

AVANT COURIER

FARMERS' DAUGHTERS AND POULTRY RAISING.—The following statement of profitable poultry raising by a Delaware farmer's daughter is reported: In Concord, a farmer's daughter, during the past year, had the care of his poultry yard. In the spring she commenced with about 60 fowls, of the common breeds, including one Dominique rooster and several hens of that stock. She also had two roosters of the Partridge-Cochin breed. From these she raised 350 chickens. When young she fed on cracked corn, but when fattening them, she gave whole corn and Indian meal. During the season she sold eggs to the amount of \$90, and from September 20 to January 18, she got ready for market 150 pairs of chickens, which she sold for 260. She thinks the Dominique much the best for market, but they are not so hardy when young. She has some hens of the Partridge-Cochin breed which weigh 6, 7 and 8 pounds each. It will be seen from this statement what may be done by proper attention to poultry, the profits being perhaps larger than any branch of farming. It also shows that the business is one in which females may engage with success. The time occupied in caring for 60 or 100 hens doesn't average more than an hour or two a day. The exercise is light and pleasant, and the change from household duties rather agreeable than otherwise. Indeed, we consider the poultry business, as an occupation, both profitable and interesting. Gathering the eggs, setting the hens watching the hatching, and tending to the young, have a charm, which, in connection with the profit, is calculated to please every lover of nature's great working world.

WELL AND TRULY SAID.—In a late number of that excellent newspaper, the St. Louis Globe, we find the following: "It is a reproach to public justice," says Judge Moore, of Brooklyn, while giving a charge to the Grand Jury, "that a man who steals \$50 is sent to the State Prison, while he who steals \$5,000 is allowed to go free." So it is, and so it will be as long as people judge of men by what they have and not by what they are. Intelligence and integrity should command more respect than all else, and moral power should have more weight in a community than all other forces, but it is sad to think that such is not the case. The more money a man has, the more power he can command. And the manner of obtaining money is soon forgotten when he who has obtained it is surrounded by the things that money will procure. And so it comes to pass that the people of a community become gradually corrupted while getting money, and learn to wink at the means resorted to by their neighbors in getting it. And this will explain why \$5,000 will keep a man out of the State Prison while \$50 will not. In dividing \$5,000 by a jury or an attorney or two, or even by a judge the dividend is much greater than when \$50 are thus divided. This state of things will continue until the propinquity is set upon mankind. As long as society consents a man to have a certain amount of money before he can be thought respectable, just so long will public justice continue to be reproached.

CAPTAIN SAMUEL GEORGE, late chief of the Onondaga Indians in New York State, was buried on Friday in the Indian cemetery, near the Council House, on the tribe's reservation, near Syracuse. The old chief was seventy-eight years of age at the time of his death. The funeral was held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, on the reservation, in the presence of a large number of visitors from Syracuse and the late chief's people. Bishop Huntington officiated, assisted by the three Episcopal clergymen of Syracuse, and at the cemetery the Bishop delivered an address praising the character and career of Capt. George. In the course of his remarks he related that in the war of 1812 George was employed by the Government as a runner, and in this capacity, while carrying dispatches for the commanding officer of Fort Niagara to Canandaigua, he performed the almost incredible feat of running a distance of 115 miles between the rise and set of sun and returning the same distance on the next. Captain George was also a great hunter, and his long life was full of history, incidents, and usefulness to his people.

A little girl, probably six years of age, appeared at one of the juvenile balls recently held at Long Branch in an entire dress of lace of the most valuable description. It was made in the style of the day and worn over pink silk. The lace being white in color, the effect was beautiful. The dress was valued at \$900. The little child also wore diamond earrings, necklace and rings. Five years ago, says Grundy, this child's father was a bar-keeper in California.

A German peddler is the innocent author of a problem of which we beg the solution. He was asked if it was not heavy work carrying a big pack around day after day. "Oh, yes, it is heavy," he replied. "Well, do you make much?" said the querist. "Well, I dunno; some days I make nothing, and other days I make shust twice so much."

A Well Watched Lover.

Young Manglebury will not probably visit Miss Skittles again. He called upon her a few evenings ago, and as she was not at home, he sat down on the porch to wait for her. In a few moments old Skittles' big black dog came up, and after eyeing Manglebury and growling at him in a manner that made cold chills run up and down his back, the dog walked up and began to sniff Manglebury's legs. While the animal was performing this operation, the young man maintained a condition of absolute repose. It is doubtful if he will again be as perfectly still as he was then until his immortal soul is in the land of everlasting rest. When the ceremony was concluded the dog lay down by Manglebury's chair. As soon as Manglebury felt certain the brute was asleep, he thought he would go home without seeing Miss Skittles, but when he attempted to rise from his chair the dog growled so menacingly that Manglebury immediately sat down again. Then he thought it would perhaps be better not to go home at once. It occurred to him, however, it would be well to call some one to remove the dog in case circumstances should render it desirable for him to depart, but at the very first yell Skittles' dog jumped to his feet, gave a diabolical bark, and began to take a few more critical sniffs at Manglebury's legs. And whenever Manglebury shuffled his feet, or moved his arms, or uttered the slightest sound, that infernal dog was instantly upon him. Once when he had to sneeze, he thought, from the boisterous indignation manifested by the dog, that his last hour on earth had come. Manglebury had of ten before wanted to see Miss Skittles alone, but he now felt as if he could welcome any member of the Skittles family, or even the cook, with a feeling approaching enthusiasm. Finally he heard voices in the parlor. It was Miss Skittles and a young man who had come with her and entered at the side door. And they sat there at the window, not thirty feet from Manglebury, sparring and cooing, and every now and then making some disagreeable remark about Manglebury, until at last the visitor left and Miss Skittles locked the door and went to bed. And the dog never moved until morning, when old Skittles came down to look at the thermometer and found that faithful guardian still watching over the miserable Manglebury, who still sat in the chair in which he began to wait for Miss Skittles. Old Skittles offered to shoot the dog in order to soothe Manglebury, but that person was beyond the reach of such remedies. He was too mad. He cut the Skittles family dead; and he is endeavoring to select a social circle whose members do not keep dogs. He hates a dog worse than a doctor hates a healthy man.

BRICK POWEROY FOR PRESIDENT.—Mrs. Dunaway, editress of the Portland New North-West, says that Brick will be the Democratic candidate for the Presidency in 1876, and these are the arguments deduced in support of the scheme:

He is an out and out Woman Suffragist, a man who dares to stand by his principles, though the heavens fall. He is managing the Southern people, by whom he stood in such a way in the late Rebellion that they will vote for him to a man. He is managing the six million Spiritualists until he will have them en masse upon his side. He is catering to the laboring classes until they will be ready to swear by him, and now, mark you, if women are not enfranchised by the time of our great Centennial jubilee, your power will go down in the blackest darkness, a darkness that can and will be felt. If any of you are disposed to pooh-pooh this as an idle story, let us say to you, wait and see.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.—An Illinois paper tells this: A Peoria boy in a vigorous chase after rats recently, broke down a shelf in a cellar and immolated six jars of preserves. Hegazed on the ruins without a sign, caught and killed the rat, laid it among the debris, and daubing his faithful dog's nose and legs with the fruit sent him up stairs while the boy hid in the coal shed. He heard feminine shrieks of dismay; he heard the wrathful objurgations of his sire; he heard the unsuspecting dog taken into the back yard and shot, and spreading forth his hands, said solemnly, "Another victim of circumstantial evidence."

A New Hampshire clergyman, who was asked his price by a young man whom he had just married, replied that the law gave him \$2. The youth promptly handed the minister fifty cents, remarking, "Well, that will make \$2.50 for you," and before the astonished man could explain matters, he was off with his bride for the honeymoon.

Mr. James H. Thurlow, of Newbury port, Mass., caught, last week, a codfish which weighed 94 pounds dressed, and probably over 100 pounds when caught. What a quantity of chowder is suggested to those who know what a chowder is.

DRY TIMES AT FORT BENTON.—We

learn that the Deputy United States Marshals, pursuant to instructions, have closed up all the saloons at Fort Benton and throughout the county of Choteau, that unfortunate county having been decided by the powers that be, to belong to the Indians; and that the whites have no rights there that the Indians, United States Marshals, or Indian agents have any right to respect. By the way, we learn that a young man who was recently indicted by the grand jury of Lewis and Clarke county, on a charge of high-handed games among the Indians, as to swindling, bribery and open stealing, is one of the active agents of the Government now in Choteau county, and is using his power in a rigorous manner. Our next term of court, if justice is done, will probably turn the tables on this official—that is, if his bonds are not forfeited and justice is done. So note it be.—[Gazette.]

POLITICAL SPECULATIONS.—Speculating upon the political future, the St. Louis Republican sees no prospect for immediate results from the opposition now existing against both of the old parties. It says: "The fact is, the sentiment of the people in antagonism to the practices of both the Republican and Democratic parties is yet to be crystallized. We have no sanguine faith in the efficiency of the Farmers' movement alone, nor in other special reform movements alone. But we do see in these movements evidences of popular unrest, the spirit of a resolution to break away from the corruption, mismanagement and irresponsibility of the politicians of the time, and the beginning of an agitation that no dispartisan can check and no partisan whip-cracking control."

From measurements made by General Rosser it is found that the average width of the Yellowstone is 1,200 feet—its rate about six miles an hour. It is 700 feet above the Missouri at Bismarck. It is about a half of two feet to the mile which gives its rapid current. The average depth is about three and a half feet.—[Bismarck Tribune.]

Boss Tweed has been West, and the San Francisco Chronicle has this notice of him: "Boss Tweed, displeased with the reception he met with in this city, folded his tent like the Arab, and silently stole away to New York. It is probable he will continue to steal away whenever he can get a good chance."

A singular death is reported from Marysville, California. Two men were engaged in an altercation, when one struck the other across the bridge of the nose, splintering the bone and driving a piece of it into the brain, causing death in five days.

The President has caused an order to be issued from the War Department giving full pardon to all deserters who may return to duty on or before the 1st of January next, and who may serve faithfully during the remainder of their term of enlistment.

It is said the Nebraska Indians are allowed to ride free on all trains they can jump on while the latter are in motion. The tribe is being reduced very rapidly. This the most effective and economical system of dead-heading on record.

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