

The Weekly Banner.

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Two Boston poets have entered into an agreement to walk across the Atlantic wearing pneumatic boots.

THE floating dock that Spain paid England \$1,000,000 for is now beneath water at Havana. It is suspected that the Cubans sank it.

THE Rusk County News has discovered an indication of prosperity in the Old Dominion: "Surely the people of Leesburg, Va., where there was a shower of wild ducks the other day, believe that prosperity is here. There are records of showers of fish, frogs, etc., but this is the first record instance of its having rained ducks."

THE idea of publishing the names of the men who have been refused by the bride, in the notices of the wedding, is calculated to give the groom too big a head, as well as to embarrass the rejected who have told other girls that they were the first, etc. This is the opinion of so profound an authority as the editor of the Rusk County News.

THE way to get the best there is in people is to give them your best. Don't expect others to be sweet and polite and thoughtful so long as you adhere to the selfish principle that people must "take you as they find you." When your friends begin to grow careless and disrespectful, stop and ask yourself whether you are not getting back a reflection of yourself.

THE prisoners in the Huntsville penitentiary have commenced the publication of an interesting paper to be known as the "Prison Bulletin." A paragraph in the first issue says: "Grammarians and criminals object to long sentences. A criminal sentence also comes under the head of 'sintax,' and the imperative mood predominates. It is punctuated by periods of time, and occasionally by bold dashes. The 'lower case' sentences are often capital. These points of similarity may have been in the mind of the convict who escaped from an insecure penitentiary and left a note saying: 'Excuse haste and a bad pen.'"

THE London Daily Chronicle publishes a letter from a correspondent in Havannah, who says: "Sagasta's efforts are too late. Under Weyler's vile regime half the Cuban population disappeared and the remaining half has been converted into implacable enemies of Spain, enemies who will absolutely refuse to accept Spain's word. The central provinces are a desert waste. The sugar industry can only be restored by the infusion of English and American capital, which few care to invest. The island is lost to Spain, and it is clearly the duty of the United States to intervene in the interest of humanity and civilization and to end this fearful inferno."

THERE is no good reason why agriculture should not be taught in the public schools, or such of them at least as are located in rural neighborhoods, says the Planters' Journal. Our agricultural colleges are yearly turning out young men competent to teach the science, and if the supply should give out, ordinary teachers with the aid of elementary text books might be made to serve a useful purpose in teaching the young idea how to plant. Scientific agriculture is a fascinating pursuit, and a taste for it acquired early in life will develop into a passion in after years. The country needs more scientific farmers, and the "little red schoolhouse" is the place where they should lay the foundation of their knowledge of agriculture.

SOUND MONEY.

A part of the scheme of Secretary Gage, as embodied in his message to congress, for currency reform reads as follows:

4th. After said banks have deposited such bonds, greenbacks treasury notes or silver certificates to the amount of 50 per cent of their capital they shall be permitted to issue bank notes in addition to the per cent thus provided, to the extent of 25 per cent of such deposit which said 25 per cent may be unsecured by any pledge of security, but issued against the assets of the bank.

5th. Extend the guarantee of payment by the government to all circulation of the bank, whether issued against deposited security or against the bank.

These are the exact words of the Secretary of the Treasury, and the people are to be treated to a full dose of "sound money." The notes of the government are not sound enough and are to be cancelled and bonds issued in place of them. The tax of 2 per cent on bank notes is to be withdrawn, or greatly reduced. At present banks can issue notes only to 90 per cent of the security they put up. But in the interest of "sound money" the secretary will allow them to issue the full face value of the bonds deposited and 25 per cent of their capital in addition, which extra amount "may be unsecured" except by the pledge of the government.

This brilliant financier goes on further and recommends:

6th. To secure the government against loss, if any, attaching to its guarantee a tax of 2 per cent per annum on unsecured circulation shall be levied to create a safety fund.

Here we have from the headquarters of "sound money" the populist demand of issuing money direct to the people (banks) at 2 per cent interest, complied with. It is even better than the populists demanded, for they proposed to require security and Mr. Gage waives that.

Thus a bank can deposit \$100,000 in bonds of the new issue on which they will draw interest at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent per annum. They will receive \$100,000 in notes in which their interest is to be reduced to one-half of one per cent. In addition to this, the Secretary will advance them \$25,000 without any security, but on which they must pay the exorbitant interest of 2 per cent.

By this scheme the bank will invest \$100,000 on which they will draw from the government \$2,500 in interest. For this sum invested they will receive \$125,000, which will cost them in interest just \$1,000. At one stroke they have \$25,000 more money than they started with and a net profit of \$1500 a year for acting as the agent of the government in issuing "sound money."

This "unsecured" currency is to be a legal tender and the laboring man who was told last year that anything but gold was not good enough for him, is to receive it for his labor.

The writer pleads guilty to being a "Bryanite" and of course is an ignoramus and a jackass, and wholly incompetent to understand financial questions, but he is ready to pronounce this "sound money" scheme the grandest ever inaugurated and sure to bring prosperity—to the banks. VINDEX.

An Uncertain Disease. There is no disease more uncertain in its nature than dyspepsia. Physicians say that the symptoms of no two cases agree. It is therefore most difficult to make a correct diagnosis. No matter under what disguise dyspepsia attacks you, Brown's Iron Bitters will cure it. Invaluable in all diseases of the stomach, blood and nerves. For sale by R. E. Lahn, Druggist.

By virtue of an attachment issued out of the district court of Galveston county Sheriff Teague Saturday levied on thirty-odd acres of land belonging to R. R. Anderson, of Navasota, to satisfy a claim of Wallis, Landes & Co., of Galveston, for \$1,887.39.

SHORTER DAY, SAME RESULTS.

The employing job printers of New York are taking a very narrow view in resisting the demand for a nine hour day. They would lose nothing by the concession, and they must make it in the long run because reason and good conscience approve it is the way the Galveston Tribune sizes up the demand for shorter hours of labor.

It is the judgment of experience as well as of philosophy that in the most of trades, in most kinds of labor, whether physical or mental, a man will do as much work in nine hours a day, on the average of the year, as in ten hours a day, because there is a limit to endurance beyond which effort is vain. A printer may put in ten hours at composition, be ever so faithful, without turning out more product than if he worked nine hours a day for the same period. It is a question of how much he can do, not of whether he be engaged ten or nine hours. Many trustworthy employers and observers hold that eight hours is sufficient and will accomplish the same results. The experiment of a nine hour instead of a ten hour day for printers was made in this office three years ago, when the composition was done by hand, and was entirely satisfactory. It would have been the rule still under the same conditions. Machine composition hours are much shorter still by general agreement throughout the country, and there is no argument on the question of hours because the work is done by the piece.

As a rule the man who works by the day will accomplish fully as much for his employer in reasonable hours as in a day which taxes his energy, his patience and his sense of fairness. Year by year the short day gains friends, and the whole current of labor is irresistibly setting that way, because it is the better and the wiser way.

THE latest novelty in the way of contention among the scholars investigating the antiquity of the human race is that the Garden of Eden was in China—that Adam was a Chinaman and that Eve was almost-eyed, says the Boston Herald. This is a proposition seriously put forth in reputable professional quarters. The claim is that the civilization of Egypt did not come primarily from Assyria, but that China sent it there, taking Assyria as a stopping place on the way. This, of course, does not go back to the alleged original ape of Darwin; it only contends that, if there was an ape ancestor, he was a Chinese ape. The Chinese, it will be remembered, have always made this claim of superior antiquity for their people. The peculiarity in the case is that Christian scholars are accepting their views.

MONTHLY SUFFERING.

Thousands of women are troubled at monthly intervals with pains in the head, back, breasts, shoulders, sides hips and limbs. But they need not suffer.

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Mrs. BOZENA LEWIS, of Danville, Texas, says: "I was troubled at monthly intervals with terrible pains in my head and back, but have been entirely relieved by Wine of Cardui."

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March 3, 1897. Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

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Testing the Dynamo.

Beginning at twelve o'clock last (Saturday) night and continuing for ten hours the dynamo at the Electric light plant will be subjected to a thorough test as to its capacity to supply the number of lights specified in its sale to the Brenham Compress, Oil and Manufacturing Co.

The company that manufactured the dynamo will be represented by its president, Mr. C. C. Warren, of Sandusky, Ohio, the inventor of the machine. Messrs. S. A. and C. W. Hobson, of Waco, the Texas agents through whom the monster dynamo was ordered, will be on hand at the test, while the Brenham company will be represented by Mr. J. R. Cox, an expert electrician from the Island City. The dynamo is built to carry some three thousand lights and will be tested to its full capacity.

A Little Problem From Life.

He begged for a kiss. She frowned meditatively.

"A kiss," she said, "is an expression of sentiment. Placed upon the hand, it signifies respect; upon the forehead, friendship; upon the lips, both—and more, or neither. Since you asked for it, you may express yourself in one kiss. Proceed."

He hesitated. Through respect and friendship love may be reached. If he were too bold she— He hesitated. He gazed down into the grass and pondered swiftly. He tried to read her mood. He would place that kiss upon her—

He heard a thrill as of many birds.

He looked up. She was whistling softly.

Her hat was pulled down to her eyes, covering her forehead, and her hands was thrust deep into the pockets of her jacket.

Officers Elected.

The Knights of Honor, Lodge No. 410, at the last regular meeting elected and installed the following officers for the year 1898:

W. Wilking (re-elected) dictator.

J. R. Williamson, Vice Dictator.

H. F. Pahl, Assistant Dictator.

M. J. Jacobs, Reporter.

J. C. Harris, Financial Reporter.

D. B. Williams, Chaplain.

J. A. Dunlap, Guide.

T. J. Pampell, Guardian.

H. C. McIntyre, Treasurer.

H. K. Harrison and Jno. R. Ralston, Trustees.

The all-round value of physical training is thus set forth by an observer: "I have a friend who takes up every feminine sport in the season. She rides a wheel and plays golf as she once loved tennis. She rows and swims and fishes and shoots. She can 'man' a yacht. She fences at the gymnasium and practices there with dumbbells and the horizontal bar. In fact, she is an athlete as well as a fine dancer, a good walker and a proficient horse-woman. I see the good of all this in many ways. In one of the many it is shown by her sure, firm touch, no less than by her self-possessed, easy, graceful carriage. I know no woman who can walk across the room so well as she, or who has such a light but true fashion of even shuffling cards, sticking a hat pin into her bonnet. She does it all with absolute precision."—New York Post

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