

Grant Co. News.

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A Nebraska tornado blew a cow's tail bald without injuring the animal.

An exchange says that the silver a person usually carries in his pocket. A silver quarter measures three-fourths of an inch, the half dollar one inch, and the dollar an inch and a quarter.

In Georgia has been discovered a quarry of natural glass. It is taken out, melted and manufactured just like the artificial article. This leaves nothing lacking but a cocktail well to complete the bounties of nature.

Bob Ingessoll and Henry George are to debate the respective theories of protection and free trade. The contestants are about equally matched in several respects. George denies the right of a man to own the earth, and Ingessoll denies the right of man heaven.

John Potts, with a small J and a large P, writes to a south Missouri editor to stop his paper for reasons which he thus explains: "I hev pade to much already, and ya don't give us enny funnie eyetums you ar awl the time ritng up pollytiks en wot you know abot a pollytik woodent fil a flees' year."

A vessel has been invented at Paris that promises to revolutionize naval warfare. It was designed by M. Ramagote, a government engineer and is so constructed as to be able to dive beneath the keel of the largest iron-clad, and by means of special apparatus to fasten explosive cartridges to the sides of the enemy's vessel, the motive power. Preparations are already being made for launching this formidable little vessel.

The worst case of "snakes" so far this season is found in the Weston Leader as follows: A cow, in the mountains, was bitten about two months ago by a rattlesnake. Some time during this week she had a calf, which does not differ from other calves with the exception that its tail is finished off with fourteen rattles and a button. At the slightest alarm, the animal endeavors to coil, its tail stands up as rigid as a pick-handle and rattles away like a whole den of snakes. Each of the rattles is as large as a hen's egg.

The person who will maliciously or carelessly allow fires to get out in the dry grass and timber of the mountains deserves to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law provided for such cases. Thousands of acres of stocks range in this county is being swept over by fire and destroyed, together with timber to the value of millions of dollars. By the burning of the winter range stockmen are to be heavy losers, and the entire community will suffer in consequence. An example made of a careless camper would have a moral effect.

The question of limiting the privileges enjoyed by other countries, of sending their surplus population to America is attracting the attention of statesmen. If the skilled labor of Europe would come here it would be an advantage; but to send their raw recruits to be educated and supported and put on equal political footing with the home article, at America's expense seems to us to be played out. A law requiring an immigrant to show self supporting qualities, and not offering him a nomination to office as he steps ashore, should certainly be passed.

House of Representative Committee on Accounts has found that 11,000,000 envelopes have been used in distributing the speeches of the members of that branch of Congress during the present session. \$21,000 has been expended on furnishing these. Most of the speeches have been on the subject of the tariff. By an examination of the record, it was found that previous to the present session the largest number of envelopes used for this purpose was during the campaign of 1876, when 7,000,000 envelopes were required.

There are now published in the City of Mexico eight or ten papers devoted exclusively to the bull ring. On the other hand, there are but four or five papers which serve as organs of the working people.

The greatest woman in the world died August 13th. She was a Nova Scotian, her maiden name was Anna Swan, and she was the wife of Capt. Bates, the Kentuckey giant. Her actual height was 7 feet 9 inches, and her weight was 325 pounds. She had been exhibited all over the world, yet she was as modest and retiring as a woman of her size could be.

Within a radius of sixty miles of Nashville, Tenn., there is said to be found a tree that is said to be the shittin' wood of ark fame. Celebrated botanists from all over the country have examined the trees and agree that they grow nowhere else on the globe. They have decided that it is the shittin' wood of which Noah's ark was constructed, mention of which is made several times in the Bible. The tree is medium sized, with very dark, smooth, bark and the wood is of a bright gold color. In early spring the trees are laden with long, white blossoms, closely resembling great ostrich plumes. There seems to be no doubt about the identity of the trees, and it is remarkable that they are found only in this small area and so few at that.

A story used to be told many years ago of a merchant who was peculiarly subject to fits of absent-mindedness. Once he was writing a letter and thought, absent-mindedly, that he had forgotten his correspondent's first name. Turning to one of his clerks he said, "What's John Jackson's first name?" The clerk accustomed to his employer's peculiarity, replied, "John, sir." The merchant wrote the letter, put it in an envelope, and was again at a loss. To the same clerk he said: "Expense me, Charles, I've forgotten John Jackson's last name." A gentleman in this city was met by a friend one morning recently hurrying back from the station towards his home. "What's the matter?" the friend asked. "Oh! I've left my watch under my pillow, and I'm going home to get it." "You'll miss your train." "Oh, no," was the reply; "see, I've got four minutes yet," and he pulled out his watch to enforce the statement.

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