

Poverty has its compensations. It is to be noted that it is always the "wealthy" farmer who is buying good bricks or running away with his neighbor's wife or hanging himself or shooting somebody else.

The negroes of Virginia have contributed about \$10,000 to fight the new constitution of this State. For all practical purposes of good to themselves or to any one else, except the lawyers on their side of the case, they might as well have poured their dollars in a rat hole.

Mr. John G. Webb of Florida writes to the New York Sun quoting a dictum of John C. Calhoun, that "Cotton cannot be profitably raised where there is no frost."

WINKLING.

"Oh!" exclaimed the fair summer boarder as a couple of calves scampered across the meadow, "what pretty little cowlets."

"I heard her boasting that her dinner party was a success from the beginning, and ended with the greatest 'claw'."

"That summer boarder caught some fish this morning," said Mrs. Cornwell. "Say, I was going to give him a school of 'em'."

"The proprietor of the theatre had died suddenly." Of course we must do something to show proper respect," remarked the treasurer.

STANDARD OIL BARGE

Reported Ashore on the Jersey Coast With No One on Board.

New York, Aug. 29.—The Old Dominion Line steamer Princess Anne, from Newport News and Norfolk, which arrived here to-day, reports from off Beaufort, N. J., passed the steamer Colonel Drake, from Port Arthur, Texas, towing the Standard Oil barge No. 21.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 29.—Standard Oil barge No. 91 came ashore to-night near Little Beach life saving station with no one on board and without any cargo.

NEW YORK BANKS.

Statement of Clearing House Averages for the Past Week.

New York, Aug. 29.—The statement of averages of the clearing house banks of this city for the week shows:

Loans \$928,111,500, increase \$1,166,000. Deposits \$920,125,900, increase \$8,541,900. Circulation \$19,918,000, decrease \$49,000. Legal tenders \$78,717,000, increase \$386,400. Specie \$174,997,900, increase \$818,700. Reserve \$350,708,900, increase \$1,208,100; reserve required \$380,030,975, increase \$1,888,475. Surplus \$20,677,925, decrease \$380,975. E. & D. deposits \$89,997,975, decrease \$377,975.

Rod Oliver, president of the recently suspended National Bank of Beaumont, Texas, has made a general assignment. No statement was filed.

We see it stated that 47 rabbits which had been infected with germs of smallpox, tetanus, tuberculosis or hydrophobia in the Bacteriological Institute of Madrid have been stolen and the inhabitants of the city are in a panic from fear that these infected rabbits are in the cellars or in their stomachs.

A GAME FOR LIFE

Two Union officers, prisoners of war, at Tullahoma, Tenn., were sitting in the jail yard playing euchre. A Confederate officer approached with a paper in his hand and spoke to them.

"Captains Ward and Greenway, I am ordered to select one of you to be shot in retaliation for a Confederate of the same rank recently shot by the Federals at Murfreesboro under the false accusation of being a spy.

TO RAISE THE MAINE

Ingenious Plan Devised to Lift Ship From Ocean's Bed—Spanish Cruisers May Also Be Raised and Restored.

Unless the plans of the engineers are all awry the wreck of the battleship Maine, which has lain in the mud at the bottom of Havana harbor since Feb. 15, 1898, will be raised from its ignoble bed and once more breast the curling wave.

The plans, which are now complete, are the result of constant study since the Spanish war by Mr. George Richardson of Chicago, an engineer of experience. The scheme itself is simple, although it involves a great deal of labor and will require three months to be put into execution.

At the next session of congress the United States will be asked to release its ownership in the sunken vessel and also to turn over to Mr. Richardson the Spanish ships that lie beneath the waters of the southern coast of Cuba.

When the party arrived the officer entered the general's tent. The commander was sitting before a pine table with a scroll on his face. Turning he said:

"General, the enemy has possession of the gaps."

"Orderly," shouted the general, "tell the chief of staff I wish to see him immediately." Then to those about him: "We are flanked. We must get out of Tullahoma tonight."

"The order, general," said the major, "cannot obey unless the name of the officer to be shot is properly filled in."

"What shall I do, general?" the major persisted. "I will have you shot in place of the prisoner. I have no time for such matters."

Early the next morning the Union army, marching down the road to Tullahoma, passing hastily through defenses, finally came to the main fortifications, behind which the Confederates had expected to defend the town, and there they deserted.

"Major," returned Ward, "I trust that hereafter when you are ordered to shoot Union prisoners, you will be as particular in the drawing of your order as you have been in this case."

"I am sure it is here, for no woman could learn of such a noble act in a man without loving him."

PAY FOR THE PAPER YOU READ!

Have you been reading the WEEKLY STAR for one or more years without paying for it?

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SPRING'S LITTLE WORRY.

I want a nice two story house. Built on the corner plan. Just big enough to hold in style. One woman and one man.

I want six rooms—no more, no less—And one room for the bath. I'll meditate alone.

I want a middle room upstairs. To be my very own—A back room where, in thinking mood, I'll meditate alone.

A Fighting Parson. Bishop Moore, Head of the Methodist Church in the United States.

When Bishop Moore was sent in 1900 to take charge of the diocese of eastern Asia, which jurisdiction includes China, Japan and Korea, he had just been elected to the episcopate, and his selection for that important post—a post that requires the exercise of great personal courage as well as much tact and diplomacy—was a compliment that had never before been paid to a Methodist bishop so young in office.

It appears that Lady Helen Forbes, the novelist, is not yet home—the only sister of Lord Craven, Mr. Bradley Martin's son-in-law. She is the wife of Captain Forbes, who has seen service in South Africa.

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DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Lady June advocates in an article in the New Liberal Review the suppression of reports of divorce cases on the ground of public policy.

Mrs. Julius S. Brown of Atlanta, Ga., mailed his severed pledges from 2,000 Georgia women that in future they will use on their hats no wings or other plumage of wild birds.

Mrs. Olivia Toffey Worden, widow of Admiral John L. Worden, who commanded the Monitor in the engagement with the Merrimack in the civil war, has just died at Lakewood, N. J.

Mrs. Robert J. Burdette sees in women's clubs a fruitful source of divorces and in women's love of jewelry and social shining the cause that sends men behind prison bars for embezzlement.

Miss Elise Reasoner has been appointed eastern press representative of the St. Louis exposition in place of the late Julian Ralph. Originally Miss Reasoner was Mr. Ralph's assistant. She is a native of Leavenworth, Kan.

Miss Elizabeth Yeats, a sister of the Irish poet of that name, has started in Ireland a "Don Emmer Press," in which she is attempting to rival the Knickerbocker work. Paper made of pure linen has been procured from Irish mills, and Miss Yeats is doing her own printing with the help of an apprentice.

"Americans who have married Englishmen," says Lady Randolph Churchill (Mrs. West), herself a Jerome of New York, "are in no whit behind their English sisters in political work, and their successful co-operation must be a proof of what they could do in their own country had they the same opportunities."

"Celestial blue" is the name of the newest of the tints of this fashionable color.

The deep rich yellow lace straws and fancy basket braids so fashionable two years ago are revived.

Pointed girdles are in great demand now that the extreme dip has been removed from the front of the waist.

Ribbons will be extensively used next season. All stylish gowns will have ribbon in some form on the bodice at least.

Fine white French flannel striped with a hair line of color is a material which will be widely used for outing suits next season.

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