

Editor Charles Emory Smith, late Postmaster General, says that newspaper work is a delightful change from listening to the plaints of disappointed office-seekers.

The Missouri Legislature has enacted a law making chicken stealing a felony. This should give the Northern republican papers a good text for long-winded editorials on the disregard of the South for the rights of its colored citizens.—Boise News.

While the East Oregonian deplores that feature of politics which coarsely discusses the successor of a public official before his sickness takes even a serious turn, yet in the event of Senator Mitchell's death, no higher honor could come to Eastern Oregon than the appointment of Colonel J. H. Raley of this city as his successor.—East Oregonian.

A learned medical scientist rises to announce that he has a sure cure for St. Vitus dance, another submits that he has found a specific for leprosy, and a third causally remarks that he can cure anything from fits to bubonic plague by stimulating the pituitary gland. In the meantime the citizen who has a cold in the head continues to sneeze and snuffle along in the old way, and not a medical scientist can do a thing for him.—Telegram.

The editor of this sheet is lying on his back with cute little pains chasing each other up and down his spinal stairway, and all over his darned system, and with a temperature of 180 degree above the sea-level. And he feels about as much like writing slush for this column as a hen with the gaps feels like dancing the can-can. So if any of you readers think I am going to write anything jovial this week you are going to get mighty badly fooled.—Cherokee Democrat.

Coal has been discovered in the eastern part of the county in considerable quantity, and reports keep reaching us of the fine prospects had by several parties. The coal indications seem to be general from the Heppner country south, and extends for a distance of perhaps 200 miles, varying in width. It is only a matter of time until development work will commence on these properties, and when it does we predict that this county will take her place among the coal producing sections of the West.—Crook County Journal.

There is a patient in a New York hospital who is a human hardware store, says an exchange. He complained of pain in his stomach, and a surgical operation discovered in his interior 453 carpet tacks, 41 blades of small penknives, 142 screws of various sizes, 40 pin-points, resembling those of a shoemaker's awl, six and one-half ounces of ground glass and a wire chain about three inches long. He had formerly performed the dagger-swallowing stunt in a circus, and the taste for a hard-core diet grew upon him, until he became positively intemperate in his eating. Perhaps the gold cure would do him good.

Personal and Otherwise.

When the newspapers began to discuss customs frauds in New York a young newspaper correspondent asked Secretary of the Treasury Shaw if he intended starting an investigation. Mr. Shaw gravely replied: "I once knew a fellow who hunted foxes with a brass band." Here the secretary paused and looked over some letters. Then he added: "He didn't catch a y foxes."

Senator D'ew's autobiographical in the congressional directory.

which occupied nearly a page in the late volume, has been eclipsed by that of Robert Baker in the new directory. Baker is the new democratic representative from Brooklyn, and the story of his life, about 1000 words long, occupies considerably more than a page. Several hundred words are devoted to minor incidents in his career.

All accounts agree that no royal family in Europe gets so much simple, democratic fun out of life as the young king and queen of Italy and two baby daughters. Their eldest child, Princess Yolanda, would be regarded as a terror if she were of humble birth. Being a Princess, the worst ever said of her is that she is "quite vivacious." Yolanda is nearly two years old, and fears no one but her English governess.

In this month 65 years ago was born in a village of Somersetshire, England, John Henry Brodribb, better known to the world as Sir Henry Irving. His native place is a little out-of-the-world hamlet six miles from the nearest railway and the house of his nativity, with an advertisement for somebody's teas, is pointed out to the visitor. The last Irvingite reic disappeared from the village a few years ago when a gentleman purchased the robes in which the actor was christened.

Governor O'Dell of New York was present the other day at the hearing of certain charges against Sheriff Kaiser of Erie county. He asked one witness if he had received anything for working for the democratic ticket. "Only a handshake," was the reply. "That's all anybody can get out of politics," said the Governor gloomily. In answer to a similar question another witness said with emphasis: "I am a democrat." Said Mr. O'Dell: "There is reason to believe that you are not alone, for another great man made the same remark on one occasion."

Maxims of Su ccess.

Things don't turn up in this world until somebody turns them up.—James A. Garfield.

The truest wisdom is a resolute determination.—Napoleon I.

The crowning fortune of a man is to be born with a bias to some pursuit, which finds him in employment and happiness.—Emerson.

Never desert your line of ascent. Be what nature intended you for, and you will succeed; be anything else and you will be 10,000 times worse than nothing.—Sidney Smith.

Never don't do no hin' which isn't your fort, for ef you do, you'll find yourself splashin' round in the kanawl, figuratively speakin'.—Artemus Ward.

The one irreplaceable, safe, certain, remunerative, attainable quality in every study and pursuit, is the quality of attention. I never put one hand to anything on which I could throw my whole self.—Charles Dickens.

The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well and doing well whatever you do, without a thought of fame.—Longfellow.

I never did anything worth doing by accident. Anything I have begun is always on my mind, and I am not easy while away from it until it is finished.—Thomas A. Edison.

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