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CURRENT COMMENT.

OVER sixty per cent. of the adult male population of New Mexico can neither read nor write.

It is estimated that the exportation of wheat from South Australia in 1884 will amount to eleven million bushels.

MEXICO is not disposed to shut out the Chinaman. The immigration of Chinese coolies is being encouraged as a powerful force in the colonization of the cotton, sugar and coffee lands, that is now taking full form and force.

THE Lake Voorhees cattle range of Wyoming is the greatest in the world, no doubt. It comprises one million acres of land, forty thousand of which are enclosed with a barbed fence, and has a water frontage of thirty miles. The range will freely accommodate seventy-five thousand cattle. It has fifteen thousand head.

OLD Mrs. Septima Meikleham, the granddaughter of Thomas Jefferson, has declined the offer of Mr. Louis Schaefer, the Ohio philanthropist, to give her a home, and will continue to live at Georgetown, where she and two daughters are wholly dependent on a third daughter, who draws \$1,000 a year as clerk in the Patent Office.

A NUMBER of human bodies in a good state of preservation, dressed in ornamental costumes, and evidently belonging to a prehistoric race, have been found in a mound in Desha County, Ark. The apartment in which they lay was paved with stone, supported by stone pillars and overlapped with huge wooden beams in perfect condition.

A MAN worthy of memory in an ill-governed land was Prince Stourdzia, ex-Hospodar of Moldavia, whose death at the age of more than ninety years is announced. His first official act was to reinstate sixty thousand peasants in land which had been taken from their fathers by Turks. He freed all his own serfs and three thousand others, greatly improved Galatz and Jassy, endowed hospitals, schools and asylums—all this out of his private fortune—and gave agricultural interests such stimulus that land during his administration increased in value fifteen fold.

JAMES R. KEENE, when he left California, was worth an immense fortune. The Sunday before he left he said to a friend, who was expressing regret at his departure and predicting evil from it: "There is my balance sheet; it shows that I am worth \$5,000,000. That is \$5,000,000 in round numbers against the \$40,000,000 of the bonanza firm. The larger will always attract the smaller, and it is only a question of time as to my losing my fortune if I remain here. I will travel. I am sick and have enough, and will keep out of speculation." He held a truth, but unfortunately did not act upon it.

An expert connected with the Pennsylvania Geological Survey estimates the amount of the coal still remaining in the anthracite region at 8,000,000,000 tons. Should the present rate of coal production be continued the supply will last about two hundred and fifty years. Only forty-six per cent. of the volume of the coal in any given vein gets to market. The pillars left standing to support the roof take thirty-three per cent. of the whole, and twenty-four per cent. is wasted. Until quite recently only twenty-seven per cent. of the coal vein could be used. The pillars required forty-one per cent. and thirty-two per cent was wasted.

Of all horses in President Arthur's stables the one which, perhaps, excites more inquiry and elicits from visitors more of interest is the clean-limbed, trim-looking little Indian pony given to Mr. Arthur by an Indian chief last summer on his trip through the Yellowstone Park. In the interval of the gift of the pony and the present time every effort has been made to tame and break him in, yet without avail. Those in charge of him state that never for a moment is he off his guard; ever keenly alert and watchful of the slightest movement on their part to prevent and balk their designs, he successfully eludes every artifice which human ingenuity can invent whereby to subjugate and render him like unto other horses.

THE explosion in the Pocahontas mine in Southwest Virginia, by which so many men lost their lives, is now attributed to the presence of a great deal of fine coal and dust on the floors of the mine. The dust, mingled with air, constitutes an explosive mixture which can be fired by the approach of a flame of any kind. In the Pocahontas mine, where this dust was very abundant, there was no lack of opportunities for the introduction of flame, as it was customary to use a great deal of powder in blasting out the coal. Some of the powder was undoubtedly wasted by the inexperienced miners and mingled with the fine coal, thus adding to the danger. A locomotive with an open fire was also being constantly run into the mine. It is considered certain that there was no fire-damp.

THE WORLD'S DOINGS

A Summary of the Daily News.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

In the Senate, on the 2d, the calendar of cases unobjected to was proceeded with and many bills were read the third time and passed. The House bill fixing rate of postage on mail matter of the second class, when sent by persons other than publishers or news agents, was passed in the shape it came from the house, except that the newspaper limit of weight for second postage was extended to four ounces. In the House a resolution to adjourn on the 2d of June was introduced by Mr. Eldridge. The House then took up the Legislative Appropriation bill with amendments, as reported by the Committee of the Whole. Amendments prohibiting committee clerks from performing work of a private character for the members were rejected. The amendment exempting all distilleries which mash on bushels or less from the operation of the provisions of title 25, revised statutes, except to the payment of the tax, was adopted. Years, 118; ayes, 74. The remaining amendments were agreed to and the bill passed. Years, 118; ayes, 74. Representative Stewart, of Texas, introduced a bill authorizing the President to issue a proclamation carrying into effect the Mexican Reciprocity Treaty whenever he is satisfied that the President of Mexico has issued a similar proclamation.

On motion of Mr. Ingalls the Senate, on the 3d, resolved that when it adjourned it be adjourned to the 6th. In accordance with unanimous understanding the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the calendar of cases unobjected to. Among the bills read a third time and passed was a bill introduced by Mr. Foster of Ohio, to amend an act approved July 15, 1878, relating to the construction of bridges across the Missouri River at Leavenworth, Kas. The bill provided for the sale of the Kickapoo land reservation in Kansas. A bill passed fixing the extent of the site for the public building at Leavenworth, Kas. at not to exceed \$100,000; and the House bill authorizing the construction of bridges across the Missouri River at Leavenworth, Kas., and near the town of Rulo, Leavenworth County, Neb., was passed. In the House, Mr. Payson, of Illinois, as a question of privilege, called up for consideration the bill reported from the Committee on Public Lands, to prevent the unlawful occupancy of public lands. Passed. The House resumed consideration of the bill to forfeit the Oregon lands and grant an amendment offered by Mr. George, of Oregon, to confine the forfeiture to unearned lands and to the California and Oregon lands. The vote on the passage of the bill stood yeas 118, nays 20.

The Senate was not in session on the 4th. In the House, Mr. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, submitted a report on the charges of corruption or collusion in regard to the selection of a site for a public building at Brooklyn, N. Y. The report was agreed to and a sub-committee was authorized to send to Brooklyn for further investigation. The Oregon land grant and forfeiture was taken up and passed. Years, 118; ayes, 74. The Senate amendments were not reported. In the bill establishing a Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Senate amendments were concurred in. The joint resolution to amend an additional appropriation for the relief of sufferers in Louisiana from the overflow of the Mississippi, a bill was passed amending the act to exclude public lands in Alabama from the operation of laws relating to mineral lands. The provisions of the bill were extended to the States of Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas. Mr. Henley, of California, then called up the bill for the forfeiture of lands granted to California and Oregon in 1850, and such lands as were granted for that portion of the road which was completed before the 1st of July, 1850. After vigorous remarks by Mr. Cobb, of Indiana, the bill was passed. Years, 118; ayes, 74. There being no quorum the House adjourned.

The Senate was not in session on the 5th. In the House, on motion of Mr. Peters, of Kansas, the Senate bill passed authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at Leavenworth, Kas. The House then proceeded to vote on the bill for the Oregon Land Grant Forfeiture bill, with the result of yeas 145, nays 6. There was no quorum. A call of the House disclosed the presence of 210 members, and the bill was passed. Years, 119; ayes, 10. Mr. Payson, of Illinois, called up the bill to repeal a section of the act making a grant of lands in alternate sections to aid in the construction and extension of the Iron Mountain Railroad company. The bill was passed. Mr. Lewis, of Louisiana, called up the bill for the forfeiture of the New Orleans, Baton Rouge & Vicksburg land grant. Messrs. Ellis, of Louisiana, Bedford, of Colorado, and other Republicans filibustered. Without acting further the House adjourned.

POLITICAL AND PERSONAL. A. W. KELLEY, the poet, known as "Paramekix," died recently at Franklin, Ky. MARTIN R. H. WITTER, of St. Louis, has been elected President of the International Typographical Union. OSCAR WILDE was married to a Miss Lloyd in London on the 31. A PORTLAND, ORE., special of the 4th says: Complete returns of the State election are still wanting. The majority of Herman, Republican, for Congress, will be fully 1,700. It is believed Thayer, Democrat, has been elected Supreme Judge. The returns received are that the Legislature will have a republican majority of four on joint ballot. FIVE members of the Democratic National Committee, who form the sub-committee of arrangements for the coming National Convention, met in Chicago on the 4th and appointed local committees. W. J. SPICER accepted the general management of the Chicago & Grand Trunk road. ULYSSES GRANT, JR., was a defendant in the Supreme Court at White Plains, N. Y., recently, in a suit brought by John P. Bailey for \$10,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been caused by one of General Grant's Arabian stallions which were presented by the Khedive of Egypt. The case was continued. WILLIAM H. VANDERBILT, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Sidney Dillon, and others have been elected Directors of the Southern Canada Railway. A SECRETARY dispatch says President Potter, of Union C. College, cables his acceptance of the presidency of Hobart College. MISS CORA PETERS, a young lady of twenty-two, has been missing from her home at Vevey, Ind., for a week. She was sent by her mother for some groceries and never returned.

MISCELLANEOUS. BERLIN dispatches state that Germany's colonial policy is being much discussed by the Crown Prince Frederick William and Bismarck. EARL GRANVILLE was preparing a note to Washington in relation to the collection of conspiracy funds within the jurisdiction of the United States. THE French Parliamentary Committee inquiring into the importation of American salted meats approved the report, agreeing to such imports after the meat is by microscope or otherwise minutely examined. At the same time it urges the prohibition of the importation of fresh meats from countries where it is known trichinosis exists. THE Quarantine and Sanitary Conference at New Orleans adjourned to meet at Pensacola, in May, 1885. THE schedule in the insolvent assignment of James D. Fish, ex-President of the

Marine Bank, shows: Liabilities, \$4,230,281; nominal value of real and personal estate, \$4,179,392; estimated actual value, \$582,594.

GOVERNOR HOADLEY has issued a proclamation calling the attention of the Ohio people to the World's Industrial and Cotton Exposition at New Orleans.

G. T. FOSTER & Co., wholesale medicines at Detroit, have failed.

D. LUTZ & Son's brewery burned at Pittsburgh, Pa., the other night. Loss, \$80,000.

It was reported that fourteen persons were killed recently in an accident on the Missouri Pacific Railroad between Denver and Gainesville, Tex.

THE following additional particulars of the death of General Babcock have been received: General Babcock, with clerks from the Fifth and Sixth Lighthouse Districts, arrived on the tender Pharos off Mosquito inlet, Fla., on June 2. A large whale boat with seven men went off to him about twelve o'clock. On her return Babcock and party embarked in her to come ashore. On the outer bar breakers the steering car was broken, and the boat filled and capsized. The General held on to the boat until she reached the shore breakers, when he and all hands were torn from the boat and he with three others were drowned.

WHITE and black outlaws were committing outrages in Beaufort County, S. C., burning houses, destroying crops and stealing stock.

MACALISTER & Co.'s planing mills at Cleveland, were damaged to the extent of \$3,000 the other morning, by a fire of unknown origin.

THREE HUNDRED leading merchants attended the annual banquet of the Merchants' Association at Plankinton House, Milwaukee, the other night.

A COSHOCTON, O., special says: The Democrats of the Sixteenth District re-nominated Beriah Wilkins for Congress. Charles C. S. Braly and George M. Jewett delegates to Chicago, and instructed them for Tilden and Hendricks.

A FIRE in Liverpool recently destroyed three thousand bales of cotton in Zaragoza's warehouse. The aquarium in Bishopsgate, London, with several lions and bears was also burned.

THE Elevated Railroad bill, which had been dragging along in the St. Louis Municipal Assembly for many months, and which everybody thought was killed, was taken up by the Council, recently, and passed.

A DECLINE of three cents in whisky at Cincinnati on the 6th was regarded as a disruption of the pool. A leading distiller, a member of the pool, directly declared to customers that he would not base invoices on pool quotations of high wines, but would base on \$1.08. That action becoming known, the quotation of high wines dropped to that figure.

MRS. JONES, an old lady living a few miles north of Stanwood, Mich., was walking to town on the railroad track recently and was caught upon a long bridge by a freight train. To escape she leaped from the bridge to the water, a distance of thirty feet. When picked up she was unconscious and could not recover.

ADOLPHUS BLOOMENAU, of Bay City, the jockey crushed under his horse at the race at Lansing, Mich., died next day. Ed. Nichols, injured at the same time, was recovering.

A GANG of drunken roughts went to the agency of Gipsy's Brewing Company at Streator, Ill., and demanded drink. Or being refused they assaulted the son-in-law of the agent, who was in charge, and drew his revolver and shot one Mike Ryan. The wounded man was not expected to live. The failures of seven days reported are: In the United States, 190; Canada, 16 Total, 215.

SEVERAL horses died and a number were sick in the vicinity of Shabbona, Ill. The disease was said to be pink eye. Some farmers also lost a number of pigs, the latter from undetermined causes.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

THE State artists paraded the streets of Newry, Ireland, on the 5th, with bands and banners. A meeting was held outside the town, and on the return of the Nationalists from the meeting they threw stones, and when they reached the Protestant quarter of the town the Protestants retaliated. Several shots were fired. The police and troops interfered. Four Nationalists and several Orangemen were arrested. Many persons were injured.

TWENTY deaths occurred at Havana from yellow fever during the past week.

FRANCE and England have agreed upon a basis of conference upon Egyptian affairs. The terms of the agreement have been imparted to the powers. They affirm the principle of temporary occupation of Egypt by England, to which no limit is fixed, propose an international control of the towers to audit the whole system of revenue and expense in Egypt. England recognizes the sultan's rights of the Porte throughout Egypt, including the Soudan, and France formally abandons all claim of dual control.

J. H. SQUIER & Co., bankers and brokers of Washington, closed their doors and made an assignment recently. They dealt principally in army and navy accounts, and were unable to realize on them in time to meet unexpected demands from outside creditors.

WINSLLOW ROGERS' shoe factory at Salem, Boston, burned recently. Loss, \$100,000. B. believed to be incendiary.

THE corner stone of the new Catholic Church of St. Francis Xavier, corner of Grand and Lincoln avenues, St. Louis, was laid on the 8th with imposing ceremonies and in the presence of an immense throng of people.

A SUIT has been filed against the directors of the Penn Bank, of Pittsburgh, by over two hundred depositors. They charge negligence and dishonesty, and ask the court to make the directors and officers personally liable for the deposits.

THE Senate was not in session on the 7th. The House discussed the repeal of the timber and pre-emption laws, and on a vote being taken, no quorum was present, when an adjournment took place.

THE other evening the large round house and repair shops of the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific and the St. Louis, Des Moines & Northern, at Des Moines, Ia., burned to the ground. It was supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Nine engines were destroyed, also all the machinery stalls in the repair shops, together with one passenger coach. The approximate loss was \$150,000. The two latter roads were left with no engines to send out trains. The St. Louis, Des Moines & Northern had only two engines left on the entire road, the St. Louis, Des Moines & Northern only one.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

A MALICIOUS itemizer insinuates that the supply of preachers and lawyers exceeds the demand at York.

THE ninth annual session of the Nebraska Eclectic Medical Association met at Omaha on the 28th of May and was called to order by the President, W. H. Babcock, who delivered his annual address. J. L. Hickman, O. M. Moore, E. M. Butler, B. J. Alexander and L. F. Poik, were admitted as members. An amendment to the constitution was offered confining the admission to membership to graduates of a regular medical college. An amendment was also presented changing the constitution so that an amendment can be adopted at the same meeting at which it is presented. The following officers were elected: President, L. Van Camp, of Omaha; Vice-President, L. F. Poik, of Raymond; Secretary, H. S. Grimes, of Lincoln; Treasurer, H. Y. Yates, of Springfield; Board of Censors, J. A. Woodward, of Omaha; O. M. Moore and E. M. Butler.

BURGLARY and robbery have grown to such a pitch in Lincoln that it has been suggested that the Mayor offer a reward of one hundred dollars for the head of any one who may be killed in the act.

CUMING County has appropriated \$2,000 to fix up the leading roads of the county.

MAJOR D. H. WHEELER'S barn at Plattsmouth was reduced to ashes by an incendiary fire with \$200 insurance.

THE German Lutheran have just completed their new church at Fremont. The building and grounds cost \$3,000, which is nearly all paid.

THE next annual meeting of the Nebraska Eclectic Medical Association will be held at Omaha on the third Tuesday in May, 1885.

THE official call is published for a Republican State Convention to be held at Omaha, August 27, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for five Presidential Electors. Also, for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney-General, and such other business as may be presented to the convention. It is recommended that no proxies be admitted to the convention, except such as are held by persons residing in the counties from which proxies are given.

A RESIDENT of South Lincoln left his cellar door open the other night, and a stray dog, looking for a place to sleep, spied it and entered. From the cellar he found his way up to the second floor, entered the spare bedroom and went to bed. He had performed this feat very quietly and had not disturbed the inmates. In the morning the lady of the house went to the foot of the stairs and called "breakfast." The tramp heard it and called back to cook his breakfast. The man of the house was summoned to make an investigation, but when he arrived on the scene the var had vacated as stealthily as he had entered.

JACK HANLEY, the convicted prize fighter, has taken up his quarters in the Penitentiary.

AN unknown man was killed by the cars at Gibbon recently. The body was cut in two.

ONE of the appropriation bills which recently passed Congress contained an appropriation for a bridge across the Niobrara and Bazil Creek in Knox County. In consequence there is a real estate boom.

PHILLIPS is the name of a new town laid out on the 2d, & M. Road about twelve miles west of Aurora.

ALBERT MITCHELL was recently arrested at Omaha for the murder of a man named Tumb at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, last March. He was taken back to Cedar Rapids for trial.

SEVERAL prisoners recently attempted to break jail at Lincoln but were thwarted by Mrs. Metick, the Sheriff's wife.

ABOUT one thousand persons attended the recent auction sale of town lots in the new town of Barnesstown on the Otoe Reservation. Lots sold at prices ranging from \$50 to \$315.

THERE is a good deal of excitement at Papillion over the arrest of one of the oldest and best known citizens of Sarpy County, on the charge of horse stealing.

ONE of the elevated bicycle performers who fell during the circus performance at Columbus died from the effects of the fall.

HANK PATTI, who has been engaged in running a ferry-boat across the Platte River at Oread, has disappeared and it is supposed that he has been drowned.

THE South Presbyterian Church at Omaha was dedicated the other Sunday.

NICK BRIGHT, a horse-trader, and reported to be afflicted with lunacy, killed a woman named Williams, near Plattsmouth, and then shot himself through the heart.

THE little two-year-old son of F. A. Savage, of Lincoln, recently fell into a bed of newly-made mortar, and was seriously injured about the face and eyes.

LINCOLN'S town clock fund is \$250 short of a success.

THE State Board of Equalization has raised the assessment of the B. & M. line \$2,000 a mile. The returns to the Auditor's office show the business of the B. & M. to be largely in excess of the Union Pacific.

WEEDING WATER continues smiting at the prospect of another railroad.

THE northern part of the State is becoming. O'Neil has over one hundred and fifty horses going up.

HON. C. H. VANWYCK will deliver an oration on the second day of the Bur County Fair the coming fall.

ABOUT three thousand head of yearling cattle were bought by Ogallala parties recently. They came from Missouri and Texas.

RIDDLE'S RIDDLE.

The President of the Defunct Penn Bank Tells Why Things are Thus.

PRITTSBURGH, Pa., June 3.—President Riddle made a statement of the affairs of the Penn Bank and the causes which led to its collapse. In it he charges the bank directors with being concerned in the oil pool, which wrecked the bank, and tells how the failure was brought about. He recites how the position of the Presidency was forced on him, and he soon discovered that loans on oil collateral were exceeding the collateral at the low prices then ruling. He complained to Cashier Reiber and the Vice-President, who he had told to have these accounts made up, and he told them he could not see what was to be done unless by personal exertion they could get all the people to buy enough oil to put the prices up, and buy enough on the bank's account to make good these accounts. "I told Mr. Reiber," he said, "and I told part of the board, viz: T. B. Laughlin, and J. N. Brown, A. M. Cavit and Major Swearingen of my intention, and told all of them that I would not then or any other time buy a single barrel for myself. I had only a wish to make up these accounts. I went East and the board knew the nature of my errand. I had a lot of people there to buy, and a lot here too. The sole purpose of this scheme was the profits of the bank. I had no individual interest in the venture at all. In May, 1882, a large lot of oil was bought and the price advanced. In the midst of this I was again taken sick. That was the time the accounts named in the papers as fictitious accounts were made; some here for any gain to go to the bank to make up these old bank accounts; others for individuals who would hope to divide. Now then, I want to say that these directors did know all about this after I went to New York to get such parties, as I could buy oil with parties here and in Oil City. I told these directors of the purpose of my going. They brought out one of the parties that transacted business through me on their individual accounts, as the accounts in bank will show."

Riddle then gives in detail the names of parties engaged in speculating with the funds of the bank. The official statement of the bank directors, made later, characterizes Riddle's allegations as false in every particular. They assert they knew nothing of the oil speculations until after the bank suspended.

CAUGHT AGAIN.

A Well-Known Bank Robber and Thief Arrested in Fifth Avenue New York.

NEW YORK, June 3.—Rufe Minor, a well-known bank thief, was arrested in Fifth avenue for complicity in the robbery of a bank in Augusta, Ga., March 24. He was taken South. Minor, who is about forty-five years old, has been implicated in nearly all the large bank robberies which have been committed in the past ten or twelve years. He is an associate of such men as Johnny Jordan, Big Rice, Little Horace, Little Billy Burke and Molly Matchless. He is of good appearance, has great gifts of gab, and possesses the art of engaging a cashier's attention while a confederate is sneaking the cash to perfection. When arrested he gave the name of George Williams. The last time he was arrested by Inspector Byrnes after the robbery of the Bank of Baltimore, September 25, 1882, of \$82,000, he managed to escape conviction. He is also known to have been among those who robbed the First National Bank of Detroit of \$32,000 in 1879, the Middletown Savings Bank of \$50,000 in 1881, and the Philadelphia Safe Deposit Company of \$71,000 in railway bonds in 1882. He also had something to do with smaller affairs, such as the Brooklyn Post-office and Providence Gas Company robberies.

Public Debt.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—The following is the public debt statement for May:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 4 1/2 per cents, 5 per cents, 6 per cents, 7 per cents, 8 per cents, 10 per cents, 12 per cents, 15 per cents, 20 per cents, 25 per cents, 30 per cents, 35 per cents, 40 per cents, 45 per cents, 50 per cents, 55 per cents, 60 per cents, 65 per cents, 70 per cents, 75 per cents, 80 per cents, 85 per cents, 90 per cents, 95 per cents, 100 per cents.

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Cash in treasury, Bonds issued by Pacific Railroads, Interest payable by the United States, principal outstanding, Interest accrued not yet paid, Interest paid by the United States, Interest repaid by companies of transportation service, By cash payments 5 per cent. of net earnings, Balance of interest paid by the United States.

Knocked Into a Clocked Hat.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., June 3.—Word received from the Indian Territory says B. J. Fuller, a Kansas stockman, while in transit with a herd of cattle from Arkansas to Kansas, through the Indian Territory, was arrested and his stock seized by the Cherokee authorities, who acted under Cherokee laws, which prohibit driving stock through the Nation, between April and November. The United States authorities immediately released Fuller and rescued his property. Indian Agent Tutts, in dismissing the case, said: "The Cherokee authorities have no right to arrest and take possession of the property of a United States citizen, under such circumstances." This is a test case and virtually annuls that part of the Cherokee stock law.

Portland Buildings.

PORTLAND, ORE., June 3.—Fire to-day destroyed a number of wooden buildings here. Over half a block was swept away, very little being saved. The loss will exceed fifty thousand dollars. The insurance is about half the loss. The fire is attributed to an incendiary.

At a dinner recently given by Mrs. Mackey, the California bonanza man's wife, in Paris, the table was covered with a veritable grassy lawn in miniature, the center-piece was replaced by a small pond of water, in which fishes leaped about. Rare flowers took the place of trees.

Daniel Keim, a Berks County (Pa.) farmer, walked ten miles to Reading Monday with a grain bag containing \$50,000 in gold and silver coins over his shoulder. He had kept it in the house, but recent burglars were edging up so close to him that he concluded to bank it.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

Baltimore has voted to build a monument to Thomas Scott Key.

Mr. Corcoran, of Washington, has shaken hands with every President except George Washington.

Mr. Yan Phou Lee, a Chinese graduate of the Springfield High School, has joined the editorial staff of Wide Awake.

Mrs. Booth, editor of Harper's Bazar, gets \$4,000 per year, and Mrs. Mapes, for writing exclusively for Harper's Bazar and Home, gets \$2,000 per year.

Cassius M. Clay lives quietly on his Kentucky farm, taking little or no part of public affairs. "I'm not alone," he says; "I have my sheep, cattle, dogs, birds and flowers; besides, I am writing a book 'my memoirs.'"—N. Y. Sun.

Reuben Bassett left Pittsburg thirty-two years ago for Pike's Peak and after traveling all over the world and making a fortune, he returned to his old home recently to spend the remainder of his days.—Pittsburg Post.

Mr. John C. Eno, the collapsed ex-President of the Second National Bank of New York, took the wooden spoon at Yale College a few years ago—an honor generally accorded the most popular man in the class.—N. Y. Tribune.

Dr. Chapin's wit," said Henry Ward Beecher, "flushed like the spokes of a wheel in the sun." One day he sat on Rev. Dr. Emerson's lap, and then instantly arose and passed the crumpled hat to the owner, saying: "You ought to thank me for that, for your hat was only silk, but now it is sat in."

A Nantucket correspondent of the Boston Globe says of the late Charles O'Connor, the great New York lawyer: "On one occasion he laid a ten-dollar bill on the plate at the Roman Catholic Church. At the next service the priest mentioned the circumstance, and warmly praised the donor. O'Connor was very angry. 'They will do no more from me,' he said, 'and they did not.' O'Connor gave with a liberal hand where he believed the object a worthy one. He has distributed \$200,000 in Nantucket," said one who knew something of his acts."

Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston, the niece of President Buchanan, once the lady of the White House, and a worthy object of admiration the land over, again suffers in the death of her husband, H. E. Johnston, the Baltimore banker. Mr. Johnston died in New York of pneumonia. Mrs. Johnston's two young sons died two years ago, one in Baltimore, and the other, not six weeks later, in Paris. The parents recently endowed two hospitals in Baltimore in memory of the children. One is the Harriet Lane Johnston Hospital for Girls and the other is for training nurses.—Chicago Tribune.

HUMOROUS.

Owing to the crazy-quilt mania, society young men on small incomes have been obliged to fall back on the old black tie. It is too narrow for a patch and too black to be attractive.—Harford Post.

A Case of Melancholy.—The Muscovy roots on the hollow log. The saw-wasp sits in the tree. Whenever I hear the Hogwisp sing, My heart is sad in me.

Whenever the Snoprag toots his spot To the wall of the Nipwag hen, And the Mifrank chirps in the stilly night, You bet I am lonely then.

Long ago some wag spoke of the barber's children as "little shavers." But it is quite new to allude to the children of the upholsterer as "little tacklers," to those of the butcher as "young lambs;" to those of the carpenter as "chips from the old block," and to the angry man's as "little pets."

Prof. Wiggins has broken loose again, long enough to make the pleasant announcement that a peripatetic earthquake will shortly make a tour through this country, trimmed with Asiatic cholera and cyclones. But considering that this is election year, only most liberal advertising can make the thing a success.—Lije.

"Now," said the Boston school-teacher, "the question I am about to put to you is an extremely difficult one, and to answer it correctly you will be obliged, metaphorically speaking, to imitate the trunk conformation of the dromedary of the desert." A Western school-teacher would have put the question and said, simply, "Now hump yourselves."—Chicago Tribune.

Here is the closing section of a letter which Walter Scott's bet-othed sent him two months before their marriage: "Before I conclude this famous epistle I will give you a little hint—this is, not to put so many 'muses' in your letters. It is beginning rather too soon; and another thing is, that I take the liberty not to mind them much, but I expect you to mind me. You must take care of yourself, you must think of me, and believe me yours, sincerely, C. C."

An old gentleman who had provoked the hostility of a fashionable lady whom he had known in boyhood was asked by his wife what he had done to incur the lady's displeasure. "Nothing at all," replied the innocent old man; "on the contrary, I was cordial to her, and spoke of the time when I used to draw her to school on a goat-cart nearly half a century ago." His wife threw up her hands and murmured: "How stupid men are!"—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Santa Barbara probably possesses the smallest team of mules in the country. They are hitched to a street-car, which is often taken for a cable-dummy in consequence. The other day the passengers were surprised by the car fetching up with a sudden bump while on a down grade. After peering carefully over the dashboard for a few moments, the driver said: "Well, I'm darned if them pesky critters haven't got under the car ag'in."—San Francisco Post.

"How'd'y do this mornin', Mrs. Mulvaney?" "Purty well, I thank you, Mrs. O'Doughan." "Wuz ye at th' Middeshang cons-hirt, I dunno?" "Dade an' I wuz." "An' how'd'y loike the entertainment, Mrs. O'Doughan?" "Purty well, purty well, berrin' some disheran-ee-sez." "Flax, wuz th' chune?" "The chune is it? How cud I define the chune when they wuz whipsawin thim fiddles so vahment yez cud-ent mind th' step at all at all."—Brooklyn Sunday Mail.