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The Governor's Proclamation.

Announced as the centennial anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as first president of the United States will occur on the 31st day of April, Anno Domini 1888, which day has been set apart by an act of congress as a general holiday for the people of the whole country.

Social Notes.

THE JOURNAL hereafter, on each Saturday afternoon, will devote a portion of its space to the recording of movements in society. This department will be known as "Social Notes," and all communications intended for it should be addressed to "Society Editor."

The old Roman, Allen Granberry Thurman, has just returned from Washington. He says: "I also saw President Harrison for the first time in my life and had a very pleasant chat with him."

On going to Washington City in 1861 to be inaugurated, Mr. Lincoln passed from Harrisburg, Pa., by a rail, making the trip in advance of the time appointed. It has been both asserted and denied that he wore a Scotch cap and a big cloak as a disguise.

The Harriet Beecher Stowe of today is not a figure which, if described minutely, would afford any pleasure to the thousands of her friends and admirers. It is best that they remember her as she was than as she is.

What do you call the baby? asked the reporter. "Harry," she said laughing. "Harry? We both call him Harry, except that I call him 'Hully,' which is very funny."

SIXTEEN illegal nets, used in destroying young salmon, were captured last week by the California fish commissioners near Sacramento.

There is no bright future to the young man who is shirking every responsibility, ignoring industry, and glories in being an idler.

The sugar beet a few years ago was a plant not rich in sugar, but under the fostering care of the French and German governments it has become but little inferior to the sugar-cane of the tropics as a sugar producer.

EVERY farmer is interested in good roads. None but experienced and over-zealous should be selected and the tax required for road repair if properly applied, is a heavy weight.

A GENTLEMAN of the medical profession is reported to have recently said that "we seem to be approaching a time in science when scarcely anything would seem impossible."

With a small portion of a United States note is returned to the treasury with sufficient proof that the remainder of it has gone out of existence, the treasury will give full value of the original note.

As to the origin of aerolites or meteorites but little that is reliable is certainly known. However, a great many theories have been advanced to account for the known fact that they visit us and, therefore, must originate either inside or outside our atmosphere.

Celestials With White Wives. It is said that Chicago as yet boasts no Chinawomen, so it happens that the coolie, plying his loneliness for gentle companionship, seeks it in the other races.

"I married my husband in Fort Wayne, Dec. 21, 1885," said Mrs. Lam Tong in reply to a question. "We came here a year ago and the baby was born here. I was working out in a place over Tong's laundry."

"No squalls!" urged the reporter. "The only discomfort I suffer is that he won't let me go out. He has a crazy notion that I will run away with the baby. I would like to go out once in a while, but I wouldn't run away."

"You do not mean to say that you never go out of this cell?" "Never. Not once for the shortest minute—not even as far as the top of the stairs running up to the street."

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Hope's Song. "And will it be," said Hope to me, "That over the snow he'll come, And the bewitching light of your window bright Will guide him, weary, homeward?"

The yellow fever season has opened in South America. Recent reports from Rio Janeiro, Brazil, say the disease is taking on an alarming extent in that city.

The proposed rail route is meeting with serious obstacles. Millwright suit manufacturers threaten to do the public good service by financing the way of the train.

In New York, a few days ago, a man threw off his overcoat and plunged into the river to save a man who was drowning. A life came along and stole his garment.

A little Esquimaux lady has been lecturing in Philadelphia, Miss Kramer is her name, and she is a little over three feet tall, speaking fairly well, with a slight guttural accent.

Mrs. Gen. Booth of the Salvation Army says: "While the D. D.'s are quibbling, these benighted Amazons are marching on to the conquest of the people for righteousness and God."

Wm Kwang Pei, formerly Chinese Embassy at Washington, advocates the expulsion of every American in the service of China as a reprisal for the exclusion of Chinese from American.

Despite the talk about Smith being such a common name, those of Green, White, Brown and Davis beat it in the United States by 15 per cent. Even "John" is not as common as "Jo."

Some of the shepherds in the mountains of Bulgaria live for ten and fifteen years attending their flocks, and never knowing what it is to sleep in a house or to enjoy any of the comforts of civilization.

Chicago proposes to dispose of the smoke question by laying pipes under the ground to convey the smoke outside the city limits. This will be very nice for Chicago, but it is probable that the people in the country around will object.

Queen Victoria, believing the electric light too strong for her eyes objects to its general use at Windsor Castle. The corridor only is illuminated by electricity, but a few of the drawing-rooms and dining-hall will be in a short time.

The decision of the railroad commission of Minnesota that a person purchasing the lower berth in a sleeping car has a right to have the upper berth raised if it is unoccupied has been overruled by the supreme court of that state.

The secretary of the Society for the protection of children says that every year, in England more than one thousand children are put to death by their parents in order to get the insurance placed on their lives in the various beneficial associations.

Historical Punning. Perhaps the most professional wit—the natural and spontaneous punster—often says the best things, but then there is not always somebody at hand with the readiness to note the good things and preserve them.

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THE OLD HOMESTEAD WELL. You may talk of mint juleps and cream soda, too, And even of better drinks toly; They can not compare with the water I draw When a boy from the old homestead well.

And Haver and Brindle, as eager as we, At the overflowing trough made of stone, In a picture I still in my memory see When I am athirst and alone.

I've gazed in that well, eighty feet under ground, And seen 'mid the blue of the skies A boy's rosy face, with a ragged hat crowned, Looking up, with a laugh in his eyes.

A CYCLOPEDIA STORY. Pathetic Scene Witnessed Upon the Delivery of Volume Z.

Having lived next door to the Hobart place I'm going on thirty years, I calculate that I know just about as much about the case as any body else now on earth, excepting perhaps it's of Judge Baker, and he's so plucky old 'nd so powerful feeble that he don't know nothing.

One of the first by our folks that this Lemuel Higgins struck was Leander Hobart. Leander had just married one of the Pussley girls, 'nd had moved into the old homestead on the Plainville road—old Deacon Hobart havin' give up the place to him.

"Hattie," said he, "I guess I'll have to lay in a few books for readin' in the winter time, 'nd I've half a notion to subscribe for a cyclopaedia. Mr. Higgins here says they're available in a family, and that we order 'em."

Wish, to make a long story short, Leander bargained with Mr. Higgins for a set of them cyclopedias, 'nd he signed his name to a long printed paper that showed how he agreed to take a cyclopaedia out in so often, which was to be often as a new one of the volumes was printed.

The first volume of the cyclopaedy stood on a shelf in the old secretary in the sitting-room about four months before they had any use for it. One night 'Square Turner's son come over to visit Leander 'nd Hattie, and they got to talkin' about apples, 'nd the sort of apples that was the best.

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"How is it, Leander? I see Pussley," said Leander, "without there ain't no Pussley in no cyclopaedy, anyhow?" "And he put the cyclopaedy back onto the shelf 'nd never set eyes into it again."

"That's the way the thing run for years 'nd years. Leander would 've give up the plucky bargain, but he couldn't; he had signed a printed paper 'nd had swore to it afore a justice of the peace. Higgins would have had the law on him if he had showed up the trade."

The most aggravatin' feature of it all was that a new one of them cursed cyclopedias was aimin' to show up at the wrong time—when Leander was hard up or had just been afflicted some way or other. His best burnt down two nights afore the 'cyclopaedy' came, the letter B arrived and Leander, who had all his think to pay for himself, but Higgins not to back on that affidavit and ended the life out of him.

"Never mind, Leander," said his wife, "settlin' likes, 'tis a good book to have in the house, anyhow, now that we've got a baby."

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