

# The Bulletin.

Reading Matter on Every Page.

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## PATENTS.

List of patents granted to Illinois inventors, and furnished the BULLETIN by H. H. Candee, solicitor of patents, Cairo, Ill.: Window shutters, Wm. O. Connor, Chicago; wagon racks, Joseph Bolt, Warsaw; folding tables, P. S. Crawford, Woodstock; fly traps, Henry L. Ferris, Alden; sewer junction indicators, John H. Stanley, Chicago; hotel annunciators and fire alarms, Edward A. Hill, Chicago, (3 patents).

## THE KU-KLUX.

The news from Springfield, in regard to the Franklin county troubles, bear a very monotonous complexion. The Governor and State's Attorney Barr were "in consultation" for days, but no intimation of the conclusions arrived at were allowed to leak out. Gov. Beveridge had also sent for J. P. Van Dorsten, United States district attorney; these two were also in consultation, Judge Treat, of the United States court, and other officials participated in their deliberations and it was finally concluded that it was best not to take to Springfield any of the persons who might be arrested under the Ku-Klux law, as the expense of transporting the accused and the many witnesses would be very great. It was decided to take the accused before Hon. Z. P. Curlee of Tamaroa or Hon. Isaac Clements of Carbondale, both of these being United States commissioners. Mr. Van Dorsten on his departure from Springfield took with him the warrants for the arrest of a number of persons in Franklin and other counties.

## CALMING DOWN.

A special dispatch to the St. Louis Republican from DuQuoin, dated 23d inst., says, there are no new developments from the seat of war in Franklin county. The idea that there is an extensive band of Ku-Klux in Franklin county is fast losing ground; that there are an insignificant few of this clan there is no doubt, but that they exist in large numbers is not believed by those whose statements are entitled to credence. The great majority of the citizens of the said county are law-abiding people, and it is hoped that the public will not regard the inhabitants as night robbers and cut-throats, as might be implied by the numerous and wild reports afloat, and it is the wish of all that the raiders of last Monday night had been killed outright, as it is feared that justice, after all this parade, will not get its dues. Had the Williamson county troubles been checked in their incipency it is not at all likely that these latter difficulties would have occurred.

## DAVIS'S INVITATIONS.

Jeff Davis has published, since the Winnebago county people's display of excessive loyalty, the invitations he received during July and August to address on his own terms agricultural gatherings. The list is not a small one and the societies are mostly situated in Northern States: Southern Wisconsin Agricultural Society, Janesville, Wis., October 6th; Central Iowa Agricultural Society, Des Moines, 21st September; Montour County Society, Pennsylvania, September 22d; Cole county, Illinois, fair, September 28th; DeKalb county, Illinois, fair, September 30th; Knox county, Illinois, society, September 7th; Bartholomew county, Indiana, society, September 14th; Johnson county, Indiana, fair, September 14th; Franklin, Indiana, society, September 17th; Kansas City fair, September 13th; Mississippi county, Missouri, fair, September 28th; Cooper county, Missouri, fair, September 31st. In addition to the above, Mr. Davis was the recipient of an invitation from the Washington county, Maryland, and Alexandria, Louisiana, agricultural societies, and from the Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Baptist church.

## THE FRANKLIN COUNTY WAR BOILED DOWN.

The newspaper reports of the Franklin county war are greatly exaggerated. There have only been three captures, Neal, Cantrell and Duckworth. Cantrell, who is peppered with bird shot, is under guard in the hotel at Benton. He is allowed the freedom of the house and spends the most of his time on the porch, where he converses freely on the situation. Duckworth, wounded in three places, lies in a room in the hotel. The wounds are not dangerous and he will recover, unless a change for the worse takes place. He had a bullet behind his right ear, one penetrated the right side of his neck and one went through his right arm. He confesses to being a Ku-Klux, but says the penalty for revelation is death. His membership of the band dated back only about one month. Duckworth claims that he fired no shots, being too badly scared to use his pistol. He fell from his horse with the full uniform of the Ku-Klux on. Neal asserts that he was not with the party. Neal is the son of a minister who formerly preached in Benton. The general supposition is that he is the leader of the band. He is forty-three years of age. Cantrell is thirty-eight and Duckworth twenty-one.

## A POLITICAL HUMOR.

"There is a rumor afloat," said the Toledo Blade of last Friday evening, "to the effect that the condition of the Governor's health is such that his withdrawal from the gubernatorial contest is quite probable. His personal friends desire him to withdraw for the protection of his health and the prolongation of his life, while his political friends regard his defeat for Governor as certain, which result would be disastrous to his Presidential prospects. By withdrawing him from the gubernatorial contest and placing some other man at the head of the ticket, defeat in October would enable the friends of Governor Allen to go before the National Convention with the plea that he is the only Democrat who can carry Ohio. Thurnish and his friends

bitterly oppose Allen's withdrawal under any circumstances, as they expect to make capital in the National Convention by the defeat of Allen and his unlimited inflation scheme. These rumors are now afloat among certain inner circles of the Democratic party, and should a change be made in the head of the Democratic ticket, it may be looked for soon." This story has given rise to many sensational stories concerning the health of Gov. Allen; one newspaper writer has just discovered that he is blind, paralyzed in one side and utterly unable to sign State documents. The rumor is denounced as without foundation by Gov. Allen's friends.

## SCRIBNER FOR SEPTEMBER.

The discussion of the historical aspects of the German Death-Mask, to which Scribner has already devoted an elaborate illustrated article (July, 1874), is supplemented in the September number of this magazine by a virile and enthusiastic paper from the artist's standpoint, entitled "A Study of Shakespeare's Portraits," by William Page, who returns from Darmstadt, whither he went for the express purpose of studying the Mask, with an earnest conviction of its authenticity, based upon moral evidence. Accompanying this article are two fine engravings from Mr. Page's photographs of the Mask, and a schedule of its measurements, the important ones (ten or twelve in number) exactly coinciding with those in the Stratford Bust, which it is claimed was made from the German Mask. The number opens with an article on "Chicago" by J. W. Sheahan, of the Tribune of that city, embellished with over thirty engravings, among which are excellent portraits of David Swing and Robert Collyer. Col. Waring's "Vacation" series concludes with a jaunt to Guernsey and Sark, but it is rumored that this is not the last we are to have of this agreeable writer. Other illustrated articles are: "The Cross of Cadmon," by Charles A. DeKay; more of "The Mysterious Island;" and two chapters of Dr. Holland's "Story of Sevenoaks," in which there is a bit of female diplomacy, and Mr. Belcher's "pines for a theological seminary." Mr. Stedman's critical papers are continued with a study of "Minor Victorian Poets," from the advance sheets of his volume to be issued by Osgood in the autumn. The verse consists of: "An Early Poem by Poe" given in fac-simile, a tribute to Longfellow by Charlotte F. Bates, "Alma Mater's Roll" by E. E. Hale, "Omniscience" by Alice Williams, and "The Sunshine of thine Eyes" by G. P. Lathrop. The other contributions are: "How the Declaration was Saved," "Hida," a story by Kate B. Foot, and "The Cold Snap," which will be found to possess some of the virtues of fans and ice-water.

In "Tropics of the Time," Dr. Holland sums up the Beecher trial, discusses "The Jury-System" in general, and has "A Word for Our Wanderers," "The Old Cabinet" takes "A Text from a Tragedy," "Home and Society" continues to increase in practical value, and in "Brio-a-Brac" there are some clever silhouettes, and a funny poem by Clara G. Dolliver, called "Gyp Tie."

He is not the great Bachet man, is not crazy, and is not the inmate of an insane asylum. He was at Long Branch a few days ago, and told a newspaper reporter that he expects to live thirty years yet, and to retrieve his fortunes. His plan is to open a drug store in New York and advertise a new patent medicine.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL PIERREPONT said boldly lately to some one who published it for him: "Gen. Grant has been very outspoken to me on this subject of a third term, and he does not dream of another term of office, and I am sure he would decline it if it were offered to him."

"PROCLAMATION EMBODIMENT Corgeshall" is the name a young lady of Columbus, Ohio, is condemned to go through life with, and all because she was born on the day the emancipation proclamation was issued, and had a loyal father.

Gov. KELLGOFF, of Louisiana, is visiting relatives and friends in Canton, Fulton county, Illinois.

SAVE US! Bessie Turner is writing a novel.

## THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

"Citizen" coincides with "Pupil" and "Pious" in an extensive but fitting course of study for the High School.

CAIRO, August 21, 1875. EDITOR BULLETIN:—"Out of nothing, nothing comes." Alas! it is too true! An article which appeared in your paper of Thursday, endeavoring in its simplicity of style, its concise arguments, and common reasoning, to prove that a thorough English education was better for the masses than the course prescribed for them has been denied by "Pupil." He denies the allegation—no doubt denies the allegation.

Then, let us immediately change our reasoning so that it may conform to that of "Pupil's," and again be happy. I take altogether a different standpoint from that of Thursday. I think the pupils should lay aside their Arithmetics when they arrive at Fractions, and take up a more definite, difficult, but practical study; one that will better discipline their mind—for instance, Algebra or Geometry; that, when they have two-thirds completed the Latin Grammar, edited by Harkness, they should write Latin orations, and deliver them before an audience who know nothing whatever about the language; that the study of Hebrew and Attic Greek shall be introduced. Ionic Greek they could take later, it being the simpler. Perhaps, however, they could learn enough from the Attic to leave the Ionic untouched. A laboratory should also be erected, on suitable ground, for the purpose of pursuing the study of Astronomy. The ob-

ject glass of the telescope should not be less than twelve inches in diameter. The study of Physiology should become practical, that the pupils might become doctors. Law Professors should be introduced, and the study of "How I shall become President of the United States" should be made a specialty. In History, the pupil should study separately and elaborately, the nine books of Herodotus, following this up by Thucydides, Xenophon, Polybius, Diodorus, Josephus, Plutarch, Cassius and Dore among the Grecians, not omitting careful scrutiny of Egyptian and Assyrian remains, at the same time poring over the volumes of Caesar, Sallust, Nepos, Livy, Tacitus, Suetonius, Justinus and Mercurialis, in the Roman. And while thus imbued with the spirit of historical accumulation, let them forsake Bancroft and sink Prescott into the lowest strata of obliteration. Hume, Macaulay, Grote, Gibbon and Raoulin should also be forgotten. The Cairo High School should not descend from their lofty height.

In the sciences, let the pupils have plenty of scope. Give them Physics, Mining, Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Natural Philosophy, Mineralogy and Chemistry. They can master them, for "Pupil" says, "He labors under the impression that every one is similar to himself." Then, there is Comparative Philology and English literature. Next Zoology—including Human Anatomy and Physiology. These can be imparted in a course of familiar lectures with diagrammatic and microscopic illustrations. I am becoming enraptured, "ah," as a distinguished orator of our city said, not long ago at the High School. "Ah, I look forward into intricate and closely allied space, and see upon the cloudless horizon of public prosperity, a glorious future looming up in the distance for the Cairo High School. Yes! this school shall be known throughout all Christendom, or if not so far, at least throughout Illinois."

Now, that is the kind of speech I "dote" on. Will "Pupil" please excuse the above expression? It was hastily written and I dislike to make a change. Besides I have been but a few years "accumulating the few branches" with which I am acquainted. But to proceed, I know, Mr. Editor, you are with me, for you are "heavy John" on improvements. Would that we were running the schools ourselves. But then, for a moment, I forgot. We have "able teachers and instructors who have labored," and are laboring "unsuccessfully."

Next to Zoology, I think Metaphysics, Philosophy, moral, mental, and natural, should be pursued. These should be followed by Logic and Psychology, followed closely by the Evidences of Christianity. In German, at this time, the High School students should be reading Faust and Joan of Arc. And if the student is not possessed of brains enough to enlarge and enlighten his mind, he should blush with shame to say he was never an inmate of the Cairo High School, especially if all these facilities were daily afforded him.

Next, are Political Economy and International Law. As you, Mr. Editor are a politician, and know the full value of these questionable studies, I will give them to you to decide upon, hoping that after you have satisfactorily digested them, they will not act upon you, in the same manner as did the watermelon on your Local.

I am now called upon to make a quotation from our learned "Pupil" in regard to myself. It is as follows: "Does he mean to say, that when a scholar has passed a satisfactory examination that he should live in darkness in regard to the knowledge imparted to the world by learned men of other tongues?" I would not, for an instant, again be so rash as to make such an abominably foolish statement. For, as I have before mentioned, my feelings are like those of "Pupil's."

Charles Rudy has lately published, in three volumes, "The Chinese Mandarin Language," and it is with peculiar pleasure and unfeigned modesty that I present to the readers of the BULLETIN a short notice of this admirable book in this place, hoping at the same time that the views I entertain on the subject may be the same as those of "Pupil."

Any work must be tested by its general usefulness, and not by the good intentions of its author or even to treat a degree, by the skill and faithfulness with which it has been executed. I think, upon close examination, Mr. Rudy will be found to have given to the public a work not only having the merit of being a labor of love extending over years of careful study, but one that must fill a growing need, and prove to be of practical worth concerning the study of the Chinese language. It may be said that its importance is daily increasing. With the emigration from China continually setting in upon the Pacific coast, and extending itself even to our most Eastern cities, a smattering, at least, of the language of the people becomes of practical utility to a constantly growing class of Americans. For the obtaining of such knowledge I think it would be no more than right to drop German, or at least not take up French, till year after next. Thus we can introduce a new tongue, by giving precedence to Chinese. It is to this nation that we send our missionaries to christianize and to civilize. And to know the first rudiment (the first R's) of Eastern wisdom, would not be amiss to any pupil of the High School wishing to become missionaries. Another urgent reason why Chinese should be spoken in our schools, arises from the fact that it is the language of one-third of the human race.

I am now, according to "Pupil," to pause. My paper is almost gone, and my ink is getting bad, so that a pause is quite necessary. I will, therefore, pause. Having paused sufficiently, I shall now proceed. "Pupil" interrogates me as to what I would do in case a student was compe-

tent to pass with a higher class in all studies, except one. "Pupil," with your brilliant mind, you should have needed no answer to such a simple question. I would re-question him in his deficient study, and were he a student of promise, he would make his study up in a few weeks.

A little further on, I am requested to pause again. This time to perceive an error. I would politely ask "Pupil" not to request me to pause so frequently. It becomes tiresome. For the first time I fail to perceive my error. In all other points I cannot help recognizing my mistakes, and "Pupil's" correct statements. I feel that this is an "age of progress;" that the "school question" is one of interest; that it claims the attention of men of learning; that "narrow-minded men" cannot understand it, that "every one is similar to himself;" that the "simplest study" requires time to master (it); that the scholars of the High School are not Newton's. And here I would make a suggestion. They might approach Napier or Briggs, if they would confine themselves to the back part of the Alphabet.

Kindly, almost affectionately, O, "Pupil," permit me to ask your Honor, where you read the article to which your pen has responded in the BULLETIN? Was it dark, and did you fail to distinguish the print? If you did, then, it is owing to that, that you have misconstrued so much. The third paragraph from the last in "Pupil's" article is the one that is most incomprehensible. Who is the "Pupil"? Is he one of the Board of Trustees? How does he know but that he calls me an efficient manager and scholarly gentleman, when he so speaks of the Board. Could I not be one of the Board myself? Or, peradventure, Pupil may be a teacher in one of the Public School Departments. Else, why does he trouble himself to make such a bold assertion, that the Cairo Public Schools have attained the honor of being equal or better than any others in the State or elsewhere?

I will not say that "Pupil" feigns to understand Thursday morning's article. I will not say that he knows the present system to be wrong, and yet upholds it. I will not say he prevaricates. For surely, now that "Citizen" has believed all that "Pupil" said, and more too, both should move side by side. Then, let us not do away with the present system of education. The consequence would be too fearful. But to the already estimable course, let us add the abstruse text-books on Cosmotheological Idealism and Hypothetical Realism, so that when our children have taken the places which we now occupy, we, looking back with the frost of many winters on our heads, will rejoice to say, "The intuitive plan of education, how so agreeable to our citizens, was the great work of 'Citizen' and 'Pupil.'"

## A STRANGE TRAGEDY.

A woman Deliberately Drowns Her-self and Three Children.

[From the Pittsburg Chronicle.] Reading was, on Tuesday, the scene of one of the most terrible tragedies that has occurred in this State for a number of years. At about 6:30 o'clock on the morning in question a woman of medium height and full figure was observed passing over the Harrisburg bridge, a short distance from the city proper. She was accompanied by three children, two of them girls, aged nine and six years, and the other a boy of three. Upon reaching the far side of the river the little party descended to the low-path of the Union Canal, and proceeded in the direction of the Tulpehocken creek. The children skipped along merrily, delighted with their ramble in the country, whilst the mother walked moodily with them. At a point about two and a half miles from the city of Reading she was seen by a young lady to stop and fill a large basket she had with her with stones.

This done, she strapped it tightly to her waist, and picking up the little boy she threw him on her breast, and then taking one of the girls under each of her arms, deliberately threw herself into the canal. But a few moments intervened between the filling of the basket and the fatal act, and before the aid, which came in the person of a Mr. Fortney and several farm hands, who rushed to the water's edge upon hearing the cries of the children, could effect a rescue, the mother and children had disappeared. There was a moment of struggling and battling with the waters, and then the woman, borne down by the weight of the basket of stones, and the children sank to the bottom. The rescuing party began grappling with the bodies, and in a short time recovered two of the children; presently the third was obtained, and finally the body of the mother was found. The mother and children were well dressed. The bodies of the four were laid upon the bank of the stream.

Notice was at once sent to the Coroner, and a jury was impaneled, none of whose members were able to recognize the dead woman or her children. Their verdict was that the woman came to her death by suicidal drowning, whilst the children came to theirs by the willful act of the person supposed to be the mother, who was with them. The dead bodies were taken to the city; and were about to be buried, when a Mrs. Bockmuhl, who had viewed them at the undertaker's office, recognized the woman as the wife and the children as the offspring of Philip Bessinger, a German saloonkeeper. He was at once summoned and made acquainted with the sad event which had deprived him of a wife and a family of children. No motive is assigned for the fatal act of Mrs. Bessinger.

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