

The Republicans are acting as though all the earth and its fulness were already in their possession. But there's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip, and nothing's sure in politics save disappointment.

Elsewhere we publish Judge Wear's defense of the release of his son from custody. But, after all is said, the fact remains that a foul and cold-blooded murder goes unrebuked of the law, whose majesty is flouted and by its own methods stands disgraced.

They say Boss Reed and Boss Filley have joined hands, and a strong team they make. It would take a long pull and strong pull to put the Maine statesman in the White House—but if he got there, wouldn't the Missouri faithful fill up on pie? Yum, yum!

WHAT with the Hearno murder trial and the Busch wedding, the St. Louis papers have had a picnic for a week or two. All's grist comes to the newspaper mill these days: the public mind is omnivorous, and the capacity of its maw has never yet been ascertained.

WITH Protection and Gold Monotism enforced under Republican rule, this country would be the realization of the Plutocrat's Dream. But what of that? Darn a poor man anyway! Most of the time he hasn't got sense enough to get out of the rain, and it doesn't matter how often he gets wet. Even were he to drown it would only make one less for his self-appointed guardians to look after.

The Mugwump New York Evening Post, of all the press, East or West, North or South, Democratic or Republican, is the English organ to denounce Cleveland's message in regard to Venezuela. "But the Post is too 'English you know,' to be American. Let it emigrate to London and there teach the Cockneys a lesson in snobbery and king-worship. We are even in favor of the government giving it free passage in a United States man-of-war, with a boost from Uncle Sam's toe to help it along.

THE REGISTER acknowledges the receipt of a copy of the Programme of the Twentieth Annual Session of the Southeast Missouri Teachers' Association, to be held at Poplar Bluff, December 26 and 27th, 1895. The subjects laid down for consideration and discussion will give interest to the proceedings, and we have no doubt an unusually large attendance will grace the occasion. The printing of the Programme was done by Bro. Flynn of the Gazette, and is a credit to the job department of his plant.

The President's special message in reference to England's attempted domination of Venezuelan territory has the right ring, and no matter what the differences between him and the people on certain domestic questions, all true Americans will applaud the stand he has taken. In the concluding paragraph of the message, he says: "There is no calamity which a great nation can invite which equals that which follows a supine submission to wrong and injustice and the consequent loss of national self-respect, beneath which is shrouded and defended a people's safety and greatness."

These are the sentiments of a patriot, and the whole Union will uphold them and honor the Chief Executive who has so clearly and boldly proclaimed them anew.

THREE ministers, A. O. Burrill, P. H. Howe, and Wm. Simpson, all Seventh Day Adventists, having rested according to the commandment on the seventh day of the week, were on Sunday, November 3d, 1895, engaged in slaking lime to assist in putting up the foundation of a church, about to be built in Darrell, Ontario, for their denomination. A committee from another church, appointed to spy upon them, found them at work, entered complaint, and they have been sentenced to a fine, and in default of fine, imprisonment ranging from forty to sixty days in the county jail. The evidence showed that no one was disturbed, except in their religious feelings, and the place where the work was done, being a mile from any other house of worship, stamps it purely a case of religious persecution. The Lord's day Act of Ontario does not mention any of the professions in its provisions, nor farmers, nor gardeners; but does mention mechanics, artificers, etc., and it was alleged that these ministers, besides being preachers, were also carpenters, that carpentering was one of their ordinary callings, and the conviction was brought on that ground. The most bitter feeling was manifested on the part of the prosecution all through the trials, the lawyer for the prosecution being a nephew of the Justice who sentenced the men, having his office in with the Justice. The law is a usurpation of the rights of the individual, being copied almost verbatim into the Ontario Statutes from the laws of King Charles the Second, and is in direct violation of Her Majesty Queen Victoria's proclamation relative to the religious freedom. Thus

Ontario has again placed herself in the ranks of those who are not willing to give freedom of conscience to her citizens. The men convicted were regularly authorized ministers of the denomination, and whatever work they did upon the church was given freely as a matter of charity. The cases have all been appealed to the high court at Toronto, and their decision will be awaited with great interest. Whatever the immediate result, one thing is finally certain: religious freedom. Bigots may have temporary triumph, but the inquisition is bound to go, and a few years hence posterity will wonder that the world ever sought to make a people uniform in belief or to enforce piety by statute. Down with intolerance and persecution!

Why John Bull Wants Peace.

Mr. Bull, on the other side of the water, has been having an exceedingly uncomfortable time of it, lately. At one time and another he has seen fit to bolster up the decaying Turkish Empire, thinking, no doubt, that his interests would be subserved thereby. To facilitate this process of bolstering it became necessary, on divers and sundry occasions, for him to absorb a good many bonds and other securities of that empire, which cost the old gentleman a round sum of money.

Now, Mr. Bull does not care the remark of a blasphemous tinker about the Turks, the Armenians, or any other race or nation upon the face of this planet, except only as their good or evil fortunes effect his pocket. If he could get his money back to-morrow and be made whole, both the Turks and Armenians might go comfortably and peacefully to the devil together, so far as he is concerned; but he sees no immediate prospect to either getting his money back, or of being made whole; hence his present state of irritation. Mr. Bull might absorb the Turkish Empire bodily, which he could easily do, just as he bites off a chunk of Africa or South America, but the Russian Bear would take a most vivid and voiceful interest in any proceedings of that nature.

From his watch towers on the Balkans and the Caucasus the bear has long watched affairs in the province of his neighbor, the Turk, with lickerish eyes, and has been noticed that when the sound of any unusual commotion reaches his ears from that direction, his nether lip is suffused by an unwelcome moisture, and that he licks his jaws in the most voracious and greedy manner. Should Mr. Bull attempt to walk off with property to which the bear regards himself as the lawful heir, there is no doubt that he would come down upon Mr. Bull like a thousand of brick or a ton of granite. Mr. Bull realizes this, and hence his modesty. He could turn the whole business over to the bear in consideration of that party's assuming to make good the money he has already expended, but this would bring that animal too close to his beloved Egypt, and entirely too near to theroute to his Indian Empire, for comfort. Then there is France to be reckoned with, who has never been satisfied with Mr. Bull's Egyptian deal, by which her interests in that country were injured.

The Venezuelan question is not affording him much trouble now, for he feels that his interests are entirely safe on this continent as long as the present administration is in power. Mr. Bull would fight no doubt, if he thought he could win, but the last scrap he had with anything near his own size was with this same bear, which, with the aid of France, Italy and Turkey, he was able to down, but was so near out of breath at the finish, he doubts the propriety of his going up against anything stronger than the King of Ashantee. Besides he has contracted a vast debt of his own, and the Rothschilds and others of his backers feel a reluctance to permit Mr. Bull to further strain the English tax-payer and run the risk of an explosion.

The only place on the earth in which he can take comfort at this time is in his possessions in this country. If troubles continue to accumulate upon his own blasted little hills, he may conclude to move hoveer and take personal control of a province he has managed so long by deputy.

From Warren's Store.

Ed. Register—I will give you a few items from this place. Health is pretty good in this neighborhood.

Hickory-nut gathering is the order of the day. G. W. Jaycox has gathered about forty bushels this fall. Mr. Johnston, our merchant, has bought about one hundred bushels and is still buying.

Mr. John Sizemore and wife of Lesterville are visiting her parents at this place. It is rumored they will move up in a short time.

J. N. Wilson is visiting relatives in Carter county.

Bogus Court on last Friday night was enjoyed by all who attended.

Miss C. Ragan is staying with her sister, Mrs. John Jaycox, at present.

Mr. L. O. Warren's school at Imboden closes on next Friday. They are expecting a grand time.

It is rumored that there will be several weddings in this neighborhood about Christmas.

In Memoriam.

Castle Hall Ironton Lodge, No. 244, Knight of Pythias, Ironton, Mo., October 25, 1895. WHEREAS, death has removed Bro. C. E. BLAND from among us, and we hope has been taken to that Castle Hall above where all loyal Knights meet to part no more; be it Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Bland each of us feels that we have lost a true friend: one that tried as near as he could to exemplify the friendship of Damon, and that this Lodge had in him a most faithful member and loyal supporter of its teachings. Resolved, That this Lodge be draped in mourning for our Bro. that has been taken from us, and also that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved widow of our deceased Brother.

S. E. STRONG, C. E. DEMIER, R. F. HOLLOMAN, Committee.

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We are grateful for past favors and desire a continuance of same, but many are forgetful of our long indulgence, and failing to comply with this reasonable request, will find their notes and accounts placed out for collection. Ironton, Mo., Nov. 20, 1895. WHITWORTH SONS.

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