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There is a race war on the boards at Atlanta, Georgia, and several negroes have been killed as well as two or three white men, and quite a number wounded on both sides. It has been in progress for several days, and something further of a tragic nature may be expected.

There is one thing that Mr. Bryan must be called down upon should he be elected President, and that is his penchant for "swinging around the circle." His speech-making cannot be cut off, because he can an audience any time in the White House woodshed and can harangue them out of working hours.

According to the Portales, N. M., Herald, they have struck, within a half a days' drive of that place, a well that has natural gas, water and oil, and besides those above can hear noises down beneath them, like oaving in, cracking of the earth, and spurtling, sizzling and splashing, and we do hope that hell won't break loose so close to Brownfield. We would be much surprised if a boone spouter would not yet be discovered in this region.

The Republican party has always prided itself on its harmony and taken the Democrats to task for every little friction in their ranks in the past. We wonder how they feel now with a stand pat faction and revision faction, a black-and-tan wing and a Lillie White wing, a Cannon contingent, a Root contingent and a Taft contingent, and two separate State organizations in Texas with two sets of nominations for State officers.

Carl Was a Tramp.

Maxim Gorki, the celebrated Russian novelist, was for years little better than a tramp, says American Tit-Bits. At 15 he ran away from home, and up to the age of 25 he scarcely had sufficient food to keep him alive. He worked alternately as a day laborer, a sawyer, a cook and a lighterman. Then he heard that free instruction could be obtained at Kazan, and, having no money to pay for his journey, he walked there—a distance of over 600 miles. He there worked for a salary of 6 shillings a month, studying hard during the evenings. Then he became a clerk in a lawyer's office, where his literary talent was discovered and he eventually made his mark.

Railway Journeys.

In the United States the distance of the average railway journey is twenty-five miles. In England it is scarcely ten miles, while in Germany it is fifteen miles, in France twenty-one miles and in Russia sixty-five miles.

Saving in Power.

While with the steam engine it is common to expect an efficiency of more than one-half of the total energy contained in the fuel, the internal combustion gas engine has reached an efficiency of one-third.

Market Value of Apples.

In the United States the market value of apples is about one cent per bushel. In England it is about two cents, in Germany it is about three cents, in France it is about four cents, and in Russia it is about five cents.

An Aged Fire Fighter.

Henry J. Eaton, the old fire chief of Hartford, has surprised the board of commissioners and the city by asking to be retired on half pay. It seems a reasonable request from a man 72 years old, who has been a fireman for fifty-three years, and chief engineer for thirty-five, although the commissioners were extremely complimentary to him and wanted him to take back his letter, he says he has made up his mind and means it. Chief Eaton has been an interesting and very original feature in Hartford life and he will remain that, even in his days of splendid courage and leadership are over. He comes of the old Tolland family of Eatons, and the late United States Senator W. W. Eaton was a cousin.

Steer Roping.

We have the best catch rope ever put on the market in West Texas. Call and see it at the Snyder Mercantile Company.

BIRDS ROOST IN SAFETY.

Simple Explanation of Their Power in Holding On.

The mechanism of the leg and foot of a chicken or other bird that roosts on a tree branch or perch is a marvel of design. It seems strange that a bird will sit on a roost and sleep all night without falling off, but the explanation is perfectly simple.

The tendon of the leg of a bird that roosts is so arranged that when the leg is bent at the knee the claws are bound to contract and thus hold the limb round which they are placed. Put a chicken's feet on your wrist and then make the bird sit down, and you will have a practical illustration on your skin that you will remember for some time. By this singular arrangement, seen only in birds that roost, they will rest comfortably and never think of falling, for it is impossible for them to let go till they stand up.

Don't forget that \$1.75 will entitle you to the HERALD and the Dallas Semi-weekly News for one year. The latter alone is well worth the price and if our weekly visits are not made more so, we will be found trying.

Buried With the Gophers.

Amos Green, a worthy color man, who conducted a farm in the vicinity of Alachua, decided he wanted to eat some gophers and accordingly went in search of his game. This was on Friday morning, and when he did not return on the following day his good wife and family naturally became alarmed, and, with a few neighbors, instituted a search. After a couple of hours one of the searching party discovered the man's legs extended from the ground, his body and head being buried. With the shovel which Green had carried with him, the earth was soon removed, and when he was released from his bondage it was discovered that one hand was still tightly grasping a gopher's leg at the bottom of the hole. It is supposed that Green attempted to dig his game out of its abode, and when a sufficient quantity of earth had been excavated had gone in after the game head first expecting to capture it and pull it out. The earth being soft, at once gave way, and the man suffered the terrible experience of being buried alive. It is supposed he had been dead about twenty-four hours.

For Sale!

A new McCormick Roe Binder, in good condition. Only used in cutting fifty acres in grain. See Dr. John Morris, Gunter, Texas.

Peach Trees.

I have left a lot of Peach Trees in Brownfield with W. R. Spencer for sale. Please call on him for prices. T. C. Lamb.

An Object Lesson on the Tariff.

Valparaiso, in the Republic of Chili, in South America, which has heretofore ranked as the national port of entry, and is considered in the same light as New York City is to this country, was recently shaken to pieces by an earthquake, and three or four thousand of its citizens were killed and all or most of her buildings levelled with the earth. This was a sad and heart-rending calamity, but the Chilians are a pretty plucky people, and while they were dazed for a moment, they soon realized that this misfortune had to be met and remedied, and the quicker the better. At this age all nations have agreed among themselves that it is a good thing to make the foreigner pay the taxes, after he has peeled your hide. But in this case the authorities in Chili used a little sense. They just announced that all ships coming to the port of Valparaiso, with building material and necessities would be admitted free, and the consequence is that the ruined citizens of that city are receiving the benefit of lumber, nails, lime and provisions at reasonable figures, and will soon be where they were before this calamity befell it. Last spring San Francisco had a like misfortune, but not so tragic in extent. Congress voted millions—and about one-third of it may have reached the sufferers; the balance was fuddled into the hands of contractors and grafters, and millions of dollars was sent by individuals to friends in that city, but was soon snapped up by extortionate prices.

But the tariff stayed up. But then the San Franciscans can congratulate themselves that the government didn't double the tariff and make the "blasted foreigner" pay for the whole show.

You don't need to be from Missouri and shown to figure this statement out.

When misfortune overtakes a city, a community, or state, cut the ropes that they are entangled with, and lift the lid that smothers their energies, and give them every opportunity to shake off the burden. Charity is but a temporary relief and while it may be necessary it is not permanent.

Has Terry County Got Quicksilver?

Fort Worth Record.

R. L. Sullivan, of Terry County, was in the city yesterday with a specimen of what he thinks to be a fine grade of quicksilver which he secured on his Terry county ranch. His discovery of the deposit came entirely thru accident. He asserts that his ranch, comprising something like 18,000 acres is covered with a short kind of bunch grass. While riding recently through a section of the tract, he came upon several head of dead cattle. He examined them, but failed to discover any apparent cause for their death. Several days later he discovered several other head cattle in the same vicinity.

This led to an investigation which soon convinced him that the cattle had been eating something poisonous. He finally attributed the poisoning to the grass in a certain section, having discovered that it was of a peculiar type. Close examination revealed that the earth was of a peculiar whiteness and that tiny silver-like particles had collected on the grass blades. Outsiders called in pronounced the ground thereabouts as being heavily stored with quicksilver.

Mr. Sullivan contemplates taking an expert to his ranch to go into the matter thoroughly with a view of deciding just how extensive the deposits are.

If you have any watches or jewelry of any kind that needs repairing, leave it with Mr. Randal who will send it promptly to W. S. Norton at Lubbock, who does good work at a very reasonable price.

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To Sterilize Drinking Water.

Here is the latest recipe for sterilizing drinking water and killing off the typhoid germ: Put four drops of tincture of iodine in half a gallon of water and permit it to stand at least half an hour. By the end of that time it will be as harmless as distilled water. Many persons have not the facilities for making distilled water. Boiling it also entails a certain amount of trouble. In either case the water is flat and unpleasant to the taste. The few drops of iodine impart practically no taste to the amount of water they sterilize, and at the same time they answer every medicinal purpose.

Stoppers Escape.

A medical authority says that railway collisions the passengers who are asleep escape the bad effects of shaking and concussion.

Mistake of Candidates.

A candidate can defeat himself, but it takes several to pull down another fellow. But the average candidate makes the mistake of thinking he can beat a rival as easily as himself. A grievous blunder, which often passes into a political crime under "bad read" definition.