

Stanton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26th, 1891.

The Price of Wheat Fluctuating.

For the past week or two the price of wheat has been very fluctuating, owing to contradictory foreign news.

The Week Just Past.

The most erratic and excitable markets known for a long time. The trade has been to a great extent at the mercy of sensation mongers, and while the actual fact and conditions have had much to do with the movements in price, false rumors and subsequent denials have brought about rapid and violent fluctuations.

Dispensing Penitents.

A writer in the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle is authority for the statement that a gentleman named Tate, residing in East Tennessee, recently summoned a gathering of about one hundred Confederate soldiers, whom he surprised by dividing \$30,000 among them.

The Population of West Virginia.

The population of the State in 1880 was 134,437. During the decade an increase of 134,437, or 33.34 per cent, is shown.

Correct conclusions as to the supplies and requirements of Europe are extremely difficult to arrive at just at present.

Reports from other countries on the continent are almost as conflicting as those from Russia. Beerboom estimates that the surplus of exporting countries this year will exceed the requirements of importing countries by about 16,000,000 bushels.

Oregon farmers are coming to the conclusion that there is more money to be made in horticulture than in any other branch of farming.

Home conditions and prospects continue excellent in all particulars, and the spring wheat is expected to be coming into the market in large quantities soon.

The Island of Martinique Swept by a Hurricane.

On Tuesday night, the 18th inst., the Island of Martinique, one of the West India Islands, belonging to France, was swept by a hurricane which produced terrible destruction of human lives and property.

Mr. and Mrs. George Manning, an old and wealthy couple, have been arrested at Council Bluffs, Iowa, by the United States service officers on an indictment returned at St. Joseph, Mo., charging them with issuing five hundred ten-dollar notes.

Two hundred pounds of giant powder exploded at the mouth of the lower tunnel of the Black Bear mine, near Burke, Idaho, on Wednesday.

Three shocks of earthquake were felt at St. Louis Thursday night, preceded by thunder and lightning and a fall of 15 degrees in the temperature.

A wonderful flower has been discovered on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec.

The peculiarity is the habit of changing its colors during the day. In the morning it is white, when the sun is at its zenith it is red, and at night it is blue.

While a man in Mooreville, Ind., was tearing out an old fireplace in his house the other day he found \$300, all in crisp ten-dollar notes, that had been secreted beneath the hearth by some former occupant of the house.

It has been claimed that the seeds taken from ancient Egyptian tombs are capable of growth, but proof of the claim is lacking.

It has been demonstrated, however, that seeds of very great age are capable of development.

Professor Garner's discovery that monkeys never talk unless they have something to say, reminds a Boston journalist that John Adams in his old age would to Faneuil Art Museum, near which stood his own boat. Pointing to the hero's firmly closed mouth, he said: "That great man could hold his tongue, which this fool"—tapping his own bust with his cane—"never could learn."

Two young women who are passing the summer at Goose Rocks, Me., one of them owns a quarter of a million in her own name, lodged in an escape a few days since which afforded them lots of fun and relieved the monotony of life for other people.

Both are skilled musicians, one playing the banjo and the other the guitar. They attended themselves as gypsies and went over to Knoxville, Tenn., to entertain the negroes there. In return for their music they secured about \$8 in silver, which they gave to a man whose house had been burned.

Notwithstanding the assertion that there is no animal life in Death Valley, the government surveying party has found 290 varieties of mammals and 60 varieties of reptiles, specimens of which have been forwarded to Washington.

HEAVY PURCHASES.—Pennsylvania capitalists have recently invested \$1,000,000 in coal and timber lands in the counties of Fayette, Nicholas and Greenbrier, West Virginia, which they propose to develop by means of lateral railroads running from the trunk line of the Chesapeake and Ohio.

A short time ago Pittsburgh parties made a purchase of 2,000 acres in Logan county for \$3,800, which has turned out to be an unexpectedly good investment. The purchasers recently sold 1,608 poplar trees on this land for \$5 per tree. There remains on the land some fine timber, with a four-foot vein of coal and two veins of oil.

A young Kentucky girl named Agnes Rankin has been playing some amusing pranks on the other girls in Crookston county, putting on male attire, she secured work as a hired man on a farm, and began at once to court all the attractive young women of the neighborhood, excepting those to whom she was already betrothed.

The State Alliance Convention held in Richmond last week, adopted, on Thursday, the platform adopted at Ocala, Florida, some time since, with an amendment demanding that representatives in congress be given to understand that unless they can agree to pass the sub-treasury bill they must give the farmers something equally as good or better.

The following is the remarkable Ocala platform as adopted, the amendments made by the Virginia convention being in italics:

1. We demand the abolition of national banks.

2. We demand that the government shall establish sub-treasuries of currency in every State, which shall loan money direct to the people at a low rate of interest, not to exceed 2 per cent per annum, on non-convertible farm products, and also upon real estate, with proper limitations upon the quantity of land and amount of money.

3. We further demand that our representatives in the United States congress be given to understand that unless they can agree to these demands they must give us something better or as good.

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6. We further demand a removal of the existing heavy tariff tax from the necessities of life, that the poor of our land must have.

7. We further demand a just and equitable system of graduated taxes that shall be levied on the basis of the amount of property owned, and that all taxes shall be levied on the basis of the amount of property owned.

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Fortunately the Democrats have the controlling majority in the House of Representatives, and will hardly let any more of these honours be issued or paid, even if they do not greatly curtail the present state of affairs.

During the war it was pretended by the Republicans that their Grand Army of 7,700,000 soldiers were all fighting bravely and nobly, and that they should be rewarded with pensions for their services.

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