

The Democratic Times.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1874.

BEAR CINCING.—The way the bears have had the upper hand of the bulls in the stock market of late, and "cinched" the small holders, time buyers and pretty much everybody else who dabbled in stocks, is pretty well illustrated by the following: A showman traveling in Cornwall had occasion to put up one night at a farmhouse. The old farmer was somewhat troubled to find a good place to put the showman's performing bear, but finally they arranged it by putting a fine young bull calf out of the snug little outhouse where he kept it, and putting the bear in its place. Now it so happened that a couple of his neighbors, enviously disposed, who had concluded to steal that calf, came for him about midnight. One of them slipped inside with a bit of rope in his hand, while his companion kept watch outside the den, ready to assist. Directly he heard a rough and tumble sort of a fuss inside, and, poking his nose through a crack, he called out, "Jim! Jim! 'ave thee got 'im, Jim?" "No, don't the bloody calf," wheezed Jim, "he's gotten I and he be makin' I grunt."—*Gold Hill News.*

IMPORTANCE OF CORRECT PUNCTUATION.—The importance of correct punctuation was strongly illustrated the other day at a meeting of the Ways and Means Committee, when it was shown that a comma in one place was worth \$2,000,000. In the tariff bill which went into effect August 1st, 1872, the free list was extended by the addition of several articles. Among the number added was "fruit plants, tropical and semi-tropical," for the purpose of propagation and cultivation. In engraving the bill, or in the process of copying it for official printing, a comma was inserted after "fruit," and all fruit was thereby placed upon the free list. The custom officers, however, not noticing the change, continued to collect duties on fruit until the error was discovered. The Ways and Means Committee have now agreed to report a bill to remove comma, in accordance with the intent of 1872. The amount of tax illegally collected is not far from \$2,000,000.

TWENTY CENT PIECES.—A bill has been introduced into the Senate of the United States to authorize the coining of twenty cent pieces. The Pacific Coast needs such a coin. Fractional currency is unknown to California, excepting transaction with the Post Office, and the twenty-five cent pieces does not fill the void in our circulating medium. We have no twelve and a half cent piece, and yet in many of our minor dealings we find that sort of enumeration adhered to, which compels either the purchaser or the salesman to be the loser of two cents and a half. This is not the first time the grievance has been complained of; everyone has felt it, and murmured against it; and it is to be hoped that a united effort will be made by the entire delegation from the Pacific Coast States and Territories to pass the bill to which reference is made.

EDWIN BOOTH, the greatest of American actors, has not only gone into bankruptcy, but is in actual poverty. In his schedule of personal property, he estimates the jewelry worn on his person at \$390; the value of his books and pictures at \$2,303, and his other personal property at \$3,450. His debts are a good many times that amount. When such actors as Booth fail in life, the outlook to second-rate performers must be dismal indeed.

SENATOR FLANAGAN, the back-pay orator from Texas, has succeeded in discovering the real cause of the late unpleasantness. When the bill providing for the appointment of a liquor traffic commission was before the Senate, the other day, Flanagan boldly averred his belief that "the use of alcoholic liquors caused the late split between the North and the South." Peg one for Flanagan.

WE find the following touching verse in the Baltimore American:
The train that brought his wife came down,
And then went sweeping on.
But, woe to him, his wife had brought
His mother-in-law along.
His mother-in-law will be borne
Ere sorrow break its chain;
But this last streak just settled him—
He never smiled again.

SNAKES.—A newly-married lady at Haddonfield, New Jersey, "just for fun," hid a toy snake in her husband's boots a few days ago. The result of the joke was somewhat peculiar. The husband, on discovering the reptile, first took a critical look at himself in a mirror, and then, going to a closet, seized his demijohn and threw it far out into a neighboring pond.

IT is said that the pupil of a cat's eye dilates as the sun ascends toward noon, and contracts as the sun declines. A recent traveler in China tells us that in a certain part of that country the natives always examine the cat's eyes when wishing to be exact as to the noon hour.

THERE is a journeyman tailor in Boston whose nose is so red that he can sew the finest work in the darkest night, with no other light than that afforded by his flaming proboscis. His head is quite bald from the effect of carrying building material in his hat.

SUCCESS WITH SHEEP.—There have been indications for some time and from various quarters, that wool is going to advance in price. The demand appears to be heavy in England, and this affects our own market. We have watched the sheep and wool business for twenty years, during which time there were several panics, sheep being butchered for their pelts and tallow, but immediately after, prices rose, and then every sheep was saved. Meanwhile those who kept on steadily and sold at the going prices have done well, while those who held wool over a year or so thereafter were well paid. The truth is, there is no better business, year after year, than that of sheep husbandry, for the reason that the increase of our population is so constant and great as to keep up a steady demand for all kinds of woolen fabrics. As it has been in the past, so it is quite likely to be in the future, and those who have sheep may safely get more. But let no inexperienced hands rush in, for complete knowledge is required and constant attention. The best way to get a good flock of sheep is to raise them, because there are but few chances to buy such sheep as will pay to keep, unless at high prices. He who has good sheep knows it as well as anybody else, and as a general thing, if he offers to sell sheep they will be culls. A beginner should buy a few good American merinos, say from twenty to fifty, and if they are really good—that is, young and free from disease—there is more increase and money in them than in a flock of 150 culls, old, scabby, and otherwise unsound. In fact, such sheep are not worth the feed required to winter them, and the best use to make of them is to send them to the butcher, if such a thing is allowable.

By commencing with a few sheep a pains-taking man can learn how to manage them as fast as they grow, being like some school-teachers, who learn as fast as their scholars do. It will take from three to five years to learn the sheep business, and by that time the flock should be of respectable size. We hardly know of an instance of young men going blindly into the business with 500 head who have not lost their whole investment.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

PERMANENT WHITEWASH.—The season of the year has returned when the inquiries for good whitewash are raised. We give the following as excellent: Take a half bushel of excellently burned lime; shake it with boiling water; cover it during the process, to keep in the steam. Strain the liquid through a fine sieve, and add to it seven pounds of salt previously well dissolved in warm water, three pounds of ground rice boiled to a thin paste and stirred in boiling hot, one-half pound of powdered Spanish whiting, and one pound of clean glue, which has been previously dissolved by soaking it well, and then hanging it over a slow fire, in a small kettle within a large one filled with water. Add five gallons of hot water to the mixture, stir it well, and let it stand a few days covered from dirt. For this purpose it can be kept in a kettle on a portable furnace. About a pint of this mixture will cover a square yard.

THE SIAMESE TWINS OUTDONE.—The Bilbury (Canada) *Border Post* records the death of the wife of F. W. Tientyens, who had recently given birth to twins. The extraordinary complication, attending the birth, caused great exhaustion, from which deceased never rallied. The infants, who are full grown and in every respect perfect, are joined together from an inch below the armpit to the upper edge of the hip-bone, and about four inches in width; with this exception, the infants (both females) are well proportioned and each in itself perfect. The case is one which will doubtless possess many features of interest to the medical profession, no record being known of any case so extraordinary—the union of the infants being more complete and of much greater extent than that which existed between the celebrated Siamese twins.

A NEW METHOD OF BUTCHERING.—A new method of killing horned cattle has been introduced in Europe, which it is said largely reduces the possibility of inflicting unnecessary torture upon the animals. An iron mask, like a continuous blinker, is placed on the bullock's head, so arranged as to close the animal's vision, and to make a hole or socket in the middle of the mask corresponding to the spot in the center of the forehead where on a blow immediately causes insensibility. A hollow nail of peculiar form, made to fit the socket, and having a large head, is then readily slipped in to its place, and a single blow of very moderate strength drives it instantly home, and causes death too rapidly to allow of any suffering.

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