#### Judge Armour's Record

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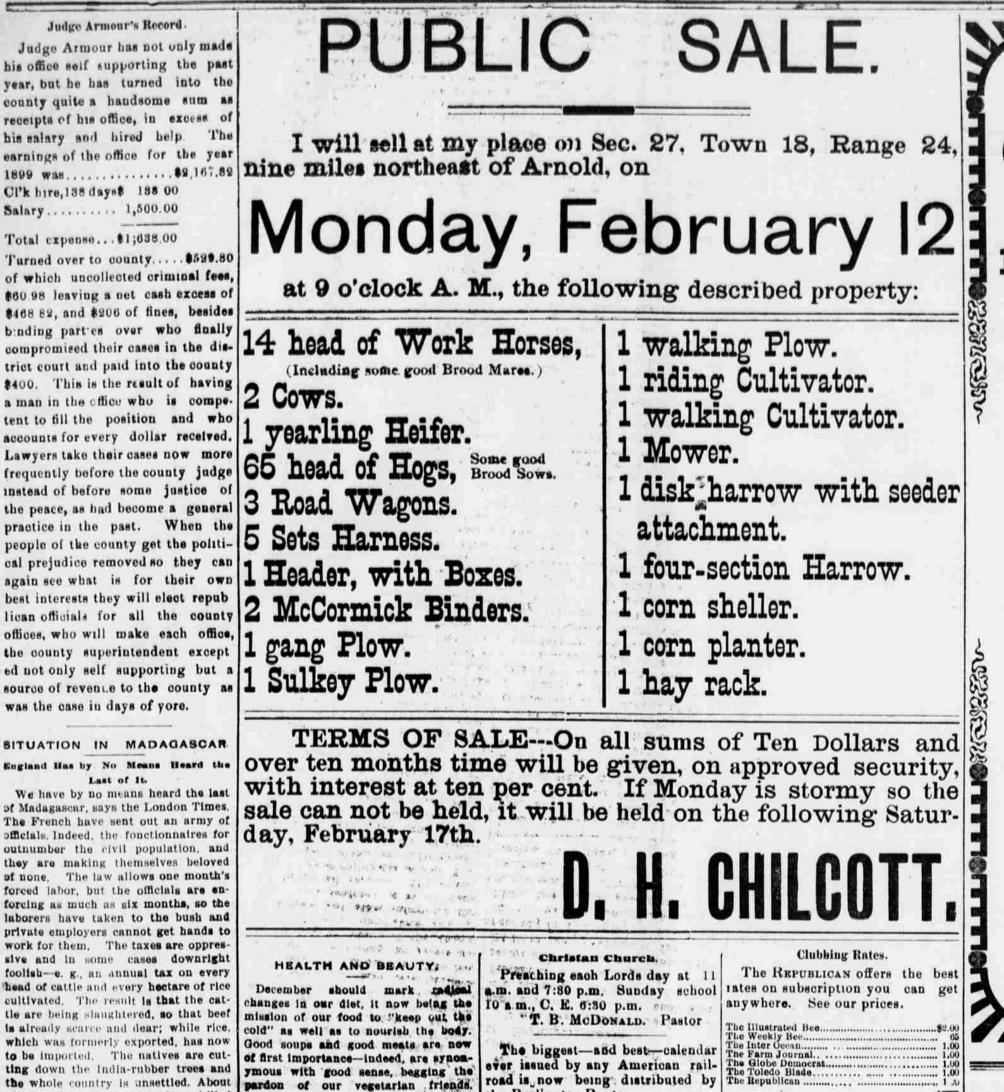
Judge Armour has not only made his office self supporting the past year, but he has turned into the county quite a handsome sum as receipts of his office, in excess of his salary and hired help. The earnings of the office for the year Cl'k hire, 138 days\$ 188 00 Salary ..... 1,500.00

#### Total expense ... \$1;638.00

Turned over to county. . . . \$529.80 of which uncollected criminal fees, \$60.98 leaving a net cash excess of \$468 82, and \$206 of fines, besides binding parties over who finally compromised their cases in the district court and paid into the county \$400. This is the result of having a man in the office who is competent to fill the position and who accounts for every dollar received. Lawyers take their cases now more frequently before the county judge instead of before some justice of the peace, as had become a general 3 practice in the past. When the people of the county get the political prejudice removed so they can again see what is for their own best interests they will elect repub lican officials for all the county 2 offices, who will make each office, the county superintendent except 1 gang Plow. ed not only self supporting but a source of revenue to the county as was the case in days of yore.

BITUATION IN MADAGASCAR England Has by No Means Heard the Last of It.

We have by no means heard the last of Madagascar, says the London Times. The French have sent out an army of officials. Indeed, the fonctionnaires for outnumber the civil population, and they are making themselves beloved of none. The law allows one month's forced labor, but the officials are enforcing as much as six months, so the laborers have taken to the bush and private employers cannot get hands to work for them. The taxes are oppressive and in some cases downright foolish-e.g., an annual tax on every head of cattle and every hectare of rice cultivated. The result is that the cattle are being slaughtered, so that beef is already scarce and dear; while rice, which was formerly exported, has now to be imported. The natives are cutting down the India-rubber trees and ymous with good sense, begging the the whole country is unsettled. About pardon of our vegetarian friends. nine or ten officials have been killed Purces (of meat foundation) and all and the northwest coast is in more o less open revolt. All the residents agree that if France found herself at war or in difficulties, there would be a general massacre of French officials. Trade is languishing. The two chief American firms have left or are leaving-1, e., they are merely liquidating old stock. The French have imposed a differential duty which gives French manufacturers an advantage of about 92 per cent. French goods are charged 4 per cent. and English goods 50 per cent. of their value, The coasting schooners employed by the large firms to supply their branch trading stations had to come under the French flag by Jan. 1, 1899, and the Germans are sending theirs home rather than submit to this law. Proctors, the English firm, is doing good business, but only by importing French goods instead of English. Altogether Madagenear furnishes an instructive objectlesson in the methods of French colonization, and might repay further North American Review. The misstudy from those who contend that the flag has nothing to do with the trade



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# VITICULTURE IN RUSSIA.

Grape culture has become a power in Russia during the last decade. Crimen, where viticulture was formerly confined almost wholly, has come to see the industry extend north and east into the provinces of Kherson, Podolia and Bessarabia. Some of the plantations are very large, notably that of Prince Troubetskol, which covers 500 acres.

The acting British consul at Odessa is authority for the statement that in lessarabla especially is the growth of the vineyards particularly noticeable, and the quality of the wine excellent. In 1893 108,000 acres in this locality alone were given up to the grapes, while four years later 175,000 acres were in use. The wines are said to be much cheaper than the same kind in France.

It was only last year that the first shipment of Russian wines reached England, but the Russians confidently expect to make grape culture one of their leading products. Odessa has two champagne factories, opened to compete with French products.

#### Hand Organs as Olvillsors.

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Congo Free State negroes are being Christianized by a hand organ. Capt. Becker, a Free State official, thoughtfully took one with him to his post, and finding that the natives enjoyed the music, and being also desirous that they should marry in Christian fashion he announced that the organ would be played at every Christian wedding. The result was that weddings = took place almost daily, and it was discovered that many couples got married more than once in order to procure the music.

at other seasons-are strictly in midwinter order. In winter meat becom the pivotal point of our diet. The fear of yellow fever among the people has almost entirely obscured the danger from diphtheris, tuberculosis and typhoid fever and other infectious diseases which confront us at all times at any season of the year is far greater than the danger from a case of yellow fever in the same place; still, persons who would shun a street where a case of yellow fever existed would deliberately enter the spartment of a person suffering from diphtheria. A serious outbreak of typhoid fever ereates but little consternation, and the presence in our midst of innumerable cases of tuberculosis, a disease which is responsible for an incredible number of deaths, is looked upon with indifference by the public, says the conception in regard to the danger

from this class of diseases often renders the efforts of health offic als innose desirable and beautiful. Recently there have been two competitions in which noses have played the leading part. One at Padua was held by the students, and prizes of pocket handkerfor "noses the most pronounced and funded. respectable." At Milan a more important competition was held, the competitors numbering thirty-six. The first prize, a gold medal, was won by a Venetian, whose nose was found to be "of formidable proportions, long. well pronounced, aggressive, trenchant like a knife blade." The second prize, an enameled medal, went to the man who owned a nose "domineering, assuming, with nostrils wide and cavernous." The third medal went to a man whose nose was "refined and symmetrical," while the last two medals to were awarded for a nose "without pretension, ingenuous, but solid and well-planted," and another "consider-

Overdressed Youngsters.

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#### Should Minists . Be Hanged?

The January Aumber of the Bible Soelety Reporter tell. an amusing story illustrating the difficulty of printing translations of the Bible. In a distant land copies of the New Testament had for the first time been placed in the hands of the natives. One day the the awful discovery that the passage, be found faithful," had been rendered in the vernacular, "It is required of ministers that they be faithfully hanged." An "e" for an "a" in the rendering of the local word for "found" had made all the difference. The error was happily corrected before any effort had been made to reduce the presepts to practice.

#### The Barth's New Neighbor.

Doctor Witt, the discoverer last summer of a new asteroid, which immedistely became famous because it was found to approach the earth at times Rearer than any other heavenly body except the moon, has chosen for his celectial foundling the name Eros. Recent examination of star photographs at the Harvard Observatory shows that the new asteroid was photegraphed, without being recognized among the stars, as early as 1893. It also appears on plates made in 1894 and 1896. to the two were the second

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