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## THE PRIZE FIGHTER.

KILRAIN SAYS HE WORKED.

He Ran a Sawmill, Rode a Broncho and Fished with Snakes All About.

Baltimore American

Jake Kilrain was asked yesterday if he did any work while serving out his two months' sentence on Charlie Rich's plantation at Richburg. "Work?" replied the good-natured pugilist, as he puffed away at a fragrant cigar in the parlor at his home on Division street. "Why, the man who would attempt to shirk work on Charlie Rich's place might as well try to believe that his body would ward off a load of birdshot, that would surely be sent after him as a gentle reminder that he was not doing his duty. Rich never built his sawmills with the intention of allowing a score of men to stand around idle, and look upon another score at work. Everything on the plantation indicates push and energy, and the persons who are fortunate, or unfortunate, enough to be sent there are made to earn their rations. Mr. Rich is the greatest friend I ever had, but nevertheless he is a conscientious man, and when he contracted with the authorities of Mississippi to take me to his plantation to work as a State prisoner, he faithfully carried out the contract. During the latter part of the time I was placed in charge of one of the new mills, and, continued Jake, as jovial smile spread over his face, "I guess I saw enough planks in that time to fence up a race-track. When I wasn't employed at the mill I was sent off to shoot game for the camp. This was a pretty tough job. Stalking deer might be rare sport when the show flies, but when a fellow is forced to ride a rattle-headed broncho twenty or thirty miles in a boiling-hot sun, the experience becomes anything but enjoyable. This duty also included fishing, and it took a stout heart to stand on a river bank and wait for nibbles, while in every direction could be heard the hisses of moccasins. All this was work, and the man who don't believe it I would very willingly recommend to Mr. Rich for a trial."

Yesterday Kilrain received a letter from the Olympian Athletic Club of New Orleans, asking if he would fight Ned Smith, the Colorado Cyclone, for a suitable purse. Kilrain will answer the letter to-day and will agree to meet Smith under any conditions, provided the purse exceeds \$3,000. Smith is a new star in the fist arena; but has gained much notoriety during the past few months. He met Mike Cleary in Denver about two months ago, and vanquished the New York bruiser in one round. Kilrain says he can get plenty of purse money here in the city, and would make it interesting if Smith would travel north. Nevertheless he is willing to meet all comers and will undoubtedly meet his doughty antagonist in the Crescent City. Kilrain outclasses Smith in every way, and it is generally understood that the western lad would make an easy mark for the local representative.

## The Rise in Silver.

LONDON, July 22.--The sudden rise in the price of silver has caused all the financial writers on the London press to sharpen their pencils, and put their deepest thinking caps on in hope of enlightening the world as to the cause and effect of the alteration in the ratio between the two precious metals. The expert of the Morning Express, who enjoys the distinction of being perhaps the heaviest writer on the subject, pronounces in the *Obiter Dictum* that the fluctuation in prices is but a passing cloud, and that the effect of the American silver bill will be wholly transitory, and that there will be very little of the effect even while it lasts.

"John, ain't you coming in to bathe with mother and me?" "No, but don't let that stop you. Just take your mother out a good distance and let her enjoy it. I'm going to ask the life-guard to come in and have a couple of drinks."

There are a pair of mules in Arizona thirty-three and thirty-six years old respectively. They have never kicked anybody yet, and hence people can infer for themselves what they are still living for.

## A LOOPHOLE FOR FORGERY.

One of the Serious Hidden Dangers of the Force Bill.

Wahki gun Critic.

"How many of the 65,000,000 of Americans are aware of the fact that the Electoral Commission counted Rutherford B. Hayes in by virtue of two forged signatures of presidential electors?" asked a representative from Louisiana in the Sunday Gazette, "and yet," he continued, "such is the undisputed fact, known at the time, to one member of that Commission, and now established by indisputable proof. One of the electors, Leviase, was hundreds of miles off when his signature was forged, and the other, Joffian, was also far away when his much-needed signature was counterfeited. Now, is it any wonder that we question the political motives of men who do such things as that? It was not sufficient to procure the corrupt action of the Louisiana Returning Board, backed up by promises from John Sherman and other friends of Hayes. They did their business in such a bungling way that it was necessary to add the crime of forgery before their action could avail."

"If such thing could be done and deceive an Electoral Commission, what may be expected of 325 returning boards provided for in the Federal Election bill? These boards will not be composed of judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, as was partly the case with the Electoral Commission, but executive officers appointed for their ability to do party work and directly interested in counting out their opponents. This is the worst feature of the worst bill ever introduced in Congress, and yet I am informed that Mr. Reed told a United States Senator who remonstrated against this section of the bill that the House would never yield."

## HANDTIRES IN THE HILLS.

The Huckleberry Crop in the Shawangunk Mountains No Good.

New York Journal

The huckleberry crop in the Shawangunk Mountains is almost a total failure.

Hundreds of farmers who rely on the huckleberry crop to pay their taxes are returning home from the mountains disappointed. One prospector got only one quart of huckleberries in two days.

Two thousand and four hundred quarts of huckleberries used to be shipped from Ellenville to New York every day. The present season not more than 200 quarts a day are being shipped.

It is the opinion up here that huckleberry pie must be scarce in the metropolis.

Despite their scarcity the price of huckleberries here is very low. The pickers from the mountains get only eight cents a quart for them. In New York they sell for thirteen and fourteen cents a quart.

The farmers attribute the scarcity of the huckleberries to the failure of the McKinley bill to pass. Petitions are in circulation asking the Senate to pass the McKinley bill. When it does so, and the President signs the bill, it is believed that huckleberries will be plenty and the price high.

Owing to the failure of the crop money is almost as scarce here as huckleberries. Unless some new huckleberry patches are discovered there will be hard times in the Shawangunk mountains this winter.

The articles, so to speak, were two. The one it was so small That unless the eye was brought quite near

Could scarce be seen at all. While the other was high as high could be, It had to be looked at twice. Now, which of these two was the piece of ice And which of them was its price?

Friend. "My young man, you play that cornet as if you were paid for it."

Boy. "I am."

Friend. "How's that?"

Boy. "Mother pays me to play it when she isn't at home."--Detroit Free Press.

An expert is a person who can make thing seem to be as his employer want them to look.--New Orleans Picayune.

## THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

Lynchburg Advance.

It has become very manifest that the Farmers' Alliance is going to be a very powerful, and in some quarters a controlling factor in the approaching elections. The organization has grown with great rapidity in the last year or two, and is so well-disciplined and determined on having a hand in conducting the government and controlling legislation, that old politicians and parties will be compelled in the future to respect its creed and conform to the wishes and demands of the organization.

The late nomination of Mr. John P. Buchanan as the Democratic candidate for Governor of Tennessee on the 28th ballot, was through the power exercised by the Alliance. They did not have a majority of the convention, but they held the balance of power, and held it to the last. Mr. Buchanan is President of the Alliance in that State, and his choice shows very clearly that the members of that order are in earnest. So, too, in several Congressional districts of North Carolina, the Alliance has controlled the nominations and chosen its candidates over all opponents. A similar result no doubt will follow in South Carolina and other States where the conventions soon assemble. They will nominate their candidate for Governor and members of Congress, and most probably elect them, if they do not split the Democratic party. In the choice of candidates for Congress in this State the influence of the Alliance will be strongly felt in the agricultural districts, and candidates that are materially adverse to the Alliance will be very apt to have a hard and doubtful road to travel. Fortunately, at the present time, some of our Democratic members of Congress are practical farmers themselves and all of them are more or less friendly to the general principles and purpose of the Alliance. There is, therefore, not likely to be any serious division in our ranks in making new nominations or in electing them. The fact is the principles and interests of the farmers and working men of the country are thoroughly in accord with those of the Democratic party, and they will have no excuse not to hang together in all party movements intended to promote the public good.

## With a View To Fun.

"No wonder women love a seal-skin sacque, So fair, so rich, with such grand beauties rife. As for myself, think of me what you will, I wouldn't give up mine but with my life."

Thus on the sea, beyond Alaska's state, A fur clad seal spoke truly to its mate.

What is supposed to be the very first snake story was told in Eden one fall.

Of course, there's no one who cares young men Of the present day to disparage; They give themselves away when in love, while the girls Are never given away till marriage.

There is nobody or nothing in this world that is so often crossed in love as the front doormat.--Binghamton Leader.

Electric conductors differ in many ways from each other, but in all Edison's researches he never made use of the conductor of an electric street railway car.

Activity or enterprise is only relative. It depends upon circumstances. Before concluding that a man is necessarily slow from seeing his disinclination to grapple with hard work ask him to take a drink. If he does not develop speed then his case is hopeless.

If you succeed, you are a genius; if you do not, you are a fool. This is the long and short of it.--Atchison Globe.

A woman there was who threw herself At a certain man's head both early and late. Of course she missed him, but that's not odd, Few women can throw straight.

## COLD, HARD CASH.

Oh, cash! Thou potent thing; to thee

We bow our heads and bend the knee; We know without thy kindly aid we cannot cut a dash.

But when with thee we are allied We know the world is on our side, And men will all respect us for our

Cold, Hard Cash.

Wit, beauty, learning--all are good,

And we esteem as we should, But when we size them up with thee they're just the merest trash;

The world bestows its warmest smile On him whose dollars highest pile,

The public eye is dazzled by our

Cold, Hard Cash.

And even Cupid, so they say,

Will gold against affection weigh, And loves to dwell where riches may its wealth in jewels flash;

The sly young elf admires grace, A perfect form, a pretty face; But yet 'tis said he's fondest of the

Cold, Hard Cash.

Thus from the cradle to the grave

Can gold our paths with pleasure pave. But when we near the river Styx, and hear its waters splash,

The boatman who would row us o'er, Unto a sad or sunlet shore, Cannot be bribed to change his

Cold, Hard Cash.

—Chicago Herald.

## WHAT KILLED HIS TOWN.

New York Sun

At Fort Scott I met an acquaintance whom I knew had gone further west to found a future city, and naturally enough I made inquiries as to how he progressed in his enterprise.

"Promised to be the biggest thing on earth," he replied.

"You were to have three railroad lines?"

"Yes."

"And four or five great factories were to be established?"

"Yes."

"And there was to be an avenue named after every state?"

"Yes."

"And four different street car lines were to be in operation within a year?"

"Yes."

"Two banks, two colleges, four churches, a union depot, a city hall two opera houses and a government building were on your list for early completion?"

"They were."

"Well, what have you done?"

"Not a blamed thing."

"Not even made a beginning."

"No. I was going to buy 500 acres of land for the site, but while the owner was getting an abstract of title a man came along with a rotary washing machine, offered me four county rights for \$10 and a shotgun, and I killed the town and saved the machine man from going to a pauper's grave. I've got feelings, I have. When I see a man struggling to make an honest living, but meeting adversity at every turn, my feelings force me to stretch out a helping hand and let this great and glorious west paddle her own canoe."

## The Lookout for Farmers.

Chicago Tribune.

The Western farmers, studying over the McKinley bill in their intervals of toil, have been unable to see that it does anything for them. The farmers can see how certain cormorant special interests will be helped and more money given to those who have much already, but they do not see that they are to sell more, get more for what they sell or pay less for what they buy. With a prospect of higher duties their wool sells for four cents a pound less than last year.

"What's the duty on lions, Mr. Showman?" "I think they are on the list of free roar materials."--New York Herald.