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The Morning Gazette is an improvement over the Mountain Home Journal.

ELLIOT FITCH-SHEPARD is again at large. The New York World demanded in the name of the people that the New York Central establish the block system. The Wall and Distress denounced the World and the block system in one breath—and that a bad one—letting its ears out to their full length. And now the managers of the Central have ordered that the block system be put in along the entire line of the road.

The New York newspapers are no better than they should be. Here is the esteemed and wicked Sun speaking of "avocations" when it means vocations, and saying that teachers were presented with ice-cream and cake, whereas it was the edibles that were presented and not the teachers. And gaze on this, from the erratic Herald: "Death shunned him, too, for he only lacked three days of ninety-nine when he died." Now whoever "him" was he certainly wasn't so remarkable that it could be correctly said of him "he only lacked three days of ninety-nine when he died." He lacked only three days is the correct form.

Among the Rich Law Breakers

Under orders from the secretary of the treasury, says a Washington telegram, "special agents have been visiting well known people in New York who are known to have imported paintings in their possession. Fashionable dwellings on fifth and Madison avenues and the cross streets on Murray Hill have been visited. Hundreds of valuable paintings have been found on which no duty was ever paid. Even the Vanderbilt and Astor mansions are not escaping a rigid overhauling." It is intensely characteristic of your high tariff man that he generally believes in it wholly as an abstract principle when it comes to pinching him at the entrance to the custom house. The consequence is that if he goes abroad he pays the duty on what he brings back only in the form of bribing the officials to let his baggage through unexamined. It is in this way that he "protects" American industries and equips himself to denounce a tariff for revenue only.

Justice?

Thirty months ago, Charles Melville murdered Christian W. Luce in Brooklyn, New York. He was caught with his hands red with the blood of his victim. The extreme penalty of the law should have been visited on him, if it is ever to be executed, in less than three months. Yet the law's technicalities allowed him three trials and appeals without sense or decency. Here is another case: A man named Hake, of Peoria, Ill., robbed a bank of every cent of current funds it had, in all \$275,000. He was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary on one indictment, of which there were nineteen in all. As soon as released he was re-arrested and an attempt was made to try him on the other indictments. The court decided that it could not be done, and the prisoner was given his liberty. He leaves for Europe at once with the fruits of his robbery. That is to say, the state of Illinois kept him out of harm's way for five years and virtually paid him a salary of \$50,000 a year for the privilege of so doing. And these things are called justice!

To Offset the Crank Record.

From the Springfield Record. One of the patients at the insane asylum which was burned at Pontiac, Mich., on Saturday, suddenly regained his reason under the terrific strain of the occasion, and offered his services as a fire fighter. We read in the Detroit Journal that the hospital authorities "were treated to the spectacle of a man who twenty minutes before had been a violent lunatic, doing calm, cool and heady work for the preservation of the endangered property." Our readers may perhaps remember that an incident precisely similar to this furnished the motive of a striking story by Charles Dickens' daughter, published in the Sunday Republic an about a year ago. There ought to be some things like this happen to offset the crank record.

For Hill.

From the New York World. The presidential preferences of the members of the New York legislature, as ascertained by World reporters present an interesting study in politics. Two-thirds of all the democrats favor Senator Hill and three-fourths of the republicans prefer Secretary Blaine. Of the democrats who expressed a preference 53 are for Hill only 4 for Cleveland, while 26 are non-committal.

Politics From a Big Gun.

From the Chicago Herald. One shell into an American city from a Chiian gun would riot during the year 1892 throughout the doubtful states of this country in a way that would hand over the federal government by an overwhelming majority to a democratic president who would have learned before election a new lesson in the ancient democratic doctrine of avoidance of foreign entanglements.

Together at Last.

From the Philadelphia Times. So far as it goes, Ignatia has the satisfaction of knowing the Decalogue is in the same plight as himself. If it has no place in politics, no more has he, to all appearances.

Accounts For It.

From the Philadelphia Ledger. The training Garza had is at last revealed. He was a sewing machine agent in Mexico and Texas before he embarked in the revolutionist business.

Didn't Know Beans.

From the Minneapolis Times. Puck has been barred out of the Boston Public Library. It is said that Puck recently cartooned a bean.

ARSON IN PITT COUNTY.

—Raleigh correspondent Richmond Dispatch: The cases of arson in Pitt county have been so numerous and it appears to be so difficult to make arrests that perhaps some new method will have to be devised for the detection of the criminals. Of course lynching would swiftly follow identification. One would think that the rewards of \$1,800 offered by the state, Pitt county and property owners in Chisolm township, in that county, would before this have resulted in some arrests and some good detective work. There are grounds for belief that negroes commit these crimes, and are bribed to do so by certain white men who have a grudge against the Grimes and Loughlin negro justices and the latter's friends. It all grows out of the assassination of General Bryan Grimes a dozen years ago. No property-owner feels secure, and, of course, capital is shy.

—Tuesday night was held the annual meeting of the chamber of commerce of Charlotte. The president and secretary made their annual reports, which showed the chamber in good condition, and that the last year had been the best in Charlotte's history. Her population has increased more rapidly, and she has inaugurated more manufacturing enterprises, built more houses and done more business.

—It is semi-officially stated that the effort to organize a strong stock company to manufacture cigarettes in opposition to the American tobacco trust has succeeded, and a charter will be asked for in the next few days. The company is composed of capitalists of the tobacco markets of Virginia and North Carolina.

—John Henry Bonner, who held a position on the Century Magazine, and who is now literary editor of the New York World, is a native of Salem, N. C. The Sunday editions of that paper show his excellent ability as a literary writer and critic.

—Henrietta McVeory, who in Duplin county last month murdered her young child and was sentenced to be hanged on the 27th inst., has had her sentence commuted to seven years in the penitentiary.

—The property of the Spout Spring Lumber Mill company, in Hartnett county, with 13,000 acres of pine-land has been sold to John Y. Gosley, of Philadelphia, and R. W. Hicks, of Wilmington.

—It is stated that H. M. Bowden, the long-missing cashier of the defunct First National bank in Wilmington, has within the past few days been seen at Baltimore.

—The commercial cyclers in this state agree in the opinion that the year just begun will be much better for business than the last one.

—A. H. Ellis & Co., general merchants at Farmington, Davie county, have failed. The failure is not a large one.

IN AND OUT.

What the Hotel Registers of Asheville Have to Say.

Grand Central.—Edward Bull, New Bern, W. S. S. (sh); Dayton, O.; J. R. Zachary, W. R. Zachary, Beverly, T. R. Tramer, R. E. Brenton, Spartanburg; Joe Morgan, agent for Harry Landley's "Castaway" company, W. B. Wells, New York; E. R. Shea, Philadelphia.

Swananoa.—E. M. Brown, E. M. Brown, Eugene, P. Albee, Roht Garrett, North Carolina; H. W. Moore, Washington; A. Solman and wife, F. Lander, Connecticut; M. Bookbinder, Knoxville; C. E. Housman, Mooresville; Proves Joy, jr., Petersburg; L. Heckler, to E. White, D. Arizona; Baltimore; W. S. Overton, Columbia; Albert Herndon, Danville; H. W. Spencer, Merrittown; L. B. Cohen, New York; E. E. Laney, Knoxville; Mrs. A. C. Foy and son, Miss Edna Schmeier, Waynesville; J. W. Hasten, Newbern; H. B. Harris, Raleigh.

Glen Rock.—K. Elias, Franklin; E. R. Hewitts, Hewitts, N. C.; F. S. Patey, Chattanooga; Mrs. Lina Mathews, Oregon; Geo. Weber, Cincinnati; Simon Hadly, Bryson City; R. G. Prevezout and wife, N. C.; J. W. Morgan, Baltimore; W. J. Gibson, Philadelphia; L. W. White, J. S. Croft, C. M. Lenty, Knoxville; Gus Johnson, Laurens; Mrs. R. Tate, J. W. Ferguson, M. T. Rheinhart, Waynesville; W. F. Gardner, Baltimore; S. J. May, Flats; John P. Morris, Charlotte; M. Merrill, S. Smith, N. C.; E. Hawthorn, Mooresville; J. H. McCoy, Hillsboro; L. E. Goodman, New York; W. P. Thompson, Webster; A. V. Lawson, Knoxville; T. B. Gantner, T. H. R. Haase, S. C.

On the Wire.

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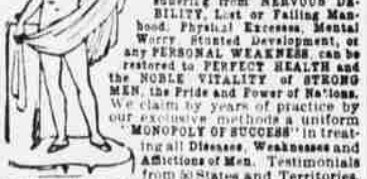
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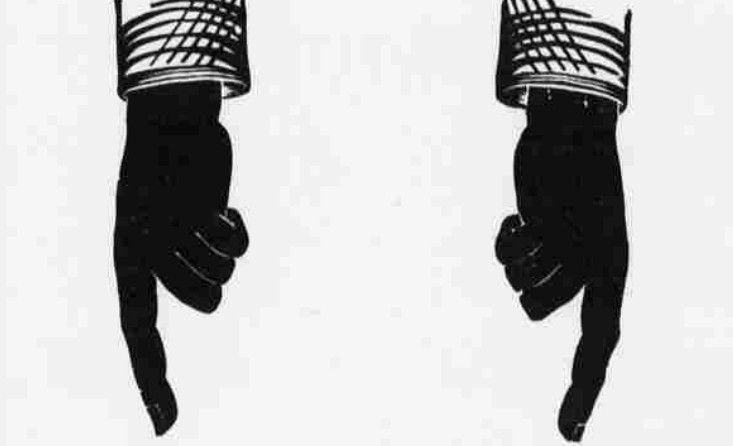
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