

As LONG as Commissioner Black gets his fat salary and \$100 per month besides he don't care whether other soldiers get their pittance of \$8 per month or

THIS month is the glory of all the year for marrying and given in marriage. Another year may be too late and some other fellow may get her. Delays are dangerous.

THE idea is freely expressed that Sparks' foolish and previous order has made the repeal of the timber-culture and pre-emption laws impossible at the present session of congress.

The present fair mistress of the White House was not born when the great struggle to save the Union was inaugurated. One can see by this how old "the boys in blue" are getting to be.

THE State Journal suggests, apropos of the disparity in the ages of the President and his youthful, bride that when Grover has attained three score and four and Mrs. Cleveland is 40, the difference will not be so manifest. Only a fraction less a quarter of a century. that's all.

NEW Orleans Picayune philosophy: If it is wrong to take a drink on Sunday, it is wrong any day. Fight sin, and Sunday will take care of itself. Knock sin down, and respectability will have a chance to walk abroad. Let every man reform himself and any part of the world will be a safe and sweet place to ive in.

WHAT would become of statesmen and legislators now-a-days if a rule which seems to have prevailed in the Long Parliament were to be unfortunate. ly revived? On Febuary 2, 1641, Sir Edward Dering was "put out of the House and committed unto the Tower for his strange, unadvised, and sudden liffering from himself !"

THE Grand Jury in Chicago has rearned thirty-four new indictments against Anarchists. Some of the indictments are against persons already under arrest and others are against newly-discovered Anarchists who are charged with being connected with the Haymarket massacre. Chicago tolerated the Anarchists for a long time, but it is for men of that stripe.

Thousands Erected During 12 IT has always been the business of the authorities of a State wherein capi-

London News.

life quite as surely but by a slow, linger-

ing process, if not without condemna-

tion, at least without horror. You, who

THREE PLAGUES OF NEW YORK. Park Policeman's Remarks -- Mischievous Boys, Sparrows, and Cats. [New York Times.]

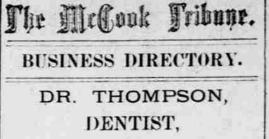
"Poys, cats, and sparrows—these are the three plagues of New York and of Central park," remarked Sergt. Meany, of the park police, to a group of officers and reporters the other day. "The boys steal birds' nest and squirrels and

flowers, the cats prowl around the pigeons' houses, and the sparrows steal whatever they can lay their bills on. Why, only to-day we arrested a boy with a s uirrel, which he had stolen, in his possession. How did he manage to catch it? Well, that is a mystery, a secret of his own which he would not reveal to us. He had caught several before: we knew it, and lay for him, and to day we caught him trying to sneak out of the park with the s juirrel under his arm. We asked him how he had caught it, and what do you think the young rascal replied. h, you want

me to give away de racket, so you fellows can go and catch them yourselves. I ll sell you as many as you want for 10 cents apiece, but I'll not tell you how it's done. "And," continued the sergeant, "there is no one in this park who knows how to catch squirrels except with traps or a gun. and the boy did not have a trap or a gun. We locked him up, because there are few squirrels in the para now, and it's against the rules to kill them. Some time ago the park was full of them, and the people complained that that they ate up the song birds eggs and the newly hatched robins. I think there was some truth in the complaint, for these squirrels were often noticed fooling around the nests, while the old birds fluttered about and uttering cries of distress So the commissioners gave orders to thin them out. Many were then shot and others were caught in traps. If the squirrels had only eaten up all the sparrows' eggs they would have been public benefactors, but the sparrows are fighters from Fightersville, while the s uirrels

are not very brave, so the feathered thieves were able to hold their own." "What do the squirrels live on, do you ask? They pick up nuts and eat them, and what they can not eat they bury in the ground for future use. You ought to see them hiding nuts. They will scratch out a hole in less than two seconds, drop in a few nuts and then cover them up again with earth. In winter, when the snow is on the ground, they are fed with corn. They are good builders, too, and build substantial nests. When the leaves will have all fallen you will notice shapeless bunches stuck in the upper branches of some trees. These are their nests. They are so firmly fastened to the branches that off. They are made of twigs, moss,

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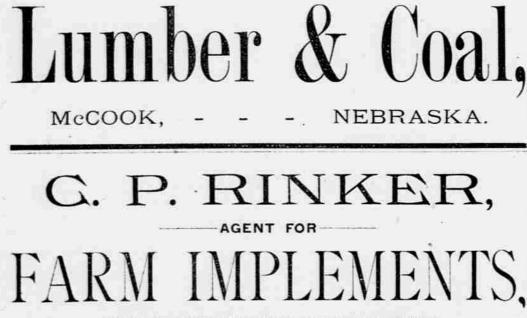
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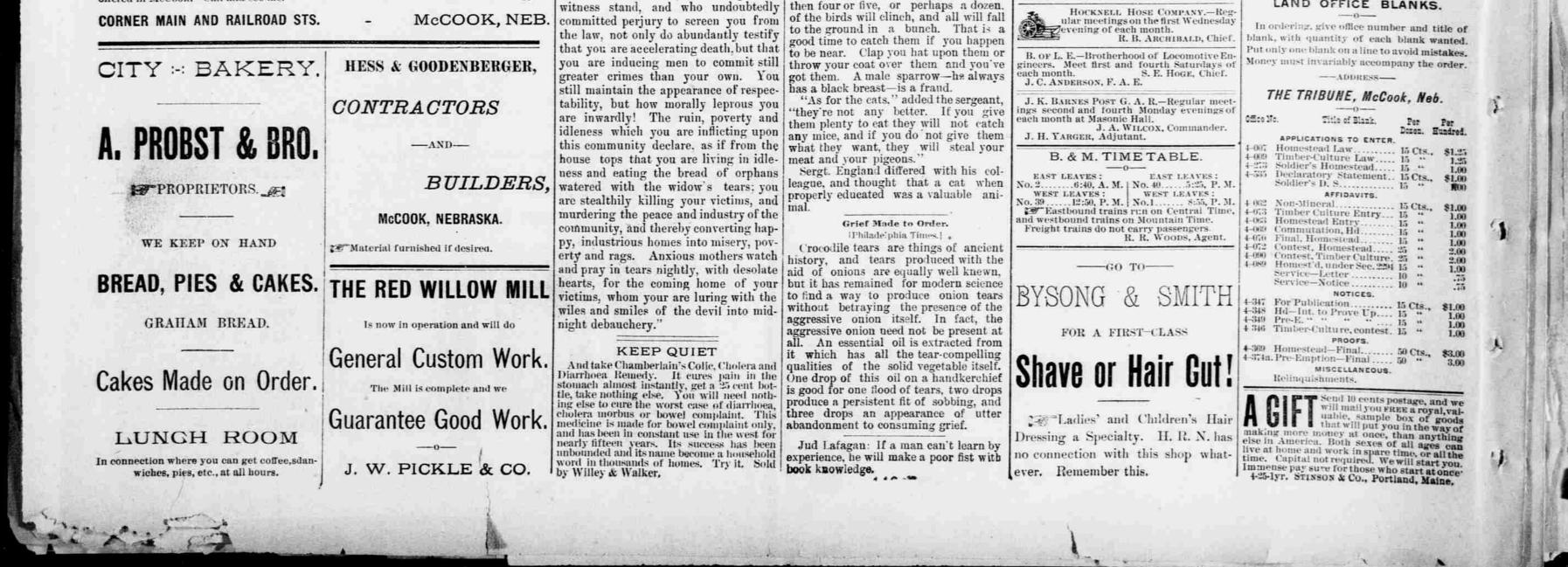
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tal punishment is in vogue to discover "Well, what about the sparrows, whom you call thieves?" asked one of and apply the most humane method of the reporters. taking the life of a convicted culprit "The sparrows are good-for-nothing, sentenced to death. Opinions on this

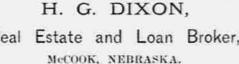
lazy thieves, and ought to be extermipoint apparently differ among nations. nated," continued Sergt. Meany. "Let Real In Spain the garotte is used, in France the keepers go to feed the pigeons and the guillotine, in Germany a somewhat the sparrows are there eating faster than the pigeons. A sparrow can eat similar instrument, in Russia shooting nearly as much as a pigeon, and when or hanging, and in England only the a hundred sparrows invite themselves latter. Buffalo State. in America, has to breakfast with a flock of fifty pigeons fixed upon a new plan, and one that there is not much left for the pigeons, seems to be efficacious and merciful. and the keeper is obliged to issue double rations Why, these sparrows have the Someone over there has invented an cheek to go into the eagles' cage and electric chair, wherein the condemned try to sample the meat that is given to person sits, and is dispatched to his the royal birds. There were a couple last home by a series of momentary of active male sparrows who had the strong shocks. The idea has often been impudence to pull the feathers out of mooted, but until lately not carried out. the eagles' backs for their nests. Did Science has done much for civilization: it make the eagles mad! You bet it did, but they were too big for the sparif it can now spare us those shocking rows and could not catch them. Why, scenes on the scaffold of which we have the eagles had no more show with the recently read too often, it will indeed sparrows than a bull has with a fly in confer another boon on those who, while summer.

admitting the necessity of capital pun-"Sparrows are lazy loafers, who live by their wits upon the fruits of other ishment, yet desire that there shall be birds' toil. You ought to take a ramble no possibility of cruelty or miscarriage. some evening in the upper part of the park, where there are not many visitors. and you may see the sparrows robbing In passing sentence upon some con- the robins. These fellows have studied victed rumsellers recently, Judge F. M. | the habits of the robins and know when Hubbard uttered the following terrible | these birds go out foraging. A sparrow will mark out a robin and follow him truths which it would be well for everyat a distance. The robin will alight on one to read and remember. He said: the roadside and begin to peck away at "There is something in the taking of the earth until he finds a delicate white human life instantaneously that shocks grub, of which he is very fond. He

and terrifies the minds of all; and yet | will puil it out of the ground and fling we look upon the man who takes human it down to rub the dirt off. Hown comes the sparrow like a ri"e bullet, seizes the grub and swallows it, and then mock-ingly chirrups to the robin, as though to say. 'How's that for high? "When the sparrows have gorged

stand before the court for sentence, are in every moral sense murderers, and you themselves and can eat no more they get up a fight among themselves. They are in the spirit, if not the letter, guilty can no more live without fighting than of manslaughter; for the law says that can a Dutchman without Limburger whoever accelerates the death of a hucheese and lager beer, and when they man being unlawfully is guilty of the fight they mean business every time. crime. Your bloated victims upon the You will first see the feathers fly, and then four or five, or perhaps a dozen.

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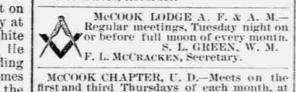
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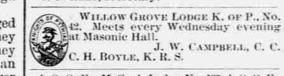
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