

Lebanon Express.

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500 saloons have closed their doors in Chicago since the dull times.

Lizzie Borden polled nearly 100,000 votes in a World's Fair coupon contest conducted by the Boston Journal, but refused to make the trip after winning it.

There are more than \$3,000,000 lying in the Massachusetts State Treasury awaiting distribution among the certificate holders of defunct endowed orders.

Dakota and Minnesota farmers get back 540,000 bushels of wheat by court decision on the Northern Pacific Elevator Company frauds, which cost New England bankers dear.

Kansas has a school for every 186 people. In Illinois the proportion is one school to 309, in Ohio the same, in Pennsylvania one to 400, and in Massachusetts one to 600.

One of the best signs that money matters are on the improve, is the fact that we are now "out" only \$18,000,000 by the gold movement from and to this country this year. Five or six weeks ago the amount of our loss was not far from \$60,000,000.

The public schools of Cleveland, Ohio, have abandoned the system of promotion on written examinations; as a substitute for it they propose the monthly ranking system, and they are supported in this by some of the most eminent educators of the country.

There is just as much money in the country as there was a year ago. The crops are unexceptionally good, and there can be no valid reason assigned for the present depression in ordinary business except there is a want of confidence among the people to invest their money.—Ex.

However loudly Mrs. Lease may "clamor," says an exchange, she is taking good care of number one. Since she started in with the populist movement she is said to have cleared off considerable mortgages on the farm and her husband's drug store, purchased a city home in Wichita, and sent her children to expensive schools.

It is a healthy sign to see the suspended banks of Denver all opening up to business so promptly. There was a terrible crash among them when the crash was on, but now that things have settled a little the banks are coming to the surface with phenomenal celerity. No doubt the Denver bankers are men who are not slow to grab the dilemma by the horns and fight their way back to the ground they have lost.

The following statement is going the rounds: "It is estimated that the melon crop of Georgia this year will be worth nearly a quarter of a million dollars to the farmers and about a hundred thousand dollars to the railroads in the state." Very likely the total amounts are not correct, but the chances are that the proportion of earnings is about right. The farmer must run all risk, pay all expenses of growing, and also pay 10 cents for hauling 25 cents worth of produce to market!—Rural New Yorker.

Oregon fruit shipped to Chicago and Eastern markets this year is finding top prices. Its excellence is everywhere acknowledged and there is a demand for it. In a few days the shipment of pears in car load lots to Chicago will be commenced. Slowly the great fruit industry is being developed and the next few years will find Oregon sending large quantities of the fruit to the markets of the East. Our valley is now one of prosperity, but the dividing of the large tracts into smaller ones and the setting of these to fruit trees, etc., will give profitable employment to tens of thousands of people. When that day comes—and it is not far away.

Real Gaither has been appointed Indian agent at the Siletz reservation. Mr. Gaither held the position under the former democratic administration, but was ousted as soon as Harrison was inaugurated.

There are two things, a great diplomat said in his old age, to which we never grow used—the ravages of time and the injustice of our fellow-men. We should rather say that we often grow used but never become reconciled to them.

Judge Burnett is one of the most expeditious judges we ever saw in holding court and disposing of cases. He does not admit of dilly-dallying or delay by the lawyers. While Judge Burnett is a very pleasant gentleman outside of court, he has the dignity and regal bearing of a czar in the court room. Sometimes he seems a little arbitrary and severe in the promptness with which he disposes of matters, but his rulings appear just generally, and by his decisive manner he saves a great deal of money for the people. It costs money to run a circuit court, and the sooner justice is meted out properly, the sooner the expense ceases.—Tillamook Headlight.

"Half the pastors in town need the courage of their convictions. Take a little Methodist preacher, he goes to church on Sundays and preaches an hour and a half on infant baptism, when two-thirds of the men in the congregation are going to hell and the babies are all asleep. That little Presbyterian fellow—putting his congregation to sleep on final perseverance of the saints, when he ain't got nothing to persevere about. The little Episcopalian feeds his flock apostolic succession, telling them where they came from; better be telling them where they are going. And the Baptists and Christians are shouting 'water!' when most of their crowd are going where they won't get a drop. Brethren, throw down these things; get on the ten commandments and save this town."—Sam Jones.

The editorial prediction is made in the last number of Harper's Weekly that within six months money will be a drug in the market. We quote: "Eventually the country must make up its mind how to provide for the expansion of its circulating medium—whether by gold or by bank notes or by government notes. But we need not care for this now. For the present we have currency enough; what we need is confidence, not money. The panicky feeling now causes a drain on bank reserves; money is being withdrawn, hoarded, collected, by those who fear runs and collapses. When the normal course of things is resumed the money will flow back to the usual depositories, bank vaults will be filled to overflowing, and the country will find it has more money than it knows what to do with. This is the sequence of the financial panic, regular as the sequence of day after night. The redundancy will probably be greater than ever this time, because of the rate at which the currency supply has grown since 1890."

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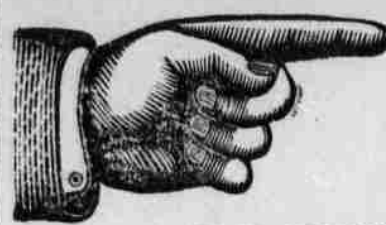
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