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Now comes another cowboy sensation. All the way from Big Stone City, in the land of the Dakotas, comes the cheering intelligence that the "cowboy preacher," O. E. Murray, of Pierre, is stirring up an unprecedented religious revival. His great specialty is music, and as music hath charms to sooth the savage breast, it is no wonder that the cowboys of that hitherto benighted region are rapidly becoming converted. The singing evangelist is assisted by a boy preacher named Webber, who has charge of the altar work in the grand camp-meeting under the direction of the Methodist Episcopal church. In the grand round-up of sinners, Murray steers the cowboys on the right trail, and Webber applies the brand of christianity upon their brows.

They are performing a good work, and we are glad to note the fact that they are meeting with marked success. These missionaries have chosen the right field, and we hope that the day is not distant when they shall have converted every cowboy in the vast grazing regions of the country—from Dakota to Texas and from Nebraska to Arizona. It will indeed be gratifying to hear the cowboys, as the joyfully bound over the buffalo grass, singing Moody and Sankey hymns and "Hosannas to the Lord," instead of indulging in profanity that streaks the very air blue with cathis. Let the good work go on. The cowboy preacher, with his mellifluous voice, is destined to play an important part in the great missionary field of the wild west. The generous nature of the cowboy insures to him an attentive audience, respectful treatment, and liberal support. The seed that he sows will bring forth an abundant harvest among the sinners of the plains who will hail with delight the opportunity offered them of abandoning their evil ways. The cattle-kings, in all probability, will encourage the cowboy preacher in his efforts to tame and christianize the cowboys, by offering a premium for every convert.—Bee.

The new commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, John S. Kountz, is the youngest man ever elected to that honorable position. He has been twice before a candidate for the place. Commander Kountz was born in Toledo, Ohio, in 1846. He entered the service of the United States in 1861, when only fifteen years of age, enlisting in the Thirty-seventh Ohio as drummer boy. In this capacity he served until the battle of Mission Ridge. During the most exciting period of that battle he threw aside his drum and grabbing a musket he fought bravely until wounded, which caused him the loss of a leg. When he fell he was the nearest union soldier to the confederate line. His brave conduct has been celebrated in several poems, and has become a matter of history. Upon his return home, being still a youth, he attended school a year or two, and then launched forth into local politics, in which field he was successful. Commodore Kountz has always been an active and influential member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has held all the important positions in the order in Ohio, from post adjutant to department commander. While he was commander of Ohio he organized 159 posts and increased the membership from 1,700 to 8,750. His election as commander-in-chief is undoubtedly a deserved recognition of his valuable services and of his ability for the important position.—Bee.

The death of Jane Grey Swisshelm takes away one of the strongest and ablest women of the century. Plain-spoken almost to abruptness, rejoicing in controversy for the sake of the jar, she wasted much of her energy and power. Inclined to the spectacular, she did not captivate her fellow women, and fell far short of the good she might have accomplished had she been possessed of the tenderness of Cady Stanton.

An indignant New York correspondent protests against the weak and vapid conversation of young ladies in society who have had every educational advantage desired. The weather, the approaching events in society, the different fashionable summer resorts were the most prominent themes of conversation; philosophical, ethical or literary subjects did not once arise. The writer asks: "Why will not women qualify themselves for a higher position in the social scale, and one more equal to that of their envied brothers?" It is a great disappointment to find a young lady of fashionable appearance and eloquent manners absorbed in trivial interests, which are shown in conversation, and in that case it is fortunate if the conversation concerns the weather and not the foibles of people. "Good gracious! Isn't he daisy! That woman is as disagreeable and as obstinate and hateful as she can be!" If these remarks do not come from the smiling lips of some fashionable maiden, the New York correspondent should be satisfied. Perhaps young ladies whose chief duty it is to entertain their gentlemen friends think this sort of inane conversation is most fascinating.—Boston Journal.

A PLAIN farmer writes: "It is now over twenty years since I heard that sweet oil would cure the bite of a rattlesnake, not knowing that it would cure other kinds of poison. Practice, observation and experience have taught me that it will cure poisons of any kind, both on man and beast. The patient must take a spoonful of it internally and bathe the wound for a cure. To cure a horse it requires eight times as much as for a man. One of the extreme cases of snake bites occurred eleven years ago. It had been thirty days standing, and the patient had been given up by his physician. I gave him a spoonful of the oil, which effected a cure. It will cure bloat in cattle caused by fresh clover. It will cure the stings of bees, spiders or other insects, and persons who have been poisoned by a low running vine called ivy."

The czar is visiting Warsaw next month to show his people that he is not afraid. Still he is taking some precautions about the trip to show the people that he is not a rash, hot-headed, fool-hardy youth. The railroad from Petersburg to Warsaw will be guarded by 13,000 soldiers, every foot of it will be examined with a microscope to see that the earth has not been tampered with by a dynamiter, and prior to his arrival every soul in Warsaw who cannot give a good account of himself will be clapped in jail until the visit is over.

A DENVER rector gave a sermon on the incident of Moses getting water out of a rock to give to the children of Israel and their cattle, and lay the dust in their camp. Next day the papers had thirteen separate calls, signed by nearly every citizen, calling mass meetings of the people without regard to party to nominate Moses for mayor of Denver at the next election.

TELEMACHUS, don't let me hear you laughing at a woman again because she can't sharpen a pencil. When you want something in that line to laugh at, do you just contemplate a man cutting out a paper pattern with a pair of scissors, by the united efforts of his right hand, lower jaw and two-thirds of his tongue.—Hawkeye.

A HOLE in the party wall which lets a new voter in is often, and indeed generally, big enough to let a voter out. A great many democrats are coming into the republican fold, but it will not do any harm to watch the places where they come in and see that nobody goes out.

A LITTLE six-year-old daughter of John Landgreen of Rockton precinct, Furnas county, recently fell down a well 125 feet deep, escaping with the loss of a few front teeth.

COL. RUSSELL H. CONWELL'S admirable "life" of James G. Blaine is now ready; it is handsomely bound and printed, and contains upwards of 500 pages; it is illustrated by first-class artists; it is from the press of Messrs. E. C. Allen & Co., of Augusta, Maine. As a rapid biographer, Col. Conwell doubtless stands without a rival in America, and the volume has the impress of the broadest information and most careful attention on every page. This is the biography that received the inestimable benefit of active cooperation and assistance of Mr. Blaine, his relatives and friends; this is the volume that is recommended by the family and private Secretary of the distinguished Candidate; it is a true picture, drawn by a master hand, of the life of the Statesman from the humble cradle to the present day, and presents a striking contrast to the score of so-called "lives" which are to a large extent filled with irrelevant matter made up from the newspapers of the day; those who are wise will subscribe only for the authentic August edition,—the largest, cheapest, handsomest and best. The steel-plate portraits of Blaine and Logan were engraved for the volume and are a standing rebuke to the caricatures which appear in the so-called "lives" with big pretensions. We understand that this Authentic Standard August edition is outselling all others more than ten to one, and that its agents are meeting with the most phenomenal success. A few more agents are wanted by the publishers; the most liberal terms are offered. It is a splendid chance for beginners, as with this grand book no one can fail to do a great business. The volume also contains a biography of John A. Logan.

HAVING barely provided ourselves with a remedy for Chinese coolie labor, we find ourselves confronted with a proposed system nearly as vicious. Steps have already been taken by some eastern capitalists to import foreign labor to this country under the contract system. The plan is to import not only Italian and Welsh laborers, but as many skilled workmen as they can induce to come under contract, and then supply them to contractors all over the country. It will require but a glance at this pernicious scheme to realize how damaging its introduction would be to the workingmen of the country. At present there is no law to interfere or prevent the operation of this plan, but it should receive the earliest attention of congress on reassembling. No objection can be urged against laborers when skilled or unskilled who are willing to come here and take their chances among us; but for those who let themselves out under a contract which is mainly beneficial to the contractors and destructive of a healthy condition of labor there is no room.—Republican.

THE ingenious cheek, aye, gall of the Iowa liquor dealers is mastodonic, as witness the latest dodge to avoid the prohibition law of that state: "A paper box and novelty manufacturing firm of Milwaukee, received an order for the manufacture of 2,000 blank prayer-books. These are books bearing all the external appearance of prayer-books, beautifully finished, with the title in raised gilt letters on their covers, but being in reality boxes. Open the clasp, and there is a neat glass bottle, fitting the inside of the book perfectly. These bottles will be filled with liquor, the boxes carefully packed, and labelled 'prayer-books' and shipped to fill orders."

JAMES GORDON BENNETT is coming home after a long absence in foreign lands, to see why the net receipts of the Herald have been falling off and to look after his cable and his consolidation against the Western Union Telegraph company, which he feels very anxious about. It is gossiped also that he will land his Persian wife at Newport, to whom he is sure enough married, and a little sprig of a Bennett that has been added to the family tree. Bennett has not been on American soil since he fought that duel with another dude somewhere down in New Jersey, several years since. His headquarters have been in Paris and London.

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