

Ridding for Votes. We are at a loss how else to characterize certain indications that are seen, especially in connection with State and municipal administration in this country. For example, it appears by a recent statement that in the New York legislative appropriations for the year 1896, nineteen-twentieths of the charitable funds of the State went to the Catholics—who are numerically but a small proportion of the population. The whole amount of such appropriation for the year named was \$129,029.49. Various Protestant institutions received of this sum, \$2,357.03; the Jews, \$2,434.32; and the Roman Catholics, \$124,177.15. For the present year the appropriations to the Catholics in the city of New York amount to \$115,000. The only Protestant institution which enjoys any such aid at all is the Young Men's Christian Association, which receives the sum of \$5,000.

Of course, no one denies that Catholics are the most importunate beggars in the universe. The Catholic poor, in any community, are to a great extent supported by Protestant aims; and it is quite in keeping with this when the Legislatures and Common Councils find themselves besieged by priestly mendicants, who renew in this form the beggaries of the Middle Ages. But that does not change the fact in that aspect of it which we are now considering. We do not know that any politician would deny that these appropriations, so freely given to Catholics, while Protestants grind out the pittance they secure from like sources by the very hardest, are intended to make favor with Catholic voters. Protestants are wont to vote as their convictions require, Catholics as the priest says—so that having gained "His Reverence," Paddy's ballot is pretty much all the same as if already deposited. A like principle seems to be followed in municipal administration as regards liquor-selling, Sabbath-breaking, and other abominations of that sort. In western cities, especially, where the Catholic and other foreign population is so large, the consideration how to make or keep favor with whiskey-brewers and beer-guzzlers overrides every other, and a city government will allow every second building to be made a saloon or tavern, if only Patrick and Hans will vote right when the pinch of election-day comes. We know of no remedy for these things but the infusion of our politics with an element of right principle that should make it less purely selfish. How to do that is perhaps the most difficult question that could be proposed.

Executive Rascality.

It is reported that Mr. Johnson has decided to confess himself a liar and a villain in declaring that the Reconstruction Act placed the military in absolute power in the South, and created a despotism more atrocious than history can parallel, having entire disposing power over all the persons and property in the South, and to adopt the strategy of the Attorney General, who holds that it gives the military no power save to rid the local authorities in suppressing insurrection.

In adopting this opinion he will confess that all of his strained denunciation of the law in his veto message was a tirade of falsehood; that he used the power and influence of the executive office to make an act of Congress infamous, and to incite the resistance of the Confederates to it, when it contained none of the qualities which he charged to it, and was unobjectionable, and designed simply to give security to their local governments. He will confess that he has acted as a public enemy in assailing Congress, and proclaiming its laws outrageous tyranny, and in striving to prevent a settlement of the war upon their basis, when all his charges and specifications against the law were false.

Young Man, You Are Wanted.

A lady-writer, under this heading, hits off the young men as follows: "A woman wants you. Don't forget her. No matter if you are poor. Don't wait to be rich; if you do, ten to one if you are fit to be married. Marry while you are young, and struggle up together. But mark, young man, the woman don't want you if she is to divide her affections with a cigar-smoker or whisky-jug. Neither does she want you if you don't take care of her and the 'little after-thoughts' which are pretty sure to follow. Neither does she want you because you are a man, the definition of which is too apt to be an animal that wears bifurcated garments on his lower limbs, a quarter-section of stove-pipe on his head, swears like a pirate, and is given to filthy practices generally.

She wants you for her companion, a helpmate; she wants you to have learned to regulate your appetites and passions; in short, the image of God, not in the likeness of a beast. If you are strong in a good purpose, firm in resistance to evil, pure in thought and action, as you require her to be, and without which inward purity neither of you are fit for husband and wife; if you love virtue and abhor vice; if you are gentlemanly, forbearing and kind, and not loud-talking, exacting and brutal—young man, that woman wants you; that modest, fair, cheerful, right-looking, frank-spoken woman, we mean, who fills your idea of maiden and wife. It is she that wants you; marry her when you like, whether she is rich or poor; we'll trust you both on the above conditions, without any further security.

The Ohio Bridge Company have commenced work at Louisville.

Whitefield's Descriptive Power.

A striking feature in Whitefield's preaching was his singular power of description. The Arabians have a proverb which says, "He is the best orator who can turn man's ears into eyes." Whitefield seems to have had a peculiar faculty of doing this. He used to draw such vivid pictures of the things he was handling, that his hearers could believe they actually saw and heard them. "On one occasion," says one of his biographers, "Lord Chesterfield was among his hearers. The great preacher, in describing the miserable condition of an unconverted sinner, illustrated the subject by describing a blind beggar. The night was dark, and the road dangerous. The poor mendicant was deserted by his dog, near the edge of a precipice, and nothing to add him in groping his way but his staff. Whitefield so warmed with his subject, and enforced it with such graphic power, that the whole auditory was kept in breathless silence, as if it saw the movements of the poor old man, and at length, when the beggar was about to take the fatal step which would have hurled him down the precipice to certain destruction, Lord Chesterfield actually made a rush forward to save him, exclaiming aloud, 'He is gone! he is gone.' The noble Lord had been so entirely carried away by the preacher that he forgot the whole was a picture."

How to Make Fruit Trees Bear.

Apple trees may be forced into moderate bearing at a very early stage of their growth by pruning, and we advise owners of thrifty young orchards to avail themselves of this art, and cause them to produce some fruit. "Prune in the winter for wood, and in the summer for fruit," is an axiom, and let us act upon it. Pinch the growing shoots on a tree in the summer, bend down the branches, thus down the sharp spade into the ground and sever the roots—in short, aim to check the circulation of sap, making the growth less vigorous, and fruit buds and spurs will be produced and fruit will grow. Aim at the life of the tree, and straightway it produces fruit and seed that its kind may not perish from the earth. This is care, and not hard labor; the work must be done in the summer, when other farming operations demand no attention, but the orchardist who does it faithfully and understandingly will find his reward.

William A. Cleaver, keeper of a livery stable, testified that Surratt, in conversation with him, said that he and Booth had bloody work to do; they were going to kill the d-d old scoundrel, Lincoln—Surratt, at the same time, pulling a pistol out and laying it on a desk at the stables. The witness also saw Surratt, on the 14th of April, previous to the assassination. Both Surratt and Booth transacted their livery business with him.

John Lee, now residing in Mississippi, formerly a detective on Colonel Baker's force, testified to seeing a man he took to be Surratt, on Pennsylvania avenue, near Willard's Hotel, on the afternoon of April 14, 1865; had seen him before and recognized the prisoner as Surratt to the best of his knowledge.

Wouldn't Own Up.

Joe Stetson was a wild rollicking fellow, who spent most of his time in drinking and spending, while his wife, Polly, was left at home to do the chores. Upon a certain occasion, Joe left home to be back, as he said, that night. Night came, but Joe did not. The next day passed, but about sunset Joe came up in the worst condition imaginable—his clothes dirty and torn, one eye in deep mourning, and his face presenting more the appearance of a piece of raw meat than any thing else. Polly met him at the door, and noticing his appearance, exclaimed: "Why Joe, what in the world is the matter?"

"Polly," said Joe, "do you know Jim Andrews? Well him and me had a fight."

"Who whipped, Joe?" asked Polly. "Polly, we had the hardest fight you ever did see. I hit him and he hit me, and then we clinched, Polly; ain't supper ready? I ain't had any thing since yesterday morning."

"But tell me who whipped, Joe," continued Polly.

"Polly," replied Joe, "I tell you, you never did see such a fight as me and him had. When he clinched me I jerked loose from him, and then gin him three or four of the most sufficient licks you ever heard of, Polly; ain't supper ready? I'm nearly starved."

"Joe, do tell me who whipped?" continued Polly.

"Polly," replied Joe, "you don't know nothin' 'bout fightin'. I tell you we fought like tigers; we rolled and tumbled—first him on top, then me on top—then the boys would pat me on the shoulder, and holler, 'Oh, my! Stetson.' We gouged, and hit, and tore up the dirt in Seth Rimmel's grocery yard worse nor two wild bulls. Polly, ain't supper ready? I'm monstrous hungry."

"Joe Stetson!" exclaimed Polly in a tone bristling with anger, "will you tell me who whipped?"

"Polly," said Joe, drawing a long sigh, "I holfered!"

The commencement exercises of Hanover, Bloomington and Greencastle Colleges all took place last week.

Farmers in the Wabash Valley pay \$1.50 and \$2.00 a day for harvest hands.

What is a Cornstalk.

"What is this God, about whom you have been saying so much?" said an unbeliever to a preacher, after hearing a discourse about God. "God is a spirit," replied the preacher. "What is a spirit?" asked the sceptic, fiercely. "What is a cornstalk?" rejoined the preacher. "Why—why—a cornstalk is a cornstalk."

General Intelligence.

A number of cows have recently died in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, with a disease known there as "milk fever."

The subject of establishing free public baths, after the style of Boston, is under advisement by the New York Common Council.

A Georgia paper suggests that as there will be a greater yield of wheat in that State than there has been for many years, the Governor appoint a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

Whenever a President of the United States visits Boston, Harvard College invariably, we believe, confers an honorary degree upon the incumbent of the office.

A biography of Robespierre published in a late Irish paper concludes with the following remarkable sentence: "This extraordinary man left no children behind him except a brother, who was killed at the same time."

A divorce suit was recently tried in Phelps County, Missouri, in which the plaintiff was a judge, who sat in his own case, and upon the pleading, entered a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony between himself and wife, who agreed to the arrangement.

The Nashville Press and Times states that the prospect for the wheat crop in Middle Tennessee are extremely encouraging. Much grain has been put into wheat, and should the weather be propitious for the next month the harvest will be a bounteous one.

Milton, a negro, filed a petition in the United States Court at Louisville, on the 13th, for a writ of habeas corpus, which has been issued, directing a white man named Gillett to produce in court the body of his daughter, Bertha Milton, formerly a slave of Gillett, and who, it is alleged, is still retained in slavery.

The telegraph failed to designate the winners in the New York yacht race on last Thursday week. The victors were the schooner Phantom, owned by Mr. H. G. Stebbins, and the sloop Evelyn, owned by Mr. A. Stollenwerk. The wind was light and the race was not a very exciting one.

The Pope, in his character of temporal ruler, has lately issued an edict of great severity against brigandage in his dominions. In this proclamation he offers a reward of about five hundred dollars for the head of every brigand delivered to the authorities. The rewards are now killing each other for the sake of the reward.

As an illustration of the rapidity with which the conversion and purchase of seven-thirty notes have been pushed forward, it is officially reported that \$151,740,000 were taken in by the Treasury Department between February 1 and June 1.

The English Parliament enacted in 1770 that "whoever shall impose upon, seduce and betray into matrimony any of His Majesty's male subjects by gifts, presents, cosmetics, washes, artificial teeth, false hair, Spanish wool, iron stays, hoops, high heeled shoes or blistered hips," should be prosecuted for witchcraft, and that the marriage should be null and void.

A diamond weighing between twenty-one and twenty-two karats, it is reported, has been found on the Orange River, in South Africa. The Government at the Cape of Good Hope has taken the matter in hand, and we shall soon know whether that to be, as predicted, one of the diamond producing countries of the world.

The tears we shed for those we love are the streams which water the garden of the heart, and without them it would be dry and barren, and genial flowers of affection would perish.

In the United States are 38,000 miles of railroad, which cost \$1,380,000,000. In Europe 39,000 miles, costing \$3,300,000,000. The length of the European wires is 69,000 miles, in the U. S. 90,000 miles.

London has eight thousand policemen.

The New Albany Ledger says the health of that city never was better at this season of the year than now.

Patrick Noon, of Jennings county, had twenty sheep killed one night last week.

A branch of the Evansville and Crawfordsville railroad is soon to be built from Princeton or Patoka to Mt. Carmel.

The wheat crop in the neighborhood of Terre Haute promises a better yield than for three years past.

The manufacture of glass was resumed at New Albany last week.

Giving Joy to A Child.

Blessed be the land that prepares a pleasure for a child, for there is no saying when and where it may again bloom forth. Does not almost everybody remember some kind-hearted man who showed him a kindness in the dulcet days of childhood? The writer of this recollects himself at this moment, as a barefooted lad standing at the wooden fence of a poor little garden in his native village, while with longing eyes he gazed on the flowers which were blooming there quietly in the brightness of a Sunday morning. The possessor came forth from his little cottage; he was a wood-cutter by trade, and spent the whole week at work in the woods. He had come into the garden to gather flowers to stick into his coat when he went to church. He saw the boy, and breaking off one of his carnations—it was streaked with red and white—he gave it to him. Neither the giver nor the receiver spoke a word, and with bounding steps the boy ran home. And now here, at a vast distance from that home, after so many events of so many years, the feeling of gratitude which agitated the breast of that boy expresses itself on paper. The carnation has long since withered, but now it blooms afresh.—Douglas Jerrold.

Newly planted trees or shrubs are much benefited by a mulching a couple of inches thick placed around them at this season. We have found the newly mown grass from the lawn an admirable material. If put in place while green, it will, down, keep its place, and is not liable to be blown about by winds, as is the case if leaves or straw litter are used. The grass at this time has no seeds that will germinate, and when decayed in the fall may be dug in with advantage to the future growth of the tree.

RIGHT KIND OF PREACHING.—Dr. Gilly related the following anecdote, which was told by a well known Irish character, Thaddeus Conolly, who used to spend much of his time in wandering through Ireland, and instructing the lower classes in their native language. "I went," said he, "one Sunday, into a church to which a new incumbent had been lately appointed. The congregation did not exceed half a dozen, but the preacher delivered himself with such much energy and affection as if he was addressing a crowded audience. After the service, I expressed to the clergyman my wonder that he should preach so fervently to such a small number of people. 'Were there but 1,000,' said the rector, 'my anxiety for this improvement would make me equally energetic.' The following year Conolly went into the same church, the congregation was multiplied twenty-fold; the third year he found the church full!"

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