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TALL TALES.

Tough Truths Gathered from Various Newspapers.

A dog's skull in which were two $20 gold pieces and some small pieces of silver was found by Willie McKnight near the Rockdale paper mills on last Sunday evening. He was out walking and in crossing a gully found the skull.

William Peachy found a fox in a sorry predicament the other day. The animal was frozen stiff, with its head fast in a hollow tree. It is supposed that the fox had been chasing a rabbit and the latter took refuge in the tree; that the fox in his greed for gore had thrust its head in the aperture so far as to be unable to extricate it.

The other evening one of our sportsmen came home with a string of snipe. Pussy followed and watched the snipe hung up by the kitchen door. She then climbed up and tried to break the string, but it was too stout. Disappearing for a short while she returned in company with a large Thomas, and their united work brought the string to the ground. They were then divided, each cat taking three and leaving one extra, which both were determined to have. Finally it resolved into a pitched battle, and the Thomas cat was knocked out in the first round. Tabby departed with the four birds, landing them in good order at her owner's door, fully a block away from the scene of the raid.

Some men hunting on Black river, in the Great Swamp near the South Carolina line, killed a black tiger six feet long. The animal died hard, after killing two dogs, and one of the hunter's had a narrow escape. Another tiger of the same species of equal size has been killed in Sampson County. It had killed a cow, several sheep and a colt. It is believed that these tigers are those which escaped from Robinson's circus near Portsmouth, Va., last summer.

Cold in Michigan! Well, some, but cold weather is good for lots of purposes. The curiousest thing cold weather's good for is stocking fish-ponds."

"Stocking fish-ponds?"

"Thet's so. Down to Saginaw bay the fishermen catch pickerel and sturgeon. Quick es they pulls em' out they hangs 'em up to freeze. In about an hour's exposure to the atmosphere them fish is froze es hard es china. Sometimes they get too brittle and break all in pieces. They carries these fishes off to their inland homes, an' when spring comes they thaw 'em out gradual. When they bein to show signs of life—"

"Signs of life!"

"Yes, two hours of luke warm water'll make 'em lively es crickets—then they restores them to their native element and all goes lovely. May I never take a chaw of whisky ef I nin't seed it done scores o' times."

A dead silence settled over the crowd like the hush of a tired buzz-saw.

Three Millions Lost at Cards.

Down on the Comstock Bill Gibson lost in two nights at poker just $15,000—$9,400 the first night and $5,600 the next. The work of those two nights, by the way, cost him a huge fortune. He had just got a sure pointer on Crown Point, which was then selling at $7 or $8, and had started down town to give an order for as much as $15,000 cash in hand would cover. On his way he stepped into his house and found the boys waiting for him to open a poker game. The result was that he sat down to play with them for a little while, took a header in bad luck, and dropped his cash, entirely forgetting the pointer that had been given him. Crown Point went up to $1,900, so that Gibson, if he had carried out his original intention, would have cleared anywhere between $3,000,000 and $4,000,000.

Not If She Knew It.

During a recent trial before a Chicago justice of the peace one of the witnesses was a buxom negress who easily filled the generous depths of an armchair. Upon the conclusion of the direct examination the attorney for the plaintiff turned her over to the counsel on the other side, with the remark:

"You can have the witness.

"Not much he can't," indignantly protested the saddle-colored damsel. "Ise engaged ter Sam Johnsing, I wants yer ter understan', an' I doan' purpus ter be handed aroun' from one feller ter anuder like a plug er terbacker."

Ready Reasons for Reaction.

"Is it true, Nellie, that you are going to give up your lessons in china decoration and learn to wash and iron? How can you think of doing anything so horridly common?"

"Yes, it is really true. I thought it would astonish you."

"But why do you do it?"

"Well, you know how hard it is to get satisfactory work done at the laundry, and—mother's growing old!"

"Marriages a specialty; acceptable at all hours; strangers particularly invited," is the unique advertisement of a clergyman at York, Penn.

Lincoln's Law Partner.

Leonard Swett, the old law partner of Abraham Lincoln, is still practicing law in Chicago, and he stands, I am told, at the head of the bar of the west. He was, during Lincoln's life, his most intimate friend and confidential adviser. Many times Lincoln called him to Washington to talk over matters which he did not dare to trust to others, and to take advantage of Swett's hard sense. Several weeks before the emancipation proclamation was issued, a friend of Mr. Swett's tells me, Mr. Swett received a despatch to come to Washington at once. He did so, and went directly to the White House. President Lincoln received him with open arms, and took him into his private room and shut the door. He then took a letter from his pocket and read it to Mr. Swett. It was a petition signed by Lloyd Garrison and a number of other abolitionists urging the proclamation of emancipation. It was a strong paper and enforced its ideas with the best arguments that could be made for them. After he had concluded it Mr. Lincoln took out another letter, which he told Mr. Swett was written by a patriotic and liberty loving Swiss. This letter, which he read, presented just as strongly the other side of the question, and urged him as he hoped to save the Union not to drive the border States, now practically neutral, into the confederacy by such an act. The President then took up the whole subject, and went over its every point to Mr. Swett. He did not decide in favor of either side, nor did he ask Mr. Swett's advice. After he had finished he dismissed the subject and talked of other matters. The next day Swett went back to Illinois. The President had merely called him here for the purpose of having a talk with one whom he knew he could trust. He had already decided upon the emancipation, and had at this time, it is said, his proclamation written.

"It was Swett and Judge David Davis," continued this gentleman, "who did more to secure the nomination of Lincoln in 1860 than any other two men in the country. Mr. Swett told me the story. Illinois went into the convention with little expectation of securing Lincoln's nomination. The delegation had no heart in their work, and Davis and Swett were the only two real workers in the delegation. They braced up the others, and they secured Lincoln's nomination by promising cabinet places to other States if they would vote for Lincoln. Before the convention met, they were sure of Illinois only. As soon as the delegates had arrived at Chicago they went to the Indiana delegation and promised Indiana a cabinet place in case Lincoln was elected, if Indiana would vote solidly for him on first ballot, and stick to him thereafter as long as he seemed to have a chance of being nominated. The Indiana delegation consented to the agreement. Kentucky was fixed in the same way, and they then approached Pennsylvania. Here the trade was more difficult. Simon Cameron was a candidate, and he had his State solidly for him. At last they persuaded Pennsylvania to go for Lincoln on the second ballot with the promise that Cameron should go into the cabinet on his election. The result was that with Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky solid they received enough scattering votes to run their total on the first ballot to 102. Seward had 173, and Cameron 50. On the second ballot Pennsylvania came in for Lincoln, and it became a close fight between Lincoln and Seward. On the third ballot Lincoln was nominated.

"After the nomination Davis and Swett told Lincoln how it was accomplished, and urged upon him his duty as to carrying out the contracts which they had made. He objected considerably to some of them. 'As to Indiana,' said he, 'Caleb B. Smith is a good man, and I would be glad to have him in my cabinet. I don't object to James Speed, of Kentucky, but I don't know about Simon Cameron. Either justly or unjustly, Cameron has been charged with being accessory to certain jobs, and I am making this campaign as "honest old Abe," and I want to avoid even the appearance of evil.'

"It was a long time before Davis and Swett could persuade Mr. Lincoln to say that Cameron should have a place. He did so finally and in the end gave him the war department. Smith, of Indiana got the interior, and as to Kentucky, its part of the spoils was not given until later in the administration, when James Speed of that State, was put in the place of Bates as attorney-general."

Something Unprecedented.

"I see," said Flattery, that an electrician predicts that soon a person can stand at a telephone and not only talk to the man at the other end but see his face and features."

"I hope not," replied Fitzwilliam.

"Why not?"

"Why not? Because when I telephone home the person who comes to the telephone is generally my mother-in-law."

"Oh, well, she may die before this thing comes about."

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