

By F. M. KIMMELL.

JUDGE HENRY B. BROWN of Detroit, Michigan, has been nominated by the president for a justiceship in the United States supreme court.

ONE of the men who attempted to work for the prohibition amendment in Omaha, at the late election, testified that he felt "like he was in hell without claws." He was powerless indeed.

THE state Alliance decided to hold its next convention at Hastings, the city whose location and railroad facilities makes it more convenient and accessible than any other city in the state, especially for the members of the Alliance.

THERE is a mysterious silence among Boyd and his friends just now, which leads the public to expect some unexpected denouement. The democratic candidate for governor will not relinquish his claim upon the office without a struggle. He'll never get as near to the place again.—Hastings Nebraskian

A DISPATCH from Bismarck, N. D., says: "It is now claimed that Siting Bull was murdered in cold blood." This is the way in which Mr. Bull himself did most of his killing. The manner of the old reprobate's taking off is a matter of minor importance. Public interest in the transaction is limited to the fact that he is dead, and is likely to stay dead.

KATE FIELD has a scheme. She suggests that turkeys be fed on sherry, champagne and walnuts before they are killed. This is going back to first principles with a vengeance, and is not unlike the reasoning of the small boy, who, in place of washing his hands in violet water after playing with his pet goat poured the contents of the bottle on the goat. It is likely that neither Kate nor the small boy appreciated the waste of raw material.

SAYS MR. PARNELL: "In 1875 God told me to put my hands to the plow and I obeyed." When the Mormon women said to Artemus Ward "We've had a revelation biddin' us go into A. Ward's show free," the showman indignantly demanded: "What's old Revelation got to do with my show?" It is not likely that the Irish people are going to be moved by Mr. Parnell's allusions to the Divine call in 1875 until he explains whether God told him to seduce a friend's wife in 1882.

"WHOM the gods would destroy they first make mad." A good many of the moneyed men of the east fear the legislation of the Alliance movement. As a consequence they become timid and fearful and part of them are talking of withdrawing their loans from the west while others are writing their correspondents in this section to place no more money without clauses in the mortgage making principal and interest payable in gold. Any one with an ounce of brains in his head can see that such a course will have the greater effect to bring about the very state of affairs they fear. This movement is brought about by the fact that the farmers have not received their share of the world's increase of wealth. They are relatively falling behind. The crusade is for their rights. It is because they feel themselves oppressed that they act. Now what kind of wisdom is it for those who fear this movement for self protection to take steps to make times harder than was ever known and force the farmers who now have legislative power to make use of this power in their own defense and enact laws that would never be thought of unless born of the pressure of bitter necessity? If New York and England wish to precipitate a crisis let them proceed to withdraw their money from western loans and insist upon un-American provisions in the renewals that they know, or should know, that the majority of the people will never consent to. The U. S. congress and not the bankers of England should say what money is legal tender in this land of ours.

A WAY TO SAVE TIME.

McCOOK, NEB., Dec. 19.—To the Editor of the Bee: I desire to take advantage of your liberal offer to express my ideas on the subject of "necessary legislation," and more especially in regard to relieving our already overburdened supreme court.

Had the amendment to the constitution, increasing the number of supreme judges, carried, it would have for the time being facilitated business, and probably the docket would have been cleared up, but even this would have afforded but temporary relief, as in a few years even five judges would be overwhelmed with the number of cases that daily pour into the office of the clerk of the supreme court.

If the coming legislature would amend section 18 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, which now provides that the supreme court must file a written opinion in all questions that come before it and substitute in its place a section with some provisions similar to the following:

"The opinions of the supreme court on all questions brought before it shall be rendered orally, and no opinion shall be written for publication unless a majority of the judges of the supreme court determine that the points involved are new and that such opinion will add something of importance to the jurisprudence of the state; in which case the judges shall officially certify to said fact before same shall be printed in the official reports."

As it is now the time of the supreme court is to a considerable extent taken with writing opinions in cases which are neither new or novel, and an oral opinion would suffice as well as one written out at great length.

In a great majority of cases where there is an oral agreement by the attorneys, the judges of the supreme court would have no difficulty in reaching a conclusion and immediately passing on the questions involved, and as there would be no opinion to prepare could pass on to another case. And in cases where the issue is submitted on briefs, but a few minutes of examination would be required in a majority of the cases to determine whether there were any "novel" questions presented.

An amendment to section 18 would perhaps cut off a part of the "perquisites" of the supreme court reporter, but his loss would be the gain of the people of the state at large, and instead of the supreme court being "two years behind," in a short time would be caught up and there would be some hope of getting a decision in matters where the decision of the highest court in the state is desired on the questions at issue.

As it is now, it is possible to wear out or practically bankrupt a poor litigant, and in a measure defeat justice, as it takes about five years from the time of the commencement of the case in the district court to get a decision in the supreme court of the state.

And now as the amendment providing for additional judges was defeated, and as I think through and honest but mistaken desire to reduce expenditures, let the coming legislature adopt a measure substantially as above outlined and in this way relieve our overburdened supreme court.

HUGH W. COLE.

THE successful operation of the Australian ballot system in states where it is now required by law is, declares the Chicago Herald, leading to demands for its adoption elsewhere which will hardly stop until it has become the law of all the states in the union. It has already been adopted by fifteen states. Vermont, which has just passed an act modeled on the Australian system and combining features of the New York and Massachusetts laws, being the last to fall into line. The state constitutional convention will undoubtedly advise the adoption of the same system by Kentucky. The report of its committee on elections says: "All elections by the people shall be by secret official ballot furnished by public authority to the voters at the polls, and then and there deposited." As these are the principal requirements of the Australian ballot system this is practically a recommendation of that method. The reform is extending rapidly and it must inevitably include Nebraska. It can hardly fail to be one of the questions before the legislature this winter.

MEN OF THE WORLD.

C. P. HUNTINGTON has the finest collection of old silver in New York City. CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER is in Europe, where he will remain for a year. SENATOR TAYLOR is an enthusiastic gardener and spends much of his time in vacation cultivating his flower-beds. MR. GLADSTONE'S nephew, Sir John Gladstone, owns a distillery at Pasque which produces 80,000 gallons of whisky annually.

WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON, son of the great anti-slavery agitator, is very wealthy, having amassed money from the wool business. He is literary in his tastes.

BURY as he is said to be, Edison always contrives to steal a little time from his day at the luncheon hour. After lunch he frequently spends an hour at billiards with Mrs. Edison and takes a nap. He does no work in the evening.

MR. GLADSTONE is the owner of the largest lead pencil in the world. It is the gift of a pencilmaker of Keswick, and is thirty-nine inches in length. In place of the customary rubber cap it has a gold cap. Its distinguished owner uses it for a walking-stick.

MURAT HALSTEAD is a tall man, rather stoutly built, with iron gray hair, mustache and pointed beard more silvery, and with a smoldering fire in the dark, deep-set eyes. His voice is deep and pleasant. Mr. Halstead's manner is even more distinguished than his appearance.

RUSSELL SAGE is quoted as saying: "I never lent a dollar which was returned to me unless legally secured. I never backed a note I didn't have to pay, and I never recommended a man for a situation who didn't turn out to be as mean as he could. I now let other men run the philanthropy business."

DR. KOCH, the now famous German scientist, is of medium size but with a broad chest, with blue eyes, rather prominent nose, on which a pair of spectacles constantly rest, and has a full beard of auburn hue. A high forehead is surmounted with hair of a similar luster, and he talks slowly with a noticeable lisp.

CARL SCHURZ has dropped into an easy line of life as agent and counsel for a large steamship company, and with a salary practically assured to him as long as he lives he can enjoy life as he pleases, his duties not being arduous. His fondness for music takes him to all the great musical events, and he is sought as a dinner-table guest.

THE WORLD'S LARGE CITIES.

THERE are nearly 50,000 colored people in New York City.

THIRTY thousand Americans constantly reside in London.

THERE are said to be 1,500 Chinese laundries in New York City, earning over \$3,500,000 annually.

THE atmosphere of London is said to be gradually becoming more and more harmful to plant life, and it is attributed in a large measure to the thick fogs.

THE city gas-works of Berlin brought \$1,750,000 clear profit into the treasury during the last financial year, despite the unusually heavy expenditures for new gas house and conductors.

IN 1881 Belfast had 208,123 inhabitants; Dublin, 249,662; Cork, 80,124. In 1871 Belfast stood at 174,412, Dublin at 246,326. The decrease of the one and the increase of the other are remarkable.

PARIS can not hope to be a seaport. The Council General of the Seine Inferieure has unanimously refused to assent to the scheme for rendering the Seine navigable as far as Paris for sea-going vessels.

LONDON has an area larger than New York, Paris and Berlin all put together; Berlin has an area of 29 square miles; Paris is only a trifle larger; New York has an area of 43 square miles, and London has an area of 121.

IT was recently found, taking the city of Frankfurt, which has a population of 167,000 and is one of the wealthiest for its population in Germany, that there were 35,287 self-supporting adults who were earning an annual income of less than \$216 a year.

UNDERGROUND London is far more wonderful than underground Paris. Take, for example, its 3,000 miles of sewers, its 34,000 miles of telegraph wires, its 4,500 miles of water mains, its 3,200 miles of gas pipes, all definitely fixed. Yet not even these compare with the vast cellarage area beneath the feet of the pedestrian.

DOGS AND HORSES.

THIEVES stole the watch dog from a Lancaster (Pa.) house.

THOROUGHbred St. Bernard dogs sell at anywhere from two hundred and fifty dollars to one thousand dollars each.

ONE dog of the Convent of St. Bernard is said to have saved more than forty human lives.

SOME five hundred veterinary surgeons or horse doctors in Great Britain have signed a paper condemning tight check reins.

IF a dog desecrates any church in Salt Lake City by entering its door, the owner of the brute is liable to a fine of five dollars.

IN Russia, which is the great horse country of Europe, they never put blinders on a horse, and a shying horse is almost unheard of.

BLINDERS were invented by an English nobleman to cover up the defect of a wall-eyed horse, and then they were found to be good places to put on the coats of arms of the nobility, and so they came into fashion.

THE large-brained horses are the cleverest. A gentleman measured the heads of all his hunters and found that their intelligence and good sense were in proportion to the width of their foreheads.

WHETHER there may or may not be ground for the opinion held by some that all dogs are descended from the primeval wolves, their near kinship is proven by the fact that hybrid offspring are by no means uncommon. The pups or cubs, as might be expected, inheriting more of the wolf than the dog nature.

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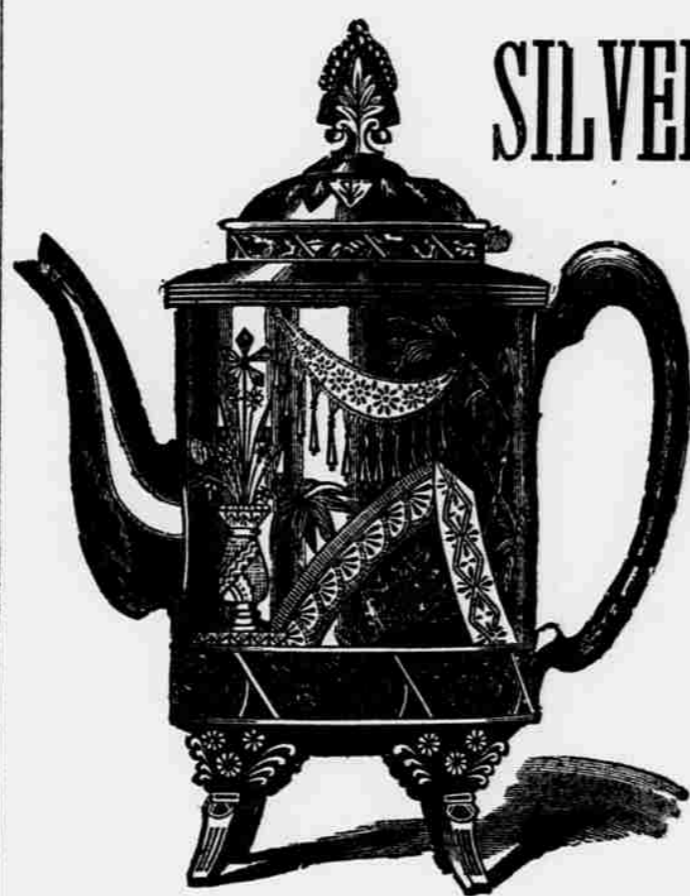
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