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#### The Future of from.

[From the Commercial Bulletin.] Unless the present scarcity and high prices of iron are the effects of causes which may be speedily removed, they must operate as a serious check upon the prosperity and progress of all civilized nations. The rapidly increasing demand for and consumption of this metal, in its various manufactured forms. has already been brought to a halt, and enterprises of great utility, and even of national importance are now awaiting further developments upon this subject

This enhanced cost falls with the most severe and paralyzing effect upon railroad building enterprises, and hence indirectly upon the general interests of Louis Democrat the following additioncommerce and production, so largely al details of the terrible lynching affair dependent upon transportation facilities. | at Gunn City, Cass county, Mo., on the Unfortunately, this large advance has 25th inst. and in every possible utilized shape.

And if the present demand so much was stopped by the mob, who presented exceeds the supply and forces up prices their pistols and threatened to shoot course of Great Britain, Thomas Paine to so high a range, what may be ex- him if he did not stop. pected of the prospective demand, which promises to be much larger in by, who replied that he was there, and dence!" proportion than any prospective or if they wanted him to come after him.

It is very evident that the cost of pro- train. ·duction there is not likely to be reduced, other fields of labor.

A helpless Pittsburg tailor, advertion pantaloons,"

#### Swallowing a Man.

John Thomas was a man of keen wit, and strongly tinefured with a love of the humorous. He had been to Concord, and had seen the Fakir of legerdemain. He was relating his experience in the bar-room of the Conway house, and among other things he declared that he had gained an insight into many of the most wonderful tricks and that he could perform himself.

"For instance," said he, " I can swallow a man whole."

"Bah!" cried Tom Staples, a red faced woodsman, weighing at least two hundred pounds, "p'r'aps you could swallow ME?"

" Yes." "I'd like to see you do it." "I can do it."

"I'll bet fifty dollars you can't." " I take that bet."

"Then let's see you begin." "Not now. I have just eaten supper-I will do it to morrow morning in the presence of as many witness as as you choose, and it shall be done in the

square in front of the hotel." This was agreed to, and the money was put up. By the following morning the news that John Thomas was to swallow Tom Staples, whole had become widespread, and a vast concourse embracing men, women and children, had assembled to witness the wonder-

At the appointed time the chief acsend Demorest's Monthly for one year, both ters appeared in the square. John Thomas was smiling confidently, as though sure of success; while Tom Staples looked a little timid and uneasy. as though not quite at rest concerning

what was to become of him " Are you ready?" asked John. "All ready." answered Tom. Be-

gin as soon as you please." "Will you have the goodness to take off your hat?" " Sartin.

"Now your boots."

Tom removed his boots.

your pantaleons and shirt."

you-or, at all events I can try." Tom gave up beat and invited his man of himself.

#### Cass County, Mo., Tragedy.

friends into the hotel-

We take from a special to the St

come upon us at a time when the rail- Yesterday evening Judge Stevenson, road system of the country is being ex- J. R Cline, Thomas Dutro, and others tended at the rate of some seven or took the train on the Paola branch of eight thousand miles a year, when new the Missouri, Kansas and Topeka R. R. tered upon in nearly every State and way to Clinton, Mo., to attend a railroad ashamed to admit they are poor. The what comical celerity to join its fellows; Oregon. building projects were about to be en- at Harrisonville, for Holden, on their Territory in the Union, and when vast meeting, As the train approached young man defends himself and says; taken away four or five feet it remained property and solvents are being the control of the co vailroad schemes are being matured in Gunn City Station, in Cass County, it South America, Russia, Egypt, India, was overhealed by an armed and mask-China, and other non-producing coun- ed mob, numbering about eighty men, tries, which have just begun to develop by whom obstructions had been placed their material resources, and need iron on the track to prevent the train passto do it with, in immense quantities ing. As the train was about stopping at the station, the engineer perceived Where is all this iron coming from? | the mob and was about to run by, but

They then called for Gen. Jo. Sheleven possible increase of production? They replied they did not want him. It is difficult to perceive how the in- and he should not be hurt, and immecreased supply, requisite to keep prices diately called upon Cline and Stevenwithin bounds, can come from Europe. son, and commenced firing into the oned in Paris, by order of Robespierre,

with mines growing deeper and more freight car attached to the train. Cline prisoners who were doomed to execudifficult to work, and operatives clam- refused to appear until they assured tion on that day. One merning that oring for more pay, or deserting for him that he should not be hurt if he officer happened to be drunk; Paine's It really seems that, with our abun- on the platform of the station, with his fatal mark was made on the inside! dant supply of coal and ore, lying close pistol in his hand, reversed, in token Presently, before the executioneer had ed. to the surface and so easily mined and of surrender. Immediately five or six come, the door was closed, and Paine brought together, we ought not only to men shot him, and he fell dead. They was saved, to write the second part of be able to supply our own domestic continued to shoot him after he was the "Age of Reason," and to make the wants but those of nearly all the world. dead, until about forty balls had passed first declaration of American Indepenthrough his body.

The mob then made a rush for the ses for "cne or two steady girls to help car in which Stevenson was concealed, and battered down the doors and sides "an attack to commit scrofula."

of the car with rails, and killed him in

fike manner as Cline. They then held the train for some 20 minutes, hunting for the men who went on the bond of these men in the Cass County bond fraud case, and finding Ava perform his wonderful tricks of Dutro, one of them, killed him also. They called then for everybody who sympathized with their victims, swear-

ing they would kill all such. After this the obstructions were removed and the train permitted to proceed, first taking out the dead bodies and laying them side by side on the

Stevenson was the County Judge who issued the bonds which caused so much excitement in that county recently. Cline carried them to this city, and Du- quire three cents for each half ounce.

tro was one of the bondsmen of Cline The mob is said to be thoroughly organized, and its existence had been rumored in Harrisonville, and also its intention never to let Stevenson, Cline or their boudinen leave that place glive. It was also rumored that they intended to attack this train, but at another station, which having been passed, the

danger was supposed to be over. The mob asserted at the tragedy that their work was but begun-that they intended to kill all who had been connected with the issue of the bonds, or were friendly to those who did.

The people of Cass county are very much excited, and further murders are feared. Several of the men were recognized as old bushwhackers, and fe is believed they were all of that class.

#### Show Thyself a Man.

Now, there are two courses, either of which you can take. One is to say : herbs for medicinal purposes, are sub-"I am not living, nor riding nor dress- ject to letter rates of postage. way; and honesty and simplicity de- rates of postage. mand I should not live higher than I Lead pencils, shirts, and towels, if will be no man's pauper or beneficiary, of postage. " Next you will remove your coat. I will make what I take; and what I Manuscripts and corrected proofs for Those big brass buttons might stick in make and take shall support me"

The discipline which you get from subject to letter postage. Manuscripts Attorney & Counsellor-At-Law, Tom took off his coat, and as he the latter course of self-denial is better for pamphlets or lists for agricultural threw it upon the ground one of the than going to college. Many a man societies are also subject to letter postcooks came out of the hotel with a pan credled in learning gets no discipline, age. of melted lard and a big whitewash but a young man who, having been brush, which was deposited by the side reared and trained in self indulgence, the post office and registered. If money leaves his father's house and comes to is to be remitted a postal money order "Now," pursued John, "you take the city and says: I will be beholden should be obtained. Money should off your stockings, and then remove to no man. I can afford to live as plain never be enclosed in an ordinary letter. salem. es any man, both in regard to diet and Ail letters to be mailed must be 10-tf "Eh? D've mean for me to strip to clothes, if it is necessary to man- plainly addressed, and the name of the tark naked?" queried Tom, aghast. | hood, and I will not have anything I post office, state and county clearly "Of course I do. The agreement cannot fairly earn; I will be independ written. Care in this respect will inwas to swallow You. You are meat, dent and establish myself." Such a sure the prompt delivery of all letters, but your clothes ain't, nor were they in young man gets a discipline which is while a defective address carries them the bond. If you will strip I will give worth a university education. By forms invariably to the dead-letter office. you a thorough greasing, and double the ing that purpose, and adhering to it, he bet if you wish. I know I can swallow is educating himself in the very elements of manhood. He is making a heard of the famous traveling stone of

acknowledge that they work.

when the fathers of our Republic were in council, and in great doubt and despendency in relation to the oppressive and cried out, " Let us declare Indepen-

This, we have reason to think, was the first public suggestion of that great event; perhaps the first, absolutely. It is told that when Paine was imprisa man was sent round each morning to Stevenson concealed himself in a mark a cross on the cell doors of the would surrender. He then stepped out door stood open as he passed, and the

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Winter-green leaves, sage leaves, and

ing so well as my companions, and I Any printed matter so marked or must have fine clothes and better fare." written upon as to convey any other or The other is to say, with stern manli- further information than is conveyed ness: "I have come here to make my by the original print, is subject to letter

myself can earn the means of living. I sent by mail, are subject to letter rates

attorney's briefs and arguments, are

Valuable letters should be carried to

Many of our readers have doubtless Australia. Similar curiosities have re-Do you suppose men think less of cently been found in Nevada, which are you because you dress plainly? Fools described as being almost perfectly may, but men do not. Do you think round, the majority of them as large as your chances of life are less because a walnut, and of irony nature. When you feel ashamed to show a man where distributed about upon the floor, table your room is, and where you sleep? or any other level surface within two or Why, many a man has slept in a barn three feet of each other, they immediwho was better than many another ately begin traveling towards a common who slept in mansions or palaces. A centre, and there huddled in a bunch man ought not to be ashamed to say: like a lot of eggs in a nest. A single "I am poor, and I cannot do so and se." stone, removed to the distance of three It is the curse of America, since there and a half feet, being released at once are no orders of nobility here, men are started off, wth wonderful and some-I am not so poor as you take me to be." motionless. They are found in a region Even sensible people yield to the temp- that is comparptively level, and it is tation of the devil, and are ashamed to nothing but bare rock. Through this FRIO MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS I barren region are little basins, from a foot to a rod in diameter, and it is in THOMAS PAINE.-It is related that these that the rolling stones are found. They are from the size of a pea to five or six inches in diameter. The cause of these stones rolling together is doubtless to be found in the material of which who was present, sprang from his chair they are composed, which appears to be lodestone or magnetic iron ore. " A rolling stone gathers no moss."-Scientific American.

A lady, who had just arrived in the city. was attracted, Sunday evening, GRO. H. JONES by a little boy on the street. He was a bright little fellow, but was rather shabbily dressed, and had an appearance of being better acquainted with the shades than the lights of this world.

"Where is your home my little son?" she asked. "I haint got no home," he answer-

" Got no home?" She repeated, the tears standing in her eyes. "No marm," said he, equally affected;

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