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LARGEST CITY CIRCULATION.

RALEIGH, N. C., JAN. 11, 1892

FREE BALLOT.

The New Orleans Delta says: "This country has at last reached the point where the only absolutely free ballot is the secret ballot; and its degree of freedom is exactly in proportion to its degree of secrecy." It is a little strange that the Delta should be so long discovering this very patent truth, engaged as it is against a foe which corruptly controls more votes possibly than any other agency known to our people.

But outside of mercenary considerations, there are under the open ballot system, thousands of votes cast contrary to the real convictions of those casting them, because they do not want to be put down as antagonizing this man or that man's measure, and a thousand other motives.

Local questions are especially subject to fraudulent and corrupt control; and the only way to prevent corrupt men from offering and receiving MONEY, PLACE and PREJUDICE for ballots cast in personal interest is its absolute secrecy.

BAD LUCK WITH HUSBANDS.

The Philadelphia Record tells of a woman in Sullivan county, Pa., who was the blushing bride thirteen years ago. After two years happy married life her young husband dropped dead at the supper table. Two years thereafter she married again and in less than a year she experienced the horror of finding her second husband dead by her side in bed. She remained a widow until the 17th last month when she was again married to a Mr. Stannard and they went on a visit to friends a distance to spend their honeymoon. As they were returning, she having fallen asleep in the stage from the fatigue of the journey, the husband got out to walk up a hill. The driver soon heard the report of a pistol and looking back saw the husband lying in the road with a bullet hole in his temple and a pistol in his hand.

ALL HAVE THE GRIP.

In Buttsville, N. J., it is said the entire population is down with the grip, there being not a well person in the town.

A dozen girls in Minden City, Michigan subscribed one dollar each to the poor fund, and earned the money by sawing and splitting five cords of wood. What a rush there will be to Minden City for wives by young men who know a thing or two about splitting wood and building fires in the morning!

Only One on His Side.

A capital story is told of a known judge who is noted for his fondness for conveying to jurors in his charges to them his own opinions with regard to the merits of the case. In one case he had done so with great plainness, but to his amazement the jury remained out for hours without coming to an agreement. The judge inquired of the bailiff what was the matter, and learned from him that one juror was holding out against the other eleven.

He sent for the juror, and stating to the jurors that he had plainly intimated how the case ought to be decided, said he understood the one juror was standing out against the other eleven. He proceeded to rebuke the juror sharply. The obstinate juror was a nervous little man, and as soon as the judge was done he rose and said:

"My lord, may I say a word?" "Yes, sir," said the indignant judge; "what have you to say?" "Well, what I wanted to say is, I am the only fellow that's on your side."

A Serious Case.

Good News.

Customer—My watch won't go. Jeweler (examining it)—My! my! Have you been in a railroad collision? Customer (surprised)—Why, no. Jeweler (solemnly)—When you undress you should not throw your vest on the floor when your watch is in the pocket.

Customer (thoughtful)—I never do, I have been exceedingly careful with that watch. Don't know how it got hurt. How long will it take to fix it?

Jeweler (after another examination)—You'd better leave it here at least week, but if you can get along without it, I would advise two weeks. Customer—Very well. Do it up right. Good day.

Jeweler (to assistant)—Hans, blow that speck of dust off this wheel, and charge up five dollars for repairs.

QUITE A LARGE BUSINESS.

There were forty eight stage coaches carrying the United States mail, held up last year at different times and places by highwaymen and robbed of their valuable letters, and this was all done without resistance. The government would do well to adopt some means for the protection of the mails on exposed routes.

REMEDY FOR WHOOPING COUGH.

The "Scientific American" has the following: Common thyme, which was recommended in whooping cough three or four years ago by Dr. S. B. Johnson, is regarded by Dr. Neovius (The Lancet, May 9, 1891), as almost worthy the title of a specific, which, if given early and constantly, invariably cuts short the disease in a fortnight, the symptoms generally vanish in two or three days. He gives from one ounce and a half to six ounces per diem, combined with a little marsh mallow syrup. He never saw any undesirable effect produced, except slight diarrhea. It is important that this drug should be used quite fresh.

RIFLING LETTERS.

New Orleans papers complain heavily of the loss of much money directed to them through the mails. They say the rifling of letters is rapidly on the increase.

SALE.

By virtue of the provisions of a certain deed of mortgage, executed by John Burgess, dated January 29th, 1890, and registered in the Register's office of Wake county in book No 118, page 495, I will, on Monday, the 8th day of February, 1892, at 12 o'clock in the court house door in the city of Raleigh, offer for sale the following tract of land situated in Cedar Fork township, Wake county, adjoining the lands of M. Medlin, Betsey Hill, William Morris, Edward Page and others, containing 116 acres, and being the tract upon which John Burgess died. Terms of sale, cash. Time of sale, February 8th, 1892. Place of sale, court house Raleigh.

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Table with columns: ARRIVALS, No. of Train, At Depot, At P.O., Time. Includes routes from Greensboro, Weldon, Keyville, and others.

Trains marked thus, *do not move on Sunday. Mails for train 9 going west close at 3 p m on Sunday.

STAR ROUTES.

OUTGOING MAIL—DEPARTS—Raleigh via Shotwell, Eagle Rock and Wakeneld to Unionhope, Tuesday and Friday 6 a m. Raleigh via Myatt's Mills to Dunn, Tuesday and Friday 6 a m. Raleigh via Kelyvn Grove and Dayton to Fish Dam, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7 a m. Raleigh via Hutchinson's store and Bangor to Rogers' store, Tuesday and Friday 12 m. Raleigh to Massey, Tuesday and Friday 12 m.

INCOMING MAILS—ARRIVE—Unionhope via Wakeneld, Eagle Rock and Shotwell to Raleigh, Wednesday and Saturday 7 p m. Dunn via Myatt's Mills to Raleigh, Monday and Thursday 7 p m. Fish Dam via Dayton and Kelyvn Grove to Raleigh, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7 p m. Rogers' store via Bangor and Hutchinson's store to Raleigh, Tuesday and Friday 12 m. Massey to Raleigh Tuesday and Friday 10 a m.

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