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A DRIED apple trust has been formed in an Eastern state. The stock is almost certain to be watered and the trust will go up.

THE serious illness of Edwin Booth, following so close upon the sudden break-down of Mary Anderson, has almost the appearance of fatality.

BOOTH'S manager says he has no doubt the immediate cause of his attack was excessive cigar smoking. Booth smokes twenty strong cigars a day, and frequently uses a pipe.

SMALL loss would "Esq." be if Americans discarded it. It is absolutely without meaning in its current use, and does nothing to compensate for the time it takes to write it.

DURING the last two days South Dakota and Minnesota have been swept by a series of wind storms, which caused millions of dollars damage to property, and several lives have been lost.

VEST justifies the action of the United States senate in rejecting Halstead's nomination as minister to Germany, on the ground of unfitness for the place, because of the extreme partisan bias of Halstead.

IT will be fun to see them pull in those who seek to imitate the bold Denver bank robber. It is not every man who can work a game like that. Yes, and there are some bank presidents with more nerve than this one. A man can't come in this office and get \$21,000 that way.

THE ministry has asked the chamber of deputies to sanction the prosecution of Boulanger. In making the request the government submitted a statement to the chamber, in which it reviews the career of Boulanger since the commune, and charges him with attempting the destruction of the republic. It declares that his offense comes under the section of penal code which deals with conspiracy and attempts to overthrow the established government.

THE skill of the American farmer, supplied as he is with the most ingenious and graceful and effective machinery, has become an object of admiration and imitation. His well-organized home is looked upon as a model. The place filled in the community by the American farmer is considered so important and honorable that other nations inquire how it has been attained. His crops are looked upon as so sure that all anxiety with regard to the supply of food for people less favored has passed away.

TERRIBLE stories are those of the destruction of Leola, the county-seat of McPherson county, Dakota. Leola was a town of 300 inhabitants, and the country for miles around was well settled with industrious and thrifty people. The surrounding country is nearly devastated. Hundreds of farm houses are in ashes, and the carcasses of burned stock are lying along the roadways. The citizens will hold a meeting to take measures for relief. Scores of farmers are without seed wheat, stock, buildings or implements to commence spring work.

THINK FOR YOURSELF. It is a pity that men would not bear in mind that all the business of life is but the exchange of labor for labor, or commodity for commodity, and that the only use for money is to settle differences that cannot be exactly traded. For instance, a man does a week's work and is paid in money. He spends that money for commodities. He who paid it to him received it for commodities. What the man got for his week's work was in reality the labor of some other man (or men) as represented by the money. In fact, if we will reduce the subject down to its final analysis we see that all business is neither more nor less than the exchange of labor for labor. "How then" asks a great modern thinker, "can there be too many laborers?" See the point? Every additional laborer consumes that much more and gives an equivalent.

THE OLD ROAD.

High position is no guaranty for good sense. Some people never learn anything, the fools are never all dead and a new crop comes on every year. Rulers and law makers seem to be the biggest fools of all. Buckle was right when he said nearly all the time of modern parliaments is taken up in undoing the work of preceding parliaments. One of the chief lessons our forefathers sought to impress on their descendants is that legislatures have very limited powers, being confined by constitutions and by the higher laws of human rights. But we have progressed backwards until we recognize no limit to the power of law makers. There are ignorant who even sneer at constitutions and wonder at any court ever daring to question an act of a legislature. As yet the veto power and the power of courts to annul so-called laws when wrong has preserved us from the despotism of legislatures. In all history the most dreadful tyrannies have often been practiced by many rulers at once, such as the Council of Ten, the Areopagi, the Thirty-nine, the Fifty, etc. Why? Simply because there is no individual responsibility. And in nearly every case where governments have been wisely founded on the individual responsibility they have been quietly revolutionized by the cunning substitution of ministers or advisers and the maxim, the king can do no wrong.

Wherever law-making is loosely carried on and the irrepresible power of making statutes is given to several persons, without any reference being had to the people, it is but a question of time when despotism will be the rule. Does any one doubt this? Just let him examine the acts of congress during the past forty years. Or what is better, let him watch the proceedings of a legislative body to-day and see what trifling influences prevail, what corruption, what combinations are made to carry a bill through. The law-makers go to the state capitals to serve the people, but they are no more servants of the people than are so many attorneys at court. Bill after bill is gotten up for corporations or persons. The people, the commonwealth, is the last thing to be considered.

SLOWLY true ideas are gaining ground. Reform in the United States has had much to keep it back, yet it has never lost one step. While standing still to all seeming it has struck its roots deeper and deeper. We all know there are many evils in the world, but how foolish it seemed to try to remove them while slavery existed. It was like trying to cure a small pimple on a body foul with leprosy. What mockery to talk of temperance and morality where slavery existed by law! And the war has left us a legacy of debt and other things to raise distracting quarrels. These will be settled in due time. Meanwhile abuses are growing and coming to a head and critical minds all over the land are observing and discussing them. Do not go into cities, or among the fashionable or people absorbed in money-getting and speculating to find intelligent understanding of the situation. But go into the villages and country places and you will hear all the questions discussed which brains, emancipated by folly or palsied with insane love of money or place, cannot comprehend. Were all the world like most big towns we wot if reform could never get a foothold.

People remarked during the late war how marvellous was the growth of a correct public opinion on matters which even to mention was not lawful, a little while before. But the fact is, leading brains had been quietly discussing those questions for decades and had settled them. As for the great noisy mass of non-thinkers their opinions, being mere prejudice, outside in the presence of power. They acquiesce and are soon as ready to fight for the new as they were to fight against it, a little before.

The twenty-third national encampment of the G. A. R. will be held at Milwaukee, Wis., beginning August 27th. George W. Peck, in his speech at Columbus last year, when setting forth Milwaukee's advantages, promised that the Milwaukee water works would turn its back upon Lake Michigan and produce Milwaukee beer instead. The comrades propose holding him to his promise, even if he is a brother-in-law of the Baptist church.

KLEIN, the correspondent at Samoa visited Washington last week, having been summoned by the state department for the purpose of testifying in relation to the outrages committed by the Germans while he was there. He also explained his connection with the events leading to the battle of Copalli. His testimony completely refuted the charges made by the Germans against him, of having fired upon their soldiers and ordered the soldiers of Mataua to do so.

Just for Fun.

There was a chap who kept a store, And though there might be grander, He sold his goods to all that came, And his name was Alexander. He mixed his goods with cunning hand, He was a skillful brander; And since his sugar was half-sold, They called him Alexander.

He had his dear one and she rage, And lovingly he scanned her; He asked her would she change her name, Then a ring did Alex hand her. "O, yes," she said with smiling lip, "I'll be a woman under." And so they formed a partnership, And called it Alex-and-her.

South Australia is becoming a wine-producing country. Look not on the wine when it is red, nor the rum when it is bay. The salt trust is the freshest monopoly. It should be put into brine. The successful crank is a genius. The unsuccessful crank is a crazy man. Scrub oak ought to be utilized in the manufacture of brushes and brooms.

A grandmother only twenty-five years old is the chief curio in Hancock, Ind. The success of the Denver bank robber is likely to cause a boom in that line of business. Why is it that a man never gives the minister so big a fee for marrying him to his second wife? A woman never wants to be a man so much as when she sees a crowd gathering in the street.

There were 14,906 divorces in the United States during the last twenty years, caused by drunkenness. It is rumored that Third Assistant Postmaster General Haven will speedily abolish the green postage stamp. At Springfield, Ohio, there is a Turkish praying rug on exhibition, said to be 1600 years old and valued at \$2500.

Are the Samon Islands worth what the recent hurricane has cost the United States and Germany in life and property? The experiment of rice cultivation has been successfully tried in California. There are large tracts of land adapted to this grain. Statistics make it appear that there are 5530 lawyers in New York City, whose aggregate fees amount to something over \$3,000,000 a year.

Two-wheeled vehicles are growing in popularity. In some places market-men's carts and carts for pleasure driving go upon two wheels. A talking piano, operated by numerous keys and producing words of all kinds, is one of the curiosities of a New York museum. President Harrison hasn't said a word regarding the rejection by the senate of Mr. Halstead, but he is keeping up a terrible thinking just the same.

The total Indian population of the United States in 1886 was 247,761 and the Indians had 212,396 square miles of territory reserved for their use. Peace is promised in Hayti. It is probably well for both factions that they have agreed to agree. There were but few more soldiers in either army. The bright star Canopus emits more than 1500 times the light of our sun. Sirius is at such a distance that its light occupies nearly nine years in reaching us, and its real brightness is that of sixty-three of our suns.

A bunch of peanise case in New York failed because the young man had taken the singular precaution to write all his love-letters with a typesetter, signature and all. Hereafter no type-written let-erges with a girl who has any foresight at all.—E.S. An exchange says "agriculture is a noble calling, and the world respects it." Farmers are noble men as far as they prove themselves noble, they will be respected just so far as they prove to their associates that they deserve to be respected, and if they are true to their high calling none will take a better place in town, state or country.

Paddy Lane, the author of the Irish story that he would rather be "a coward for five minutes than a dead man the rest of his life," has recently perpetrated another. Speaking of his assailant, Kavanaugh, he said, "I won't say anything hard of him. If he has done wrong I leave it to his own conscience and God to play the devil with him."

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