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Mr. Hoyt's criticism of Mr. Crawford that he has never been in the banking business and cannot, therefore, know anything about finance, reminds us of the stranger who refused to follow the direction on a friendly signboard, giving the number of miles to the next town, for, said he, "I don't believe you were ever able to walk there."

The scientific executioners of the murderer Taylor at Auburn last Friday are still of the opinion that he had not any conscious suffering after that first application of the electric current which failed to destroy his life.—N. Y. Sun.

Then why did they chloroform him?—Richmond Dispatch.

Simply, we suppose, to make it absolutely certain that he should not suffer. They were very humane.

QUERY: If an ignorant negro who steals two chickens, value perhaps one dollar, is sentenced to four years in the chain gang for the offense, for how many years will the high-toned defrauder of \$20,000 be compelled to withdraw from the admiring gaze of society? Anyone can make the computation for himself, but he must not forget the tendency to let the man who has sinned against light go free if he returns the stolen goods.

The men on the Chicago board of trade who have failed because they could no longer "corner" pork will get little sympathy from the consumer. For some six months now all hog products have been so high as to place those necessities almost among the luxuries, and thousands have had to give them up altogether. So far as the Chicago men who have failed have been responsible for this their failure is but a just punishment and should be followed by a term in some quiet penitentiary. They have robbed the people.

WHERE IS JUSTICE? Two chickens—stolen—Criminal court—four years in the chain gang.

Twenty thousand dollars embelozed—let him skip if he pays back the money.

SPEAKER AND PRESIDENT. There is complaint in some quarters because Judge Crisp, soon to be again Speaker of the National House of Representatives, will not talk freely, the innuendo being that he is afraid to, or is waiting to see which way the cat will jump. It is possible, however, that Mr. Crisp sees that the Speaker of the House should in all decency occupy an independent position, being as nearly neutral as possible, and without opinions in his official capacity, as the Speaker of the English House of Commons is. To announce before the meeting of the House and before he is made Speaker his opinions on the vital issues that Congress will consider would be to suggest that he intended to so form the House committees as to carry out his personal opinions, regardless of the wishes of the country and a becoming sense of fairness.

The responsibility resting on the Speaker of the House during this session is hardly less than that which rests on the President, while the influence of the former, in a direct way, is perhaps the greater.

THE GRIP AGAIN. Readers of THE CITIZEN will be astonished to learn that New York is again suffering from the grip. It has twice within a few weeks broken out along Broadway, and though the attacks have not been fatal, they have nevertheless been serious. The present grip, however, is not the famous, or infamous, disease imported from Russia, but one of another kind brought into the Metropolis from Chicago. It appears on street cars only, being, in fact, the apparatus which connects those useful but sometimes erratic criages with a cable of wire running below the surface of Broadway. This grip, like the foreign one, takes hold very easily, but cannot always be induced to loosen its hold. This fact has caused the attacks mentioned. Conductors of Broadway cars, in two instances, recently, have been unable to stop them, and they have sped the length of the street, almost, smashing into other vehicles and carrying alarm and disaster all along the line. It is distressing to think of all the genius of the greatest city in the United States not being able to devise a system of rapid transit that shall not also be a menace to life and limb.

Now That Gold is Coming Back. From the Raleigh News-Observer. And still we are minded to say that that wicked silver law which lately sent all the gold flying out of the country remains unrepented. It looks as if that celebrated law blows hot as well as cold. In fact it recalls what the old darkey said. In the winter he wanted a see drop to warm him up, and in the summer he had to take sumthin' to cool him off. We want this duplex operation of the law to be fully comprehended; it is one of the odd things in life.

Vance and The Platform. From the Fayetteville, N. C., Observer. Senator Vance has publicly stated that he favors carrying out every one of the Chicago finance propositions. He now states that he is opposed to carrying out one of those parts of the compromise to the exclusion of the rest. That is the meaning and effect of his present letter. Senator Vance is right. The gold-bugs whom he is resisting are wrong. It is they who propose to violate the Chicago platform, not he.

Eaves Will Live. From the Charlotte Observer. Our Raleigh correspondent enquired a few days ago, as to the whereabouts of Mr. John B. Eaves, chairman of the Republican State executive committee, and asked if he is dead. Mr. Eaves is at his home in Rutherford county; he is not dead and we apprehend that the Democratic party will ascertain next year that he is very much alive.

OVER IN McDOWELL.

Rowland Howard Abroad on Horseback.

EDITOR THE CITIZEN:—My recent trips through McDowell county presented opportunities of various interests. This county has, in common with other sections of Western Carolina, very fine mountain and valley scenery. The valleys are very large and of the thermal kind, that is, surrounded by mountains on all sides except toward the south. The principal valleys of McDowell are on the head branches of South Catawba river, Crooked Creek, Catawba, Mill Creek, Scott's Creek, North Cove Creek, Mud Creek, and several other streams.

I entered McDowell from Buncombe county over the Blue Ridge at Lake's gap and came to the nice town of Old Fort. This is one of the most independent and self-reliant little cities anywhere to be found. The business centre for some of the valleys, Old Fort is one of the best grain markets in Western North Carolina. Located at the base of high mountains, which make a fine summer and winter resort, good hotels are open the year round.

A ride of some seven miles south from Old Fort, took me to the spacious home of the Rev. J. C. Brown, the People's party candidate for Congress in the last campaign. He is one of the most energetic farmers in McDowell. He has embarked a home manufacturing, having erected a water power factory for making patent churns and other useful implements.

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In This Democratic?

From the Charleston News and Courier. It would seem that the best policy for Congress to pursue would be to pass an act of a dozen lines repealing the Sherman law, and appoint a special commission to report a plan to the regular session next winter for the thorough revision of our financial system.

Thimian's Saloon. Columbia special in Charleston News and Courier. The State dispensary is joggling quietly along and doing a very good business. Several replenishing orders were today sent out, and Chester received its first order. This makes the thirtieth order that has been filled for dispensaries in the State.

Tolerably Snakey. From the Murphy, N. C., Scout. C. C. Hass and Sam Kephorth found four rattlesnakes and two copper heads in a hollow log in the mountains. After killing them they did not look for any more as it was not a good day for snakeing.

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