vastly enjoyed by the prisoners. In fact, they look forward to these festive occasions with quite as much pleasurable anticipation as the invited guests. The courtroom is also used for divers other entertainments, the inmates of the jail drawing the line at amateur concerts. They think that they have already suffered enough, and that it is taking an unfair advantage of their limited sphere of action.

LOTS OF WAR WIDOWS.

Pension Report Shows Remarkable Facts in Regard to Longevity.

One of the curiosities of the United States pension service is the astonishing survival of war widows. The report of the United States commissioner of pensions, just issued, shows some remarkable and interesting facts in regard to the longevity of the widows of soldiers. For instance, while there is not a single soldier of the war of the revolution alive to-day, there are still 12 widows and daughters of soldiers of the revolution. Of the war of 1812 there are only three soldiers still alive, but of their widows there are still surviving and drawing pensions the astonishing number of 2,407, says the New Orleans Picayune.

The war of the revolution closed in 1783, and a period of 115 years has elapsed, and while there are no male survivors, there are still some of their widows alive. This state of affairs can only be possible on the ground that some of the soldiers, after they had attained old age, married young wives. The war of 1812-14 closed with the battle of New Orleans on January 8, 1815, 83 years ago. Supposing that the youngest soldiers were 18 years old, a period of 101 years has elapsed since the birth of such soldier. Evidently many of them, after they were old, married young women, so that, although all the men but three are dead, they have left behind more than 2,000 widows. By the same rule of procedure it is plain that there will be widows of soldiers in 1980, and even a few in the year 2000, more than a century hence, for if a soldier of 1861 should marry when he has reached the age of 80 years in 1923, a girl 10 years old, she might hope to live 77 years longer, or to the age of 93, which would bring her up to the year 2000. Of course, it is not likely there will be many such, but there will, in all probability, be some.

Colony of Outlaws.

Writers of fiction have frequently pictured the idea of an unknown tropical paradise being turned into a general asylum for outlaws and criminals, says the Western Morning News. In the Bonin isles, not far from Japan, such a refuge has actually been discovered. Men of every nationality, who have made civilization too warm for themselves, have decamped to this ideal rendezvous, leaving the police to record the unsatisfactory result of their investigations as "gone abroad." No rates or taxes have to be paid, and government seems to be entirely dispensed with. The discovery was made by a Japanese vessel which called at the island. In future the aliens will have less freedom, and consequently less happiness, for the Japanese dominion will have to be recognized. Their dream is over.

Fortune Left to Science.

By his will the late Alfred Nobel, the Swedish dynamite manufacturer, left almost the whole of his fortune to be converted into an international fund for the advancement of scientific research. The bequest, however, was disputed by the relatives of the deceased, and litigation ensued. It is now announced that a compromise has been reached whereby the relatives receive about \$1,000,000 of the property, the balance, amounting to about \$7,000,000, being used as designated by Mr. Nobel. This will give, under the terms of the will, five prizes annually of about \$41,000 each to persons making the most important discovery in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine.

Single Persons.

The largest proportion of single persons is found in Ireland and Scotland, and the smallest in the United States.

Love, while laughing at locksmiths, finds an occasional writ of habeas corpus handy. One has been granted in Fall River, Mass., requiring the parents of Francesca Consoo de Cook to deliver her up at once to her lover, Joseph Vervia Comaro—the girl being of marriageable age and restrained by her father from contracting the desired alliance.

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Strange Bed Warmers. Strange bed-warmers are used by Chilean women. In cold weather, when in bed, they keep their feet warm by placing them on a dog. An Adrian county (Mo.) court has been wrestling with a peculiar lawsuit, in which rats cut the principal figure. A farmer named Sturgeon hired one Walker to kill the rats on his place, agreeing to pay one cent apiece for the tails of 1,000 of the victims. When 750 tails had been presented for tally Walker asked \$7.50 as pay for his services. Here the trouble began, for the farmer refused to pay for any number less than 1,000. He also claimed that Walker tried to palm off mouse tails on him as tails of young rats. The hired man secured a favorable verdict in the lower courts, but Sturgeon will continue his legal fight to escape payment.

The people of Maryland have raised a fund of \$25,000 to purchase some sort of testimonial for Commodore Schley, who is a native of that state, and belongs to an aristocratic family. After much discussion as to the form in which to offer the gift the committee in charge has very sensibly concluded to purchase a handsome villa, surrounded by a small farm, within an hour or two of Baltimore and Washington, so that the commodore will have a snug harbor to anchor in when old age overtakes him and he goes upon the retired list.

An Irish sentinel of the Fifth Missouri at Chickamauga was sharply reproved by the officer of the day for permitting persons to approach without giving the countersign. The Irishman listened patiently and was then about to walk away, when the officer called sharply: "Well, you haven't asked me for that countersign yet." Quick as a flash the soldier thrust his bayonet point uncomfortably close to the officer's breast, while he grimly ejaculated: "Lave us have that countersign, thin, and be dem quick about it!"

The surprisingly bad marksmanship of the Spanish gunners has, according to the Criterion, brought to light some interesting facts concerning the relative skill of the Anglo-Saxon and Latin races. It is said by those who know that a dark-eyed race never makes good marksmen, and many instances are cited. It has become a proverb in England that no dark-eyed man ever goes on the team for the Echo shield.

The women of Coffeyville, Kan., made up a package of useful articles for each member of the local company of volunteers and sent the whole to the camp at San Francisco. A copy of the New Testament went with each package, and one of the recipients objected to the gift. He said he wanted the Old Testament, because there was so much more war in it.

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