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Tuesday, July 27, 1875.

At all post offices managers must post their papers discontinued at the expiration of the time paid for. Our mail clerk knows nobody, and his instructions apply to all alike.

WE cannot notice anonymous communications. In all cases we require the name and address, not for publication as a guarantee of good faith.

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FOR CONVENTION, COL. WM. JOHNSTON, AND A. RANSON.

OBSERVATIONS.

Algeron twinbars has given the highest estimate among American poets.

It is proposed to erect a monument to General Blair at some prominent point in St. Louis.

Hon. Jefferson Davis has declined the offer of the Presidency of Bryan, Texas Agricultural College, with a salary of \$4,000 a year, and a furnished house.

An Italian artist has a new idea in statuary. He represents "The Arts" as a Yankee, trading off a poor dog and a counterfeit ten dollar bill for a fine horse. The artist lived in this country for a year.

Phiggs says his wife's name is Flora, and that's the reason why when he gets within about a block of his house at 2 o'clock in the morning, he begins to feel like a "night-blooming cactus."

The sultan of Turkey has four hundred wives, and every time Brigham Young thinks of it he gives his poor little sixty-three partners a glance of contempt and pity.

General Joseph E. Johnston, of Georgia, has been elected President of the Arkansas Industrial University.

The happiest moments in a woman's life are when she is making her wedding garments, the saddest when her husband comes home late at night and yells to her from the front steps to throw him out some key holes, assorted sizes.—Bramwell.

"Two dollars' worth of collar on twenty cents' worth of dog," is one of the Indianapolis weaknesses remarked by the thrifty Herald.

Jesse Pomeroy is to be hanged on Oct. 5th. He wouldn't care so much about it if they let him out for a little refreshment in the meantime—just to slice up a child or two, you know.

Mr. Marsh, the author of the tune "Marty," so well known in connection with the hymn, "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," died at Albany, New York, on the fourth.

Gen. Grant is doubtless observing the signs in the skies, and shaping his course accordingly. He has sharp politicians behind him, and the bread-and-butter brigade is not to be despised. We still believe that Gen. Grant will be the successful candidate for the presidency.—Richmond Whig.

The friends of Senator Morrill in Maine are anxious to see him elected to the Senate. Mr. Blaine, concerning the senatorship. They are willing, it is said, to support him for the presidency, or any office, provided he will abandon his attempts to secure Mr. Morrill's seat. These "advances" have not been received favorably by Mr. Blaine, and the contest for the senatorship continues.

The pet actor of London, Mr. Henry Irving, who played "Hamlet," two hundred nights to large houses in London, is to play in Tennessee's "Queen Mary," which is to be produced next month, with elaborate scenic effects. The poet-laureate has every advantage a play-writer could ask, and if his play fails, it will be from its own inherent defects.

Marriage at the revolver's mouth is not valid. So held the New York Supreme Court in the case of a Livingston county man who was forced by another to go with him to Avon and marry a girl against his will. Judge E. Darwin Smith granted a decree declaring the marriage null and void, giving both parties the privilege to marry again.

The Hon. Cassius M. Clay tells a correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial that his choice for President next year is a "straight, old Democrat, Bayard, or Tilden, or Fremont, or Allen, or List, but not least, Hendricks, or any honest, able, and patriotic man." The Vice-President, he thinks, should be a southern man.

Some low-born persons beguiled the Philadelphia Ledger into publishing an obituary poem on one "Jack Boston." It was a beautiful elegy—sad, dreary, tear-compelling, but, it turned out that Jack Boston was a Kentucky man.

We trust that Mr. Beecher will pardon us, but our advice to him is to get into a scrape with another woman as soon as possible. In the language of Sellers: "There's millions in it."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The postal rates with Europe, are fixed by the late general treaty, which went into effect July 1, 1875, are five cents for letters weighing one half ounce or less, two cents for postal cards, and two cents for newspapers weighing not over four ounces, to all countries except France, to which the rates are nine cents for letters and three cents for newspapers.

Scientists have at last found out that tobacco smoke is a mixture of cyanhydric, sulphuretted hydrogen, formic, acetic, propionic, butyric, valeric and carbonic acids, and a dozen kinds of alkaloids and cresols.

We have known this for a long time and only neglected to say so from the fact that had we imparted this important information to mankind, some "nozzle head" would have said we were "blowing up." We hope though that this will be allowed to open the discovery of scientists without being called apostles.

THE BUSINESS PROSPECT AHEAD

While there are apprehensions on the part of some as to the extent and importance of the fall trade, we are assured that there never was a brighter prospect for a heavy business this fall and winter. Everywhere within hearing, the sound of the saw and hammer are heard from early in the morning until night, indicating preparations for business. The crop prospect was never better, and good crops always make business lively.

THE CROPS

The New York Herald of last Saturday contains a condensed statement in regard to the crop prospect this year, throughout the whole country, in which, the crop prospect at present is very good, in fact there is a better prospect now than at any time since the war. The cotton crop is especially promising. We clip the following from the Herald's report for the benefit of readers:

THE COTTON CROP

MEMPHIS, TENN., July 20, 1875.

Prospects within the radius of the Memphis department, comprising West Tennessee, North Mississippi, North Alabama, have not been as favorable as 1874. The Cotton Exchange did not issue calls for July reports, and did not issue an aggregate report for present month, so that no authentic statistics of the condition of the crop at the present time are at hand. Following aggregate answers to questions bearing upon the condition of crops at that time are contained in the Cotton Exchange for June:

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Present condition of the crop—referred to 145 responses, of which 84 were good, 33 good and 8 moderate.

One hundred and thirty-eight reported from grass and weed well cultivated, 16.1-5 that squares are forming freely, and 12 report blooms dating from the 18th to the 22nd of June.

Eight nights were complained of in very few instances, but their effects upon the cotton crop have been counteracted by subsequent favorable seasons, and may be said up to the present time the cotton was planted no weather prevailed to materially retard growth.

Amount in acreage planted one-third in excess of last year. Report from the Department of Agriculture shows an improvement in cotton crop in every cotton State, ranging about six per cent.

Crops in Alabama are better than at any time since the war. There was a five-fold increase in the average yield, which has been nearly all in good condition. The average yield is not so great as was expected, only about ten bushels to the acre.

Growth of straw was very heavy. Yield of oats is unprecedentedly large, largely of the rust-proof variety of crops, millet especially, which is very green this year, are very good. But little wheat is being sold, farmers preferring to have it ground at home market. The corn crop is assured and very large. Cotton, although backward, never gave more favorable promise. There is a visible improvement in labor since last season and far less indebtedness on pledged crops.

ARKANSAS.—We estimate that about thirty per cent increase of acreage has been put in corn this year as compared with last, though the drought, has seriously injured the crop, which will bring the yield about the same. The average of cotton is about the same as last year, a large amount of new ground and heretofore uncultivated fields having been taken in, and the crop, though some ten or twelve days later than that of last year, is in fine growing condition, and promises well in every locality.

The wheat, which has been harvested, although the first, to any extent, that has ever been raised in our country, proved an abundant yield—from twenty-five to forty bushels per acre.

Chorpenning, the insatiable mail contractor, seems likely to have his million-dollar dream dashed, and it ought to be. Chorpenning and Woodward, got the contract for carrying the mails from Salt Lake City to California in 1871. The correct remuneration for this service was \$150,000, but the sum of \$518,596 was allowed Chorpenning, which he did not deem sufficient for the risk of exposing his scalp to the Indians, his partner having been killed by that original method. In 1870 he so engineered his fictitious claims that Postmaster General Creswell, added the snug little sum of \$448,000 to the former amount, but the resolution concerning the award was repealed and Chorpenning has been "nugging and nagging" for the money ever since. The Attorney General will give his decision next month, and, as has been intimated, he will probably dismiss the matter.

ENGINE SMOKE.—A Cincinnati mechanic has invented a machine, which consumes engine smoke. The Gazette says in the main it consists of a pipe twelve or fourteen inches in diameter, or such a lesser size as experience shall prove to be sufficient, having a funnel-shaped mouth placed not over but at the top of the smoke-pipe of the engine, the pipe carried along on the roof of the cars to the rear of the train. The movement of the train being faster than any following wind, except a fierce gale, will catch all the smoke in this funnel-shaped mouth and make a fierce draft which will drive it through to the rear of the train where it will be left behind.

CONVENTION ITEM.—Vance said at Washington: "The Radicals say that if we get a majority in the Convention, we will overthrow the homestead law, but he that sayeth so, is a fool or a liar. For would we destroy the law that gives us our home, where our children have been born and reared—where they have died and been carried forth to their last resting place. I say no, we will not, and he that sayeth so, is both a fool and a liar."

No Norwegian girl is allowed to have a bun until she can bake bread and knit stockings; and, as a consequence, every girl can bake bread and knit long before she can read or write.

BOTH KILLED

How Two Idiots Vowed a Vow and Kept it.

The Statesmen, of Austin, Texas, says: From Serbin comes the news of the finale of a fearful tragedy, and we gather the following details in regard to it: Drs. Mallette and Manning were both practicing physicians in the same neighborhood, and had been living there for several years. Some little professional jealousy sprang up between them, and Mallette in time began to talk about the other doctor in what was regarded as an unjustifiable manner. He did not, as it is said, confine his remarks about Manning in a professional capacity, but placed him in a wrong social light before others, and had also indulged in reflections upon the character of a near female relative of Manning's. Manning finally called upon Mallette to give an explanation of his course, which resulted in an agreement between them to fight. They went to a store, selected each of them a butcher-knife, and then seeking an open place, commenced a mad fight of carnage. The knives, in their virgin purity, did their work well, but before either was mortally wounded they were separated. Mallette, wailing in his gore, and Manning a wreck of his former self, though separated and death in Manning's case appearing imminent, a fearful vengeance was mutually vowed upon each other, and faithfully kept, as the sequel shows. The combatants slowly recovered from their wounds. Manning's neck had been almost severed from his body, and in his recovery he became fearfully deformed, his head being drawn by the severing of the muscles, entirely out of its proper position. He went to the town of Belton, in Bell county, while convalescing, and remained for a few months. Time rolled on and vengeance demanded that the vows made on the day of the fight be fulfilled. The forces of attraction that were to bring these two men again together in mortal combat were too great to withstand, and Manning found himself, a few days ago, in the little town of Serbin, where Mallette had advanced toward, and no sooner had Manning become quietly domiciled at his own home than the fierce Mallette loaded his gun with deadly missiles, went in search of Manning, and followed him to his own door, where he made an attempt to kill him, which resulted in the immediate death of Mallette. Manning had not forgotten the mutual vows of vengeance, and when Mallette made his appearance he, too, was fully prepared. Mallette fell pierced through the heart with a bullet, and a fierce and bloody vow was fulfilled.

Dead Against Changing the Constitution. Who?

There is one class of persons, and that, too, without regard to race, color or previous condition of servitude, whom it would be blind folly to expect to vote for Democratic candidates for the Convention. The class we refer to consists of men who have already been convicted of stealing another man's property, of forging another man's name, or of false swearing, or who know in their hearts, that if the law had its course, they would be convicted of one of these offences. No rogue, no thief, nor forger, nor perjurer, will vote for the white man's candidate. When they vote, they vote for the negro party candidate, and what an inroad it will make into the ranks of the negro party if every man guilty of larceny and forgery and perjury, shall be deprived of the right to vote! Verily there will be grand and lofty tumbling in present Radical majorities if the law shall be changed, and ought a thief, a forger, or a perjurer, in equal degree with the best and purest and wisest citizens in the State, the Canby Constitution, however, is no respecter of persons as to the matter of suffrage, not even toward the thief and the judge who tried him.

It is not generally known that the fair songstress, Miss Annie Louise Orr, was a few years ago engaged to be married to a wealthy gentleman in Philadelphia. Everything seemed propitious until a small cloud began to gather on the horizon of the lovers.

Miss Orr's voice began to falter, she took the part of the opera, and Mr. H— found his fastidious taste shocked thereby. He demanded of the lady that she give up the distasteful role, but she, having made her engagements for the winter, considered it impossible to comply with his wishes. He was obdurate. He would not have a wife who appeared in public in such a humiliating and degrading position, and the thinking doubtless of the well known proverb concerning the fish in the sea, came to the conclusion that it was better to give up her private than her public engagement—which accordingly, she did. Mr. H— is still unmarried.

The Shah, while at London, said to the persian Prince of Wales, "Why do you not employ servants to dance for you?" M. B. Conway, in the Cincinnati Commercial, surmises that dancing will actually cease ere long, as few dancing schools are all so fashionably dressed, and admitting each other's dresses, and so dancing bids fair to be a "survival," as the antiquaries say.

The Hon. John Lee Carroll, the nominee for Governor of Maryland, is not only a direct representative of one of the illustrious signers of the Declaration of Independence, but is at present the Carroll, of Carrollton.

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