

Editorial Correspondence.

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The Soldiers' Home embraces a section of land, some three miles west of Dayton proper...

There are several rooms for those suffering with ordinary diseases. A great many deaths occur here, as may reasonably be expected among such a vast number of persons, all of whom are unacquainted with the disease.

The church is a magnificent structure, and is surpassed by few churches anywhere.

The quarters or residences of the inmates comprise a small village of large and comfortable houses, built in a square, and fitted up with all the modern conveniences.

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ready to start: At Hamilton, 4; at Augsburg's, near Trenton, 1; at Middleton and Amanda, 7; at Franklin, 2; at Miami, 3; at Carrollton, 1; at Dayton, 3—total, 50. Several others are in contemplation. These mills manufacture everything, from the finest writing paper to the coarsest wrapping paper and tar board. All imaginable substances are being utilized for the manufacture of paper. Farmers are offered \$3 per ton for their refuse straw as it lies in the barn yard, or for the same after passing through the mill, is readily sold at a good price. Corn husks are in great demand. Cottonwood is turned into paper, in great quantities. Even tar-bark, after serving its purpose at the tanneries, is transmuted into paper.

What a field the splendid water-power along the line, in Kansas, would be for paper mills! Besides the power and the water, our prairie grass would be excellent for paper, and the supply of cottonwood is inexhaustible. Manufacturers are what build up a country, and there are no better openings than can be found in nearly all parts of Kansas.

This Fall, in this part of the country, has been dry, without precedent. Most of the wells are dry, and the streams are lower than ever known. The water is so scarce in the Miami River and the Canal, that many of the manufacturing establishments are putting in steam to run their machinery.

The exciting topic here now, is the suicide of Dr. O. C. Maxwell, at the Phillips House, in Dayton, on Tuesday evening. Dr. Maxwell distinguished himself in the war, and afterwards held a revenue office. The cause of the suicide is held to have been financial difficulties and poverty. But what sort of courage, or sentiment, or other feeling is it, which will induce a strong man to kill himself to avoid poverty, leaving his wife and helpless family to struggle against that same poverty without his aid?

The papers are still filled with accounts of the mourning and gloom pervading the country, in consequence of the death of Horace Greeley. It may be said, as it is said, that the truth is, that outside of the columns of newspapers, that gloom has not been visible. There undoubtedly was interest manifested at New York, up to the time of his funeral; but anywhere else, it was scarcely a matter of remark, either by his recent supporters or opponents; and but for the newspaper accounts, one would scarcely have been reminded that he was dead.

A street preacher is around bellying to the people in these parts, who claims to be like Lorenzo Dow. He resembles Lorenzo Dow about as much as the human race resembles a Fourth of July salute. His text, today, was "By God." When he finished, his audience felt like expressing their feelings by repeating the text.

The weather, for the past three weeks, with the exception of an occasional dry or two, has been remarkably pleasant, with cold nights.

We have had our visit and our loaf, and shall follow this home.

THE KANSAS MAGAZINE.—The Kansas has concluded its first year, and has more than fulfilled public anticipations. Capt. Henry King, who has so ably managed it during the past year, retires, and is succeeded by Capt. James W. Steele, one of its most popular contributors. We understand that hereafter the Magazine will be printed at an office of its own. The conductors promise increased interest in the Magazine for the ensuing year, with contributions from old and new contributors. Every Kansas reader should take an especial pride in seeing the Magazine well sustained. The terms are: Single subscribers, \$4 a year; two copies, \$7; five copies, \$10; ten copies, \$20, and each additional copy, \$3. Address Kansas Magazine Publishing Company, Topeka, Kansas.

THE STATESMEN.—The Republican United States Senators have the luck to hold the bill by the horns, in their treatment of the Liberal Senators. They refuse to recognize them as Republicans, or to admit them into the confidence of the party, but have sent them to the rear of the Democratic. Sumner, Trumbull, Schurz, Fenton, Tipton and Rice have been lopped from all important places on the Standing Committee, and either placed at the tail end, or omitted altogether. Van Dusen has been lopped from the Committee for the Democrats to fill, which they can do by putting on men of their own or Liberals, as they choose.

There is said to be a peasant in India, that carries the death of elephants, by insinuating himself into their trunks, and irritating them to such a degree as to madden them, and cause them to break their necks. And now that ponderous elephant, Charles Sumner, is about to be laid out by a very insignificant peasant. George H. Hoyt has introduced a resolution into the Massachusetts Legislature, which is likely to pass, denouncing Sumner for his proposal to strike the names of Union veterans from the national flag. When Massachusetts denounces Sumner, it finishes him.

The papers are again going for Judge Webb, Superintendent of Insurance, and demanding that he be legislated out of office. We have always believed the present Insurance law to be a fraud, and would like to see it wiped out. Likewise, we would like to see the name of Judge Webb, who served in the last war with England, and had served two enlistments on his own account and one as a substitute during the rebellion; said that when last discharged, the surgeon reported, "no cause why he may not enlist again," which debar him from a pension. But he intends, next Summer, to work and earn money enough to take him to Omaha, where he will hunt him a home-stead!

There is no drunkenness about these premises, and no rats or bats, or other vermin. When we saw these men, from almost every nation, and professing almost every religion—men with one arm, or no arms; with one leg, or no legs; with one eye or no eyes; maimed, disfigured, and mangled in every manner and form; and all made so in fighting to preserve the nation—we could not but remember that a Democratic Court decided that these men had no right to vote; and that the Leavenworth Times supported Langston, and that sweet-scented Democratic God, of infamous memory, C. J. Vallandigham, made it a special duty on election day, to stand at the polls and challenge their votes, on the ground that the wounds which compelled them to live here, rendered them puppets, without a fixed residence.

A line of street cars run to the corporate limits of Dayton; and from there, a railway has been constructed to the Home, the cars on which are propelled by a "dummy" engine.

In the streets of Dayton, it was common to see cows harnessed to milk and coal wagons. One man had a little red bull harnessed to a sewing machine wagon; and a milkman had a set of harness rigged up for himself, and was trotting along in the shafts of his wagon. The railroad depots and wholesale houses are piled full of freight, that cannot be hauled away, for want of teams.

The epizootic mild fever to test the wisdom of one of Horace Greeley's theories, advanced in his much ridiculed "What I know about Farming." He expressed the opinion that young heifers might be taken and trained to work in harness, and made generally useful, without injuring them for dairy purposes. In the present emergency, upon that point, we have no remarks to make. But if the epidemic has no other effect, it will make people appreciate the true value of horses. But "what we know about human nature," precludes the hope that those useful animals will receive any more humane treatment hereafter, than before the disease was known.

The Miami Valley, along the river and the Canal, is becoming an important manufacturing region. The manufacture of paper is carried on perhaps more extensively than in any other part of the United States, and the more mills that are built, the greater becomes the demand, and the higher the prices. From Hamilton to Dayton, the following mills are in operation, or nearly

James B. Osgood & Co.'s Publications.

The sterling and popular publications of James B. Osgood & Co., of Boston—the Atlantic Monthly, Our Young Folks, and Every Saturday—are about entering upon a new year, with attractive features. All these publications stand at the head of their class, and are known throughout the length and breadth of the land.

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A NEW BOOK.—The Common Wealth Company.

Topka, has in press, will issue in a short time, a volume by JAMES W. STEELE ("Deane Moanah"), entitled "SONS OF THE BORDER." The book embraces the admirable character sketches contributed to the Kansas Magazine by Mr. Steele during the last twelve months. These sketches have attained a remarkable popularity all over the country, and the writer has been accorded a place among the leading story-writers of the time. Mr. Steele writes; and the people and things he deals with are entirely new to our literature. The tone and feelings, the habits and follies of the peculiar people who inhabit the far frontier, are here painted with skill, force and fidelity; and no one who is interested in the strange life of the plains and mountains should neglect to procure and read these excellent sketches. They have been widely copied, and received the highest commendation of the leading journals of the country. Many think them fully equal to Bret Harte's best. With the possible exception of Harte, there is surely no writer in the country who shows a more graphic and graphic pen than the gifted author of "Sons of the Border." We predict a large sale for the book, both at home and abroad; and we unreservedly recommend it to our readers. It can be procured of all prominent bookellers, and of the Commonwealth Company, Topeka. Price \$1.20.

They have a mild set of railroad employees, down in the vicinity of Fort Scott. A man supposed to be insane, made half a dozen attempts to throw himself under moving trains, but was prevented; but finally ending the vigilance of the men, he succeeded. After the man had made, say about a dozen attempts, it would have occurred to some folks to take him into custody, and slightly restrain his liberty. If his insanity had lasted another turn, and he had made as many attempts to kill somebody else, the people of that town would probably have gently requested him to be so good.

The public will be rejoiced to learn that Samuel Sinclair, of the New York Tribune, has flanked Whiteley, and held the other shysters who have controlled that paper for the past year, and prostituting its columns, and almost ruining a reputation of a quarter of a century's growth. Sinclair secured possession of a majority of the shares of the concern, and a large interest has passed into the hands of William Orton, of the Western Union Telegraph Company. The Tribune again becomes a Republican paper, Whiteley Reid gets his walking papers, and Vice-President Coffey will probably become Editor-in-Chief.

The Liberal and Democratic papers, taking advantage of Greeley's death, are trying to excite public feeling against Thomas Nast, for his caricatures of Greeley. These caricatures were the best things of the campaign; every one was a home thrust, plainer than language could have made it; and Greeley's party merited no milder treatment. Nast will survive the clamor.

There is a son of Henry Clay, who for many years has been an inmate of a Kentucky mad-house. However, he is said to be only mildly mad. He is just the man whom the Liberator would like to have as a residential correspondent. Besides his mental fitness, he possesses the advantage of having a distinguished name.

Watermelon sugar is one of the new things, in saving upon the ration scrips for the sugar factory, by using watermelon rinds, which have but little sugar, as the grease injures the quality of the sugar.

Last week's Republicans announced, in a short and earnest paragraph of three lines, that its "political creed" connection with the paper has ceased.

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