

HOW MUCH WORK A HORSE CAN DO

At a meeting of the British Association at D. ... Mr. Charles B. ...

HOW MUCH HORSES FEEL

Mr. Rowell relates some horrible cases in which horses had broken their bones at the fetlock joint and were compelled to walk upon their stumps, with their fore-feet turned up, as we should turn back our legs to walk upon our knees, and yet continued to graze quietly until they were dispatched.

COST OF RAISING CORN

It is not claimed that Minnesota is the surest and best State in the Union for the raising of corn, though we have good crops, more than the average of the Northwestern States, and a good deal surer than in any other of the New England States or New York.

—Sheep farming is an extensive business in Scotland. In January there were 6,700,000 sheep in that country, and of these 4,500,000 were on regular mountain sheep farms; the remainder were on arable lands.

—A hen ladder, says an exchange, is an indispensable piece of furniture in a poultry house, though frequently absent. This is a sort of ascending slope of porches, or a little higher than the other, not exactly above its predecessor, but somewhat in advance.

—Poultry houses should be warm, light, and well ventilated, and but a majority of them are dark, close, and uncomfortable. As a natural consequence the fowls confined in them are generally weak, drooping, and diseased.

—The following are given as the estimated prices for trotting horses at the present day: A horse that can trot 2 1/2 miles will bring from \$1,500 to \$2,000; a dashing, good, young animal of square action will command \$2,500 or \$3,000, a well-bred one, a Messenger or a Bashaw, for instance, that can trot in 2:35, with a prospect of improvement, will be sought after at \$5,000; and one of either of the above stock that can beat 2:30 is considered cheap at \$16,000, while for every second in the twenties, \$1,000 will be readily given.

—We learn that the thoroughbred stock farm of W. S. King is to be enlarged soon so as to include thoroughbred horses. This branch of breeding is to receive "the same liberal expenditure and attention that has been given to the breeding of pure-blood cattle, which has already attracted an interest among even the best breeders in England."

THE "GOOD OLD TIMES"

BY GEO. W. CHATTS.

The good old times! Now-a-days the dress of a fashionable woman costs one, two, or three thousand dollars. Such extravagance as this is sapping social morals to the centre, cry you?

Open your morning paper and read the denunciation bursting upon the head of the Chief Magistrate of the nation, as a political trickster and a schemer for power and then turn back 75 years ago and read the criticism of a Philadelphia paper, the Aurora, on the retirement of Washington, as a blessing and a cause for congratulation, styling him a despot and a counterpane of the rights which the Colonies had just bought with their blood.

A WONDERFUL BRIDGE

The bridge now in process of erection across the Mississippi at St. Louis is one of the wonders of the age. It is to be a tubular, cast-steel, arch bridge, supported by the abutments and two piers; the latter are 515 feet apart, and 488 feet each from its nearest abutment, making those spans of about 500 feet each. Its greatest span is the same as that of the Kullberg bridge over the Lake, an arm of the Rhine, in Holland.

SINGULAR AFFECTION OF THE GIRAFFE

The Giraffe, Field, and Farm says: "The giraffe in Barum's menagerie shows wonderful affection for its keeper. It will allow no other to handle it and it grows nervous and uneasy whenever the young man is away from its side. The keeper even has to sleep in the cage with the giraffe. It is a handsome cage, and in one end of it the young man has his bunk. When the giraffe is lying down, its head nestles close to the face of its keeper, and thus the two slumber lovingly side by side. The young man has had charge of the animal only since it landed in this country—some six weeks ago. It is a male, three years old, and as the female which started with it was lost in the voyage across the Atlantic, the affection once reserved for the dead mate seems to have been transferred to the man who first received and cared for it on the vessel's arrival in New York."

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THE Railroad Companies of this State contemning erecting a building on the State Fair grounds, for the purpose of exhibiting at the next State Fair samples of farm produce, such as all kinds of grain, vegetables and fruits, grown this season on lands within the Railroad limits. Transportation will probably be furnished free.

A CIRCULAR has been issued by the Minnesota Historical Society asking for information concerning Old Settlers, to be kept for future use in compiling a history of the State and the men prominent in its early settlement. The Society want the name, date and place of birth, business, incidents of early life in this State, details of personal history, especially any connected with Minnesota that will be interesting, etc., etc., of every one of the pioneers. The collection of this material is important and should receive prompt attention.

THE ALIQUOT WITH WHICH PRESIDENT GRANT IS NOW INTERFERING

Grant is now interfering, reforms, encourages us to ask a little attention to the land offices of this State. It is confidently charged that the St. Cloud land officers have in five years made about \$50,000 each on a salary of \$5,000. At the New Utah land office there is a ring organized for the plunder of all uninitiated homestead seekers and pre-emptors. We have personal knowledge of one pre-emptor who made several trips to pre-empt, and was denied the privilege, on some technical ground. He afterward took an influential lawyer and politician with him to the office and was treated in the most affable manner and the pre-emption papers were forthcoming at once. The intention no doubt was to black-mail him into the payment of an illegal fee, but he checked the move by employing counsel. The swindlers, constantly perpetrated at these land offices are notorious and should be made the subject of Presidential interference and punishment.—Mankato Union.

—A young lady of Buffalo is about to sail for Russia to fulfil a marriage engagement with M. Levy, the famous cornet player. She will be accompanied by her mother.

—Germany is to have by one executioner after the last of May. He will reside at Berlin, and receive \$2,000.

—It is estimated that China will be a market for American butter and cheese to the amount of \$5,000 tons annually.

—Russia is making extensive preparations for the most careful observations of the transit of the planet Venus across the disc of the sun, in 1874. Professor Struve proposes to establish a chain of observers, at stations one hundred miles apart, stretching from the coast of Kamchatka to the shores of the Black Sea.

—The heat was so intense at Adelaide, South Australia, last January, that business nearly ceased, sleeping became almost an impossibility, and even a cold bath was scarcely attainable, the water-works being heated to seventy-nine degrees. For twelve days the mercury ranged in the day up to one hundred and eight degrees in the shade.

—The first railroad in America was built in 1826, to transport Quincy granite to tide water in Neponset river, a distance of three miles.

HOW THEY KEEP ORDER IN LONDON

Justin McCarthy writes from London to the New York Evening Mail: "An eminent American who was in London the other day, and saw the thanksgiving procession pass through Fleet street, was I am told, delighted at the wonderful order preserved in that vast crowd, and frankly declared to those around him that such a thing would be impossible in New York. As I have heard the testimony quoted by several delighted Londoners, let me remark that I have seen several processions in New York, and I saw the London thanksgiving procession from such the same point of view as the American capitalist, and my mind was filled all the time with a reflection of the very opposite kind. Order was kept in Fleet street, by a mass of cavalry, and infantry, and police, by troopers, charges, driving back the struggling and shrieking crowd by the bayonets of soldiers presented at stifling men and fainting women. I saw this sort of thing over and over again under the windows where I sat. I saw the soldiers driving the soldiers with bayonets and sabres. I saw one gallant policeman, to whom all praise for his pluck, wrenching the bayonet from the market of an infuriated soldier, and save some struggling wretch from a few inches of steel. I don't say that the soldiers were to be blamed. I myself heard the orders given by an officer to a cluster of cavalry to drive the soldiers back, although it seemed to me there was plenty of room for any kind of procession to move along. But why this sort of thing should fill an American with enthusiasm and delight, I certainly don't understand."

—The Davenport Democrat has the following: "A beautiful and almost miraculous incident occurred at the sick bed of a child near Marshall, on Thursday last. The little daughter of John House was lying at the point of death, when a flash of lightning passed through the room, arousing the infant; at the same moment a beautiful white dove flew into the chamber, and with outspread wings hovered over the infant till it died, and then disappeared."

—Eli Perkins tells us on Henry Claws the well-known bald-headed banker of Wall street: Mr. Claws who always prides himself on being a self-made man, during a recent talk with Mr. Travers, had occasion to remark that he was the archet of his own destiny—that he was a self-made man. "W—w—what did you say, Mr. Claws?" asked Mr. Travers. "I say with pride, Mr. Travers, that I am a self-made man—that I made myself."

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Good Prices Ahead for Wool.—Probably no man in the West is better posted in all that relates to sheep and wool than is A. M. Garland, Secretary of the Illinois Agricultural Society. In the Western Review he gives it as his opinion that the present short supply of wool, and consequent active inquiry and paying prices, will continue for several years.

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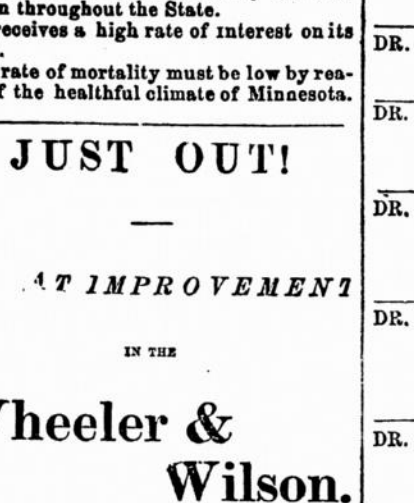
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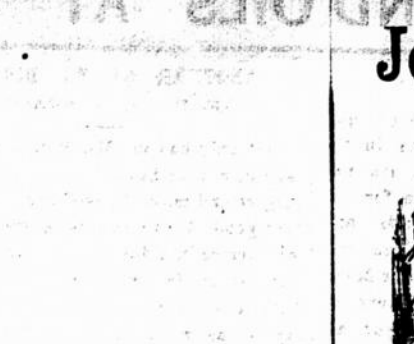
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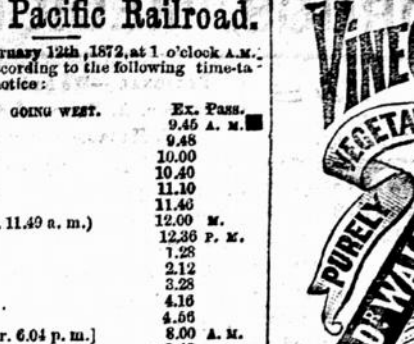
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