

Fruit receivers, who have been much disappointed this season with the small output of the Peninsula peach crop, the consequent high prices which have restrained demand, are predicting more liberal receipts next week. The Northern New Jersey peach crop which is later than the peninsula fruit, is about to come on the market. The crop in that section, although only about half the normal yield, is of exceptionally fine quality. C. G. Justice and several other Dock street receivers anticipate that the supply next week will be comparatively large and that prices, as a result, are likely to be more reasonable than heretofore.

Housekeepers who have delayed their canning operations will be glad to learn of this prospect, and the belated preserving industry will probably take on new activity during the coming week. The plum crop of New York State is the heaviest for several years, and this fruit is now in abundant supply and selling at unusually low prices.

Hope Smith on the Stump.
Atlanta, Aug. 21.—Secretary of the Interior Hope Smith has notified Chamberlain S. C. Cray of the state executive committee, that he will speak in Atlanta the first week in September. The exact date has not yet been fixed. Congressman Livingston, Speaker Crisp, Senator Gordon and Senate Walsh have all tendered their services to the campaign committee, and appointments for them will be made as soon as congressional adjourns, releasing them from the national capitol.

By a unanimous vote of the Democratic State Executive Committee, at a meeting held in Raleigh August 27th inst., the Executive Committee of the State Association of Democratic Clubs was requested to call a Convention of the Democratic Clubs of the state to meet in Raleigh, N.C., on the 20th of September next, at 12 o'clock P.M., and as the great Democratic party has named its Standard-bearers, and as another struggle for Democratic supremacy is at hand, and as there is yet work to be done—work in behalf of the complete fulfillment of those great cardinal pledges of the party, so dear to the patriotic North Carolinians "who refuse to accept the results of recent legislation in Congress as the close of the war," and as it is incumbent on the young Democracy to see that its share in this great struggle is well and faithfully performed.

I therefore, as President of the State Association of Democratic Clubs, call you to meet, in convention, in our Capital City of Raleigh, on Thursday, the 20th day of September next, at 12 o'clock noon.

The objects of this Convention are for the formal opening of the campaign and the giving of the keynote for the coming fray; to foster the organization of Democratic Clubs in every township in North Carolina; to increase our facilities for promulgating Democratic principles; and to actively aid the regular Democratic organization. To these ends we invoke the co-operation of all men, the active support of the democratic press throughout the State, and we especially invite the participation of our Democratic nominees; we also desire that the county chairman and township chairman of our party's regular organization, in every county, lend us their aid in making this convention one of great demonstration.

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We have the honor to be your obedient servants,
T. S. CARR, President.
B. C. BECKWITH, Secretary.

A very important declaration was made recently by a high protectionist before the National Labor commission investigating the trouble between the laborers in the Pullman car works and the company. The person who made this declaration was Mr. Wicks, vice-President of the Pullman company. We quote below the question made to him together with his answer as follows:

"Don't you think it would be a good plan to increase the wages of the men in prosperous years—in other words to regulate the wages by the amount of business done by the employees?"

"No, I do not think that plan would work well. It would have a tendency to slipshod business methods. We go into the market for our men just as we do for materials. It is all regulated by the law of supply and demand."

Republican orators and theorist in the campaign tell us that under protection the manufacturer pays laborer higher wages. Republican manufacturers under oath tell us they pay just such wages as they are forced by the law of supply and demand. That protection has nothing to do with it, but it is the market which regulates the price of labor. Trade is not a charity business and no sensible man believes for a moment that manufacturers because they are financially able pay their operatives one cent more than they are under circumstances forced to pay. Pauper emigrants from Europe offering at the door of the American factory fix the price of American labor. Our ports are open free to all the world and the fact that foreign labor competes with ours is proven by another patent fact that a big per cent of the employees in the factories are foreign born. Man is a selfish individual and follows his business for the profit that is in it and that is his incentive to occupation. Men do not engage in business for the benefit of others and strive to make large margins for the mere purpose of paying large salaries to those they hire. On the contrary and true to the human character, the American in his heart for gain is constantly scheming a plan by which he can enrich himself. This is true to nature. Republicans would reverse this natural law which has existed from the creation. They would make us believe manufacturers were philanthropists who loved the American laborer with so much zeal they pay him a bonus above what they could get the same work at labor market prices, for instance if the work he did could be had at two dollars a day, but instead of that and because of the profits of protection they will give him four dollars a day. Mr. Wicks says this would be a slipshod business and that they go on the market for labor as for materials and that both are bought in the market of supply and demand. Democracy has taught this for years and will continue to do so till the false argument of protection is abolished. But the Republican party is true to nature in one thing, like the man who commits a wrong he tries to get a right to hide it behind and in their efforts to establish a protection for their selfish pockets, they try to hide the wrong behind the idea that it helped the workingman. Protection insures the price of the manufacturer to be a certain amount and he knows this. He understands his business and if one laborer can be hired cheaper than another to do the same work the manufacturer will hire the cheap man every time, he cautions protection.

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TURKISH SUPERSTITION.

Even the Sultan Consults the Signs For the Simplest Undertaking.

There is no land on earth where more superstitions prevail than this of the unspeakable Turk. Some of them are very interesting.

If by any chance a sparrow or swallow flies in the window and circles three times around the room, it is a sign that a blood relation of some one present is about to die.

There are very many signs and happenings that are supposed to precede marriage. For instance, if a horse sneezes when she passes one in the street, she is positive that her time has nearly come. If her hair becomes unfastened, she knows that she will soon be sought for, and if she goes to eat a peach and finds its kernel split she is equally certain that she will soon be wedded.

There are fully as many little charms tied by the Turkish maiden to know when she will marry as by her Christian sisters, and strange as it may seem she is quite as anxious to enter that state.

When in summer a bee flies in at the window, it is regarded as the harbinger of good news, as is also a thistle-down or a beetle. A moth at night flying about a light means thoughts and good wishes from immortals, the unexpected braying of a donkey a visit from an unpleasant acquaintance.

If a man leaves his home for business and walks along the street and a bird alights exactly in front of him three times, he turns on his heel and goes home, and no power short of an imperial firman will make him pass that place again that day, for he is sure that if he attempts to do so something will happen him. A dog running three times across his path will also turn him back.

When a Turk is starting out upon an important venture, he will say to himself, "The issue will be as I desire it if the first three persons I meet have blue eyes." Blue eyes being far less common than black, he takes the chances and sometimes sees the three blue eyed ones first. I never could reconcile the belief in the written destiny and in the omen and signs together. If it was the destiny of some one to be killed by accident at such a place and moment, of what virtue would an evil omen be or a good one? He is bound to be killed anyhow.

Augury is also made by the forms of the clouds and by the entrails of fish, animals and fowls, by orange pits and the odd or even number of divisions in the pulp. If a red orange was peeled by accident, the person feels great pleasure, as that betokens prosperity and gold.

When the sultan is about to undertake anything, however insignificant, all the signs are consulted. If he is to go to the mosque, all the known means are employed to discover whether it would be more propitious for him to go by land or water.

Probably there is not a foreign minister or ambassador who has ever been accredited to Turkey who has not been annoyed beyond measure on account of the unaccountable postponement of a dinner to be given him at the imperial palace, a postponement that always seemed to come in the most awkward and inexplicable time. But if he knew the truth it would be that he had been found to be late on consulting the augurs it was found that some condition or other was unpropitious, and so the dinner was suddenly postponed until the fates were in some measure appeased.

It would take a volume to tell all the ramifications of the superstitions beliefs in Turkey, and important as they would be under other circumstances they really leave much to do with the deciding of important questions of international significance, and he who intends to make that country his even temporary home would do well to study up their many superstitions and try to conform with their outward observance as far as is possible. —Constantinople Letter in New York Press.

Day Laboring Man Milliner.
It is not generally known perhaps that there are man milliners who hire out by the day or week as trimmers to New York modistes. It goes without saying that these trimmers are artists. Their greatest value lies in what they call original designing.

A queer suicide occurred recently near Chuba, Ky. The wife of Henry Andrew had a little dispute with her husband as to whether she should go somewhere on a visit. Her husband advised her not to go because she was not well enough. She persisted and he finally forbade her going, to which she replied that she would go or die. She was found hanging from the rafter of the dwelling by a buggy rein, and was not quite dead when found, but all efforts to revive her failed. She had tied one end of the rein to the rafter and then climbed up on a bed and tied the rein around her neck in a hard knot and then swung off.

French Illustrative Art.

The proportion of artists in France of wide fame whose work is frequently seen in art is undoubtedly greater than in any other country, and one of the many good reasons for this is certainly the exceptional skill and experience of the French in their use of reproductive processes and especially those which not only translate the form of the original, but that they do so well. These color reproductions, printed from metal reliefs and not lithographic stones, in a method usually resorted to by the rest of the world—are superior.

The secret of securing with but few impressions the marvelous combinations of color, the effects of washes, tones and lines, combined with a verve and character quite indescribable, is one of which only the French printer artist is complete master. Just across the border the German printer has developed lithography with something of the same enthusiasm which the Frenchman has devoted to the relief plates, each practically making few excursions into the other's methods of accomplishing the same thing.

A still further reason for this great superiority is the innate artistic sense of the French printer, or more properly the pressman. In other countries, where the engraver and printer are looked upon by the illustrator as his natural enemies, into whose hands a drawing is given grudgingly, the statement which is not infrequently made by the French artist, that the reproduction or translation of the original into printed form is as effective in its way as the drawing itself, is calculated to excite derision.—Scribner's Magazine.

His Was Better.

Robert S. Hawkes, always known as "the Vicar of Morwenstowe," and a poet of no mean ability, was brought up by his grandfather, a very learned and religious man. In the church where this old gentleman preached the evening service always closed with the hymn, "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing," which was composed by Dr. Hawkes himself. His grandson, who did not know the authorship of the hymn, came to the doctor one day with a paper in his hand, saying: "Grandfather, I don't altogether like that hymn, 'Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing.' I think it might be improved by meter and language and that it would be better if it were somewhat longer."

"Oh, indeed?" said Dr. Hawkes, reddening. "And pray, Robert, what improvements commend themselves to your precocious wisdom?" "This is my improved version," said Robert, and he read aloud a very creditable hymn, after which he repeated the old version, saying innocently, "This one is crude and that don't you think so, grandfather?" "Crude and flat, sir! Young rascal, it is mine! I wrote that hymn!"

"Oh, I beg your pardon, grandfather! I didn't know that. It's a very nice hymn, indeed, but," as he went out of the door, "mine is better!"—Youth's Companion.

The Sweet Little Girl.
A gentleman invited a lecturer to his house to take tea. Invited solely on being seated at the table a little daughter of the gentleman said to the guest quite abruptly, "Where is your wife?" The lecturer, having been recently separated from the partner of his life, was surprised and annoyed at the question and stammered forth the truth, "I don't know." "Don't know," repeated the terrible infant; "why don't you know?"

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