

JOURNALISM as a profession is looking up. At last a shield has been invented which will repel the swiftest musket ball and editors may live up to their own professions concerning the code duello without fear of any foe.

SOME can handle more land than others and keep it fully occupied all the time but whether it be much or little that man who has just enough and no more may count himself happy. He can then cultivate every acre to its fullest capacity and with the greatest comfort and profit to himself.

THE more the conditions of our West and Southwestern country are studied the more apparent does it become that sound, practical agricultural education is a necessity that state and national educators should endeavor to place at the disposal of all who are willing to be informed.

A CONNECTICUT judge has laid down as a principle of law that the press must not criticize the judiciary. This notion that judges are infallible is an old weakness of the judicial department of the Government. But there is a provision of the United States constitution guaranteeing freedom of the press. That freedom includes a right to discuss the judiciary and against its abuse judges have the same rights to bring suits for libel that other citizens enjoy.

IT has been remarked with surprise that the only voice raised in favor of dove-shooting as an amusement should be that of a woman. Yet a number of the sex that adorns its hats with the wing of the meadow lark and the oriole's golden breast is not necessarily and logically bound to resent the torturing of a dove. The cruel lady has at least consistency, and if she think it a jewel, is surely at liberty to bedeck herself with it.

IT is much easier to bestow money out of a well-filled purse than to take pains to discover the real needs of mind or character and minister to them by wise methods and in a delicate manner. It is much easier to supply the wants of a child than to teach him how to supply them for himself, and far easier to give him the results of our own labor than to train him in those habits of industry and perseverance which will enable him to reap the harvest of his own well-taught energies. Yet the one is a positive injury, the other an actual good, the one cuts at the root of all human progress and happiness, the other cherishes and nourishes it.

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HOW long will it be before the young man who wishes to give an evening's pleasure to his young lady friend will be able to go to the carriage-keeper he will not be a stable-keeper then, and order a phon or a top buggy for two with storage battery for ten miles slow drive while the sporting youth will call for a two-minute buggy, and the more timid for something to go ten or fifteen miles an hour? Then the family man will want a carryall for nine and electric plants will advertise "batteries newly stored" for any number of miles required, and the man who wants to make an extended trip will not have to pay for giving the horse hay and oats, but will just get in another supply of electricity and go on with a carriage that will not need to rest at every foot by the way, while the pneumatic tires will do more than springs have done to make the motion easy over rough roads. It may sound fanciful, but all are apparently within the possibilities of your day and mine, and if they come within ten paces it will not be greater progress than has been made within ten years past.

GIVES UP THE FIGHT.

A Homestead Paper Creates a Sensation by This Declaration.

A DISTINGUISHED FOREIGNER Jailed.

Five Workmen Instantly Killed and Two Slightly Injured by a Falling Wall.

HOMESTEAD, Pa., Oct. 17.—The Local News, a Homestead paper, created a sensation Saturday morning by coming out with a lengthy editorial declaring the strike lost. This same paper during the commencement of the wage struggle was the organ for the loudest and most defiant statements in its columns. Saturday's issue, therefore, was unexpected and caused much comment. Many of the subscribers are angry and are stopping their subscriptions, but that Editor Schooley's article was submitted to several prominent looked out men and admitted correct before publication is a fact.

Threaten Spears.

COFFEYSVILLE, Kan., Oct. 16.—Livestock men, credited with killing three of the Dalton gang, has received a letter, dated Arkansas City, stating that all of the Dalton gang are not dead by a lot of a slight, that five of them were not present the day of the battle and that it was through a misunderstanding of dates, but they would come to see him some day and take revenge for his killing of Bob and Grant and the rest of them. The letter continues:

You people had no cause to take arms against the gang. The bankers will not help the widows of the men who got killed there, and you thought you were playing a hand when you killed three of us, but the time will soon come when you will have to go into the grave among the men who are fighting Bob and Joe Evans and Texas Jack. So take warning and we will give you in the hands of God for this time. DALTON GANG. And sympathizers of this gang of cut-throats.

Snow in Colorado.

DENVER, Col., Oct. 15.—A snow fall and sleet storm which set in Tuesday night added heavy winds to its variety yesterday and all day long the storm raged. From what meteorological reports can be gained from points in the state it is shown that the storm is general in Colorado and also in parts of Utah. All communication by telegraph in towns in Colorado became greatly interrupted during the day. In Denver signs were seen down town of a snow fall and a number of trees uprooted or split by winds. Several persons were hit by flying objects, but so far as learned no fatalities occurred. Probably the greatest damage was done by falling electric light and street car trolley wires. As a consequence of the breaking of these wires electric cars on many of the main streets are stopped and people living in the suburbs are forced to get home as best they may.

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WACO, Tex., Oct. 17.—At 4 o'clock yesterday morning in the winery of the St. Charles saloon, a fracas occurred, when Tom Warren, a popular colored porter, his life Stovall had just entered with drinks on the water and was placing them on the table when Tom Warren entered excitedly, revolver in hand, and discharged his weapon, the bullet entered Clem's body, traversing the bowels, involving the spine and causing death shortly thereafter. Tom Warren disappeared immediately and has not since been seen. He is an ex-prize fighter, featherweight

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McLemore's WINE OF CARDUI for female diseases.
 —Old Ladies Solid Comfort, Shoes at S. L. Robertson's.
 —Miss Lizzie Mason arrived from Brenham this week.
 The tables of the... are weighed down with choice dishes.
 Wanted, all the chickens and eggs in the country at Courtwright & Collins's.
 —J. H. Hicks was in the city this week.
 —A new line of carpet warp at F. G. Alex- & Co.
 —A. H. Bryant was in the city Tuesday.
 —School Books are CASH at the Palace Drug Store.
 —Buy the Gilt Edge shoe polish from F. G. Alex- & Co.
 —W. L. Cason was in the city this week.
 —Six spoons best thread for 25 cents at S. L. Robertson's.
McLemore's WINE OF CARDUI for Weak Nerves.
 —W. M. Ward was in the city Tuesday.
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 —Bring your butter and eggs to W. W. Fields & Bro, they will pay the highest market price.
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 —We don't make leaders of anything. Straight prices on everything. Rike & Ellis.
 —Ed. Denson was in the city this week.
 —Gold Leaf Flour is Good enough for anybody, price \$2.50 at S. L. Robertson's.
 —New flour at Courtwright & Collins.
 —The stock men have found sale for most of their surplus cattle.
 —Mess Rike and Ellis are having some carpenter work done on their business house.
 —New Sorghum molasses at Courtwright & Collins.
 —D. L. Smith sold his herd of sheep to Major Smith of Throckmorton.
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 —California Dog Poison at the Palace Drug Store.
 —Bring your produce to Courtwright & Collins.
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 —Don't go all the way to the railroad for goods that you can buy as cheap from S. L. Robertson.
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