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Irving Hall offers some inducements in

Mr. Bridges little boy is convalescing. A little daughter of Mr. Aaron Sheetz is

Miss Kasselbaum of Rossville is visiting friends here.

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Mrs. Wm. Gilman gave a birthday party at her residence, on Monday street. H. M. Atherton has some fine specimens of work in his show case.

Rev. Bacon has accepted a call from the Congregational Church for 1887.

Frank Van Haren has returned from California with a wife, and has taken charge of Mr. Lyons Drug Store.

The Sunday Schools are preparing their entertainments for Christmas. The Journal speaks of the "Troupe (nee New Gordon) House."

Quite a number of North side people are ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Adams of Waterville N. York, is visiting her daughter Mrs. M. T. Campbell. A daughter of Lou McMasters on Jackson Street is very sick with scarlet fever.

A child of Peter Brown on Quincy St. is dangerously ill with Spinal Meningitis. The new Ins. Co. will be organized shortly. Over thirty names have been enrolled on this side.

Messrs. Lucas & Morrow the livery men have dissolved partnership. Mr. Lu-cas continues at the old stand.

Station agent Gwin is at home again, much improved in health, and will be at his old place in a few days.

Noble Prentiss has been delivering a series of lectures for the benefit of the High School Library.

Col. Moonlight is to be governor after all President Cleveland has nominated him for governor of Wyoming Territory.

The real estate transfers in this city now average about \$40,000 a day, and the bank clearances to about \$100,000. The ladies of the Church of the Good

Shepherd expect to hold their annual sale and supper next week. It is said that the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad is to obtain the Wabash Road, which will then be extended westward

from Kansas City. New wagon, New goods, New firm & oottom prices, Baum &Co. 202 Kansas

Too many drunks are reported in the police court of this city for a strictly pro-hibition town.

If there has been no considerable growth of the third, or prohibition party in Kansas, it is very certain that the party is well established in most of the other

The labor interests are organizing for political action in favor of a protective tariff. A similar organization also exists in the interest of free trade. This is in full accord with the politicians of all schools, who aim to keep the people divided so there shall be no harmony of action among them. among them.

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Mrs. Mary Neff of the secretary of State's office, died on Monday of this week. She was a daughter of the Hon. John Speer so closely identified with the history of Kansas. It was but a few weeks ago that Mr. Speer was called to mourn the loss of a son-in-law. He has outlived most of a large family, and in his many afflictions he has the sympathy of numerous sincere friends.

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It will be a blessed day when the farmers and mechanics wrest the legislation of the country out of the hands of the lawyers.

It is estimated that over 8000 women and children in Chicago are suffering from cold and hunger because of the late strike in that city.

The great strike in Massachusetts has proven to be a complete failure. Another remedy than strikes is what is most needed.

In 1884 the Prohibitionists had no Candidate for govenor, and they generally voted for the Greenback Candidate, who received 9,998 votes. In 1886 the Greenbacks had no Candidate, and they voted largely for the Prohibition Candidate who received

Inflammable Sentimentality.

A few weeks ago a member of the editorial staff of the Leavenworth Times came to this city to look into the workings of the prohibitory law. The result was a four or five column article, not very vigorous, nor very exhaustive. It showed that there are two score or more places in this city where under the law, one has very little trouble to get all the liquor he wants to drink.

We recall nothing in the whole five columns not practically true, so far as it went. In fact the whole truth was far from being told, Yet the papers of this city have not yet recovered from the excited conditions into which they were thrown by its publication. It was no new thing to Topeka people to be told that a stranger could buy whiskey or beer at scores of places in this city and there is no reason why the papers should get flaming mad

Notwithstanding all the liquor sold here, there is less, much less, than in Leavenworth. Prohibition in Kansas, imperfect as it is, with the two hundred saloons in Leavenworth, we are practically a thousand degrees a head of Missouri, with the open sal-

The thing mostly to be condemned is the arrant hypocrisy of so many who claim to be prohibitionists and who consented to the present absurd drug-store law. The evil is not that as much liquor is sold now as under the old system, but that with the pretensions we make, there is a hundredth part as much. We are a long ways in prohibition, but not so far along as we ought to be, or as far as we would have been if so many politicians had not played hypocrite so skillfully.

Topeka is ahead of Leavenworth in prohibition. Leavenworth is ahead in honesty. She does not pretend to be prehibition, and not a state officer seems to be able to make her respect law. Consequently she defies the law openly and whiskey can be had without restraint. Leavenworth is no worse than it professes. Topeka claims to respect the law, and violates its spirit at least six thousand times a month, according to the authority of the Probate judge, and twenty thousand times or more according to a published estimate of the county attorney. Topeks is less virtuous than it pres. This is about all the difference there is between Leavenworth and Topeka, on the whiskey question.

We have nothing to say as to the motives of the Times. Its action was certainly not for love of prohibition. Its course was vulnerable enough if the papers of this city had seen fit to attack its weak point, which they did with tuffs of grass instead of stones and Bonnets Mrs. Metcalf is selling regardless of cost, at 239 Kansas Avenue.

The Patrons of Husbandry.

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Capital grange of this city, and Oak grange, of Mission township, last Saturday celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the organization of the grange, or Patrons of Husbandry, at I. O. O. F. hall. The hall was crowded with the leading farmers of the county and their families. The ladies brought baskets of eatables, and at 12 o'clock the assemblage sat down to a splendid dinner. After the dinner speechmaking followed. Hon. John G. Otis, master of Capital Grange, was pres, ident of the day. Major William Sims-secretary of the state board of agriculture, responded to the toast, "the day we celebrate, Dec. 4." It was a very interesting talk and very appropriate.

He was followed by Mr. H. H. Wallace, who responded to the toast, "agriculture—the oldest sister in the trio."

Captain White spoke about "commerce her proper regulation the nation's study."

W. H. Clark spoke upon "Manufactures—her field in broad; how shall we properly protect and control her laborer."

This was followed by music, after which

This was followed by music, after which Mrs. J. G. Otis responded in a very interesting way to the toast, "Cold tea—a beverage of our forefathers made extensively at Bostor Harbor."

Alide E Otis then gave a recitation en-

Alida F. Otis then gave a recitation entitled "Mama's Kisses."

J. H. Eshelman then responded to the

J. H. Eshelman then responded to the toast, "the Ballot,—small, but mighty."
Mrs. Harvey spoke of "Our Girls—the nation's brightest hope."
Mr. Gilpatrick spoke of "Our Boys—the nation's strongest bulwark."
Miss Eshelman then gave a recitation.
"The Grange—a mighty educator," was responded to by Mrs. William Sims.
"The Home—its influence moulds national character," was the toast responded to by Mrs. W. H. Clark.
"Our sisters—first in our halls, first at our feasts, and first in the hearts of

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"Our sisters—first in our halls, first at our feasts, and first in the hearts of their countrymen," was responded to by Mr. A, H. Buckman.

Mrs. Josie Sims spoke of "the lecturer—wise or unwise, the open or the curtain lecture."

Mr. H. A. Keith, of the Kansas Farmer,

responded to the toast, "The Press—of ideas, of people or of printing." Mrs. George Robinson gave a select

Mrs. George Robinson gave a select reading.

Dan Thompson spoke of "the farm—the best crop raised."

The speech making closed with a few remarks by John Armstrong on "Rings."

The meeting then discussed the advisability of having the county purchase the grounds now owned by the State Fair association.

The first grange was organized on Dec. The first grange was organized on Dec.

4, twenty years ago, in the office of Will-iam Saunders, of the agricultural depart-ment. The constitution of the order proment. The constitution of the order provides for a national and state grange and subordinate granges. There are ceremonies of initiation, rituals, and injunctions of secrecy, though in some respects the order is not secret. The officers of a grange are elected by the members and comprise a master, overseer, lecturer, comprise a master, overseer, lecturer, steward, assistant steward, chaplain, treasurer, secretary, gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora and lady assistant steward. Women are admitted to membership and upon the same terms and equal privileges as men, but only those interested in agricultural pursuits are eligible. The order has its greatest strength in the northwestern and western states, and is well represented in the south. The total membership is over 2,000,000. The purposes of the organization are as follows: "To develop a higher and better manhood and womanhood among ourselves; to enhance the comforts and attractions of our homes and strengthen our attachment to our pursuits, to foster mutual understanding upon the same terms and equal privileges pursuits, to foster mutual understanding and co-operation; to maintain inviolate our laws, and to emulate each other in la-bor; to hasten the good time coming; to to buy less and produce more, in order to make our farms self-sustaining; to diversify our crops, and crop no more than we can cultivate; to systematize our work and calculate intelligently on probabili-ties; to discountenance the credit system, ties; to discountenance the credit system, the fashion system, the mortgage system, and every other system tending to prodigality and bankruptey. We propose meeting together, talking together, working together, buying together, selling together. One of the chief aims of the organization is to bring producers and consumers, farmers and manufacturers, into direct and friendly relations. The organization, therefore, is maintained for social and accommiss purposes.

The Rev. Alexander McKay Smith, of New York, has been elected by the dioce-sian convention of Kansas as Assistant bishop of this diocese. He is said to be a very able and very earnest man.

Mr. O. H. Baum, successor to Riblet 202 Kansas ave. is an enterprising young man, and will sell groceries at the most reasonable prices. Get a dollar's worth of goods and get a chance in the eight day clock. See local elsewhere.

With every dollars worth of goods we give a chance on an eight day clock. Black Walnut Case, worth \$25.00. Baum &Co. 202, Kansas Ave. North Topeka.

At the election of public officers of Blue Post Relief Corps at Blue Post Hall, Mon-day evening, Mrs. Dr. Mitchel was elected president, and Mrs. A. J. Arnold secretary.

Earthquakes still occur in divers places. The last was at Independance, Mo., where houses shook and crockery rattled.—They are coming uncomfortably near.

W. E. Craig lost a fine horse Tuesday. It had deen driven quite hard during the day, and was sick when it came home, and died half an hour after being unhitched.

Little boys (and big boys too for that matter) get cold as well as girls, their ears are no tougher, and they should not be made to stay out in the cold at school till ranks are formed. If life is more than meat and the body more than raiment certainly a childs health is paramount to all the military dicipline ever thought of.

thought of.

Some of the prohibition papers are quoting the vote of Illinois for the legislature, as showing the growth of the third party in that state. Illinois has what is called minority representation. That is, the state is divided into 51 senatorial districts. Each district has three representatives, and voters may cast one vote for each of the three or one and a half for each of any two, or three votes for any one. Minority parties usually concentrate their three votes in favor of one, and so occasionally elect a representative. In this way the Illinois prohibitionists at the last election cast about 80, 000 votes. The regular party vote was thought of. 000 votes. The regular party vote was about 20,000.

Christmas Presents.

PERSUNAL AND IMPERSONAL.

-John A. Logan, Jr., has become a partner in a real estate firm in Wash-

-William M. Singerly, of the Phila delphia Record, has sixty-six dwelling nouses in course of erection in that

-Nathan B. Moore, a Maine hunter, aged sixty-eight, has killed two hun-lred and seventy-five moose since his

-The first female clerk employed by he Government was Miss Jennie Doug ass, appointed to the Treasury Depart ment by Secretary Spinner, in 1862.— N. Y. Independent. -Captain David Buskirk, the larg-

est man in Indiana, died at his home near Bloomington recently. He was seven feet tall in his stockings, and weighed four hundred pounds.-Inlianapolis Journal. -P. T. Barnum is reported to have

emarked in a moment of confidence that if he lived much longer and retained his present activity he would exhibit himself in a side tent as "one of the greatest curiosities Barnum ever handled."

-A. G. Nye, of Weymouth, Mass. claims to be the first inventor of the Morse telegraphic instrument. If it was Bill Nye who made such a claim people would understand it, for Bill is a great inventor, but it is a little late n the day for A. G .- Detroit Free Press.

-A Harvard professor and his wife were guests at a reception in London, which had been given in their honor. A hundred men and women had been invited by the hostess to meet them. But there were no introductions, and the Harvard professor amused himself during the evening by talking to his wife.—Harper's Weekly.

-Mr. Moody has received from William Mackinnon, a Scotch ship builder, a model of Solomon's Temple, made of cedar overlaid with gold, with many of the smaller articles of solid gold. It is one-fifty-fifth the size of the original, having the court, tabernacle, altar, laver, ark, holy of holies, mercy seat, and cherubim in proportion and relation to each other.

-Alexander Stewart, of Staunton, Va., aged ninety-one years, recently attended the funeral of S. G. Wayland, aged eighty-one years, who had been his best friend for half a century. The next day while Mr. Stewart was recalling to a party of visitors scenes and incidents in which he and his friend Wayland had participated, he fell over on the ground and died in a few minutes.—Washington Post.

-Tom Scott, of Waco, Tex., had a rather unusual experience recently. He went to see his mother, who is sixty years old and resides in a neighboring town. On arriving at his home he found that the old lady had eloped with a man half her age. When Mr. Scott returned to his own home he was paralyzed by the information that his wife had gone with a handsomer man. Then there was music in the air .-

—The Rochester Post-Express say.

A life insurance agent states that he has ust concluded an insurance upon the ife of a man aged 102 years. centenarian enjoys good health and ap-pears to be in the possession of his fac-ulties. He states that his father lived to the age of 110, and met his death by an injury due to the breaking of a millan injury due to the breaking of a limit stone. His grandfather was, he asserts, accidentally killed in his mill at the age of 126. His great-grandfather lived to the age of 133.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE."

—To-day is a good deal closer than yesterday," said Smith to Jones. "Yes," said Jones, "it's nearer." -The wonders of art.-

They have made a piano of paper,
What wonders art is achieving;
If they'd make a paper performer
Life yet might be worth *ome one's living.

—A. W. Bellaw, in Tid-Bits.

—Customer—But ain't the trousers too long? Merchant—Too long? Dey is made to fit a man exzekly your size. If your legs happen to be a trifle short you must quarrel mit nature—not de tailor. -Judge.

Lately, in a music hall, after the ballad lady had warbled, "Would I Were a Bird," great excitement was created by a stalwart miner in the audience about the stallar of th dience shouting, "Would I were a gun."—Chicago Tribune.

-Tommy (who has just received a severe scolding)—Am I really so bad, mamma? Mamma—Yes, Tommy, you

are a very bad boy. Tommy (reflectively)—Well, anyway, mamma, I think you ought to be real glad I ain't twins.—N. Y. Independent. -- "Laura," said Mrs. Parvenu, on the hotel piazza, to her daughter, "Laura, go and ask theleaders of them orchestras to play that 'sympathy from Middlejohn' over again. It's such an

awful favorite of mine, and father's, too!"—Piltsburgh Post. —An amusing contemporary informs its readers that a man at the East End calls himself, on his card, "Temperance Bootmaker," and suggests that

the need of temperance boots is appar ent, for though they are not generally drunk, it is a notorious fact that they are often very tight. -First Omaha banker-I notice that another big lot of American gold was shipped to Europe a few days ago. Second Omaha banker—Yes; must be about "half seas over?" by this time. "Half seas over?" "In other words,

money is tight, and that's what causes it."— Omaha World. -Gentleman (looking at flat)-I am afraid my wife won't want to come up as high as this. It's the tenth story, as high as this. It's the tenth story, isn'tt t? Landlord—Yes, tenth story, including the basement. I think your wife will like it up here, sir. The family who occupied it last summer told me that they preferred it to the White Mountains.—Boston Bulletin.

—Fashionable miss—I am going to a seaside resort and want something pretty for a betting suit. Dry goods

seaside resort and want something pretty for a bathing suit. Dry goods clerk—Our bathing suit fabrics are at the other end of the store, and—F. M.—O, I have looked over them and don't like them. Here is something just lovely. D. G. C.—But that won't stand water. F. M.—Well, I'll be careful and not get it wet.—N. Y Mail.

DRESS MATERIALS.

Bright, Glowing Colors Shown by Most of

Already new dress goods are shown, and some, indeed all of them as yes seen, are lovely. 'Serges of all qualities will prevail. They are the rage in London, and our merchants have seen to it that we are not to be behind our French and English sisters in having the very choicest patterns to select from. Indeed, superb and superior goods have been manufactured expressly for this market, leading houses having exclusive designs for their cus-tomers, many of whom select from sample cards, and sometimes can arrange matters so that no other dress like their own will be seen in the city. An exquisite piece of fine silk and wool dress material shows a stripe of eavy Ottoman cord, alternating with a About an inch and a half space in the

next stripe is a body of silk plush. This is followed by an inch of narrow velvet and Ottoman bands, and then comes a space filled in with pile after pile of silk loops, which are cut open, forming a narrow fringe, which is full enough to set out almost straight. This combination is repeated in this stripe, which alternates with the stripe of plain Ottoman, each one being an inch and a balf wide. This fabric is in one color. Dark blue, garnet, brown and black are the only colors yet noted

Such rich, showy materials, in large stripes and plaids, will be much used for dress skirts, made entirely plain, without even a foot plaiting, with bodice and draperies of the prevailing ground tint, the bodice cut in the jaunty riding habit style. Buttons will be a large item in the fall dresses and are shown in metal and mixed styles, bronze effects being particularly admired. Oxydized buttons will also be favored, and buttons with pearl ornaments set on metal. The new round ball rosary buttons come in various sizes.

Some of the serges closely resemble some of the serges closely resemble the suitings worn by gentlemen, in color and combinations, but of course not as heavy in quality. A very pretty piece of goods has a tiny stripe of a bright color on brown, blue, red and green, and other patterns show a heavy cord outlining a small check. heavy cord outlining a small check, and these are in one color. There is also a very neat and stylish class of goods in lovely quality of fine wool, in dark grounds, with an odd sprinkling of bright colors in subdued form. This will make yory stylish shonning dresses. will make very stylish shopping dresses and suits for general wear. Astrakan bourette suitings in bright

cardinal promise to be a leading nov-elty. They are shown in two rich square blocks of fine chevron weave, framed by soft, silky rings of Astrakan. The alternate block has the chevron running in an opposite direction with the same framing of curls. This gives a very striking and stylish effect. The same goods also appear in black and white. There are also gray and white bourettes that are very attractive. A few brocaded and figured woolens are

Striped velvets and plushes are a leading feature in elegant novelties. They come in solid colors and in varitints and shades, showing a number of tones in one stripe of about ar inch wide. Both cut and uncut pile is formed into stripes or alternate blocks and the effect of arranging tints and colors in these goods is surpassingly beautiful. The brocaded velvets are gorgeous. . Long pile goods with plair and cashmere centers show large and showy patterns. There are brocaded plushes in new designs that are very rich looking and the prices are com-paratively moderate. All shades and colors are represented in plain velvets, which promise a rage for the entire season. Rich silk and velvet costumes are being imported, and velvet and lace combinations will find favor. Velvet will also be used for dinner dresses, and many of the handsome plain wools will be combined with velvet.-N. Y. Graphic.

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How They May be Kept in Good Condition for an Indefinite Time.

In order to keep preserved fruit in condition it is necessary that the jars be air-tight, and that they be kept in a cool, dark place. Atmospheric air is "extremely insinuating," and it will penetrate even by microscopic openngs, and thus injure the product of abor performed in the torrid summer days in a kitchen with a temperature days in a kitchen with a temperature considerably over one hundred degrees. The top of every jar with a screw or rubber fastening should be sealed with bottle wax. Jelly glasses should be secured with bladders, or with paper dipped in white of egg and pressed about the glass without a wrinkle. Many persons take the precaution to wrap every glass jar or tumbler in paper, and then pack each of them in sawdust or sand, so that they will not be affected by light nor by atmospheric changes. The closet in which preserves are kept should not be damp, nor should it be in close proximity to the kitchen. In winter the temperature must be a degree or two above freezing point. It is always well to keep serves in a closet by themselves, so that it need only be opened when nec-essary to store each new addition of jars. Thus the atmospheric changes are reduced to a minimum and the fruit will remain in good condition.—
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Winter Shelter for Sheep.

We ought to have good shelter provided by the time winter comes, if we can provide such shelter. But suppose it is practically impossible for us to build barns and well constructed sheds? We can do this for our sheep in the vast majority of instances. We can set crotched posts in the ground, rest a rail or piece of timber in the crotches and place poles, boards or something of the kind on the rail, one end resting of the kind on the rail, one end resting on the rail and the other on the ground, open toward the south. If we have not rails or poles enough to do that we can use fewer poles, and rails and cover with hay or straw. Certainly that is a shelter cheap enough, and it is bettes han none.—Western Rural

Home Manners.

To those who notice particularly the small things in life, there is a marked difference between the man who observes the little niceties and the one who goes through the world with his elbows out, hitting everything in his way and running against every corner with all the torce of his motion. He gets the best that come, and he hurts yerybody in his way. This blunderyerybody in his way. This blunderng person is usually intensely sensiive, but he carries that sensitiveness
out of sight, and tries, by being a little
rough and by pretending not to care, to cover up many of the wounds he receives. If the homes of the land were more mannerly homes; if little children were taught to gracefully give up to each other; if gentle ways were encouraged and consideration for each other's rights insisted upon, —we would find fewer grown people who seem to forget that there are any rights except "my rights," and less of rough speaking that carries with it asting hurt.

The little children are easily taught to be always graceful—they fall almost unconsciously into the nice ways of a home if they only have pleasant examples—that it seems almost a sin of omission not to give them that ease of manner which will be such a help

n giving them happy lives.
We have very little sympathy for the mother who is mortified at the child's awkardness, which is manifestly from ignorance. We may see plainly that the mother knows how to conduct herself in company, but the ignorance of the child proves very clearly that the home manners have been neglected. While we ought to do our best always for those dearest tous, we often are most careless before them, reserving our happiest moods, our prettiest ways, our most pleasant words, for the stranger, who would scarcely care to think of us again; while we are careless with the home ways, and feel that the home people will understand all about things any

Table manners are often noticed among strangers. Now-a-days a young person who handles his knife and fork as though he were afraid of them, and does not seem to know what a napkin is for, impresses us with a sense of dissapointment, and we feel he has lost much of the comforts of life; for what is more uncomfortable than to feel conscious of not knowing what to do next? Many take to the little graceful ways when they are thrown among cultivated people, even if they have had none of them at home; but the majority of people who grow up uncouth and uncultivated in man-ners remain so all their lives, or if sumed. These must come from an innate sense of kindliness, or they fail of their purpose,—which should be always the promotion of peace and brotherly love That sense of kindly spirit is easily cultivated in a child by having before him only a gentle way and pleasant word for every one. The opposite is quite as easily encouraged by showing him a sharp criticizing manner and a fault-finding

lisposition. Easy manners go far towards making easy tempers. We are not constantly annoyed with ourselves, and, knowing just what to do, we don't se

riously annoy others.

In the home and the schools, when the children are forming their habits, are places and the time to grow into easy ways, and to form manners that will carry them comfortably in that respect through their lives. The ex-amples set before children will determine their future manners.

County Teachers.

The Shawnee County Teachers' association held its monthly meeting at Lincoln hall on Saturday afternoon. Miss Dora Moffat, vice-president, was

in the chair. The condition of the weather prevented teachers living at a distance from coming, but there were present about fifty-five.

Owing to a missing of train connections, Mr. J. D. Miller, who had a paper on The Relation of the Teacher to the People of his District, was

not able to be present.

Mr. W. C. Ebrhart confessed that he was not ready with his class exercises in local civil government, whereupon in accordance with an unwritten law of the association, he was promptly fined-oysters for the meeting.

Mr. A. G. Larimer gave the regular lesson in English literature—subject, Oliver Goldsmith. He gave ject, Oliver Goldsmith. He gave most interesting glimpses into Gold-smith's life and works, and related several entertaining anecdotes illustrating his character. He gave als brief selections from his works, and each member of the association was called on for a quotation. The sub-ject next month is Charles Dickens. Miss Dora Moffatt explained how primary pupils could be taught geology by moulding in sand. The elevations and river could be shown more clearly this way than by the map.

A discussion followed this exercise,

and it was apparent that the teachers Charles Reetz opened the question box, and found it full of queries in relation to disipline, methods of instruction and other matters. Each "Cheapest of all question was answered by some teach-

J. O. Butler, critic for the occasion, made his report, and corrected sever-

The election of officers being next The election of officers being next in order, the following named persons were elected: President, James O. Butler; vice president, W. A. Corey; secretary, Miss Nellie O. Witwer; treasurer, Miss Ada Fulcher.

Mr. MacDonald asked the attention of teachers to the circular issued by

W. C. T. U. of this city, offering liberal prizes to the teachers and pupils of our schools for the best essays on stimulents and uarcotics. He said the liberality of the broad-hearted gentlemen who enabled the union to male the offer should be promptly recognized by the teachers of the

county.

Mr. MacDonald also urged every eacher to secure a vacation between the holidays so as to be able to attend the meetings of the State Teachers

association.
Messrs. E. G. Shull, S. M. Howard, and Miss Viola Troutman were appointed a committee to select a time for a county teachers' reunion.

Suggestions for Housekeepers. Oil of lavender will drive away

flies.
Grained woods should be washed

with cold tea.

If paper has been laid under the carpet all dust may be easily removed with it.

Morter and paint may be removed from window glass with hot, sharp vinegar. Copperas mixed with the white-

wash put upon the cellar walls will keep vermin away. Ceilings that have been smoked by

a kerosene lamp should be washed off with soda water.
Drain pipes and all places that are

sour or impure may be cleaned with lime water or carbolic acid. Strong brine may be used to advantage in washing bedsteads. Hot alum water is also good for this puprose.

The warmth of floors is greatly in-

creased by having carpet lining of layers of paper under the carpet. Cayenne pepper blown into the cracks where ants congregate will drive them away. The same remedy

also good for mice.

If gilt frames, when new, are covered with a coat of white varnish all specks can then be washed off with water without harm.

If a bedstead creaks at each movement of the sleeper remove the slats and wrap the end of each in old news-papers. This will prove a complete silencer

If the wall about the stove has been smoked by the stove, cover the black patches with gum-shellac, and they will not strike through either paint or kalsomine. Carpets should be theroughly beat-

en on the wrong side first, and then on the right side; after which spots may be removed by the use of ox-gall or ammonia and water.
Furniture needs cleaning as much

as other woodwork. It may be washed with with warm soap suds quickly, wiped dry and then rubbed with an they take the easier manners at all, oily cloth. To polish it rub with retthey are much more likely to be as-

oil and polish with chamois skin.
When hard finished walls have been kalsomined, the soiled coats should be washed or scraped off before a new one is put on. This is the most disagreeable part of the pro-cess. The furniture should be covered, as the lime makes spots that are emoved with difficulty, especially up-

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Some Curiosities of a Lengthy Documen Recently Issued by the Government. The House of Representatives, on July 27, passed a resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for a statement of balances due to and from the Government of the United States. The answer, which was very voluminous, was sent to the Public Printer, and the work of placing it in type was completed a few days ago. The fact that certain sums are charged against individuals as due the United States does not indicate that the persons so charged with indebtedness have profited by the amount involved or that they owe the money. In the great majority of cases the accounts are held up awaiting the settlement of some technical question as to the legality of

debtors on the treasury ledgers are: President John Adams, who owes \$12,898 on account of "household expenses;" Major-General Lafayette, who owes \$4,895, on account of an overpayowes \$4,895, on account of an overpayment made to him, and Edmund Randolph, Secretary of State, who owes \$61,355, on account of various expenditures made before 1834. The diplomatic, and particularly the literary men, who have been sent abroad as Ministers and Consuls, seem to be more generally in debt to the Government than any other class of public servants. James Russell Lowell owes \$93.68 in his account as Minister to Great Britain in 1885; John Lathrop Motley owes \$2,498 as Minis-Lathrop Motley owes \$2,498 as Minister to Great Britain in 1871; Reverdy Johnson owes \$5,388 as Minister to Great Britain in 1869; Bayard Taylor owes \$102 as Minister to Germany in 1879; Washington Irving owes 3 cents as Minister to Spain in 1847; Alexander Everett owes \$893 as Minister to Spain in 1831; Ninian Edwards, Minis-ter to Mexico in 1826, owes \$924; James Gadsden, Minister to Mexico in 1857, owes \$540; Andrew J. Curtin, Minister to Russia in 1872, owes \$944; E. W. Stoughton, Minister to Russia in 1879, owes \$12,160; John Bussell Young, Minister to China in 1885, is debited with \$3,145 and is credited with \$507; Stephen A. Hurlburt, Minister to the United States of Colombia, is debited with \$13,228 in 1871 and \$7,000 in 1872; with \$13,225 in 18/1 and \$7,000 in 16/2; James A. Bayard, Envoy to Ghent, is debited with \$400; Adam Badeau is debited with \$10,572 as Consul-General to London in 1882 and with \$9,165 as Consul-General to Havana in 1884; William D. Howells is debited with \$24 as Consul to Venice in 1863 in 1884; William D. Howells is debited with \$24 as Consul to Venice in 1863 and credited with \$71 in his account for 1865; John S. Mosby is debited with \$2,118 as Consul to Hong Kong in 1885; Thomas J. Brady owes the Government \$3.75 as Consul to St. Thomas in 1874; Titian J. Coffee is debited with \$1,990 as Secretary of Legation at St. Petersburg in 1870 and 1871; Beverly Tucker is debited with \$21,264

as Consul at Liverpool in 1862, and Simon Wolf with \$293 as Consul General at Cairo in 1882. On the the other hand the statement shows that the Government owes John Quincy Adams \$1,600, as Minister to Russia in 1818; Alphonso Taft, \$1,940, as Minister to Russia in 1885; John M. Francis, as Minster to Austria in 1885, \$3,000; Edward F. Beale, as Minister to Austria in 1877, \$1.11; John A. Bingham, as Minister to Japan in 1885, Bingham, as Minister to Japan in 1885, \$2,950; John Howard Payne, as Consul at Tunis in 1853, \$205.92; Bret Harte, as Consul at Glasgow in 1885, \$185.16, and Henry Bergh, as Secretary of Legation at St. Petersburg in 1865, \$135.44. One of the largest debits in the list is Francis E. Spinner, Treasurer of the United States, \$389,267.46, on secount of bullion denosited with

A LAWLESS LIFE.

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at Criminal. Sometimes, when I think what a awless tife mine has been, I wonder that the respectable outlaws with whom I am most intimately associated in social, religious and political circles have not elected me chief of the band. I think nothing of defying those in authority; I "sass" the President, scoff at Congress, bully the Legislature, and transgress the laws of the land daily. I drive across the bridge "faster than a walk," and openly sneer at the five dollars' fine with which the sign-board threatens me. I have walked "on the grass" in Fairmount Park; in Central Park I have "plucked a leaf, flower or shrub." I have "stood on the front platform" for many miles; I have "talked to the man at the wheel;" I "talked to the man at the wheel;" I have "got on and off the cars while in motion;" I have "smoked abaft this shaft;" I have refused to "keep moving on Brooklyn bridge; I have neglected to clear the snow from my sidewalk; I have dumped ashes into the alley at early dawn; I do not muzzle my dog, and last year he was not registered; I do not always "turn to the right" when I am driving: I do not alistered; I do not always "turn to the right" when I am driving; I do not always procure tickets before entering the cars; I have not worked out my road tax this year—why, I can't begin to tell one-half my lawless acts. No wonder that I sympathize with the Anarchists, nor that good people— Anarchists, nor that good people—people who never do wrong—regard me with suspicion. But one virtue, even though it may be considered a negative one, I insert here as a saving clause. I have never overstated the value of my property to the assessor.—Burdette, in Brooklyn Eagle.

—At Orangeville the women crusaders visited a hotel and tried by praying to induce the preprietor to close the place. It is said that the proprietor invited the ladies to seats and asked them to pray, and he himself offered a prayer, in which he dealt very severely with the follies and vanities of women.—Toronto Globe.

—Book-binder—Will you have it bound in Turkey or Morocco? Purchaser—O mercy, no! What's the use of sending it away off there? Have it bound in New York.—Tid-Bits.

Neatness About the House.

Every farmer, and in fact every per-son owning a yard, ought to take pride in keeping it neat and clean. Neat, in keeping it neat and clean. Neat, well-kept yards attract the passer-by, and often add a money value to the place. We have an instance of this kind in mind, now. A man came into a certain neighborhood, recently, to buy a farm, He found two that were for sale. One was as good as the other, as regards location, soil, buildings, etc. but one had a neat, yard about etc., but one had a neat yard about the house, and the other had a slovenly one, and though he could have bought the one with the slovenly yard for less money than he had to give for the other, he chose the one that cost most, simply because it looked best.

Have a well-made fence about the yard, and keep it in repair. Have a strong gate, and never let it get off its hinges. Keep the shrubs and trees trimmed up well, and never let litter of any sort accumulate. Have a big box, or hogshead, in the back yard, into which cans, old boots, shoes, and the thousand and one things which accumulate about the house can be thrown from time to time. When the box or hogshead is full, burn or bury the rubbish. This refers not to the front yard only; let neatness prevail all about the place. It gives an air of thrift and prosperity, and always impresses a beholder favorably. It pays in more ways than one to have neat surroundings.—American Agriculturist.

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Brudder Cantilever, marriage am a lottery or a dead-sure thing—jist as you make it. If you git stuck on sight—fall in luv wid a gal fur her small feet, taperin' waist, dimpled chin or warblin' mouf, an' marry her off-hand at about twelve weeks' notis, you needn't be astonished if dar am a dynamite 'sploshun afore you hev bin hitched a week. Small feet an' a good temper doan' allus go together. Slim waists an' kitchen economy may not work in de same harness. De gal who charms you by de way she drums de pianner may flatly refuse, as a wife, to run dem same fingers ober de wash-bo'd. Firstly, doan' git married until you know what you are bein' jined to. Study de gal. Let de feet go an' watch her temper. Let de bangs go an' watch her economy. Nebber you mind about de way she dimples her chin, but ax yerself if she'll make de bed wid de foot lower dan de head. You has got to do all de studyin'. No one gal out of a thousand eber stops to size up luver. If his Grecian nose or curly ha' or droopin' mustache strikes her fancy she'll nebber stop to study his natur' nor to worry ober his habits. She is marryin' dat nose, or head, or mus-tache. A month arter marriage, when he hauls her aroun' by de hair an' slaps her dimpled jaw she's perfectly aston-ished to think she made sich a mis-

Secondly, Brudder Cantilever, arter de knot has bin tied, make up yer mind dat de fucher won't be all plain sailin'. You are gwine to be tried an' tested an You are gwine to be tried an' tested an' trubbled, an' you hev to call up all yer manhood. You will h'ar de sasser scrapin' de bottom ob de flour bar'l when you heve'nt got a cent in yer pocket. De woodpile will run out in Jinuary, an' de sugar an' de bacon will seem to be car'ied off by de rats. If yer wife am eber so good-natured she will hev her trials an' tribulashuns, an' dar may be times when she'll riz man' dar may be times when she'll riz man' dar may be times when she'll riz up an' claw fur you. In de y'ars gone by my ole woman has rushed upon me wid de rollin' pin, an' I has retorted in a way to make her ears ache, but all de time I knowed she was savin' an' good-heart-ed, an' she knowed I'd empty my pockets of de las' shillin' to buy her a new set of false frizzes. If you am suited to each odder an occashunal row in de fam'ly will prove a stickin' plaster to hold you de clusser together. If you ain't suited—if you diskiver dat you hev struck a patch of Canada thistles an' can't sot still, an' if de odder party an' can't sot still, an'if de odder party diskivers dat she has taken a tumble off de monument of Romance an' brought up wid a thud in de mudhole of Reality, you jist absquatulate apart. Go quietly an' decently and get onhitched by divorce, and let de wisdom gained by experience stan' at ver right gained by experience stan' at yer right hand when ye make anoder choice. Brudder Cantilever, my feelin's an' de feelin's of dis club am wid ye, an' our good wishes, together wid at least two dollars' wurth of tinware, kin be counted on wheneber de fatal occashun arroves.—Detroit Free Press.

BLOCK ISLAND.

Early History and Location of a Famous
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The island was first seen by civilized

TOUSE-Keepers navigators, so far as history furnishes any record, in the year 1524. A French navigator named Verazzano saw it in that year, and gave a report of its discovery to Francis I, King of France. How long it may have been inhabited by Indians before seen by this Frenchman must always remain a matter of conjecture. Ninety years later, in 1614, the Dutch trader, Adrian Block, explored this island and gave it his own name. The burning of his vessel detained him through the winter in Manhattan, he there built a new one which he named the Unrest; with it he explored the coast of Long Island Sound and this island. His vessel was probably the first which ever anchored on this shore, and he and his crew were the first civilized men who ever landed on this soil. Our historian tells us that in 1636 John Oldham, a trader from Boston, came in a small vessel to trade with the Manisseans—as the Indians on the island called themselves. The islanders put him to death "to the and that they might clothe their

bloody flesh with his lawful garments." Colonel John Endicott punished the Indians for their cruelty; he thus made the island widely known and established his claim to it by right of conquest. The island in its earliest history had many names. The most poetford many names are most poetfold and many names. The most poetfold are most wear "Manisses" menisors. ical one was "Manisses"—meaning the "Little God," or "The Little God's Island." This is at this hour the name of one of the hotels. The name fittingly appears in the following

end that they might clothe their bloody flesh with his lawful garments."

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tell you.
"I think it was in 1860 that a Jew named Goldstone, who had been up to Alaska, came here. He gave a glowing account of the great fortunes made in the fur trade in the north. He wanted me to furnish money to start a trading post up there. In the course of the conversation he mentioned incidentally that all the trading posts, dentally that all the trading posts, arms and ammunition, stores, forts and vessels in the trade had belonged to a Russian fur company, which had leased them to the Hudson Bay Company. The lease as well as the privileges of the Russian company had run out, and every thing now belonged to the Russian Government. He thought that the Russian Government. that the Russian Government would be glad to sell the whole thing out to a good American company. Russia and good American company. Aussia and the United States were on particularly good terms at that time. I talked the matter over with some of my friends, and we arranged to get up a good

company.
"I then went to Senator Cole and asked him to inquire through Russian Minister Stokel if there would be any chance to make the purchase. The proposition was favorably received, and we organized a company, with General John A. Miller as president and Eugene Sullivan as vice president. The other members of the board of directors were William Ralston, Alvinsa Hayward, Senator Cole, Sam Bran-non and Alexander Badlam. Senator Cole then formally opened negotiations with the Russian Government through Cassius M. Clay, who was our Minister at that time in St. Petersburg, and Stokel, at Washington.

"The Russian Government then sent out an agent, with full power and authority for the results of the state of the s

thority to fix the price and terms of payment and to sign the papers and agreements on the part of Russia.

"We met the agent at the Occidental

Hotel, and spent a day and night in making a trade with him. Our arrangement, as finally made, was that every thing was to be turned over to us, forts, ships, arms, ammunition, utensils and furs on hand, for a price a little over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, with the exclusive

take proper care of Russian subjects and afford them the protection that had been given by their own Govern-ment. The discussion of this subject led to a proposal to sell the whole country to the American Government, finally resulted in a purchase, the details of which every one is familiar with."—San Francisco Call.

STAINED GLASS.

A New Craze Which Costs Money and Give Artists Steady Employment. "Through the increased demand for ago, "this firm has been compelled to go into the business, and to-day there is scarcely one of our richest customers whose dwelling is not adorned with stained glass windows. For centuries past stained glass was used only in chur less and cathedrals and bore the chur es and cathedrals and bore the imprints of holy persons. This is no longer the case, and a country residence without its artistically stained plass windows is considered out of place. Within a year or two the number of artists engaged in this profession or business has increased at least about twenty-fold, and yet our ability to fill recently was \$2 a year, and cheap at that, but is now reduced to \$1.50 a year. And Better Still: We have made arrangements with the publishers, by means of which we propose to supply the Weekly Prairie Farmer

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EARLY MATURITY.

An Indispensable Quality in Cattle to Both The Horns and Teeth as an Index of Their

The early maturity question, as regards beef breeds, is unquestionably wrinkles of the horns are annular rings. one of first importance to our breeders Both males and females of the bovine and graziers; to the graziers it may be race have rings formed annually—the said, first, because their profits depend first at two years of age and showing much upon economy of time and food, plainly at three years. Thereafter a turning over their money as quickly as ring is formed annually, and if two in this matter.

In his selection of the type of animal the breeder, of course, is influenced by the market, and here the feeder is his patron and prompter, whose demands must be considered and satisfied. The feeder may be, indeed, the breeder himself, who, as feeder also, becomes his own customer, but this fact does not alter the aspect of the case, for the only difference is that he must look forward to his own wants instead of to the wants of another man, and breed ac-cording to the sort of stock he will require.

Size and weight, doubtless, will continue to be in demand, for a considerable proportion of buyers, not only for beef-making purely, but for general purposes, as the cow that can milk well, fatten readily, and then fall a good weight, is a more profitable animal than the light-built cow which can not

rougher and more primitive conditions.

If we must have animals with the hereditary habit of rapid growth, and to assume the form and fully furnished flesh points of adults at an age when average cattle are little beyond calfhood, we must be prepared to yield somewhat of constitutional ro bustness, and to sacrifice longevity.

The individual animals reared for beef alone are not intended to have long lives. The object of their entrance

SIZES OF SHOES.

Trade Tricks Resorted to in the Numbering of Foot Gear.

Nominally there is now one-third of an inch in length and one-twelfth of an inch in width between contiguous white or navy blue flannel, or of the sizes of shoes. Thus: In women's checked Scotch cloths of which their shoes the width B is supposed to be kilt suits are made.—Harper's Bazar. one-twelfth of an inch broader than the width A. C is one-twelfth inch wider than B, and so on, F being the extreme width of women's shoes in

Lengths of shoes are almost as much demoralized as widths. The begin-ning of the scale in the length of shoes is a child's 0, which should just be four inches in length, and each additional size should add one-third of an inch. size should add one-third of an inch. A child's 0 being four inches in length, a child's 9 would consequently be five inches long, and a 13 would be six and one-third inches in length. The numbers then begin at 1 again, which is six and two-thirds inches long. A man's 8 should be nine inches long.

But it has become so customary to

But it has become so customary to abridge half a size, that when a manufacturer receives orders for men's shoes 6s to 10s or women's 8s to 7s, he knows very well that his customer expects 5½ to 9½s in one case and 2½s to 6½s in the other.—Boston Commercial

—A putty of starch and chloride of inc hardens quickly and lasts as a topper of holes in metals for months

HORNED CATTLE.

The fact, well known, is that the possible, and turning out as quickly as possible, fat and fit for the butcher, the stock they buy in lean condition; but if the grazier has precedence, on the ground of his direct and immediate interest, the breeder necessarily has chronological priority, inasmuch as an animal must come into the world before it can eat and be eaten. Let us take first, therefore, the breeder's part in this matter. does not appear until the animal is five years old. Thereafter the rings are contant. As a rule the rings are annular after the animal is three years old, and hence the determination of age is more certain by the horn than by the teeth, since close or gritty pastures often wear the teeth far more than flush pastures, or in the case of cattle fed on food requiring little exertion in gath-

Up to the time when the animal arrives at full maturity the teeth are a sure index of age, whatever the pasweeks the calf will have four front teeth on the under jaw, two only being out at birth. At three weeks it will have six teeth, and at a month old the incisor teeth will be complete—that is, eight. At eight months the incisors purposes, as the cow that can milk well, fatten readily, and then fall a good weight, is a more profitable animal than the light-built cow which can not carry much flesh; but as the business of feeding for the largest profit is usually a race against time, the animals that can make up and "ripen" the fastest at the least cost will be mostly those required, wherever the feeder has a cultivated farm and all the appliances and buildings of advanced agriculture. A different stamp of animal, but still inclining to early "ripening," and a kindly thriver, will be wanted to meet rougher and more primitive conditions. months of age. This appearance will be measurably constant, but, as stated before, the actual wear of the cutting surfaces will be governed by the nature of the pasturage and other food.-Chicago Tribune.

ROUND HATS.

Pretty Styles for Ladies, Misses, Girls and to us, forts, ships, arms, ammultion, utensils and furs on hand, for a price a little over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, with the exclusive privilege of taking and trading for furs. The company made a better trade than the Government did after-ward, I think. The agreement was not signed, but the company appointed Henry E. Baker agent, with fu, power to execute all papers if the schedule of property was found to be correct. The furs alone reported on hand would have paid the purchase price twice over.

"Colonel Baker went on board the steamer Alexander, which was insluded in the property to be purchased, expecting to sail the next morning. Late in the afternoon of the day he went on board Eugene Sullvan went down to the dock. He was vice-resident of our company, and told Baker and the Russian agent that the company had finally decided to back and of the trade. Baker came ashore, and an agent of the present Alaska Commercial Company what on board. The Alaska company had been trying to megotiate for some time before, but the instructions of the Russian agent tweet peremptory to trade with us if we would trade. Our decilning gave them solves of, General Miller and one or which sheed and what had been dance where the present Alaska and the Russian agent were peremptory to trade with us if we would trade. Our decilning gave them sheed and trading for the power of the constitution to be at the strain of rough life, or he wear and tear of prolonged life. To the feeder the question what his down what stock best suit his place and down over the forehead, and rolled up in the back to show its lining of yellow flow what stock best suit his place and down over the forehead, and rolled up in the back to show its lining of yellow flow what stock best suit his place and down over the forehead, and rolled up in the back to show its lining of yellow flow and the proposed of the provent place the province of the world the province of the provent place the province of the province of the province of the province of the p were peremptory to trade with us if we would trade. Our declining gave them a chance, which they availed themselves of. General Miller and one or two others were smart enough to get into the new company, and have made fortunes out of it.

"It was the one chance in a life-time that a man has to make a fortune, and I missed it. The company made a trade, I don't know the particulars of it, but just about that time it seemed to occur to the Russian Government that the American company might not selected with the trade of the United States, it is cream-colored herons' feathers is thrust evident that we have room for many in the loops at the back. In other hats all the braids are sewed lengthwise from the top of the crown down, and the braids are seven development, to harder or more generous living, so that in all breeds there is some elasticity to adapt themselves to circumstances, although certain breeds excel others in readiness to do so.—

National Live-Stock Journal.

SIZES OF SHOES. braids in bright shades of red or blue with white. Pretty little sun-bonnets

He Forgot the Combination.

for small girls are made of cotton sat-

teens, with a high smooth crown tow-

A wealthy citizen of a neighboring city had been out until the small hours, But the sensitiveness of a portion of with convivial companions. It was stained glass windows in the city as the fair sex on the subject of wide feet not exactly a "dry locality" that he well as in the suburbs," said the foreman of a large jewelry establishment lable their wide goods EE. This width is really one-twelfth broader than E. describing several erratio rather than

"What's the matter with your hands then?" she cross-examined. "Nozzin." "Why don't you pull your boots off, then?

"Maria, I've forgot the combina-tion!"—Boston Record.

Decrease of Immigration.

The immigration to this country shows a great falling off for 1885, the total number of foreigners landing in New York aggregating but 291,066, against 354,702 in 1884. This is the smallest number since 1879. Germany sent us 97,913 immigrants, Ireland 85,277, England 25,657, Russia 16,835, Sweden 16,045, Italy 15,740, Hungary 11,665, Austria 10,882, Norway 9,974, the balance being natives of other European States. It is a singular fact that nearly 84,000 of these foreigners remained in New York. The percentage of agricultural laborers was comtotal number of foreigners landing in

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