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THE Choctaw Indians have a claim of \$12,000,000 pending before the government court of claims.

AN EXCHANGE says the Czar and Guiteau are taking turns at being shot and that it is the Czar's turn next.

WENDRICK PHILLIPS is again heard from as "an advanced thinker." He is reported to have said the other day that "to hang Guiteau would be a blot on civilization."

THE December number of the *Scientific News* is before us. This is one of the most useful publications, and each number is filled with new, interesting and useful inventions.

AFTER all of her misfortunes of fires and floods which have laid waste many portions of her territory, Michigan is now afflicted with the Hessian fly which is destroying large quantities of wheat.

A VERY cool-headed sort of a thief walked away with \$117,000 worth of bonds, from the Cleveland Commercial Bank, while the President was conversing with a friend. The bonds were not missed for half an hour after the theft.

MONSTER locomotives appear to be like most other monsters, somewhat hard to manage. One built for an occasion was placed on the track in St. Louis the other morning, but run off before it had gone a mile.

A DISEASE which some doctors pronounce as chicken-pox and others claim to be small-pox is ranging to a considerable extent in Washington Territory and Oregon. Out of about forty cases in Tacoma, W. T., fifteen have proven fatal.

MR. BLAIN had an opportunity to tell what he knew about the Garfield Conkling fight, and now it seems that President Arthur will have the privilege of giving the other side of the story, as he has been summoned in the Guiteau trial.

THE *Golden Era* one of our best Pacific Coast exchanges, and published by our old friend, J. M. Bassett, at San Francisco, Cal., has merged into the *Family Pair*, which paper will make good an exchange entered into by the former.

LEADING citizens of the Crescent City are making elaborate preparations for a grand ball in honor of the distinguished French visitors, who were recently the nation's guests at Yorktown. The event is booked for December 15th.

A contract has been made between the Huntington railroads on the Pacific coast and the Gould system in the Southwest, by which they will be operated as a joint line from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean, with a division of earnings on the basis of mileage.—*Fr. W. News.*

THE Mexican government is paying a high premium for immigrants. It has just concluded a contract with Senator Hixie who binds himself to import Italian families to Mexico. He is to receive \$60 for each immigrant, male or female, over twelve years, and \$30 for each child under twelve. Besides, a premium of \$15 is promised on every imported Italian. The concessions made to the immigrants by the Government are not to be excelled.—*Fr. W. News.*

Mrs. Garfield has forwarded the photographs of the late President requested by Queen Victoria. The photograph was enclosed in an envelope bordered in mourning, addressed to Queen Victoria, with the name of Mrs. Garfield written on the lower corner. It was encased in a box lined with dark blue satin velvet, which was again encased in a mahogany box, and was transmitted by the Department of State through the regular official channels for the Queen.

A lake in the rear of Manzanillo, Mexico, burst its confines last month and poured its waters into the sea. The lake was full of alligators and the harbor of sharks. When the monster met, a water battle immediately began, and it was waged for several days in the presence of most of the people of Manzanillo. For a long time victory trembled in the balance, but sharks finally prevailed and took dinner on the last of the routed intruders. The inhabitants of Manzanillo pronounced it better than a bull fight.

A band of outlaws raided the town of Bullion, on Red River, Idaho, ten days ago, and held the place for several hours. Bill Kerny, the leader, went into the office of the Gold and Silver Mining Company and ordered H. Stevenson, the book-keeper, at the muzzle of a revolver, to draw a check for \$5,000 in his favor. Stevenson obeyed. Kerny then put the pistol down and was folding up the check, when Stevenson, quick as a flash, snatched up Kerny's weapon, drew a bead, and forced Kerny to hand back the check.—*Los Angeles (Cal.) Mirror.*

Shooting Up the Town—Amusement That Costs Something.

There are some people whose chief aim in life seems to be to make themselves by practice bigger fools than they are by nature. Just where they expect the profit or glory to come in is not clear, yet the fact remains the same.

Last Sunday two young bloods from Hubbard creek came to Albany to "shoot the town up a good lot." They stayed around till between 9 and 10 o'clock that night, then went out and got on their horses and rode rapidly away, shooting and yelling as they went, and no doubt expected to be receding their heroic deeds to admiring friends in a few hours afterwards. Constable Henry Horton summoned Bird Jacobs and Johnny Herron to assist him, and they went to the rescue. The constable and mounted themselves, and went in pursuit. The constable and posse left the road and got in front of the would-be desperadoes, and waited for them to come up. They then succeeded in capturing them both. They were brought back to town and tried before Justice King, who fined one \$15 and the other \$25 and costs. When they left town again Monday, a more quiet and orderly pair of young men could not have been found in any community. They even refused to carry with them the pistol that had afforded so much amusement the night previous.—*Albany Sun.*

Does this not suggest something to our officers? Read it gentlemen, and when you hear the next shot fired on our streets ask yourselves how well you perform your duty.

The Post-Office Savings Banks.

The institutions were first organized in Great Britain, in 1861. They have proved so popular that nearly all civilized nations have followed the example of Great Britain, or are about to do so. From 1861 to 1880, the number of post-office savings banks in England increased from 2,500 to 6,000; the number of deposits, from 640,000 to 8,400,000. In 1881 the interest credited to depositors was \$100,000; in 1879 it reached \$3,700,000. Yet no one person is allowed to deposit more than \$750. If the interest is not drawn when the deposit reaches \$1,000, interest ceases. The English Government only gives two and a half per cent. interest. All over Europe the laboring classes are beginning to feel that governments are safer than private corporations. Hence, schemes for government life insurance and government provision against sickness and destitution in old age. It has been popular in this country to cry down all government, and to declare it unfit to conduct any business, yet our post-office system is a marvel of efficiency and cheapness, and where municipalities furnish water and gas it is done just as well and at much less cost than when corporations fix the charges for their own benefit.—*From Democrat's Monthly for November.*

Mental Qualities of Worms.

Mr. Charles Darwin's most recent book treats on the formation of vegetable mould through the actions of worms. "We have seen," says, discussing their mental qualities, "that worms are timid. It may be doubted whether they suffer as much pain when injured as they seem to express by their contortion. Judging from their eagerness for certain kinds of food they must enjoy the pleasure of eating. Their sexual passion is strong enough to overcome for a time, their dread of light. They have a trace of social feeling, for they are not disturbed by crawling over each other's bodies." The intelligence of worms has been made the subject of prolonged and profound study by Mr. Darwin. The great philosopher has occupied whole days and nights in observing "mere worms," which to non-naturalists are regarded as supremely unimportant.—*Weekly Kentucky Yeoman.*

THERE has been quite a gathering of railroad magnates in this city this week. Specials came in over the Santa Fe road and also over the S. P. on Monday morning bringing C. C. Wheeler, general manager of the A. T. & S. F.; W. F. White, general passenger and ticket agent; J. F. Goddard, general freight agent; D. J. Chase, general superintendent; Geo. R. Peck, general solicitor; and A. A. Robinson, chief engineer; and the following officers of the Central Pacific and Southern Pacific systems: A. N. Towne, general superintendent; Stubbs, general freight agent; and Goodman, general passenger and ticket agent. Yesterday morning another special over the S. P. brought H. M. Hixie, general manager of the T. & P., the Iron Mountain, and the International and Great Northern; W. H. Newman, general freight agent, Texas & Pacific; B. W. Washburn, superintendent of construction; George L. Sands, assistant superintendent; S. Frink, general freight agent Iron Mountain; and C. C. Cummings, general agent; the latter gentlemen coming to take charge of the T. & P. business in this city. Nickerson, president of the Mexican Central, will also arrive in a day or two. *El Paso Lone Star.*

SOMEbody writes to a New York paper, asking that prayers be said in all the churches throughout the country to-day for the conversion of Bob Ingersoll. This may be a very desirable thing for Christianity to accomplish, but if successful it would sadly disappoint many communities in which Bob is booked to lecture the present winter, on a very red-hot subject.

Letter from Sweetwater.

SWEETWATER, TEX., Dec. 10, 1887.

ED. CLARENDON:— Having just returned from a trip east, and thinking that you were probably wondering what had become of your correspondent from Nolan, have concluded to redeem my promise and give you a few of my observations en route.

I left Sweetwater on the 11th ult. on board a freight train, stopped over at Baird a few hours in order to take the through passenger train for St. Louis. And here let me remark, that I was not disappointed, as your correspondent, A. D. R., says he was, in witnessing the evident thrift and prosperity of your flourishing little town.

I had the pleasure of meeting several old friends, among whom were Mr. E. S. Seay and Mr. Jackson of Belle Plaine. Would have called at your office had the time at my disposal permitted. Left Baird on the east bound Mail, at 8 A. M. Friday the 11th ult. and arrived in St. Louis, Sunday morning at 11 A. M. Throughout the whole route, particularly through Arkansas, the very poor quality of this year's crop was noticeable, although the prospects for a good wheat crop next year is very good. I was overtaken at Baird, by Mr. John C. Mabey, a prominent young stockman of Nolan, and an old friend of your correspondent. John is a whole souled, companionable fellow, and is a first-class representative of the better class of Texas "Cow Boys." Upon our arrival in St. Louis, we were warmly welcomed and right royally entertained by Mrs. Harry C. Guiteau, sister of Mr. Mabey. Her husband Mr. H. C. Guiteau, owns a fine herd of cattle, located in Nolan county, and managed by Mr. Mabey. While at Mrs. Guiteau's, we had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Ida James, a handsome widow of St. Louis, and Miss Ella Lemon, a charming young lady from Illinois, and to them we owe much of the pleasure of our visit.

While in the city, we "took in" several of the theatres; saw Mr. T. Raymond in "Fresh, the American," Forepaugh's new Humpty-Dumpty Troupe, and Hazle-Kirke, by a Boston company. After remaining in the city four or five days, I left, over the L. & N. railroad, for my former home, in southern Kentucky, near Hopkinsville, which I believe is the best farming country that I saw on the trip. The tobacco crop was fine, wheat very good and corn fair. Consequently the people are in good spirits.

I remained home five days, and then returned to St. Louis and visited the Stock Yards, which are a big thing, and a great help to St. Louis. While there I met Mr. Evans, of Hunter, Evans & Co., who is a very pleasant gentleman.

The above firm is the leading one doing business there. Saw something in St. Louis, that will probably revolutionize our transportation facilities and manufacturing interests. It was an engine, run by gas. They have just been introduced there, and are used principally by builders where small power is required, such as running hoisting machinery, etc.

Although the St. Louis Gas Company use them altogether, their advantages are obvious, as they require neither fuel or water. On my return trip, I stopped over at Little Rock, with Mr. Dickinson, who is associated with myself in the cattle business, in this county. Little Rock is improving very rapidly. Left Little Rock, on Saturday the 3d inst., and arrived at Sweetwater on the 5th, having traveled about 3,000 miles, and spent a month very pleasantly. Found Sweetwater flourishing, and cattle doing well. *Au Revoir* H. C. H.

In the District Court.

Following are the cases disposed of in the District Court of Callahan County which closed last Saturday evening:

The State vs. Perry Langford, theft of a yearling, *Nol. Pros.* This is an old case and has been on the docket for several years.

The State vs. P. H. Grady, theft of a steer, *mistrial.* In this case there was no evidence that Grady ever stole a steer, and in justice to Mr. Grady we will add that at the time it was said to have been stolen he was on a trip east.

The State vs. W. A. Glenn, assault with intent to murder. Continued by the State.

The State vs. Craig Clemmer, murder. Continued by the State.

The State vs. S. R. Dunnagan, official misconduct, *Nol. Pros.*

The State vs. Wm. Hyser, murder. Verdict, guilty of manslaughter, and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Lincoln on Labor.

In these documents we find the abridgment right of suffrage, and the denial to the people of all right to participate in the selection of public officers, except legislative, boldly advocated with labored arguments to prove that large control of the people in the government is the source of all political evil. Monarchy itself is sometimes hinted at as a possible refuge from the power of the people. In my present position I could scarcely be justified were I to omit raising a warning voice against this approach of returning despotism. It is not needed or fitting here that a general argument should be made in favor of popular institutions, but there is one point, with its connections not so hackneyed as the other, to which I ask brief attention. It is the effort to place capital on an equal footing, if not above labor in the structure of government. It is assumed that labor is only available in connection with capital; that nobody labors unless somebody owning capital somehow by the use of it induces him to labor. This assumed, it is next considered whether it is best that capital shall hire laborers, and thus induce them to work with their own consent, or buy them and drive them to it without their consent. Having proceeded so far, it is naturally concluded that all laborers are either hired laborers or what we call slaves. And further, it is assumed that whoever is once a hired laborer is fixed in that condition for life. Now there is no such relation between capital and labor as that assumed, nor is there any such free man fixed for life in the condition of a hired laborer. Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the highest consideration. No men living are more to be trusted than those who toil up from poverty; none less inclined to touch or take what which they have not honestly earned. Let them beware of surrendering a political power which they already possess, and which, when surrendered, will surely be used to close the door of advancement against such as they, and to fix new disabilities and burdens upon them till all their liberty shall be lost. *Lincoln's Second Message.*

A Delightful Cat. Let me add a couple of biographical notes, for the benefit of cat lovers. I knew a cat, many years ago—a black Tom—rather dull in his ways, for the most part, but with two qualities very strongly marked—love for music and affectionateness. He knew good music from bad perfectly well, would sit on the step of a piano with great content and purring, so long as a capable performer was playing, and if the execution were very good indeed would testify his delight by arching his tail, walking across the keys and sitting down in the performers lap. On the other hand bad playing always drove him away; and I remember there was one member of the family whose performance always sent him off in disgust. So much for the artistic side of his temperance.

Now for the affections. His mother was always very fond of kittens, and used to sit over them very closely during the first early weeks of their lives—too closely her son thought, after he grew old enough to consider about things. So I have more than once seen him go up to her, as she nestled over the young ones in the basket, and apparently whisper something; whereupon she would get out, stretch herself, and go into the garden for a little fresh air, while he got into her place, and lay over the kittens to keep them warm till she came back, when he resigned his charge to her again. I regret to say that he died, still a comparatively young cat, of distemper.—*E. L. Littlelake in The Spectator.*

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About one hundred and fifty miles of the work on the Mexican Central is already let out. Contracts will be let for the work as far as Chihuahua City as soon as matters can be arranged, but beyond that city no contracts will be made till the arrival of President Nickerson who is expected within a few days.

Mr. Joe Ney, who manufactured salt-peter for the Confederate government out of manure in his cave in Medina county at \$25,000, and the one in Frio at \$100,000. The deposits of guano seem to be almost inexhaustible, and they are constantly being added to by millions and millions of bats.

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