

THE GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

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Restaurant keepers cannot discriminate against colored men by requiring them to sit at designated tables in order to be waited on, according to the decision of the Supreme Court of Michigan.

The Sunday Mercury says a neighbor in a certain locality in East Portland saw a "young lady" deliberately and without provocation hug, kiss and caress her wash Chinaman against the peace and dignity of that city.

Canton, Me., must be a fortunate town. Having no other use for their jail the selectmen have rented it to a man for a shoe-maker's shop. The tenant, however, keeps a cell or two in readiness in case somebody should lapse from virtue.

The use of gentian is recommended as a cure for blushing. But a careful investigation fails to disclose any general need for such a specific. If some beneficent herb could be discovered which will cure the disease of not blushing, it might be found to be of great use in political and financial circles.

It was supposed that the business of issuing bogus medical diplomas had been entirely squelched in this country, but a "Medical Institute", which had no existence, except on paper has been located at Newbury, Vermont, and the rascals operating the fraudulent scheme arrested. They ought to get life sentences.

Type-setting machines continue to be patented and there is a continual increase in the alluring baits held out to induce the public to take stock in companies for their manufacture. In the course of time doubtless a successful and practical machine will be invented, but up to date there is no machine which compares for reliability and economy with the human typesetter.

An exchange says that in answer to numerous inquiries and for the information of settlers it gives the following bit of information: A man may abandon a pre-emption land claim for good reasons and make a second pre-emption filing upon another tract. This fact has been established beyond a doubt by recent decisions of the commissioner of the general land office. In such cases the first entry must be cancelled.

A circular from the department of the interior lately announced an important change in the land laws. By its terms no person can file or enter more than 320 acres of public land hereafter. For instance, if one files on 320 acres of desert land he is forever barred from entering or filing on any other claim under the various acts of congress providing for the disposal of the public domain. This law, however, will not prevent any one who acquired public land previous to August 30th last from filing upon 320 acres more, provided he has not exhausted his rights previously.

Can a newspaper please everybody? It cannot. Ought everybody be pleased? No. Why not? Well, if a newspaper pleased everybody, and if everybody were pleased, the time spent here on earth would be so fearfully monotonous that the people would not care how soon the old globe on which they reposed went to pieces. A newspaper must rattle the dry bones, make everybody mad, be boycotted, kick up Jack, tell the truth, expose falsehood, lay bare hypocrisy, fraud and the like, and then trust to the sober second thought of all fair minded people.—Oregon Scout.

John L. Sullivan the great slugger not long ago became impressed with the conviction that he could serve his country in congress, but when he picked up the morning paper two months ago and took it to his barber to have it read for him, heard members referring to each other as liars, tramps, bums, horse thieves, garrulous, wife beaters, ex-bank cashiers, bunco steerers and festering sores. He demanded a purse to make it possible for him to enter the ring. The purse was not hung up, and he preserved his dignity as the first American by becoming an actor rather than a member of congress.

PATENT OFFICE CRANKS.

The Queer Inventions That Are Sent to Be Investigated. To fully realize how many cranks live among us one has only to visit the Patent Office in Washington, says the New York Herald, and examine the models which fill the shelves of that department and read the specifications, in which are set forth in glowing terms the many benefits which they propose to donate to mankind. Every imaginable scheme is suggested and laid before the patent examiners. The question of utility, of practicality, does not enter into the taking out of a patent; it suffices that the invention has the feature of novelty and that the applicant pay the legal fee.

So numerous are the "perpetual motion" cranks, who think they have discovered the long and vainly sought engine, that the office has prepared a circular which is mailed to any one who takes steps to enter an alleged perpetual motion invention. The circular informs him "that it is thought proper to advise him, in order to save him further expense and labor, that the views of the Patent Office coincide with those of scientists in general in regard to mechanical perpetual motions—that they are impossibilities. Should your entry be taken, a working model will be required, the office being aware that it will be impossible for you to comply with this requirement." The specification and fee are then returned. Does this dampen their ardor? Doubtless thousands of them are now trying to compass the working model.

Many of the old models were burned up in the fire of 1877, and tradition only tells of some of the queer contrivances that had been gathered in.

One of the most curious of these was a hen's nest constructed with a spring trap at the bottom of the nest. The weight of an egg was sufficient to press down the spring and allow the egg to slip out. The theory of this thoughtful inventor was that as soon as the hen laid an egg it would press down the trapdoor and disappear. The hen, as is her custom after laying an egg, would rise and cackle, but finding no egg, would conclude that she had made a mistake and would proceed immediately to lay another, and so on *ad infinitum*. On this principle the owner of a hen would have a great monopoly.

A trip through the model rooms revealed many unique and curious inventions, some of the more unusual of which I venture to describe and illustrate.

One of the most original is an ornance bow, patented by C. M. French and W. H. Fancher, of Waterloo, N.Y., in June, 1890. The object of the invention was to produce a bow equal in point of strength and lightness to the one ordinarily in use and yet which would combine the elements of a small sized cannon, so that it could be utilized by the frontiersman, both for defensive purposes as well as agricultural.

The beam or tongue of the plow to which the horses or oxen are yoked, is in fact a gun barrel or piece of light ordnance capable of throwing a projectile of one to three pounds weight without rendering it cumbersome as a plow.

The plowshare takes the place of a gun carriage and serves to anchor the improved cannon firmly in the ground and enable it to resist the recoil, while the handles furnish means of guiding the plow or gun, as the case may be, directly front or side. To use the language of the inventors: "as a means of defense in repelling surprises and attacks on those engaged in a peaceful avocation it is unrivaled, as it can be instantly brought into action by disengaging the beam, and in time of danger may be used charged with deadly grapes. This combination enables those in agricultural pursuits to have at hand an efficient weapon of defense at slight expense, in addition to a common and indispensable implement and one hardly inferior to expensive light ordnance on wheels." With due deference to the originality of the conception of the inventors, it does not appear that the "plough gun" or "gun plough" has come into very general use.

ORIGIN OF BEN HUR. How General Wallace Came to Write His New Famous Novel. Talking with an intimate friend of General Lew Wallace the other day, says a writer in the New York Star, I learned the true inspiration of his famous novel, "Ben Hur." Wallace was on an Eastern-bound train, "said my informant, "and while going through the drawing-room car he passed the open door of a compartment in which sat Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll. "Come in," said the latter. "I'm lonely in here, and want some one to talk with." Wallace entered, and seated himself. "All right, Colonel," he said, "what shall we chat about?" "Lots of things," replied Ingersoll. "Is there a future life?" Looking out of the window dreamingly, as the express sped on, he answered his own query. "I don't know—do you? Is there a God? I don't know—do you? Was Christ the son of God? I don't know—do you?" He paused and looked keenly at Wallace. The general was a little embarrassed by the abruptness of the great infidel's interrogatories. He replied: "Really, Ingersoll, I have never given much thought or study to the questions you propound. I had a Christian training and I have always tacitly accepted them." "Indeed?" said Colonel Ingersoll. "Why, man, you surprise me! They are vital issues; I have studied the subject thoroughly. Every man ought to be. Now, take my advice and look into the matter. You'll find you'll agree with me." "I went away from this interview both embarrassed and mortified," said the general, "that I did not feel competent to discuss so important a matter with so learned a thinker. I made up my mind that I would never place myself again in so embarrassing a situation. I took down my books and read every authority I could lay my hands on. After a year's study, so far from agreeing with the great agnostic in his expressed opinions, I wrote 'Ben Hur.' That is my reply to him!"

NOTICE. We have this day appointed N. Rulison our duly authorized agent for the collection of notes and accounts due our Canyon City Branch. All accounts and notes must be settled by Dec. 1st, or costs will be added to the same. J. DURKHEIMER & CO. Canyon City, Or., Nov. 18, 1890.

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

In a revival meeting at Walls Walla, Ore., a man confessed that he was a murderer and asked forgiveness. He refused to reveal the circumstances.

An advertisement in the Media (Pa.) Record announces the location of a piece of property up for sale as one and one-quarter inches from the town of Wawa.

"I always return from Europe more in love with my own country than ever," says Senator Washburn, of Minnesota. "Europe is nothing but an armed camp."

Just what a full-grown black bear can do in the way of hogging was demonstrated in Maine a week or two ago, when a bear seized a barrel of beef, gave it a squeeze and crushed it in pieces. It was estimated to be a squeeze of two-horse power.

Unacquainted with the game birds of this country, a newly-arrived German, living near Scranton, shot a barnyard turkey under the impression that it was a wild fowl. He took it home and had it cooked, and was about to sit down at the dinner-table to eat it when he was arrested for killing his neighbor's poultry.

A Saco (Me.) blacksmith is the latest convert to the belief that early rising is not always in practice what it is in theory. He got up dark and early the other morning, and had his fire blazing by four o'clock. The next thing he knew the Saco fire department had the hose turned on his blaze, and the night-owls were screaming "fire" at the top of their voices.

A family of Burnside, Ill., had been annoyed for many weeks by strange noises, and suspected that some noxious animal was in the house. The other night they discovered the intruder in the shape of a large rattlesnake, which had been aroused to fury by a cat. There was intense excitement, especially among the ladies of the household, until the reptile was dispatched.

There are various degrees of folly exhibited by individuals in the daily routine of life, perhaps no greater one could be adduced than that of searching for an escape of gas with a naked light, says the London Lancet. A man of mature age has recently had occasion to be impressed with the negligence he displayed in his endeavor to find the origin of an escape of gas in his house. Besides being badly burnt on the face, head and arms, he became aware at the same time of considerable damage done to his household property.

One of the Philadelphia Institutes had a pleasant experience the other day. Some years ago the managers admitted a pupil to their school, who was unable at the time to pay the regular fees. It was understood that he should pay at some future time, but no account was opened with him, and the incident had almost been forgotten, when the pupil returned to pay the money—fifty dollars. The instructor he had received enabled him to get employment, and when he had saved enough of his earnings to meet his obligations he came up manfully and paid the cost of his tuition.

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