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MARIENFELD LETTER.

The Prospects are Good and Everyone is Hopeful.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

MARIENFELD, TEX., Sept. 16.—There are some few farmers who came here just at the time the drought set in, who will have a hard time to pull through until wheat comes again, but they can get seed wheat, if they will work for it. The county judge informs me that no applications are being made for help and there is no one receiving aid in Martin county. Some farmers have raised some corn and cotton. We sent to Dallas some good specimens of corn, cotton, Johnson grass five feet high, peanuts and peaches, all raised this year without irrigation. There are other farmers who have not raise anything, but the prospects are good for a good fall crop. We have in our granaries over 1000 bushels of last year's wheat, so that there is seed wheat, but there is not enough for bread for the farmers until wheat comes again.

The commissioners' court has met and appointed A. Garrett county clerk, Daley Lesters having resigned.

The sheepmen here are well pleased with their clip. It met their expectations, and sheep and stock of all kind are doing well, and the grass is good on the prairies. We have some fine stacks of hay put up for winter use and our farmers will cut more this fall.

FREE SCHOOLS IN FRANCE.

Growth of Education and Soberness Among the People.

Paris Letter.

The newly, but on the whole splendidly, equipped schools are silently transforming France. There is far less flippancy, far less tendency to laugh at everything in the character of French men and women in the present generation than in that of their elders. The rising generation will be quite as serious as the Germans themselves, and perhaps this is not entirely to be desired. Some philosophers, who think that the seat of gayety is in the stomach, say that the growing soberness, not to say solemnity, of the French is due to their gradual desertion of the cheerful, light wines for beers and alcohols; but we are not compelled to examine closely into this view of the case. The free school before the advent of the republic was so poorly understood here that even now the middle class cannot comprehend why it should be tolerated. With the selfish view of things which prevails in most of the European countries, they do not wish to be taxed for the education of other people's children. But the republic does tax them roundly, and the city of Paris does a fine work in making it possible for the poorest child, no matter how humble its parents may be in station, to have a comfortable meal in the middle of the day for the astonishingly low price of two sous. When this two sous dejeuner was invented it proved very seductive to poor folks, and wherever parents were so poor that the two sous a day was a strain upon their resources, the city offered the breakfast to the child free, without making any disagreeable conditions. Thousands of children are daily supplied with a warm meal at the city's expense. The clerical party does its best to rival in charitable deeds its Republican antagonists, but it cannot, of course, keep pace with the state, and great is its disgust thereat.

Edison and the Cockroaches.

The following story is told by some one who claims to have worked alongside Mr. Edison in his old operating days in Boston:

"We were troubled a great deal with cockroaches taking out first mortgages on our lunches, and tried every way we could think of to prevent the little pests from getting into the boxes. Edison hung his lunch on the gas-pipe with a long string. He settled back to work, and had just finished receiving a message when he chanced to glance at his lunch-box. The acrobatic cockroaches, which evidently had had their eyes on Tom all the evening, were climbing the wall. They reached the gas pipe and stopped directly over the string. Then they took a survey of the room for a moment, winked at Tom and then commenced a series of gymnastics on the string that would have made the 'Kerosine' Brothers grow green with envy. They did the giant swing, skinned the cat, hung by their heels, and finally made the leap for life, landing on Tom's lunch box. They dropped down pieces of pie and ham sandwich to the less acrobatic members of the cockroach fraternity on the floor, and when all were supplied with their evening repast, they both winked at Tom once more, shinned the rope, turned a summersault on the gas pipe and sneaked off to the seclusion of the nooks and crannies with which the old building abounds. Tom peered over the table at me and said, 'Just wait till tomorrow night, and if I don't paralyze every bug in the building I'll eat my old boots, and he did so, too. One of the tables was used by the boys as a place of deposit for fifteen or twenty lunch boxes, and this was the place selected by Tom as the place of carnage. The next day was Sunday, and as there isn't much going on Sunday evenings, we had plenty of time to see the erection of the cockroach paralyzer. Tom came around early with his pockets full of tin foil, and enough of fine wire to reach from the table to the switch. He cut and fastened the foil together in long strips about half an inch or an inch wide, and laid them around the edge of the top of the table, side by side and as near together as possible without touching. The strips were held in place by small tacks. To each strip he connected a small wire and ran them to the switch, where they were both connected with two batteries of 350 cells each. When all was ready the boys put their lunches within the cordon of the tin foil and battery connection and awaited the result. The first to appear for supper were the two acrobatic roaches which did the ground and lofty tumbling act of the night before. They winked at Tom and commenced shinning the leg of the table. We gathered near to watch the result, and the roaches seeing us approach stopped shinning.

"Sh," says Tom, "give 'em a show, boys."

"We stepped back and the roaches climbed nearer and nearer to Edison's 'dead line.' The first one reached the top about five lengths ahead of his companion. He stopped on the extreme edge of the table, eyed the foil and the lunch-boxes, braided his legs together and then started for the nearest lunch-box. When he attempted to cross the tin foil he made a connection and keeled over as mute as an osseous, begrimed old fossil from the dead ages. His companion was transformed into a dead cockroach before he could think what hit him, and before 10 o'clock that night the pile of dead cockroaches around that table looked like the breastworks thrown up on Bunker Hill by the fighting farmers of 1776."

She Pounded Her Sister.

New York Evening Telegram

A young-looking German woman was arrigned in the Harlem police court to answer for assaulting her married sister.

"What is your name?" asked his honor.

"Katharina Laveesa Schykenheimerbouser."

"Is that the whole of it?" asked his honor.

"Yah. Das ist," she replied.

"Why did you beat your sister?" his honor asked.

"Chudge, I gone by mutter und fater fun a leetle while in Yermany. I gooms back und I find dot mein schuester vas maerridt mit a Ghinee. Ach, das ist ein grosser shame. I vas maidt unt I licks her," said Katharina.

"But your sister says she is not married at all."

"I believe me nix like dot."

"Chudge," said Katharina's sister, "I vas maerridt mit a good Yarman man. He vas here. Some vone blays dricks mit mein schuesster unt say I was maerridt mit dot Ghinee."

"Do you want to punish her?"

"Nein, Chudge, but she vas gracy maidt last nighd."

"Katharina, go home," said the court, "but don't touch your sister again."

"Ach, nein, I not sboke again mit dot frau uf de Ghinee," said Katharina, and with a look of supreme contempt for her sister she almost ran from the court.

Advice to Mothers.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhea, 25 cents a bottle.

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FAILURE OF PROHIBITION.

Maine Affords a Signal Example of It—Admission of Prohibitionists.

PORTLAND, ME., Sept. 6.—Editor New York Evening Post: Possibly you may not have noticed some of the curious things developed by the political campaign in Maine, and especially how much truth is at last being told about the Maine liquor law. People who have always resided here, and who have seen the effects of prohibition, know perfectly well that prohibition does not prohibit, and that the claims to the contrary are simply for political effect by politicians to deceive people who do not investigate facts, but take for granted whatever is told them.

This campaign has arrayed Neal Dow and his friends in opposition to their former political allies, and at last they are forced to admit that prohibition has not prohibited, and that the "volume of the liquor traffic has not been at all reduced within the last twenty years." In view of the statement, so persistently made heretofore, that prohibition in Maine has been and is a great success, I hope you will publish the following extract from a letter of Neal Dow, over his own signature, evidently written September 2, 1886, but published in the Eastern Argus, September 3:

For many years we have applied to Republican legislatures for such additions to the law as experience has shown to be necessary, but we have been absolutely refused, or have been put off by insufficient and insignificant measures. The consequence is that the volume of the liquor traffic has not been at all reduced within the last twenty years. In every city in Maine under Republican rule, except in Portland, the law has been and is absolutely ignored, and the authorities refuse to take any measures whatever for the extinction of the low grog-shops which infest them, and inflict great suffering upon large numbers of people.

Is not this a significant acknowledgment of the utter failure of prohibition? It has been tried in Maine for thirty-five years. The original statute passed in 1851 by the Democrats has been supplemented by thirty-nine amendatory statutes, each intended to make the law more effective and to suit the demands of Prohibitionists, and we have had two years' trial of constitutional prohibition in addition.

It would seem about time to try some other remedy.

Addressed to the Ladies.

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