WEATHER BULLETIN.

SIGNAL OFFICE, WICHITA, Kan., Sept. 17.—The highest temperature was 89°, the lowest up to 7 p. m. was 64°, and the mean 76°, with a trace of rain about 3 p. m.; warmer, partly cloudy weather, gentle southeast winds, and a slight fall in pressure.

Last year on Sept. 17, the highest temperature was 68°, the lowest 46°, and the mean 56°, and two years ago the corresponding temperatures were 75°, 41°, and 58°.

FRED L. JOHNSON, Observer.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 17, 8 p. m.—Forecast until 8 p. m. Thursday:

by light local rains; warmer, followed by

For Missouri—Fair, followed cooler in western portion; southerly winds.

For Kansas—Generally fair, except light local showers; cooler; northerly winds.

POISONED PORK.

Several Deaths Caused at a Negro Barbecue.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 17.—One hundred negroes were poisoned Sunday, near Collern, Dallas county. Two of them died that day and six others died Monday. The last news from the neighborhood is to the effect that many others are dangerously ill and their death is hourly expected. A big revival meeting had been going on at a negro church near the little town of Collern, which is in a remote section of Dallas county, some twenty miles from Selma. The meeting was to close last Sunday, and it was decided to give a grand dinner to all who attended. One course of the dinner consisted of barbecued pork, a liberal supply of which was provided. There were not enough tables and dishes to feed the entire crowd at once or the fatalities would have been much greater.

Soon after those who ate at the first table finished they complained of feeling sick, and in a few moments several of them were suffering severely. They decided it was the pork that had made them sick and no more pork was eaten. All the physicians of the neighborhood were summoned and at once pronounced the sickness the result of poison. The barbecued pork was poisoned and the physicians found traces of poison in it. Symptoms of all those taken ill were those of arsenical poisoning. Everything possible was done by the physicians but two children died in a short time. Next day six grown persons, four women and two men, died in great agony. Not less than twenty others were in a critical condition and expected to die at last accounts. The negroes in the neighborhood are much alarmed, believing there is an enemy in their midst who is determined to destroy them. The authorities will make every attempt to discover the authors of such wholesale slaughter.

THE WRONG ARMY.

An Ambitious German Who Forgot He Was Not An American.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Sept. 17.—About eight years ago George Bader, then a boy of about 13, came to this city direct from Germany. He secured employment with McCullough & Burnette, dealers in leather, and, attending strictly to business, was on the high road to success. He soon became identified with the Methodist church and was also prominent in Young Men's Christian association circles.

Religion became a hobby with him and he never let an opportunity pass to testify what it had done for him. About two years ago the Salvation army struck this city, and George fell a victim to the sound of tinkling cymbals and the roar of the bass drum. For several months he led the meetings on street corners, and when at last the army, by frequent desertions, dwindled down until he was the only representative left, he felt his occupation was gone. Then he became ambitious to be a missionary, and for this purpose he returned to Germany and his parents to fit himself for his life's work.

But right here is where fate got in its work. During his residence in this country George had neglected to take out the necessary papers to show that he was a citizen of this country, and a letter has just been received from him stating that he has been forcibly persuaded to serve three years in the German army, in accordance with the custom which applies to all natives of that country. And thus endeth his missionary dreams.

KILLED THREE DAUGHTERS.

The Terrible Crime of a Man Who Then Commits Suicide.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Sept. 17.—A terrible tragedy occurred here last night. Fred. H. Hains killed two of his daughters and shot the other one, so that she will die. He also shot Charles W. Taylor, a well known hardware merchant, and finished up by committing suicide.

Several months ago his wife left him and since, it is reported, his eldest daughter, Carrie, aged 15, who was keeping house for him became wayward. Taylor is supposed to have been the cause of Hain's wife leaving her husband. Hain's troubles preyed upon his mind until he resolved not only to end them and remove the partial cause of his misfortunes, but also to remove from temptation the three female members of his household.

After doing his best to kill Taylor, in which he did not succeed, though the condition of Taylor is very critical, he went home and began by shooting his 15-year-old daughter Maud, who is lying at the hospital hovering between life and death. He shot and instantly killed Carrie, the eldest and Bertha, the youngest. He went to his room and ended his own miserable life with a bullet through his head. Feeling runs high and had Hains failed to kill himself the infuriated mob that surrounds his house would have doubtless lynched him.

ODD FELLOWS PARADE.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 17.—The grand parade this afternoon made this the great day of the Odd Fellows session. The parade was one of the longest ever seen in Kansas. The grand marshal was L. J. Webb, commander-in-chief of the Sons of Veterans. The column moved as follows: Platoon of metropolitan police, Grand Marshal L. J. Webb and staff, Major General E. M. Sloan, commanding the division of the Mississippi and staff, Brigadier General H. W. Pond, commanding the second brigade division of the Mississippi and staff Marshall's military band, First regiment of Kansas Patriarchs militant, Colonel J. W. Ham, commanding, visiting cantons in order of seniority. The reform school band, subordinate I. O. O. F. of Kansas of order of seniority, visiting subordinate lodges I. O. O. F., Lincoln post drum corps. Subordinate encampment, I. O. O. F., of Kansas, visiting subordinate encampments I. O. O. F., Union Pacific band of Ellis, Kan., the officers and representatives of the sovereign grand lodge I. O. O. F., in carriages, officers and representatives of the national convention of the Daughters of Rebekah in carriages, subordinate lodges of the degree of Rebekah in carriages.

TELEGRAPH SUPERINTENDENT DEFAULTS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 17.—It transpired today that Mr. Headly, employed as superintendent of telegraph jointly by the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway company and the Western Union Telegraph company, with headquarters at North Springfield, Mo., is a defaulter and that steps have been taken to present the matter before the grand jury. The amount involved is not definitely known but it will exceed $1,000.

Mr. Headly has given indemnity bond in the Fidelity and Casualty company of New York, and the matter is now in the hands of that company.

KANSAS PATENTS.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Kansas patents granted today: John Armstrong, Vine Creek, harvester; Frederick W. Cochrane, Wyandotte, ice cream freezer; George N. Lantz, near Sedan, wire cable bridge; Edward W. Moore, Emporia, washing machine; Charles T. Murray, Kansas City, apparatus for stereotyping; Richard Wallace, Fort Scott, sectional boiler.

BASE BALL.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

AT KANSAS CITY.

First game—
Kansas City.....2 0 2 0 8 5 1 0 1—19
St. Paul.....0 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 0— 3
Base Hits—Kansas City 21, St. Paul 8.
Errors—Kansas City 3, St. Paul 14.
Pitchers—Conway and Clingman.

Second game—
Kansas City.....2 0 1 1 0 6 1 0 2—13
St. Paul.....0 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 0— 5
Hits—Kansas City 13, St. Paul 7.
Errors—Kansas City 3, St. Paul 5.
Pitchers—Pears and Underwood.

AT MINNEAPOLIS.

Minneapolis.....1 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0— 3
Denver.....0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1— 2
Base hits—Minneapolis 8, Denver 4.
Errors—Minneapolis 4, Denver 4.
Pitchers—Duke and Flood.

AT OMAHA.

Omaha.....0 1 0 0 3 1 0 0 0— 5
Milwaukee.....2 1 0 0 0 0 0 6 *— 9
Base hits—Omaha 9, Milwaukee 10.
Errors—Omaha 6, Milwaukee 4.
Pitchers—Willis and Rennick

AT SIOUX CITY.

Sioux City.....0 0 2 2 0 0 0 0 1— 5
Lincoln.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 1— 6
Base hits—Sioux City 9, Lincoln 10.
Errors—Sioux City 2, Lincoln 3.
Pitchers—Bell and Hart.

PLAYERS' LEAGUE.

AT NEW YORK.

Postponed on account of rain.

AT PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia.....0 0 0 1 2 0 0 0 0— 3
Boston.....0 0 3 0 0 0 1 0 *— 4
Base hits—Philadelphia 6, Boston 3.
Errors—Philadelphia 2, Boston 2.
Pitchers—Saunders and Radbourne.

AT CLEVELAND.

Cleveland.....0 1 0 0 0 0 0 3 2— 6
Pittsburg.....0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0— 1
Base hits—Cleveland 12, Pittsburg 6.
Errors—Cleveland 1, Pittsburg 3.
Pitchers—Gruber and Staley.

AT CHICAGO.

Chicago.....3 0 1 6 0 0 0 1 0—11
Buffalo.....2 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0— 4
Base hits—Chicago 8, Buffalo 11.
Errors—Chicago 0, Buffalo 4.
Pitchers—Baldwin and Cunningham.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

AT NEW YORK.

Postponed on account of rain.

AT CLEVELAND.

First game—
Cleveland.....0 0 2 0 1 3 1 1 0—17
Pittsburg.....0 0 0 1 0 0 1 2 0— 4
Base hits—Cleveland 2, Pittsburg 9.
Errors—Cleveland 2, Pittsburg 2.
Pitchers—Beatin and Anderson.

Second game—
Cleveland.....0 0 0 0 6 0 0 0 0— 6
Pittsburg.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2— 2
Hits—Cleveland 7, Pittsburg 4.
Errors—Cleveland 1, Pittsburg 2.
Pitchers—Viau and Phillips.

AT BOSTON.

Postponed on account of rain.

AT CHICAGO.

Chicago.....2 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 2— 6
Cincinnati.....2 0 0 0 1 1 0 2 0— 6
Base hits—Chicago 11, Cincinnati 8.
Errors—Chicago 3, Cincinnati 3.
Game called on account of darkness.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

AT COLUMBUS.

First game—
Columbus.....0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 3— 5
St. Louis.....0 0 0 0 3 0 0 3 *— 6
Base hits—Columbus 6, St. Louis 7.
Errors—Columbus 1, St. Louis 1.
Pitchers—Krauss and Stevens.

Second game—
Columbus.....0 0 1 3 1 0 0 0 1— 6
St. Louis.....0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0— 1
Hits—Columbus 5, St. Louis 5.
Errors—Columbus 0, St. Louis 8.
Pitchers—Easton Ramsey.

AT TOLEDO.

Toledo.....0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 0— 3
Louisville.....3 1 2 0 0 3 0 4 *—13
Base hits—Toledo 8, Louisville 12.
Errors—Toledo 3, Louisville 2.
Pitchers—Smith and Daily.

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CAUSED BY TIGHT MONEY.

A Big Boston Banking House Fails for Two Millions.

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 17.—R. Gardner, Chase & Company, bankers and brokers at 148 Devonshire street, in the Equitable building, have failed. The firm has assigned to James T. Phelps, the general manager of the National Life Insurance company, 159 Devonshire street.

He says the liabilities are likely to amount to $2,000,000 and may go over that. What there is in the way of assets can only be determined by examination. He declined to make any further statement at the present time.

Mr. George R. Chase, son of the senior member of the house and the chief clerk, said this afternoon: "The trouble is due wholly to the tight money. The calls upon us have been greater than we could withstand; our collateral have shrunk in value beyond all expectation, and much as we endeavored to avert a suspension we have been forced to it. No outside transactions or speculations have led to this trouble. It is tight money and nothing else."

The impression is strong that the trouble will not be far reaching, and that its effect on the market will be only temporary.

ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND.

TOLEDO, O., Sept. 17.—At 11 a. m. the Society of the Army of the Cumberland began its reunion at Memorial hall. The session was called to order Judge J. R. Cochran, who, after prayer by Rev. P. S. Stevin, turned the meeting over to General Rosecrans, the president. The treasurer's report showed a balance of $2,160 on hands. The committee on membership reported in favor of not changing the present provision regarding honorary membership, and unfavorably upon allowing the children of members to join the society. The resolution was adopted for the appointment of a committee of five, of which Colonel W. S. Coborn shall be chairman, to visit the field of Chickamagua in connection with the secretary of war and Chickamauga park commissioners. The permanent committees were appointed and a message of fraternal greeting sent to the army of West Virginia now in session at Parkersburg.

In the evening the society was escorted to Memorial hall by the local military for a formal reception. After prayer, Judge R. Cochran delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by General Rosecrans, in a three-minute speech. General Yates P Thurston, of Nashville, then delivered the annual oration. His theme was "The Benefit of the War for the Union to the South Itself."

The meeting closed with a campfire, at which remarks were made by a number of comrades. Excellent music was interspersed at different points during the evening.

Tomorrow the closing business meeting will be held and the reunion closes with a banquet at the Boody house at night.

NEW CORPORATIONS.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 17.—The following new Kansas corporations were chartered by the secretary of state:

Friendship lodge, No. 15, Knights of Pythias, of Holton. Trustees—H. Shumaker, J. C. Chase and C. E. Smith.

The industrial school and hygiene home for Friendless Persons association, of Hillsboro, Marion county.

The Southern Investment and Improvement company of Fort Scott; capital, $10,000. Directors—J. H. Hill, E. M. Yost, E. R. Chevault, W. C. Green and D. E. Sandandus, all of Fort Scott.

The Coolidge Creamery and Cheese Manufacturing company, of Coolidge, Hamilton county; capital, $10,000. Directors—Michael Garrity, J. A. Shirley, Dennis Foley, C. B. Crittenden, Paul Rich, T. E. Margnand, W. R. Ammon, B. S. Bust and J. A. Shustrom, all of Coolidge.

ABILENE'S MEETING ARRANGED.

ABILENE, Kan., Sept. 17.—At a meeting of the directors of the Abilene Driving Park association this afternoon it was decided to postpone the fall race meeting to October 28 to 31, at which time an interstate breeders' meeting will be held at the Abilene grounds. The races will be nearly all stake races and the program already includes some of the best horses of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and other western states. The best meeting in the track's history is expected.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 17.—The St. Leger stake race one and a quarter miles was the principal event of the day. There were five starters. Uncle Bob won, Riley second, W. C. Morris third; time 2:12¼. The winners of the other races were Major Tom, Bridella, Eli.

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 17.—The field was so big in the 2:25 trot that the race was divided into two classes. In the first class, So Long won, Milkmaid second. Best time, 2:21¼. In the second class, Wyandotte won, Kenwood second. Best time, 2:23¾. The other races went over until tomorrow.

FIFTEEN INJURED.

ARKANSAS CITY, Ark., Sept. 17.—A bad wreck occurred on the Warren branch, Iron Mountain railroad, five miles west of Coldens, today. The east bound train, consisting of several freight cars, a baggage and a mail car and one passenger coach with about forty-five passengers was wrecked.

The engine in passing over a weak rail broke it. The freight cars passed over without displacing the rail, but the baggage car and passenger coach jumped the track, rolling down the embankment and were badly wrecked. Fifteen of the passengers sustained injuries. It is not thought, however, that the injuries of any of them are dangerous. A relief train went out from here and brought in some of the injured, among them Conductor Cole, who is dangerously hurt.

KILLED IN A RUNAWAY.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Sept. 17.—Miss Georgia Smith, daughter of Manager Smith, of the Consolidated Tank Line, was seated in a buggy in front of her father's office last evening when a runaway team attached to a lumber wagon came down Main street extension. Miss Smith in the excitement of the moment jumped directly between the runaway horses. The wagon tongue was broken and bent and part of it caught her dress. She was dragged down the street, one of the horses stepping upon her stomach, kicking her teeth out and cutting her head. The horses ran into a shed fifty feet away and were stopped. Miss Smith's injuries are fatal.

WORLD'S FAIR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 17.—The world's fair convention met this morning and President Palmer announced his selection of the executive committee. This committee will name a director general and by virtue of its position will be the most important in connection with the exposition. The committee will no doubt be accepted by the commission without opposition as named by the president. R. R. Price, of Kansas, is named as one of the committee. The committee is composed of thirteen Republican and thirteen Democrats.

ANOTOER BLOW AT LOTTERIES.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 17.—In the constitutional convention today the report of the committee on rules were finally adopted and the president announced his committees. Governor Buckner introduced a resolution in seven sections which he asked should be referred to the general committee of legislation. The first clause relates to lotteries in any form after the adoption of this constitution and for the death of all the former under which they now have existence. The other clause provides against local legislation and against the granting of privileges to corporations, the voting of aid from counties, towns and cities for the aid of railroads, etc.

AN ENGINEER'S HEROISM.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Sept. 17.—The passenger train on the Louisville, New Orleans & Texas railroad due here from Memphis at 10 o'clock this morning, was wrecked at the National cemetery, on the outskirts of the city. The switch had been turned by some malicious person who had a key. John Welsh and Fireman Jim Goodey, the latter colored, were fatally injured and died in a few hours. Welsh saw his peril, but put on the brakes instead of jumping for his life. The engine, tender, combination car and smoker were derailed, but no one was hurt. The track was clear at 10 o'clock this morning.

THE STRIKE AND SLAVE TRADE.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—The strike of 1,200 Sunderland miners for seven hours as a day's work has ended in a victory for the men after lasting sixteen weeks.

The London morning papers are full of diatribes against the German slave decree at Bogamaya, which is denounced as a monstrous perversion of the treaty stipulations and a sad commentary upon Emperor William's glib professions of humanity. It is declared to be the duty of the civilized world to protect them from Germany's action.

ALLEGED LIBEL BY BOLTON.

GREENSBURG, Kan., Sept. 17.—The arrest of Will E. Bolton, editor and publisher of the Kiowa County Signal, here this afternoon on the charge of criminal libel, created something of a sensation. The charge was preferred by I. J. Echols, sheriff of this county, whose methods Bolton had vigorously exposed. The preliminary examination is set for the 22nd.

STRUCK BY A CAR.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 17. — At Harriman yesterday morning two little girls were struck by a car and one killed and the other dreadfully hurt on the the Belt Line railroad. The children, 12 and 14 year old respectively, daughters of Mr. Samuel Goddert, were crossing the track bearing between them a bucket of water.

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY.

SALINA, Kan., Sept. 17.—The Kansas state board of pharmacy with J. P. Allen, M. D., of Wichita, as president, and R. F. Bryant, of Lincoln, secretary, held a session here today for the examination of pharmacists and assistant pharmacists. Thirty-eight applicants were examined.

THE STRIKE DECLARED OFF.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 17.—The order declaring the New York Central strike off, was read this morning in every local assembly between New York and Buffalo. It emanated from headquarters and district assembly No. 246.

A SALINAN DEAD.

SALINA, Kan., Sept. 18.—D. G. Denton, a prominent real estate man and vice president of the Conkle Mortgage company, died this morning of heart failure. He was well and favorably known throughout the state.

BAD FLOOD IN CHINA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 17.—The China mail says: About 7,000 houses were destroyed and thirty-six persons drowned by floods in Fukushima prefecture, August 7.

FATALLY STABBED.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Sept. 17.—Andy Boyd, a well known colored man, was fatally stabbed last night by one Davis, in a drunken row in a saloon here.

A SLIGHT COLLISION.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 17.—A collision on the Rock Island road occurred at Seneca, Ill., today between two freight trains. One man was slightly scalded.

CONNECTICUT'S POPULATION.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The population of the state of Connecticut is given by the census bureau as 746,861; increase 123,161.

Accommodating.

He—I hope you don't object to my smoking?

She—N—not in the least. That is—if you don't object to my being sick.—Chatter.

'Twas Horrible.

"I understand Dalsley paints?"

"That's bad enough, but he does worse even. He presents the paintings to his friends.—Philadelphia Times.

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THE CURIOSITY SHOP.

Some of the Celebrated Diamonds of the World.

The Regent or Pitt diamond, weighing 136 14-16 carats, and originally purchased by Lord Pitt, is the finest large diamond in the world. It was discovered in India in 1701, and weighed 410 carats in the rough. It was the most precious of the French crown jewels, and was one of the few retained by the government at the great sale in 1887. The finest blue diamond is the "Hope," which is almost sapphire blue and weighs 44½ carats. It is an Indian stone, and evidently part of Tavernier's blue diamond, which was stolen from the Garde Meuble in 1792. It was purchased by Mr. Henry Hope. The Dresden Green vaults contain the finest green diamond, a pear shaped 48½ carat brilliant, the "Dresden Green." Among the largest diamonds is the Orloff in the scepter of the emperor of Russia, weighing 193 carats. It is fabled once to have formed the eye of an Indian idol, and to have been stolen by a French deserter. In the Russian treasury is also the Shah, 86 carats. Tavernier's Great Table weighed 242 5-16 carats.

The Tiffany yellow diamond, the largest diamond in America, is a flawless, double cut brilliant. It was found in South Africa, weighs 125⅝ carats, is of a rich orange yellow color, and is the finest yellow diamond in the world. It is valued at $100,000. The "Great Mogul" was described by Tavernier, the famous traveler, in 1678. He states that its weight was originally 793⅝ carats, but in cutting it was reduced to 279 9-16 through the stupidity of the cutter, who is said to have been fined his entire fortune for his carelessness. This magnificent stone was named after the founder of the so called Mogul dynasty in India. It has disappeared, though some identify it with the Koh-i-Nur (Mountain of Light), which weighed when first brought to England 186 1-16 carats, but was reduced by recutting, in 1852, to 106 1-16 carats. The Koh-i-Nur, "the great diamond of romance," is now among the English crown jewels.

A diamond weighing 457½ carats was brought from the Cape in 1844. It has been cut into a brilliant of 180 carats. The finding of this stone is enveloped in mystery. The name "Victoria" was given to it in honor of the queen. Streeter, authority for the foregoing, names it as undoubtedly the largest brilliant known in his "Great Diamonds of the World."

Titles in the United States.

The subject of titles in the United States presents some amusing features which are thus pointed out by Garrick Mallery in an article in the American Anthropologist. The constitution prohibits titles of nobility, and of course the people insist upon all kinds of titles, thereby proving the accuracy of the Roman poet's oft quoted lines about the futility of casting out nature with a pitchfork. Not only does a day's possession of any office baptize the possessor with a title for life, but often official or professional titles are bestowed in taste or discretion; so that "colonel," "judge" and "doctor" only imply some peculiarity in form, manner or clothing. In this multiplicity and plethora it is strange that some men confer titles upon themselves without authority, and it is far more dignified and distinguished not to bear or allow any. This is because all titles of honor and distinction are degraded by misuse, e. g., that of "professor," now the perquisite of balloonists and jugglers. But there can be no argument with a superstition.

The best treatment of the folly would be to let every man take what title he chose, but pay for the privilege. The result would be that either the craving would diminish, or the revenue increase from the taxation of a useless luxury, either of which is a desideratum.

Celebrities Who Smoke.

Mr. Labouchere, we are told in a recent number of The Speaker, is one of the most constant habitues of the house of commons smoking room. Mr. Bradlaugh also loves the smoke room, for he can smoke a big cigar and drink very black coffee. Lord Randolph Churchill is a great slave of the cigarette. Mr. Parnell, before he was taken ill, almost lived in the house of commons for weeks together, and after dinner regularly had a cup of coffee and a very small and very mild cigar. Sir William Harcourt and Mr. Chamberlain are equally remarkable for their love of the cigar. The cigar in both cases is very strong; the difference is that Mr. Chamberlain always has them good, while Sir William Harcourt, like the Austrian emperor, seems to choose by preference the cheapest and the worst. Mr. John Morley has a few very mild cigarettes, but he is not often in the smoke room. Mr. Balfour has never been seen there. Mr. Gladstone will not lend countenance to the weed which he detests by even a glimpse into the smoke room.

Arbor Day.

The object of Arbor day is to encourage tree planting and thereby in some measure counteract the depletion of forests. The credit of inaugurating this day is claimed by the Nebraska state board of agriculture, which in 1874 recommended the second Wednesday of April in each year as a day dedicated to the work of planting trees. Thirty-five states and territories have since then by legislative enactment or otherwise established an Arbor day, which however does not fall on the same date in each of them. It is not a legal holiday in all of these states and territories, the exceptions being Idaho, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Rhode Island, and the day is set by the several governors.

The Golden Prime of Literary Labor.

About 40 is ascribed by one writer as the golden prime of literary labor. It was between the age of 35 and 45 that Wilkie Collins wrote his four best stories. Thackeray was 37 when he completed "Vanity Fair," and 41 when he published "Esmond." Dickens wrote "David Copperfield" at 39, which was the age of George Eliot when "Adam Bede" first made her famous; and Anthony Trollope was 42 when he achieved his first great success with "Barchester Towers." Chaucer is, however, reputed to have written the "Canterbury Tales" between 54 and 60. Victor Hugo's two romances, "Notre Dame" and "The Toilers of the Sea," were produced, the one in his 29th, the other in his 65th year.

Costly Metals.

Barium, we are informed in the Jewelers' Circular, is more than four times as valuable as gold, and gallium more than 162 times as costly, while many of the metals are twice and thrice as valuable. Aluminum, which now costs $8 or $9 a pound, will eventually be produced as cheaply as steel. When this can be done it will push the latter metal out of a great many of its present uses, as it possesses great strength, toughness and elasticity, with extreme lightness of weight. Its sources of supply are inexhaustible, and its present high cost arises from the difficulty of its extraction in the metallic form. Indium seems to be chiefly used for pointing gold pens.

This is the time of year when the boat begins to crack open in spots where the summer heat has dried up the sides. An easy way to fill up the cracks is to melt equal parts of pitch and gutta percha in an iron pot; thoroughly mix by stirring. Make up in sticks and melt into the cracks with a warm iron.

J. Frank Sweeney, of Omaha, fell in love with the photograph of Mrs. Anna Tapley, a handsome young widow of Louisville, Ky., and carried it about with him for several months. He met the original of the picture for the first time on Friday of last week and was married to her on Monday.

Two and Two Are Twenty-Two.

"Mr. Brief," said the judge grimly, "it seems to me that you are wasting time; you might as well attempt to make the court believe that two and two do not make four."

Brief settled his eyeglasses a little more firmly on his nose, and responded blandly: "May it please your lordship, I am prepared to do that. Two and two make twenty-two."

The shadow of a smile played round the corner of the judge's mouth as he sat back in his chair and said, "You may go on with your argument, Mr. Brief."—Chatter.

The Angler's Trick.

I.

A BIG CATCH.

II.

A BIG DISCLOSURE.

—Munsey's Weekly.

Instructed.

"Now, looker here, young uns," said an exclusive Arkansas mother, coaching her children in regard to their table manners when a stranger was to be a guest at dinner, "I don't want any of you to tech that nice new butter knife yer pa got in a raffle the other day. That's fer comp'ny only, mind ye, an' I'm goin' to put it on speshly fer that strange guest to use, an' when the rest of ye want butter you jist dab in with yer own knives an' let folks see that you know what good manners is."—Drake's Magazine.

He Left It Outside.

I hear the rustle of her dainty skirt,
And catch a whiff of some sweet perfume rare,
As like a queen she sweeps upon her way,
With form erect and head held high in air.

But when she's passed beneath my breath I swear,
And wish she wouldn't swing her dress like that
In going by my pew her skirttets caught
And swept the floor with my new stovepipe hat.

—New York Herald.

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