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FARMER PRICE SPEAKS.

will settle wid me, an' dem what de firm

Trees on a Boundary Line.

The question frequently arises who owns

the fruit of the tree standing near the

boundary line between two proprietors?

to him, but this is in entire mistake. If a

of your neibor, and derive support and

nourishment from his soil, yet he has no

right to any of the fruit which hangs over

you from picking it, he is liable for an

assault and battery. The Boston Cultivator

point as follows : A lady while standing

on a fence picking cherries which hung

owes will settle wid Mose.

Last Thursday the bill of Mr. Price, of

No. 37.

"ONLY."

From " only " one word many quarrels begin; And "only this once" leads to many a sin, "Only a penny " wastes many a pound, " Only once more," and the driver was drown

"Only one drop" many drunkards have known. Offers are made by the writers to " Only a play" many gamblers have said.

"Only a cold " opons many a grave ; " Only resist," you, many ovils will save.

CURIOSITIES OF CRIME.

MARVIN'S MARVELOUS MASHING OF THE MAIDS.

A Man Whose List of Wires Runs Witho Number-The Missing Virginia Widou-Jennie Cramer's mother in Court.

Atlau's Constitution.

RICHMOND, Sept. 8 .- The case of Marvin, the alleged forger and bigamist. was continued, the prosecuting officer not having his witnesses ready. Marvin objected to the continuance, saying the prosecution wanted time not so anuch to procure witmasses as to poison the public mind through the sensational press. He obaracterized his treatment in prison as unbecoming humanity. "Were I to call it beasily I would dishonor the brute God has created." Marvin informed the justice that the Postmaster-General has decided that a man held for trial is not to be deprived of any of his mail rights and facilities any more than if he was on bail. He was willing to .put his letters into the hands of the postal carrier and receive them and open them in the presence of the juiler, but was not willing that the contents should be divulged to the jailer. The justice said that the jail was under the control of the Hustings Court and not of the Postmaster-General, and the prisoner must submit to the rules of the jail.

The most important development which thas come to light in the case was discovered .to-day. This man has always denied that he had any connection with Marvin or was connected in any way with any of the numerous crime of that notoricus vildain. To-day information was received by Commonwealth's Attorney Witt, from Auburn prison, New York, that Marviu's picture had been examined by one of the keepers of that institution, and that he recognized it as that of T. A. Merritt, a man with half a di z-n aliases, who served a three years' term in the Auburn penitentiary, for forgery committed on the done by his counsel at his dictation. National bask of Lockport, N. Y. Mer- Since the discovery of the tattoo makes rit was sent to Auburn in September. ,1873. His description, as appears from the books of the prison, is as follows : " Five feet ten inches in height, fair complexion, bluish gray eyes, has a stoop in the shoulders, and weighs 149 poucds; part paralysis of the lower limbs ; on his right forearm is tattooed in Indian ink an engle: on the left forearm is tatlooed an American flag, the stuff of which is held in the beak of an eagle, and beneath, the lettars 'T. A. M.' On the back, just below the nape of the neck, a mark made by a seton." Upon the receipt of this description of the Auburn forger, Commonwealth's Att rney Witt visited the jail where Marvin is confined, and requested the jailer to examine the man, whose exploits in the marriage market have made him so notorious. The prisoner was found quietly seated in his cell. When informed by the officer that he wanted to search him he made the most violent opposition, claiming that the officer had no legal rights for proceeding in such a manner. The old man was greatly disturbed, and manifested more pervousness than had been observed during his incarceration. Marvin could not be prevailed .upon to submit to what he called an indignity to his person, until his custodian call-,ed to his assistance three brawny black cegro prisoners. With these standing ranged around him the polygamist was given the alternative of quietly submitting to the operation or being thrown down apon his back by the negroes, stripped to the waist, and forced to submit to the search. When this phase of the case was presented to him ,the old man submitted, protesting at the same time against the outrage, as he called ,it. His shirts were removed, and the marks tattooed in India ink on both arms, , described by the Auburn prison, authorities were revealed. The eagle on the right arm was slightly blacked. An attempt had vas gone, you know, und ve hav had dose evidently been made to remove the lok by goats in.d. store more es seex years." some chemical process, but without suc-,cess. O. the back of the neck just below the mape the jailer found what he describes took a buckskin money-purse from the as a birth-mark, about the size of a silver showcase, and, stuffing it full of paper, quarter. This is probably what the Au- dropped it into one of the pockets. burn prison officers described as a setup

the Richmond jail. The authorities have A few minutes later, a negro, in quest no doubt as to the identity of the man. of a suitable pair of cheay shoes, entered For the last few days Commonwealth the store. The proprietor advanced Attorney Witt has received letters by alsmiling, and inquired :

lend their assistance in working up evidence

most every mail, making inquiries about . Vat, is it you vish ?'

Marvin and recalling some new crime 'Yer got any cheap shoes hyar ?' askel which he had committed not yet made the negro.

> "Blenty uf dem, my frent, blenty; at any brice you vant."

to assist in convicting the re narkable crim-The negro stated that he wanted a pair inal. Mr. Witt declines to make known of brogans, and soon his ped al extremities his programme for prosecuting Marvin, were encased in them, and a bargain struck. but it is known to be generally conceded As he was about to leave the proprietor that he stunds not the gh-st of a chance called him back.

for acquittal. His preliminary examination 'I sin't gwine to bay noffin else. I'se is fixed for to-morrow, but it is not got all I want,' said negro, sullenly.

expected to come off. The statd attorney, 'Dot may be so, my dear sir,' replied not desiring to put the witnesses at a the proprietor, ' but I shust vants you to distance to the expense and trouble of look at dis goat. It vas de pure Russian vool, and dis dime last year you doan got making two trips, will ask for a continuance to-morrow until such a time as he can be dot goat for dwenty-five dollars. Mine prepared with all the necessary evidences gracious, clothing was gone down to noding, and dere was no money in de pisness any to send the accused on to the next term of the city criminal court. Letters have been longer. You vant someding dot vill keep received by five city officers from several you from de vedder, and make you feel varm as summer dime. De gonsumption of Marvin's victims, in which they express wi lingness to come on here and testify vos going round, und de doctors dell me it vas de vedder. More den nine beobles against the man who has so basely blighted their lives. Mrs. Hovey, the mother of died round vere I lif last veek. Dink of dot. Mine frent, dat goat vas Russian vool, Mrs. Dehart, the widow lady whom Marvin dick und hevy. Vy. Mister Jones, who married at Lakewood, N. J., about three owns de pank on Canal Street, took dot days before he duped Miss Turpin, his goat home mid him yesterday, und vore it victim here, says she will gladly testify against the accused. The indications seem all day ; but it vas a leetle dight agross de to point to Marvin spending the remainder shoulders, und he brought it pack shust a vile ago. Dry ic on, my dear sir. Hh ! dot hereby resolved. Dem what owe de firm of his days in the Virginia state prison. vos all right. Mister Jones vas a rich man. He can, if convicted, be seatenced to ten und he liked dot goat. How deep de years for each of the crimes for which he is held here-bigamy and larceny. Ever

> his hands in the pockets, and felt the purse. A peaceful smile played over his face when his touch disclosed to his mind It is generally supposed that the fruit on the contents of the pockets, but he choked the limbs overhanging one's land belongs

"Vy, Mister Jones vot owns de pank on some of the roots extend into the soil of Canal Streed."

"What yer gwine to ax fur it?"

but I'll take it.

' Herman, here, wrap un dis goat fur de chentleman, and drow in a cravat ; it will gives Judge Bennett as deciding a case in make him look nice mit de ladies 'Nebber mind, I'lll keep de coat on,

money, he paid for it and left the store.

moaning over the stuffed purse, Hoffenstein | her arm, for which he had the pleasure of paying the neut little sum of \$1,000

Bill Arp's Quaintness

Related for the Readers of the Constitu-

Oconce, to prohibit the sale of seed cotton between the bours of sunset and sunrise, POWDER SPRINGS, September 10.-There was discussed in the House. Mr. Price, are some good signs of war in these parts. author of the bill, said it rested like a Tents are pitched all around the springs hurden on his heart and he never so longed and shartles and bunks for the soldiers and for the gift of oratory as then. Said he : sheds for the horses and mules. Strong While I am here doing my duty, my hands boxes are full of powder and fuse, and the may be stealing my cotton at home to little town is full of excited people, who trade for liquor at a corner grocery. I have gathered to see the beginning of the appeal to you to pass this bill, and if you fight-to hear the sound of the first gun don't do it. I shall be disgusted with the Day after day they have waited for the Georgia Legislature. | Laughter | I feel so grand army and the train of suppliesmuch interest in this matter there's no food for the men and forage for the horses telling what I may say. You come here Public expectation has been up to a fever and legislate to protect everybody but the heat, and everybody exclaimed, " When poor infernal farmer. | Laughter and ap- will they come, and what has become of plause.] Think of the poor farmr working Sullivan ?" One could hear all sorts of conall the year and not making enough, by flicting reports about General-Sullivan and George, to do bim to Christmas. [Laughhis caravan. Some said he had 3,000 muleter.] Every time we come up with a bid and a thousand wagons, and 500 yoke of which our people want, some little one oxen, and I thought from the talk that horse lawyer. like some on this floor, gets maybe he would come like Job, with 7. up and kills it by saying it is unconstitu-000 camels and she asses without number Bat night came again and there was no Sullivan. Hope had almost despaired when just before day there was a sound in the distance like the sound of many waters -nearer and hearer it came, when sudden

ly th re was a voice in the street crying. Su'livan is coming !" Men women and children rose from their bods in dishevel d haste and rushed to the doors and windows. and sure enough the long train came rumbling and rolling down the hill. It was like un artillery train moving by night to its line of battle.

But the silver moon was shining on a peaceful scene. I here is no war in these parts, except a war against the wilderness, and bad roads, and high prices, and inconvenience, and ignorance, for railroads, are civizers and bring comfort and cor venlence and build up schools, and churches, and printing offices, and give new markets to the people and save the wear and tear of wagon tire and horse flesh, and they brighten up our ideas and quicken our movements and serve as a clock in every household. Nobody gets tired of looking at a moving train. The novelty of it never wears out, and it comes and goes in such a hurry that we catch the motion and the old man strikes a faster lick as he snys, " burry up John, hurry up; I hear the ten 'clock train a coming." I was a ruminating over the contrast between now and seventeen years ago, when Sherman was marching through this beautiful country, burning and destroying as he went. I see

with life boats in the rapids, but worked in vain, for though held with ropes from the bridge above and from the banks on either side, they whorled over and over like a feathery toy, and how at last they built a.raft of heavy logs and let it down safely to him and he got on it and raised his hands in grateful prover and all the multitude shouted, and strong men wept like children. He was nothing but a man a poor mechanic - and his wife and little children were there, and yet all hearts were for the time absorbed in him and thom, and thousands of dollars were offered as a reward to those who would save him. A day and a night he had been on the end of that log and when at the last his safety seemed assured the people rejoiced and almost smothered the poor women and her children with their embraces. But it was not so ordained. The raft was slowly guided to the island, when suddenly it reached a whirlpool that lifted it on its edge and turned it over. The man was lost. He rose erect as he neared the brink, and with his hands clasped over his head went down. How solemn was the stillness of those moments I will never forget, and yet he was nothing to us or to anybody except his family and his kindred. I wonder why it is that such scenes arouse as and affect us, and yet we care so little for the sufferers all around us who linger and languish for weeks within reach of our help and our purses.

This little village is the center of a beautiful and prosperous region - a region where good people live in pleasant homes and enjoy all the comforts of life and many of its luxuries. In an area of ten miles square hardly a p or man can be found-that is, a man who has not a comfortably home or is not in some honest way making a comfortably living. There are the middle classes that old Agur prayed about not ich enough to curs nor poor enough to steal. Some good mon a long time settled here, who paid their debts punctually and these people have kept it up. A merchant told me that his credit sales last year were \$9 000, and it was all paid by Christmas except twenty dillars. Hare is where the Kisers made their money, and 1'll bet they will never be as happy again as they were here. This is a nice place to live in, and if there is vir up in any moural water there must be in these springs, for they come from a sulphurous region. These farmers have got preity good crops not withstanding the drouth. Some of them are experimenting with clover, and Mr. Butner, who set one acre year before last, hary sted from single cutting this samm r four tons, lacking 20 pounds by actual weight, of well cured hay. One hundred and twenty dollars from a single acre. Just think of it, you cotton men, and weep. General Sullivan broke dirt here yesterday. There wasent much ceremonial fuss made over it, but Captain Redman hollered at the niggers, and the niggers hollered at the mules, and the mules brayed and jerked an elephant plow about a foot in the ground, and the good work was begun. Standing upon the bank, I said : "All hall to the tie that is to bial Rome to the sea, and the north to the south. All hail to King Cole, who cone ived, and to Maise McCracken, who planned, and General Sullivan, who is to execute. All hail to the engineers and their working boys, not forgetting the braway ar as who are to evel the hills and fill up the bollows and turnel the mountains as they go. Hail, all hail to the syndicate that supplies the sinews of this peaceful war and to Mr. Seney, a noble patriot who knows no north or south in his munificent benelactions," And Mr. Bunter and, Amen. BILL ARP.

tional. [Laughter and applause.] Gentlemen, I beg of you for God's sake and for the same of wives and children, pass this bill." [Applause.] The bill passed by 97 yeas to 18 pays. A negro blacksmith in Virginia posts up the following : NOTES .- De copartnership heretofore resistin' betwix me an' Mose Skinner is

pockets vas, but it vas a leedle dight across the shoulders."

The negro buttoned up the coat, thrust prison officer. He prevailed upon the down his joy, and inquired :

"Who did you say wore this hyar coat ?" free stands wholly on your land, although

' Dwendy dollars.'

"Dat's pow'ful high price fur dis coat, the line. If he attempts by force to prevent

replied the negro, and pulling out a roll of over the line was forbiden to do so by the adjoining owner, and in the scuffle to While he was around the next corner, prevent her she received some braises on

Marvin seems to be somewhat downcast, though he is still selfpossessed and calm. He has not yet been goats de same vay, und doan forget to dell fruit fall into your neighboor's lot, you have able to secure eminent counsel, as he has no means with which to pay a fee. He has | Canal Street, vore it yesterday.'-New up, doing him no unnecessary damage. If, made a better appearance in the past few Orleans Times.

since his committal the wily prisoner has

been endeavoring to impose upon the

physcians of the Jail yesterday to examine

him for heart disease, insisting that he

had some trouble with that organ,

probably caused by throbbing pulsations

for so many different wives. The doctors

examined him, and said that he was

perfectly sound so far as his heart was

concerned. He is an object of general

interest to the prisoners, by whom he is

looked up to as an important personage.

Marvin spends most of his time in playing

checks, in which he as said to be an expert.

Until within the past day or two he has

been writing a great deal, but since that

time the Commonwealth's 'attorney has

forbidden him the use of writing material,

and directs that all his writing must be

days than ever before since his arrival here. It is alleged that he led Miss Turpin to the altar as his fitteenth wife.

THE CRAMER CASE.

NEW HAVEN, September 8 .-- In the trial of the Malleys, to-day, Mrs. Cramer testified that she last saw her daughter alive, Thursday, at 11 a. m., August 4. She was with Miss Douglass. She asked why she had not com bome the night before, and Jennie said that they, meaning the Malley boys and Douglass, would not let her. Mrs. Cramer went down stairs, and when she came back both had gone. That afternoon Mrs. Cramer went to the Malleys' store to look for Jennie. James Malley said that he supposed she was home. Mrs. Cramer told him that she did not like the looks of Douglass, and feared that she would entice Jennie to New York. James said that he did not believe so, for Douglass was a lady. The witness inden tified several letters from James to Jennia similar in purport to those already introduced.

TEACHING HIM THE BUSINESS.

'Herman,' said a Poydras Street merchant clothier, addressing his clerk, ' haf ve sold all of dose overgents vat vas left over from last vinter?"

'No, sir ; dere vas dree of dem left yet. ' Vell, ve must sell 'em right avay, de vinter vill not last, you know, Herman, Pring me one uf de goats und I vill show you some diags about de pisaces. I vill dell you how se vill sell dem oud und, you must learn de pisness, Herman : de vinter

An eight dollar overcoat was handed him by his clerk, and smoothing it out, he

'Now, Herman, my poy,' he continued mark. The descriptions of Merritt, the 'satch me sell dat goat. I haf sold over man who served his term in the Auburn dirty-fife uf dem shust de same vay, und I penitentiary for forgery, and Marvin, the vant to deech you de pisness. Wen de nexed polygamist, now in jail here, are identical. gustomer comes in de shop I vill show de Every murk said to have been on the per- vay Rube Hoffenstein, mine bruder in 'Herman, fix up anudder von of dose

dem dat Mister Jones, vot runs de pank on an implied license in law to go and pick it

BRAINS AND BRASS.

The Philadelphia Times says the the tree or seriously injure it without being characteristic American of to-doy is p compound of two prominent qualitiesserver. brains and brass. Without either of these he is an utterly worthless mortal, and with

only one of them he is unbalanced and unfit for the demands of the age. The man of there is a cornfield within 216 miles of this mere intellect may be a fine scholar and a town of about eighty acres, which will thoughtful reader, but he can never mingle yield this dry year not less than three successfully in the busy activities of the world at large. The man of mere conceit may be conspicuous and receive attention because of his pertinacity, but he can never grasp the great themes which absorb McKay's mill pond, now the farm of Mr. mankind at present. It needs a combination of the two elements to achieve true out in his efforts to bring it into cultivasuccess. Call it 'nerve,' 'check,' "overdrawn tion, but the fruits of his toil are now beassurance"-whatever you will, that spirit ginning to mature.-Salisbury Watchman. of push, of unbounded perseverance, is a recognized feature of the true American. And there is no reason to mourn its existence. It is a necessary factor in modern life. In the midst of the rush and burry of these days a man will be left in the rear who does not make himself aggressive. Mere brain power is not enough There must be some means whereby the

ability can be manifested. Almost every printer has had experience. office, resting their hands on some type the was set up, and "pying" it. Such a in Geneva, N. Y., and the editor a young He never sworer, but appeared pleased. He followed the girl relentlessly, and made etc., and save all the feed possible, himself her friend, apparently. For two years he pursued that poor innocent girl, but at last the time came to wreak his vengeance, and he married her, Both are living to this day. Few young men would go to such extremes to get even with the girl who "pied" type, but he was a man of flery disposition. We often told him that

he did not believe it .- Peck's Sun. Kentucky pays more internal revenue

temper of his would make him trouble, but

son of the former was found on Marvin in Detroit, sells his cloding and adder dings.' than all the New England states combined good rail cuts can be made.

the trenches all along from here to Dallas According to the same authority, if your and recall the time, the only time and the occasion that brought me and Mrs. Are and a tew infantile children along this road, fleeing in hot haste from the foul invader. however, a fruit tree stands directly on a We stood not upon the order of our going, division line, and if it is what is called a but went, avoiding the big roads and comp-"line tree," both parties own the tree and in out at night somewhere in the wilderfruit in common, and neither can cut down iess where an old man lived who gave Mrs. Arp a shelter from the rain and fried us responsible to the other. - Charlotte Obsome meat is a skillet and washed his feet in it before he went to bed. I noticed next morning that Mrs. Arp diden't seem CORN. to have much appetite for breakfast. But

It is known to only a few persons that that is all over now and almost forgotten, and I was a thinking about how those people who fought us and rained us are now putting up their money to build us up thousand bushels of corn. It may exceed again and help us. I have mingled a good that, for many acres of it will vield 50 or deal of late with their officers and soldiers. 60 bushels. This is a part of the land reand wondered how we could even have deemed from what was formerly known as been such enemies, for they are genial and kind and considerate. I have seen them Murdock. He came near wearing himselt and our own boys working together on the line of this railroad and list ned to them

so to speak, though I think an old ram with fight in him would have been a more seven of the corp growing States of the appropriate figure of speech. I am willin' West from which it draws the conclusion that in Illinois the crop will be three-fifths for 'em to believe they whipped us if it of that of last year, which was a remarka- will do 'em any good, though, as Bob bly good one; in Iowa the yield in some Toombs says, "we wore ourselves out sections will be 50 per cent below that of whipping them." But it's all over now, last year, and in no section is a full crop and all right, I reckon, or it wouldn't have expected; in Missouri a drouth has let been so, as Cobe says, "we are all a nation in his youth, with girls coming into his down the crop from on -'oarth to one-half once more." Mr. Garfield is our president and in Kansas considerably below the av. as much as theirs, and I hope the good erage. Kentucky, Wisconsin, Minnesota Lord will let him live to unite the whole thing occurred once in the Advertiser office and Nebraska have suffered from drought country in bonds of peace and harand the corn c op in each of them will be mony. I was a thinking of this man named Parker, decided on revenge, considerably reduced. It behooves our curious trait in human nature that absorbs as in sympathy for a man who is suddenly overtaken by a great misfortune or an unusual danger, when at the same time we hardly notice a poor f. llow who in a natural way lies at the door of death not more than a mile away. I was a thicking about the boy, "I dunno, sir," "Don't know time when I stood on the shore of Niagara where coffee comes from ?" " Yes, sir ; falls twenty-five years ago, and saw a man we borrows it ready parched from the next lodged on a log just above the brink of the awful precipice, and bow Mrs. Arp and I stood there all day and part of the night The largest tree in Kentucky has just been cut down at a place called Carrs. It

thousands of anxious people were all boys, of having no chane . R member was 18 feet in diameter at the root base. and from the butt to the first limb eight around us, and every train that came M-rrimon's tow bre ches and chip hatbrought more. How smart men worked Reidsville Times.

SENATOR MERRIMON WHEN A BOY.

The party of tourists who visited Asheville from here have returned and were much pleased with their trip. We hear that one old native of Buncombe, a Mr. Pulliam, speaking of Judge Merrimon, told Mr. J. R. Webster that the first time he ever remembered seeing Merrimon was one day at Merrimon's father's saw mill when he noticed him, a mere boy dressed in a tow shirt, tow pants, a chip hat, and barefooted, sitting on the end of a log reading a Webster's dictionary. The next time he heard of him some gentleman was speaking of a distinguished Scuator who was said to have few equals in ability in the United States, and cooniring who it was he referred to, was told Scnator Merrimon. Boys, there's a tesson for you, Not college bred. No dancing master to pat the polish on. But sitting on the end of a log studying it out himself. The man was in him to c me out. A d to-day in ability be woold rank with Conkling, and was regarded as next to Stanley Mathewa without thaking of food or of sieep, while United States Senate. So don't complain, the best constitutional lawyer in the

farmers to p'ant largely of oats, turnips,

Geographical .- " Where is the island of Java situated ?" asked an Austin school teacher of a small, rather forlorn-looking door neighbor."-- Texas Siftings.

by the camp-fices as they exchanged their war records and narrow escapes and I enjoyed their friendly communion. The CORN IN THE WEST. lion and the lamb are lying down together The Chicago Times has reports from