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THE CIRCULATION OF THE MORNING STAR IS LARGER THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN NORTH CAROLINA.

THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE. Au instance has recently been cited of the great abuses that arise under the law giving the franking privilege to members of Congress. An Ex Senator from the West, whose term expired last March, a short time ago sent, under his official frank, to the St. Louis Republican, the business card of his son, a lad of fifteen. who had just started in the vecation of a bill poster. This violation of the spirit of the tranking privilege was severely commented upon by the St. Louis Republican, and the Senator, in a letter written to the editor of that paper, presents the defence that it was not improper in him to give to his son what little benefit he might derive from his official position. The ex Senator also argues that the act of Congress provides that all corres pondence to and from a Senator shall be free until the first Monday in December following the expiration of his term of office, and contends that the law is so framed that if he chooses he is at liberty to send a letter from his son under his official frank, as a part of his personal correspondence. This letter of the ex-Senator held up as a true confession of the general abuse of the franking privilege, and of the impossibility of punishing that

#### THE SIAMESE TWINS.

It is reported that one of the Siamese twins is lying at the point of death while the other is enjoying his usual good health. Several years ago the Siamese twins visited Europe and consulted the most prominent surgeons of Scotland, England and France, order to obtain an opinion as to the practicability of cutting the ligament. The most skillful surgeons of the United States had previously decided that the risk would be too great to justify them in performing the operation, and the foreign surgeons arrived at the same conclusion. It was, however, decided, that in case of the death of one of the twins, the operation would have to be performed, but probably with less risk to the survivor. The statement that one of the twins is dangerously ill, and that the other is in good health, is opposed to the general impression that the Siamese twins, having the same emotions, feelings and sensibilities, are also affected with the same bodily maladies.

UTILIZATION OF SEWAGE ...

A report, published by a Committee of the British Association, relative to the treatment and utilization of sewage, takes the ground that it is only by filtering this material through the earth itself that the dissolved and suspended substances which are the food of vegetable and the poison of animal lite, can be kept out of our rivers and applied to the production of growths. After this straining, the liquid matter that escapes may, according to the report, be allowed to enter into the rivers without producing any of the deleterious effects that accompany the introduction of the original sewage matter. Light, porous and gravelly so is, and even blown sand, thus treated with sewage, turnish crops of great richness, and meadows watered with this substance yield an astonishing growth

### Hoisted by His Own Petard.

A story comes from Delaware of an eccentric philosopher who has paid the penalty of his criminal attempt to enlighten mankind. To some extent he did elighten that abstraction, but not as he intended to do. He had some theory or other in regard to the use of his parachutes, which he absurdly connected with pyrotechnics, and so on, on the Fourth of July, shortly after dusk, he clandestinely erected in his own yard a huge skyrocket, at the head of which was attached his parachute in such a way that while the rocket was seeking the moon it would remain closed, but when its upward flight ceased it would theoretically open like an umbrella, and thus watt him safely to the ground. He attached himself to the lower end of the stick with the fuse turned away from him in such a way that the fire from the rocket would not injure him. Then he blazed away and went whizzing through the air, dangling and bobbing as he sped, with fire fastening itself upon him-somewhat "like the pale martyr in the shirt of fire." If his parachute ever opened he did not know it, for presently those who beheld the wondrous engine saw it turn sharply in midair and falt. The poor fool was found burned and mangled not far from his own philosophy shop.

Funeral of James A. Oats. The funeral of James A. Oats, the manager of the Oates Comic Opera and Burlesque Troupe, took place from St. Bartholomew's Church, corner of Great Jones street and Lafayette place, yesterday after-noon. The church was densely crowded and a large number of the theatrical fraternity were present, as were also a large deputation from the New York Lodge, No. 330, F. and A. M., accompanied by

#### STAR BEAMS

- California will harvest thirty thousand gallons of castor oil. - J. W. Hosmer, of Janesville,

Minnesota, has 150 hives of bees. - "Through tickets to go around the world" are for sale in London for \$1,-

- An architectural iron works company has been incorporated in Rich mond, Va.

- In Georgia they whip drunk ards until they join the church and Good

- New York has adopted plans for the building of a Normal College to cost \$350,000.

-- A. T. Stewart is said to be the proprietor of tourteen stores in different parts of the world. - The survivors of the Stone-

wall brigade will hold a celebration at White Salphur Springs on July 21st. - Montpelier, Orange county, formerly the home of President Madison,

is offered at private sale. It contains 1,065 - Fragments of human beings, blown into the air by steamboat explo-

sions, are spoken of in Arkansas as "atmospheric phenomena," - On Sunday the thermometer at St. Louis ranged from 100 to 105 in the

shade. During the day there were three

fatal cases of sunstroke. - Some trouble has occurred in an Illinois town by the discovery that a judge has for several months past been swearing witnesses on a dictionary.

California Wonders. Near the confines of Fresho, Tulare, and Inyo counties, in the vicinity of the headwates of the Keweah, there exists a remarkable piece of country. The Indians say it is the abiding place of the Evil Spirit. The country is rugged and rocky -mountains, with deep valleys and precipitous cliffs. Snakes and reptiles of every description abound in untold long had extensive opportunities for pracnumbers, and, taken in all, it is a wild | tice and observation in the vineyard, stated and most uninviting region. But, aside from this, a most curious phenomenon exist. The ground trembles and quakes almost continuously, and the abundant summer pruning, as the best method of rocks grind and grit together as if being urged by some terrible influence. Frequently, deep discharges are heard, muf- leaves, good fruit, and healthy vigorous fled and dull, like the distant sound of shoots, where they were needed for the reheavy artillery. At night the sounds newal of the vine. These results he pre seem to be more abundant than in the day | ferred to the extremes that had been al time. No Indian can be induced to venture near the locality, regarding it with | and foliage, on the one hand, such as has superstitious horror. No theory is advanced by any one to account for the on the other extreme, allowing an indisstrange phenomena mentioned. We also criminate and profuse production of roots learn from William Faymonville that above the head of Crane Valley, in this county, another place similar to the one mentioned exists. Persons who have visited the last place named describes the sounds mentioned as like muffled thunder. -San Francisco Bulletin.

#### Microscopic Wonders.

Lewenboeck tells us of an insect seen with the microscope, of which twentyseven millions would only equal a mite. Insects of various kinds may be seen in the cavities of a grain of sand. Mould is a forest of beautiful trees, with the foliage, and for a renewal of the leaves branches, leaves, and fruit. Butterflies are | upon the fruit bearing branches. fully feathered. Hairs are hollow tubes. The surface of our bodies is covered with scales like a fish; a single grain of sand would cover one hundred and fifty of these scales, and yet a scale covers five hundred pores. Through these narrow openings the sweat forces itself like water through a seve. The mites make five hundred steps a second. Each drop of stagnant water contains a world of animated beings swimming with as much liberty as whales in the sea. Euch leaf has a colony of insects grazing on it, like cows on the

and Ex-Governor Vance. Washington, D. C., July 17. Friends of the impeached and selfbanished ex Governor Holden, of North Carolina, assert to day that they have effected an arrangement with United States Senator elect Vance, and his friends in that State, whereby it is agreed that Holden shall go back to his home in North Carolina, and rest there in peace, under the protection of Vance and friends, and that, in return for this protection, Holden and his friends have obtained a promise from Radical Senators, who heretofore opposed Vance taking his seat in the Senate, to withdraw their objections, and, in pursuance of this, Vance is to have his seat in the Senate at the next session .- Correspondence Balt. Gazette.

Decapitation. The Indianapolis Sentinel says: " A farmer was decapitated by a mowing machine, with which he was at work on his premises, near Southport, last Tuesday afternoon. At the time of the accident the farmer was examining some portion of the machine which had got out of gear, when the horses attached suddenly started, causing the blades to revolve, one of them striking the man in the back of the neck, severing the head from the body as though guillotined. A youthful son of the de ceased witnessed the terrible accident, and, dumb with horror, grasped the head by ful for correcting the evils of insufficient the hair, and ran with it into his mother's winter pruning, as the surplus buds may

Not a Two-penny Hero.

berries on the bank of the Pequonnock winter can still be thoroughly pruned, for river, near Bridgeport, Conn., and the youngest one, a girl of six or seven, accidentally tumbled into the water. On the them out as they appear. opposite bank a lad thirteen years of age
was also gathering berries, and seeing the
accident, plunged into the water and carried the drowning child safe to land. The six year old child thought she must reward | times, indeed, it may be advisable to trim her deliverer, and putting her hand into the canes long, when there is apprehenher pocket offered him all the money she had, which was just two cents. The boy winter-killed. Now, it they still break thanked her, but refused to accept any reward. The lad proved himself a hero.

Pinchbeck, a colored Senator from New their Master, John Giffin. There were Orleans, has sued the Jackson Railroad also present over a hundred members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, among whom were Messrs. George J. Green, R. H. P., and A. Hamilton Mulligan, Secretary (TV). ligan, Secretary. The remains were con- road company have no control over them. veyed to Greenwood Cemetery.—N. Y. Pinch finds he was barking up the wrong but we cannot depend upon their judgstandard.

Pinch finds he was barking up the wrong ment in the matter, and should kill the

#### Religious Liberty in Russia

reply to the appeal of the Evangelical of Horticulture. Alliance in behalf of religious liberty Russia, in which he expresses his sympathy with the object of their prayers. The success of the enterprise undertaken by the Alliance will prove one of the greatest a ivances in moral progress of the present century.-Balt. Sun.

Four Children Burned to Death.

their four children, the eldest not quite contrasts may be avoided. eight years old, burned to death.

# The Field and Fireside

Summer Pruning of the Grape.

At the Winter meeting of the Lake Shore Grape Growers' Association, at of the most intelligent men of the country, who are engaged in this interesting branch of cultivation. The discussions present, as will appear in the report of the society, soon to be published. Among the topics discussed, one of the most important was that of summer pruning. Many of the members were loud in their pursued in the vineyards, particularly where they are managed by European vine-dressers. Some went so far as to say be seen. They pleaded for the leaves, orate the sap, to perfect the crop of fruit, tender hearted vine-dressers who adopted the motto "Laissez faire," in regard to summer treatment, a member who has that he should advise a middle course, consisting of a judicious and systematic, but perhaps some would think severe directing the sap into the proper channels, and of increasing the production of large luded to-the sacrificing of the growth been styled "summer slaughtering;" or, and leaves, that must interfere with the perfect development of the vine, and the proper ripening of the fruit. He claimed that by a proper performance of the different operations which make up the summer pruning of the vine, in our attempts to furnish a renewal of wood suitable to produce the next crop, these several

objects should be kept clearly in view 1. That we should prune in such a way as to avoid that very common evil, the over-production of truit. 2. That we should prune so as to pro

vide for the largest development of the

That we should so direct the growth o the vine as to insure the production of vigorous, healthy canes, to bear the next

year's crop. And lastly. That we might, under certain circumstances, find it necessary to prune, or to train, in such a way as to check the growth by extension, and endeavor to develop the buds on the lower part as the canes that are to be appropriated to the production of the next crop. These topics were considered seriatim.

The first operation of summer pruning is therefore a process for thinning the fruit, as well as for diminishing the num-Alleged Agreement Between Holden ber of shoots: but it does not follow that there will be any less wood produced; on the contrary, it will be found, at the end of the season, that there is more available and useful wood, upon a vine that has had this important operation that had been well carried out, than upon one which had been so neglected that all its shoots had been allowed to remain, and contend with one another to their mutual injury.

> The first process consists in what is called rubbing out. It should be performed early in the season of growth-very earlyso soon as the young shoots have made their appearance, and have developed themselves sufficiently to show their little bunches of embryo truit; this will be when the largest have grown five or six inches long. It is evident, that if delayed longer, there must be a greater loss to the

> The vine dresser removes the weaker shoots by rubbing them off with his thumb. When there are twins they should take away weaker ones. Where the joints of the old wood are short, if the buds all break, the branches will be too close; in this case alternate shoots must be removed; or, even more than this, so as to leave the first branches not nearer than six inchesin many vines ten inches would be still better. If this work be well done, the after labor of summer pruning will be very much lightened.

This process of rubbing out is very usebe removed, and the amount of growth reduced to what the plant is capable of sustaining to advantage. A vine which Two little girls were recently picking | may have been wholly neglected in the

regularly, the excess can thus be reduced to the proper standard. In some vinevards the whole summer pruning is done at once, by the systematic and severe removal of a large portion of the shoots by

Certain insects are busily at work at the work by eating a portion of the buds;

beautiful Haltica chalybea while we are The Czar has communicated a favorable disbudding our vines.—American Journal

Good Taste in Dress,

It is mistaken economy to furbish up a faded article because it was expensive, for the poor remnant of the past will always tell its own story. A neat, pretty calico or lawn tastefuly made is more becoming than tarnished finery, soiled silk or rusty alpacas. Where but few additions to a ward-A heart rending affair has happened at robe can be made they should be selected Plautagenet, Ont. The house of a man always to harmonize with the purse first, named St. Jean was burned down in the then the form, complection and whatever absence of the father and mother, and else is left of the year before, that striking

A French woman, however poor, has always the appearance of freshness and novelty. If she needs new boots and can have but one pair, although her inclination points to drab or bronze boots, she chooses black, as for economy and taste combined her best dress is probably black. She needs new gloves, or bonnet ribbon; before purchashing she looks over Cleaveland, Ohio, there were present some her boxes and finds perhaps her best neck tie is pink; she cannot wear pink gloves nor carry a pink parasol therefore she wisely decides upon roses for were directed to the practical questions her bonnet, and drab ribbon, drab gloves, which are constantly arising in a new line and drab parasol, perhaps brightened with of business; and were of value to those a pink lining, the roses and necktie freshen admirably the otherwise sombre attire,

which is in excellent taste. A young lady may think herself very fashionably dressed in green gloves, blue bonnet, and scarlet flowers, and purple denunciations of the practice, as it is often dress, because each article in itself was costly and well made; but instead of being fashionable it would be in exceedingly bad taste, as however we may admire the rainthey preferred to let their vines go with. bows in the sky, they are tawdry on the out any pruning at all, rather than to have street. American women of fashion and them subjected to such a terrible "sum- | wealth are now beginning to display great mer slaughtering" as was occasionally to tasts in costumes by dressing in uniform colors, and this requires a great outlay of claiming that they were necessary to elab- money, each suit having corresponding gloves, bonnets, parasols, etc., furnished and to wipe the wood and the roots for by the dressmakers. But with goods so the future healthiness of the plant. After | cheep as to be really bargains, and fashion a full expression of similar views by these magazines much with patterns and good advice every facility is given these upon whom fortune has failed to smile upon, in the way of making pretty, tasteful and inexpensive toilets.—N. Y. Tribunc.

#### Pickling Cucumbers.

The following receipts from an exchange

are seasonable and appear practical: 1st. Take cucumbers, wipe them clean, and lay them in stone jars. Allow one quart salt and water till the salt is dissolved; perity of North Carolina. turn it boiling hot on the cucumbers : cover them up tight and let them stand for twenty four hour; turn them into a basket to drain. Boil as much vinegar as will cover the cucumbers; wash out the jars and put the cucumbers into them; turn the vinegar on boiling hot; cover them with cabbage leaves and cover them tight .-In forty-eight hours they will be fit for

2nd. Pick cucumbers each morning, et them stand in weak brine three or four days, putting in mustard pods and horse radish leaves to keep them green. Then take out and drain, covering with vinegar for a week; at which time take out and drain again, putting in vinegar, adding mustard seed, ginger root, cloves, pepper and red pepper pods, of each about one or two ounces, to suit different tastes, for each barrel.

The vinegar must be changed once, as the large amount of water in the cucumber reduces the vinegar so much that this change is absolutely necessary, and if they should seem to lose their sharp taste again, just add a little molasses or spirit, and all will be right.

Carbolic Acid in Poultry Houses.

Noticing your inquiry with regard to the use of carbolic acid about poulty houses, I beg to say that I have for the past year, used the three carbolic preparations of Messrs. Bowman & Blawett-the powder, and the hard and soft soaps, with the most gratifying results. I sprinkle the powder lightly in the bottom of the nests, and on the floor or ground under the hens with chicks. For a wash for buildings and coops I use a weak solution of the soft soap, and find it quite as efficacious as kerosene, and much safer and pleasanter.

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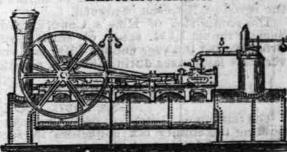
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