

Lebanon Express.

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Virginia has a reform spell on. They propose a thorough reformation in the election laws. The law at present, no doubt, is well enough but the methods probably need reform. At least that is what is the trouble in this city.—Ex.

An eastern scientist says the bicycle will prove a curse to the human race, and its persistent use will result in mental and physical deterioration till we will be nothing superior to monkeys. The public accepts his apology and advises him to dispose of his wheel before the monkey becomes his mental superior.

The old showman, P. T. Barnum, left his widow, a young woman, about \$2,000,000. Of course a woman, with such charms could not conveniently remain single. She has married a Greek preacher, whose name is Agothodoros A. Papageorgopoulos. To pronounce that name would snaggle the teeth of an alligator.

The net that is being woven about H. H. Holmes, the insurance swindler and wholesale murderer is discouraging to people who aspire to like careers. Holmes was a skillful rascal and amassed a fortune by his nefarious schemes but that will not avail him against the exposures made by his former accomplice whom detectives found in jail.—Ex.

If there is a man in existence who can conscientiously endorse all the principles of any political party as they now are, we would like to hear from him. The Record proposes to endorse the good in each party, whether it be Democrat, Republican, Populist, Prohibition or anything else. It also proposes to condemn the bad.—Weekly Record.

A man has been arrested at Baker City for riding a bicycle on the sidewalk. However, the fellows who conduct gambling games, hold up men and other wise violate the law and degrade others have not been molested. The bicyclist should make war upon the delinquent officials and drive them out of office if they will not enforce the laws with fairness.—Pendleton E. O.

The republican primaries in Philadelphia brought out almost a full vote, and Senator Quay defeated the combine formed against him by Governor Hastings, David Martin and Mayor Warwick, of Philadelphia. It appears almost certain that he has won his fight for the state chairmanship with some votes to spare. A conservative estimate gives him 160 votes in the convention, fifteen more than the number necessary to elect.—Ex.

Theodore Durrant, the suspected murderer of the two San Francisco girls, is evidently guilty; but he is entitled to a fair trial. The judge seems anxious to give it to him. The Examiner, though generally a fair paper, is entirely too biased. Its columns are filled with studied arguments attempting to establish in the minds of the jury and the general public, the guilt of the accused. This should be beneath so great a paper and is wrong from principle.

The fruit crop of Oregon, which is now coming into market, and for which a fair price is realized, is very large and of fine quality. Buyers are all over the country, and take all that is offered, and the larger the quantity the better they like it and the higher the price. John Holman took to McMinnville last week a four horse load of Bartlett pears. They were bought by a Portland firm on the trees at sixty cents per box. At this price, Mr. Holman says, he can clear \$100 per acre. That ought to satisfy a reasonably modest man three hard times.—Ex.

The hop crop of Oregon is this year far a head of the crop on the Sound, and an old dealer in hops says that he has always predicted, Oregon will become the banner state of the coast in the hop line. "Our climatic conditions and soil are such," he continued, "that they cannot be beat. Some roots of the celebrated Bohemian hops will be produced in Oregon superior to those produced in Bohemia. It is found that hops can be grown here on high ground as well as on low ground, and of a better quality. Some year before long hops will fetch a high price again, and Oregon hop growers will make money galore."—Oregonian.

The Honorable Mr. Kincaid is a queer figure in Oregon politics. Personally, he is said to above-reproach; but he left his personality behind, when he entered upon the duties of secretary of state. Time, talents and money have been lavishly spent to prevent certain state officials from drawing the salaries guaranteed to them by the state; and the supreme court has decided that the secretary of state is wrong. Now if the honorable secretary would spend a little of his time and talents in preventing Mr. Kincaid from pilfering the state and the people out of innumerable fees, the supreme court would decide that the honorable secretary was right and Mr. Kincaid was wrong. There is a good deal of the "Dr. Jekell and Mr. Hyde" with our honorable secretary.

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CATERING TO AMERICANS.

London, Tradesmen Make in Millions of Dollars Every Year.

It is estimated that Americans every year in London distribute nearly twenty-five million dollars among the tradespeople there. They nearly always pay cash and are charged good prices. Naturally, then, says the New York Advertiser, the London tradesmen have become thoroughly awakened to the importance of catering to this trade, and they are using all manner of means to attract it. In nearly all the shops on the Strand, Regent street, Oxford street and other thoroughfares of that character, where prices are given and notices are displayed in the windows, the United States dollar mark is used in conjunction with the English pound mark. One of the big dry goods stores in Oxford street created quite a commotion among the Americans by displaying a very large American flag from their flagpole. As I happened to be in the room about two hundred people looking reverently at the stars and stripes. The size of this crowd not only demonstrated the clever move of the shopkeeper, but the large number of Americans in London, that so many of them could be attracted about the same time and at the same place by this means. Naturally they all wondered what it meant, and went into the shop in pursuit of knowledge. They were given to understand that it was in the nature of a personal compliment, and they felt it now their patriotic duty to believe that this is the greatest shop in London. Other shopkeepers are sure to discover the cleverness of this scheme and follow the example. It may become contagious. If it does, the American flag will be more familiar in London than in New York.

BIG BRAINS.

Mammoth-Brain Machinery of Bismarck, Byron and Others.

The famous and fitly named German sculptor, Schaper, who executed the statue of Bismarck at Cologne, was privileged to be on more familiar terms than anybody now living, probably, with his sitter's head. He had that head in his hands for days, says the New York Journal, and surveyed and measured and manipulated it to his heart's content. The results of his observations and measurements he subsequently placed at the disposal of science, and science has proceeded to institute comparisons between the prince's head and others—not only in point of size, but in point of brain weight also—very greatly, as may be imagined, in the great man's favor. The Bismarck head measured 212 and 170 in millimeters. This, it appears, is colossal. In Baden, where heads run big, out of 2,500 they measured only one ran to 206 millimeters from forehead to occiput. The most extensive head they could find upon a savant gave a cubic capacity of 1,800 centimeters only. Bismarck's goes this 105 cubic centimeters better. Coming to weight of brain, Kant, Dante, Byron, Cuvier—none of them are in it with the chancellor. Cuvier carried 3 pounds 13 1/2 ounces in his brain-pan. Bismarck puts up 4 pounds 1 ounce avoirdupois. This weight, however, has been equaled in the case of a British subject, reported a couple of weeks ago in the Lancet. He yielded 65 ounces—the chancellor's figure exactly—and he was deaf, dumb, daft, and a Scotchman.

TRICKING TREE CRABS.

How the Natives of Africa Prevent Their Depredations.

In Africa there exists a certain member of the crab genus commonly known as the great tree crab. This peculiar shellfish, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch, has an offensive trick of crawling up the coconut trees, biting off the coconuts and then creeping down again backwards.

The theory is that the nuts are shattered by the fall, and the great tree crab is thus enabled to enjoy a hearty meal. Now, the natives who inhabit regions infested by this ill-conditioned crab are well aware that the lower portion of the crab's anatomy is soft and sensitive, and they believe that the "divalve" was thus constructed in order that he might know when he had reached the ground, and when, consequently, he might with safety release his grasp of the trunk.

So what they do in order to stop his depredations, which often ruin the coconut crops, is this: While the crab is engaged in nipping off the coconuts they climb half way up the trees and there drive a row of low nails right around the tree, allowing an inch or so of the nails to project.

The crab has no knowledge of disaster, nor yet the fitness of things. As he descends, the sensitive part of his body suddenly touches the nails. Thinking he has reached the ground, he naturally lets go. Instantly he falls backwards, and cracks his own shell on the ground.

Two Queer Illinois Wells.

Near Augusta, Ill., there are two peculiar wells, each of which deserves special mention in a department devoted to accounts of things out of the ordinary. The first is a "bottomless well"—one which was sunk down until the immense running underground river was struck. The second is a well in which the water remains frozen winter and summer. These two wonders, each of which may properly be referred to as "combined natural and artificial curiosities," are located at a distance of about a mile and a half apart. The frozen well is only about ten feet in depth, that of the other not stated.

The Fire Cure.

The native doctors of India practice a peculiar system known as "firing." Afflicted persons, no odds what the disease may be, are immediately upon arrival of the family physician subjected to the tortures of fire. A late report by a medical authority declares that there is not one to the thousand of total population in Bombay and the larger cities generally, who does not bear trace of the application of the fire cure in the shape of kidney spots or scars on the back, which are the result of the

The Hereditary Hootjack.

The venerable countess of Rothes, who has just died, had the right to perform a ceremony on any occasion when the sovereign of Scotland visited the kingdom of Eife which might have given her the title of "hereditary grand hootjack." By an old feudal custom the head of the Rothes family when the king returned to Falkland palace from the hunt had to pull off the royal boots and invest the royal feet in ease-giving slippers. Royalty does not often visit Falkland nowadays, but when the queen paid her first visit to the Tay bridge the countess claimed and was allowed her ancient privilege. A small temporary platform was erected by the side of the railway a few miles from Coupar Eife, and here the royal train stopped for a few minutes. Her majesty shook hands with the countess and the latter handed a pair of sewed slippers to the queen, the act of taking off the royal boots being understood to be covered by the presentation of the slippers.

NOT VOUCHERED FOR.

NEAR Mehama, Ore., a few days ago a little girl was followed home from pasture by a two-year-old deer, which it readily submitting to domestication.

FRANKLIN, Ga., boasts of a cat that had been in one family for twenty-six years. When its mistress died it pined away and refused to eat, literally starving itself to death.

A ROSAE at Alexandria which was run over by a Texas & Pacific train and had one of its legs broken hobbled to a store near by, knocked at the door, and by signs and brute language appealed for relief.

A PENNSYLVANIA farmer has a hen which habitually lays unusually large eggs. Inside of each of these eggs is another good-sized egg, perfectly formed. Both the inside and outside egg have a yolk and white part.

A GOOD rat story comes to us from Michigan. A straw held in the mouths of three rats drew the attention of citizens of Nashville to a strange sight. They were traveling along the road, three abreast, when it was discovered that the two outside rats were thus leading the center one, which was old and blind.

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