

forage in civilization, and they are found in all grades of society. The causes vary, but the principle one is the attempt to keep up appearances.

IMPORTANT. Desiring that every subscriber to the COURANT should, by the 1st of January next, square up his subscription, we have concluded that, if subscribers will send us, by money order or call at the office and pay up all arrearages, at the rate of \$1.50 per year, they can do so, up to that date, at that rate; but if we have to force collections, after that date, we shall do so at the rate of two dollars per year, as is shown in our rates after six months' arrearages.

Every day brings further details of the atrocities committed at Erzurum making the story of the massacres more ghastly. Men, women and even children were shot, bayoneted, burned and outraged. In some cases the victims were skinned alive and in others they were soaked in petroleum and then set fire to.

Marion Record: Mr. William Scully widely but erroneously known as "Lord Scully," has been in Marion the past week. Mr. Scully never claimed any English title. He is a plain Irishman now seventy odd years of age, and though he probably owns more American land than any other man, he is as unassuming in manner as the humblest citizen.

DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING. There will be a meeting of the Democratic County Central Committee, at the COURANT office, in Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, at 1 o'clock p. m., Saturday, Nov. 30, 1895, for the purpose of settling up the expenses of the late campaign and making report to the County Clerk, as required by law; and it is, therefore, very important that every member of the committee be present at the meeting, without fail.

In all of our exchanges, just now we notice long-drawn-out appeals to their subscribers to pay up arrears. Now, why don't you fellows—by this we mean the newspaper fraternity—go to work and say to these people: "Are you in earnest about the welfare of our community, or we might go farther and include the State, yea, even the nation? to which all of you will say: 'Yes.' Then if you are really in favor of fertilizing the pasture from which you reap your crops, that is the great educators of the world—the newspapers—why don't you stable them, garner them and see that they are not left out in the cold to starve to death, as may be your end, if you fail to appreciate the good others have done you in the struggle for life."

One of the most recent Patent Office applications is for a machine to construct with lightning-like rapidity that peculiarly American gastronomical tit-bit cycled sandwich. Strange to say, it is the conception of a Frenchman, Severin A. Gage, of Paris.

While in Kansas City, Friday last with cattle, J. R. Holmes, of Elmdale, was met by a Times' reporter, and among other things the interviewer reads: J. R. Holmes, the big stockman of Elmdale, Kansas, was met by a Times' reporter at the Centropolis yesterday. Mr. Holmes had disposed of the cattle which constituted the cause of his visit to Kansas City, and after a good dinner he was in the mood for a chat.

Bishop Doane of Albany, New York, is quoted as saying: "I am more and more convinced that we are absolutely insecure so long as the state undertakes to exercise any special control over the sale of liquor other than what it exercises over the sale of other things."

From this subject the conversation drifted to politics, past and present. "I tell you," said Mr. Holmes, "we Kansas people have played the fool on this prohibition question, although we are not willing to confess it to anyone but ourselves. But for the prohibition law the State would be many years ahead of what it is in development. I am for resubmission, and believe the majority of the people of the State think the same way. The vote Charles Holliday received for chief justice was a resubmission vote. On a straight fight between prohibition and anti-prohibition, with all party and personal considerations left out, I believe the latter would win."

An exchange calls the attention of those who think that a printing office is a "side door entrance into perdition" to the fact that among 8,860 convicts in the state penitentiary of Texas, there is not one printer or newspaper man, while the place is filled up with ministers, bankers, lawyers, and members of all other denominations.

Mr. Holmes is a great admirer of David Overmyer, the stalwart Democratic leader. "I would like to vote for that man for President," he said of Mr. Overmyer, "although I suppose none of us will ever have a chance to. He is a big man—big enough to hold his own in any company. He reminds me of Stephen A. Douglas. One sentence of Douglas' in his speech at Detroit when he and Lincoln were candidates for the Presidency, runs through my memory. He said: 'The smartest young men of this country are going West. They go out there, settle down and make a home, and then they return and marry the smartest girls at their old homes. The result will be that the future great men of this country will come from the West.'"

A big meeting in the interests of Kansas will be held under the auspices of the Kansas Million Club in Chicago, on Monday, December 2, 1895. Speeches will be made by Governor Morrill, ex-United States Senator John J. Ingalls and Col. J. Ralph Burton. The object is to advertise the State.

Corn, Mr. Holmes says, is not as cheap as a good many expected it to be. They had a fine corn crop in the Cottonwood valley this year, but the number of cattle is much smaller than last year. Very few cattle will be roughed through the winter. Almost all of the stock on hand is being fed for market in the next sixty or ninety days. Stockmen, he thinks, have no confidence in the market holding up to warrant them in buying cattle to keep any length of time at the present high price of "feeders." E. P. Allen, another Elmdale cattleman, came up with Mr. Holmes. They left for home last night.

The Republicans and Populists of Alabama have fused on a ticket for State officers. The Republicans of Kansas consider it criminal for Democrats and Populists to fuse in Kansas, but it is different down in Alabama and even the Republicans of Kansas will doubtless endorse the action of their party down in Dixie.

KEELEY DOUBLE SULFIDE OF GOLD CURE for drunkenness and opium and tobacco habit. Any person wishing to be cured of either of the above diseases can call at my office, at Saffordville, Kans., and receive all the information in regard to these cures from me, free of charge for such services.

An exchange very truthfully observes that the world is full of people who live beyond their means, and from year to year some one pays a portion of their rent, grocery, dry goods and all other bills. They are civilized barbarians, who

NO COMFORT FOR FREE SILVERITES.

The men who have been making very pretentious claims about the great strength of free silver among the people are giving some very ingenious reasons for the results of the elections in various localities. They declare that in Nebraska, where late returns show that the free silver Democrats are outnumbered by sound money Democrats as four to one, the Administration influence among office holders was used to the utmost to bring out the anti-silver vote. The fact is overlooked that the regular organization of the party and all the party machinery was under the control of the free silver wing, while the Administration Democrats were forced to build up an entirely new organization in order to make a fight. There was absolutely nothing at stake, and no possible motive to take Democrats to the polls except the desire to register their beliefs on the money question. Therefore the Nebraska Democratic vote was as fair a test of the strength of free silver as could possibly be made. The fact that four-fifths of the Democrats of Nebraska are against free silver is proven beyond doubt, and the probabilities are that a still larger proportion of the Republicans of that state are for sound money.

The Illinois free silverites are completely dazed by the result in the Eighteenth Congressional district. Even Henrichsen and Altgeld are unable to give any reason for the overwhelming defeat of the free silver Democratic Congressional candidate in a Democratic district. Many sound money Democrats supported the candidate despite his wild declarations on the money question, but some thousands refused to endorse the silver craze by voting for him. There is no doubt that the speeches of Bland and Bryan in the district lost the Democratic candidate hundreds of votes.

The free silverites make the very absurd claim that Democratic defeat in Kentucky was a rebuke of the Administration, and was not due to the campaign for free silver there. But the defeat of Blackburn, through the election of a Republican Legislature, cannot possibly be attributed to that cause. Blackburn made an independent fight, on a free silver platform, and with most fiery denunciation of the Administration policy, to secure the election of a majority of legislators favorable to himself. His defeat was greater than Hardin's, and it was due to his advocacy of free silver. There is no other reasonable explanation of the result. He is a popular man, and if he had stood on the platform which his party made in the state convention he probably would have won the fight.

There is not a crumb of comfort in sight anywhere for the free silverite. His pretentious claims that great majorities of the people everywhere are in favor of opening the mints to silver have crumbled into dust. If he has a modicum of sense left he will quit claiming that the gold standard was foisted on the country against the wishes of the people and as the result of a wicked conspiracy. If he is sincere he will doubtless continue to agitate and to endeavor to convert his fellow citizens to his views. But he can no longer, with any sense, claim that the people are with him, and that successful politics demands a recognition of the extreme free silver factions in the party platforms.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The next regular meeting of the Teachers Association of Chase County will be held at Saffordville, Dec. 14, at 1:30 p. m. It is hoped that teachers will make an extra effort to attend, as our program is one that they cannot afford to miss. The school house is a handsome new one, with room for all, and the people are noted for their hospitality. Let us attend in such numbers as to surprise them.

TO TEACHERS OF CHASE COUNTY.

The 33rd annual meeting of the Kansas State Teachers' association will be held at Topeka, December 25, 26 and 27. A most interesting and instructive program is announced. Music will be furnished by the famous Melode Club of Topeka, and by the Ladies' Chorus of Emporia. Among the many great things are lectures by John W. Cook, President of the Illinois State Normal, and Rev. Robert McIntyre, of Leavenworth. An hour has been set apart known as the "G. A. R. Hour," to be occupied by addresses from Judges John G. G. and J. V. Beckman, Hon. Lewis Babcock and Rev. Bernard Kelly, under the auspices of Department Commander J. P. Harris. Needed school legislation, philosophical methods in teaching and kindergarten work will be discussed. A one fare rate will probably be granted. No. 1 let us as teachers make an effort to attend. Commence now to get ready. Let us get our share of the good things to be had at such a meeting, and I am sure we will be amply repaid for our time and trouble. I would like the name of each teacher that intends to go, as soon as possible.

Bills Allowed.

Table listing bills allowed by the Board of County Commissioners of Chase County, Kansas, at their regular session, held Oct. 7, 8 and 10, 1895, and a recapitulation as shown by the following list of bills.

WM. CLARKE, IN STYLES, LATEST, IN PRICES, LOWEST. Furniture, Carpets, Queensware, Cook and Heating Stoves. Banquet Lamps, Largest and Cheapest in Central Kansas. Freight Paid on Bills Over \$10.

W. H. HOLSINGER, DEALER IN Hardware, Stoves, Tinware, Farm Machinery, Winding Mills, Pumps, Pipe, Hose and Fittings. COTTONWOOD FALLS, KANSAS. RAZOR GRINDING AND HONING on short notice, and guarantee work to be first-class in every respect.

STAR BARBER SHOP, Cottonwood Falls, Kans. JOHN DOERING, Prop. PHYSICIANS. F. JOHNSON, M. D., CAREFUL attention to the practice of medicine in all its branches—Extracting teeth Etc.

JOSEPH G. WATERS, ATTORNEY - AT - LAW, Topeka, Kansas. THE FAVORITE MAGAZINE Little Men and Women. Is the only Magazine edited especially for children from 7 to 11.

CRISHAM & BUTLER, ATTORNEYS - AT - LAW, Will practice in all State and Federal Courts. Office over the Chase County National Bank COTTONWOOD FALLS, KANSAS.

CHASE COUNTY LAND AGENCY, Railroad or Syndicate Lands, will buy or sell lands or Improved Farms. AND LOANS MONEY. COTTONWOOD FALLS, KANSAS.

ALPHA PUB. CO., 212 Boylston St. Boston, Mass. THE TOLEDO WEEKLY BLADE AND CAMPAIGN OF 1896. With a great Presidential campaign coming next year, every thoughtful citizen will need, besides his local paper, a great national weekly. The greatest and most widely known of these is the Toledo Weekly Blade.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. STATE OF KANSAS, ss. In the Probate Court in and for said county. In the matter of the estate of Nancy McManus, deceased. Creditors and all other persons interested in the aforesaid estate are hereby notified that I shall apply to the Probate Court, in and for said county, sitting at the Court-house, in Cottonwood Falls, County of Chase, State of Kansas, on the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1895, for a full and final settlement of said estate.

