

Avant Courier

In a new local magazine—the Globe—published in Buffalo, is the following reminiscence of Mark Twain's brief editorial career in that city:

No man detested loaters more than Mr. (Journals) and assuredly no man could be more pitiless in his treatment of loaters. He was vigorous in his denunciation of that class of people who aimlessly and impudently intrude their constant presence in an editorial room.

One incident will, perhaps, bear relating, showing how he once rebuked a party of undesired visitors. Arriving at his office one evening about 8 1/2 o'clock, he found it full of men—all strangers to him. They had apparently taken full possession of the room.

Modern Legislation.—Time was when legislation signified endeavoring to do the greatest good to the greatest number. Now it means striving to benefit a few at the expense of many.

Dean Richmond's Little Joke.—Appropos of bills and their frequently very questionable devices for raising money, we copy the following story from an exchange: "A minister of a western town was once accepted at a fair of his church, where some of these expedients were in full blast, by no less a person than the well-known Dean Richmond, in this fashion: 'Domine, I don't exactly understand all your games here, but I would like to help the cause along. If you've no objection, I would like to go into one of these side rooms and try a game of poker with you—the winnings to go to the church, anyway.' The parson squirmed a little, but the church game of blanks and prizes disappeared from that branch of Zion forthwith."

We clip the following item from the Turf, Field and Farm for the benefit of hog raisers, and suggest the advisability, when suffering the visitation of severe winters and scarcity of provender, of stowing the porkers away in the deepest snow drifts in the mountains. It would be economical, to say the least; that is, so far as the consumption of food is concerned. How the hogs would like it we are not prepared to say: "The hog, it would seem, is tenacious to life. In the big storm which swept over Minnesota on the 7th of January five hogs belonging to Mr. Nye, of Fillmore County, were buried in a snow drift. On the 7th of March, a period of fifty-eight days, the drift was opened and the hogs discovered alive. They were in fair bodily condition, but were unable to use their legs freely, having not exercised the muscles of the limbs for so long a time. Just after their rescue they preferred soap to a more solid kind of food. Mr. Nye is said to be an honest man, and his statement is regarded as strictly true. The hog, it would seem, can be an economical feeder when circumstances so compel."

A professed looking to the establishment of banks based upon capital belonging to the agriculturists, and conducted in the interest of the farming communities, is receiving much attention from the Southern press. The plan is warmly advocated by many influential newspapers in that section of the country. It is contended that such fiduciary agencies, holding in trust surplus funds of the plant interests, would do away with the necessity of calling upon the factors for advances in times of depression, and save to the farmers the exorbitant interest which they are charged on such advances.

During the performance in an English theatre recently, a declaimed and contained his was heard above the applause of the spectators. The more the audience laughed and applauded, the louder the hissing became. The culprit was at length discovered to be a phlegmatic old gentleman upon whom an operation for tracheotomy had been performed, necessitating the placing in the throat of a silver tube. The effect of the pipe, we are told, was that when the gentleman laughed a sound like hissing was produced, and the more the stout trouper laughed the more he hissed.

Bonnet is worth more than \$1,000,000, and he has expended more than that sum in advertising. He has paid \$3,000 for a single advertisement, and \$40,000 for a week's advertising. He set the fashion of using printer's ink munificently, and truly he has his reward.

A New York auctioneer thus relieves himself: "The pretence of those who attend merely to see the fun is endurable, but the lady who bids a certain article of cloth up to five cents a yard, and when it is knocked down to her, decides to take only a yard, he regards as a blot on the civilization of the pine-teeth century."

The Northern Pacific

The Northern Pacific Railroad Committee, Vice President of the Board, Mr. Moorehead, Philadelphia, Frederick, Billings, of Vermont, and Engineer in Chief W. H. Miller, returned this morning to the east, having completed, on favorable terms, the contract and arrangements for the extension of the road northward during the present year to a practical connection between the road already completed and the waters of Puget Sound. The contractors on Saturday, by telegraph, put men at work on the line. With the railroad connection effected, the entire railroad system of Oregon, as well as the navigable waters of the Columbia, are put in connection by rail with the waters of Puget Sound.

The committee deemed it expedient to press the immediate prosecution of the work on that part of the line between the upper navigable waters of the Columbia river and Lake Pea O'Reille. Among other reasons, on this portion of the route it is necessary to make arrangements in the fall for getting out cross ties and lumber, which can only be obtained in the winter and must be floated down during the spring rise of the stream.—Kavanaugh.

A Singular Story

Recent proceedings in one of the English courts have brought to light a singular story, while exhibiting in an exceedingly unpleasant view the practical effect of certain English laws. In the year 1833 a lawyer's clerk, a young man of good family and education, was tried on the charge of stealing two watches from his employer's office. The accused had become addicted to drink, and from the evidence it seemed doubtful whether he actually intended to steal the watches, or merely pocketed them in a drunken freak. Under these circumstances he was fined one shilling only for the unlawful possession of the property, after which he went to Australia. In 1853 he disappeared, and after a long time his next of kin took out letters of administration under the supposition that he was dead, whereupon the Crown at once claimed forfeited re on the ground that he had been convicted of felony. There were two sums in dispute, one of \$60,000, the other of \$2,000. The Vice-Chancellor has declared the claim of the Crown to the larger sum only valid, so that the representative of the family are permitted to retain the \$2,000, while the Crown appropriates the sum of \$60,000, because nearly a half century ago the late owner of the property was convicted of an offence which was then considered sufficiently punished by a fine of one shilling.

DEAN RICHMOND'S LITTLE JOKE.—Appropos of bills and their frequently very questionable devices for raising money, we copy the following story from an exchange: "A minister of a western town was once accepted at a fair of his church, where some of these expedients were in full blast, by no less a person than the well-known Dean Richmond, in this fashion: 'Domine, I don't exactly understand all your games here, but I would like to help the cause along. If you've no objection, I would like to go into one of these side rooms and try a game of poker with you—the winnings to go to the church, anyway.' The parson squirmed a little, but the church game of blanks and prizes disappeared from that branch of Zion forthwith."

The mystery of the infernal machine which recently nearly killed an English pawnbroker to whom it had been sent, when he attempted to open it with a key, has been cleared up in the most satisfactory manner. The villain who devised the destruction of the pawnbroker was none other than the pawnbroker himself, who has kindly explained that he himself was the concealer of the murderous design. Not only had he thus attempted to blow himself up, but it appears from his own account that for several years he has been in the habit of sending threatening letters of a diabolical nature to himself, and that a stab which he received some time ago, and was supposed from the hands of an unknown enemy, was inflicted by himself upon himself, though what he had done to incur his own animosity he has not yet explained.

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