

Lebanon Express.

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THE "POPULIST" ON ITS EAR.

The Albany Populist has been on its ear with the Democrat for some time. It has now gotten on its other ear with the Express. This acrobatic feat is perfectly natural, when we remember that such animals have very long and hairy ears. The Populist got very mad and called the Express some naughty names. This is the first time such animals have been known to speak, since Balaam's ass opened his mouth. The Populist is mad simply because the Express suggested that "Bro. Ramp" might give quite an interesting talk as to how the Lebanon candidates failed to get even a part of the recognition their merit entitled them to, from the Albany convention. Bro. Ramp seems to be offended likewise, and thinks we were reflecting on him personally. We know nothing of Bro. Ramp except what he has shown in the canvass. His private character is his own property. We know and care nothing about that. It is above reproach, so far as we know. His political career, if that is the name for it, is a legitimate subject for criticism. The wide spread dissatisfaction with the treatment of certain Lebanon gentlemen, the frequent visits of the delegates to Albany after the convention, the failure to nominate for secretary of state a Lebanon man of unquestioned ability, who was morally sure of election, the cowardly slurs thrown at Lebanon simply because J. L. Cowan once lived here, when in fact his life has been spent nearly wholly in Albany and when the money of Lebanon men was taken to loan to Albany people—all of these things taken together make it appear that the Albany division of the populist party have very little love for Lebanon and her favorite populist sons, who are the peers of any men in the county. The Express is not alone in this opinion. It is shared, we are informed, by many of the best populists in this precinct. The Express has criticized the populists, but it has never made use of abusive epithets. The Albany Populist can have a monopoly of vulgar words and reap all the glory possible from their use. It seems to be in its natural element when it is wallowing in the filth of foul phrases.

There is a farm in the Southern part of Louisiana measuring one hundred miles north and south and twenty-five miles east and west. The one and a half million acres of which it is made up were purchased seven years ago from the state of Louisiana and from the United States government by a syndicate of Northern capitalists, by which it is now farmed. At that time it was a vast grazing ground for the cattle of the few dealers in the neighborhood, there being thirty thousand head of cattle and horses upon it. This immense tract is now divided into convenient pasture stations, or ranches, the fencing alone having cost fifty thousand dollars. The land is best adapted for rice, sugar corn and cotton. All the cultivating, ditching etc. are done by steampower, a tract of about half a mile wide being taken and an engine placed on each side. The engines are portable and work a cable attached to four plows, the area plowed in this way, with the labor of only three men, being thirty acres. Harrowing, sowing, etc. are done in the same way, and there is not a draft horse on the estate. Horses are, however, used by the herdsmen, who look after the sixteen thousand head of cattle on the estate. The company has three steamboats upon the three hundred miles of navigable waters which traverse their estate, and also possess a shipyard, a bank and rice mill.—New York Ledger.

THE ways of women are past

finding out. The following from the Grants Pass Courier is to the point: A newcomer from Wisconsin purchased a farm on Louse creek last week and was delighted with his bargain, but when his wife reached here a day or two afterward, she wouldn't stop with us twenty-four hours. She insisted on her husband purchasing tickets for themselves and three children and take the back track the same evening. All the furniture and household effects of the family had arrived by freight, but the husband was compelled to re-ship the whole business and go back. She would not even look at the farm for which he had bargained. It seems that he had sold his property in Wisconsin at a sacrifice, but the lady couldn't stomach our pine clad hills, blue skies and fleecy clouds. Joe Griffith says the only way he can account for the lady's action is that she had red hair.

SECRETARY MORTON has received a large number of inquiries from all parts of the country as to the result of the department's rainfall experiments and the feasibility of controlling precipitation by means of explosions. The following circular is being sent by the department to all inquirers: "Replying to your letter as to rainmaking experiments, I have to inform you that in no case did they pass the merely experimental stage, and that the prospect of ultimate success is not such as will justify farmers or other citizens in rainmaking experimentation. In this determination, judgment and opinion I am supported by the scientists and other alleged experts in meteorology connected with the United States weather bureau."

A VERY singular case is that of a young man of Black River Falls, Wis., named Chandler. For years his mouth has shown a tendency to grow up. Four years ago it was feared he would starve, and a fund was raised by the neighbors and he was sent to Chicago, where the mouth was cut to the natural size and pieces of flesh grafted into the corners, thus hoping to prevent its closing. This has been overcome and his mouth is growing up again through which he takes all his nourishment. It is thought he must eventually starve to death, as there seems to be no way of preventing the complete closing of the mouth. Otherwise the young man seems healthy and is capable of doing considerable work.—Ex.

ALREADY text book publishers are canvassing the state with the result in view of working the next legislature for a change in the list of text books now authorized in our public schools. The books now used may be defective in some respects—may not be up to the required standard—but this is no time for a change—money is too scarce. And when one of these ghouls, who prey upon the public by working legislatures to change text books, makes his appearance in a community he should be invited to pass on. The people of Oregon have paid school book publishers enough already.

THERE is one industry which does not suffer from hard times, and that is gold mining. There are large quantities of gold bearing quartz in Lane county, and development of mines will undoubtedly be pushed more this season than ever before. There is plenty of idle capital that can be induced to invest in paying quartz.

THE nomination of Chas. E. Wollerton, Esq., of Albany, by the republicans for supreme judge is a just tribute to the ability and integrity of one of our best lawyers. Mr. H. H. Hewitt, also of Albany, the nominee on the same ticket for circuit judge is a good lawyer and a fine man. These gentlemen will poll a large vote in this county.

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The Value of Short Naps.

If I mistake not, Sir James Crichton Brown, in the course of a recent address, remarked upon the curious elasticity of our brain as regards sleep. He cited the case of people who rarely slept well or much and who nevertheless are able to carry on intellectual work with ease and ability. I suppose there is a "habit" of brain in the matter of sleep as in other respects, and while ordinarily we demand a fair quantum of absolute rest some of us contrive as a habit to get along with a minimum of somnolent repose. This subject was lately recalled to mind when I happened to be dining alone with a well known surgeon in busy practice.

My friend is a man who, like myself, journeys over the length and breadth of the land. He had just returned from a long and tedious journey, tired and fagged. We sat down to dinner. Between the courses he fell sound asleep, let us say for three minutes—not more, certainly. After each nap he woke up, ate his quantum and went off again into slumber. I said nothing, but watched him closely. I observed that after each awakening he grew brighter, the tired look disappeared, and by the time dinner was at an end Richard was himself again. I joked him on his instalments of sleep. His reply was characteristic.

"Don't you know," said he, "that it isn't a long sleep which is needed to refresh an active brain? Nerve tissue is repaired easily with very little sleep if you also take food."

"Of my own experience the remark holds good, and it reveals a very curious and in some respects anomalous condition of the brain and its ways."—London Illustrated News.

Judge Riser's Opinion. Judge Riser of Colorado is quoted as saying: "I am now an ardent advocate of woman suffrage and believe it will prove an inestimable blessing to Colorado. It brings politics to the fireside and is a constant incentive to education on the great subject of government."

Talmage Was Thankful. The following is told by Boniface De Witt of the Riggs House:

"Dr. Talmage was preaching at Belleville, N. J., some years ago, and one week he made up his mind to go into the pulpit the next Sunday without notes or memoranda of what he was going to say. He memorized his sermon and believed he had it completely at his tongue's end. So Sunday night he went to the church pretty well fortified with confidence."

"In those days in that section of Jersey churches and hotels and many private residences were equipped with private gas machines, and the church where Talmage was to hold forth had one too. When he got into the pulpit after conducting the preliminary services all right, he gave out his text. Then he was horrified to find that he couldn't think of a thing to say. He repeated the text a second time, and yet his ideas failed to come. He was in agony and began slowly and impressively to announce his text a third time. As he reached the last word and the perspiration of dread and shame was beginning to start, the gas went out and plunged the place into utter darkness. There was no other means for lighting the edifice, and when it was announced that the gas machine had broken down hopelessly Dr. Talmage pronounced the benediction, and I have heard him say that he never did so before or since with greater fervor or thankfulness of spirit."—Washington Post.

Certain Analogies.

Molting has its analogy throughout the animal kingdom. We indeed molt invisibly, are continuously shedding our scales, but there are some animals that get through this process even more quickly than do birds—say, for instance, the shedding of the skin as a whole by the newt, eel and snake.

Sir James Paget has noted that some people have a few extra long hairs growing out from the general mass of the eyebrows. The few long hairs are representatives of a permanent condition in the chimpanzee and some baboons. They grow out separately from the general hairy mass over the superciliary ridges.

Darwin notes as a significant fact that the palms of the hands and the soles of the feet of man are quite naked of hairs, like the inferior surfaces of all four extremities in most of the lower animals. Something about the ear: The lobule of the ear is rudiment of it in the gorilla. Happy gorilla—and man!

About the brain of man and apes: The whole comparison is one of degree, and in the case of the bushman's brain with that of a well developed ape the comparison becomes nearly equal. In truth, there are no specific distinctions between the brain of the ape and that of man.—Gentleman's Magazine.

Persuading.

Of the 36 women who, under the leadership of Miss Annette Daisy, made a run into the Cherokee strip when it was opened last September, 22 have persevered in their undertaking and are now hauling the lumber themselves for a house of 15 rooms, which they will occupy. Their section of 480 acres is well watered and timbered. They already have three teams, two cows, chickens and other stock, and, neatly dressed in short skirts that come just below the knee and are met by heavy woolen leggings that cover the legs from knee to ankle, they appear ready for all the farming operations their pioneer enterprise involves.—Chicago Times.

Hear Both Sides.

Never condemn your neighbor unheard, however many the accusations which may be preferred against him. Every story has two ways of being told, and justice requires that you should hear the defense as well as the accusation, and remember that the malignity of enemies may place you in a similar predicament.—New York Ledger.

The French law treats the frog as if it were a fish and declares all fishing for it by night to be poaching.

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