

Frank Gross, who has assumed the editorship of the Virginia Chronicle, is spoken of very highly by the Enterprise. We quote: "Frank Gross, late Clerk of the Supreme Court of California, and formerly Chief Clerk of the San Francisco Mint, arrived in Virginia City last evening. Mr. Gross is by profession a journalist, having a number of years ago edited the Marysville Appeal. He was also afterwards connected with the San Francisco Post and other prominent journals. He wields a scholarly and vigorous pen, and now comes to join the accomplished corps of Comstock inklingers. To-day he mounts the tripod as editor of the Chronicle—an accession to the staff of our neighbor which may be expected to result in much advantage to its columns."

The Carson Index, which is edited by a lawyer, has this to say about the Assessor extension bill: "There is not much question that the Legislature can make the term of office for Assessors four years. The present question concerns only the two years which commences January 1st, 1885, and ends December 31, 1886. The only mode of testing the question is for each county to elect an Assessor next November and bring the matter before the Supreme Court for its decision. Whether this is advisable or not is for each county to determine for itself. If no election takes place the present Assessors will hold over for the simple reason that no successor will have been elected and qualified to take the office."

Mr. Thurman is the favorite as the Democratic candidate for the Presidency among the members of the Texas Legislature. In a canvass made by the Galveston News, forty-four Representatives out of eighty-five interviewed favored him, and fourteen Senators out of twenty-eight. The others scattered among McDonald, Tilden and Morrison. One member favors Wade Hampton.

Fair introduced in the Senate and Cassidy in the House Tuesday five bills for the relief of B. Reinhart of Elko, E. Penrod, A. G. Turner, J. O. Roberts and Philip Felsenthal, respectively, all of Nevada, for damages suffered through Indian depredations. Also a bill to refund D. O. Atkinson, Postmaster at Virginia City, money paid out by him on bogus money orders.

The delegations from New Hampshire to the Chicago Convention will be doubtless go uninstructed, there not being a strong enough inclination toward any candidate to warrant committing the delegates. Blaine appears to have few supporters, Arthur more, and Edmunds has a strong following. But General Sherman has more strength than any other man.

A small insect closely resembling a fly has made its appearance in portions of Southern Oregon, destroying all Fall sown wheat, eating the blades down level with the ground. Fall grown wheat in sections of Eastern Oregon is said to be greatly injured by frost.

"Pass the chloride of sodium before swallowing this story," is the admonition of the American Register of a recent date: "The cashier of the tradesmen in the north of France, on opening the drawer of the writing table where the money and notes were kept, the other day, was surprised and perplexed to find its contents in the utmost disorder, the inside of the drawer being strewn with scraps of paper, which, on examination, turned out to be the paper of the Bank of France. Five notes of 1000 francs each had been destroyed and it was speedily ascertained that the culprit could only be a mouse. A trap was set to catch the thief, the remnants of valuable papers in the drawer were carefully collected, and an hour later the nibbler was taken in the trap. Immediately afterwards the mouse was conveyed to a veterinary surgeon close by, put to death and dissected. Its stomach was found to contain the indigestible meal of paper recently swallowed; the pieces were matched, gummed together and taken to a branch bank to be transferred to Paris. To the tradesman's joy, the whole of the five notes being more or less reconstructed, the bank authorities gave orders that the entire amount of £200, which he feared was lost, should be restored to him."

The mongoose is a small animal similar to a weasel, and it is the mortal enemy of rabbits, rats and snakes. It is being used to destroy rabbits in Australia, where the latter are so numerous as to threaten the ruin of the sheep pastures. In Jamaica it has been used to exterminate rats, and it is said to have destroyed all the snakes as well. It is now being introduced into the Sandwich Islands, where rats are getting numerous and doing mischief in the cane-fields.

It is understood that the Bodie girls have adopted the following as their motto for leap year: "If you see what you want, ask for it."—[Free Press.

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STATE ITEMS.

Reno is troubled with a dog nuisance. The tax levy of Elko County for 1884 is \$2.40 on the \$100.

There are now reported 153 patients in the State Insane Asylum.

It is stated that W. J. Spragg, of Mason Valley, and Mr. Martin of the same place, will shortly begin sinking artesian wells on their respective ranches.

The Esmeralda County Bank at Candelaria has closed its business. It did so, however, with a handsome surplus of cash on hand after settling with its depositors, dollar for dollar.

Hawthorn Bulletin: It is said the key to the Aztec hieroglyphics has been discovered. If this is true the writings on the rocks near Fort Churchill will doubtless soon be read, as they are almost certainly Aztec, and we will have some knowledge of the very long ago of Nevada.

A Carson husband went home at 8 o'clock Wednesday night and found a young masher fondling with his wife's affections. He attempted to lead the young dude out by the ear, when the latter pulled a pistol which was wrested from him by the old man, who shot a couple of times at the retreating form of the would-be destroyer.

Austin Reveille: Our curfew law has now been in force long enough to show that it is a success. The crowds of unruly, boisterous boys who used to be so troublesome have now disappeared from our streets. When 8 o'clock arrives and the eight taps of the fire bell announces that the time has arrived for juveniles to be at home, there is scampering by all boys who are out at that time.

Naches, the Plate chief, says the Silver State, is ill with pneumonia, and his recovery is problematical. Yesterday the Indian medicine man arrived, and all through last night his wails, long and loud, could be heard near the camp of the sick man back of the Court House. Whites as well as Indians, are hoping that Naches will recover, as his good common sense has frequently prevented trouble between members of his tribe, as well as between whites and Indians.

Since the mining industry was inaugurated on the Comstock, says the Enterprise, up to the close of the year 1883, stockholders have paid, in round figures, \$81,700,000 in assessments and received \$124,000,000 in dividends, showing a credit of nearly \$43,000,000 in favor of the industry. The total product during the period is variously estimated at from \$400,000,000 to \$500,000,000, an enormous addition to specie stock of the world, and families that have been supported by this industry foot up in the thousands. These few simple facts go to refute the oft repeated assertion that Comstock mining has been a failure from its inception.

The record shows that the various county officers in Nevada, except Judges, are pretty evenly balanced on the political question. Judge Henry Rives is the only Democratic District Judge in the State. There are seven Democratic and seven Republican Sheriffs, ten Republicans and four Democratic clerks, seven Democratic and seven Republican treasurers, six Democratic and eight Republican District Attorneys, eight Democratic and six Republican Recorders, five Democratic and six Republican Surveyors; the Administrators are evenly balanced and the School Superintendents stand eight Democrats and six Republicans.

White Pine county has a citizen who is administering to the stock-thieves a proper emetic, which is a sure cure to all who receive a dose of it in their carcass. The White Pine News tells the following: Word comes to us that Doc Wheeler continues to do good work among the alleged band of horse-thieves who, for some time, have been making their headquarters in Butte and Newark Valleys. A short time ago he killed Bill Norris, and last week he blazed away at "Tex" and put a bullet in his side. The ball passed around his ribs and did not prove very serious. As we are told, "Tex" was the guest of Wheeler the night before, and as he was leaving in the morning the latter opened fire on him without warning or provocation. As this man Wheeler seems to be doing good work among a class that needs reformation, it is not likely that the law—which is so slow and uncertain itself—will interfere with his summary manner of ridding the country of this bad element.

An item relative to the improvements being made by the Nevada Land and Cattle Company, on their lands in the eastern part of Humboldt county, says that R. N. Grover organized the company. The Winnemucca Silver State says the facts are that Robert Graves, a well-known Comstock mining man of the olden time, purchased a lot of land on Kelly Creek, Willow Creek, and Squaw Valley, in that county, some five or six years ago, and has been improving it more or less ever since, under the management of T. D. Parkinson, the well-known civil engineer. Recently Mr. Graves succeeded in getting English capital interested in the project of irrigating large areas of land by saving the water, of which there is an abundance early in the Spring, by means of dams, and using it as occasion may desire during the Summer. Mr. Parkinson is now busily engaged putting in a dam on Willow Creek, the estimated cost of which is \$18,000 and which, if it is a success, will store sufficient water to irrigate 20,000 acres of land.

A HUNDRED MILES AN HOUR.

[From an English Paper.]

Some time ago an American locomotive, fitted with a new brake, was brought over to this country, but its performances do not seem to have made any stir. Some of the American papers are suggesting that an English locomotive of the best should be bought by one of the companies in the United States, and be tested against one of their standard engines for speed and durability. The question has come to the front mainly on account of the agitation for a quicker service between New York and Philadelphia, a distance of about ninety miles, which one engineer thinks may be covered in one hour. Such a speed as that has never been accomplished by any train, and it is doubtful whether an engine by itself has ever run at that rate even for a short distance. It is very well known that some of the expresses on the great lines running to the North do occasionally reach a speed of seventy miles or more, going down some of the long banks, but the running average of the latest trains in this country is fifty miles an hour. That is accomplished by the Great Northern Flying Scotchman, who does the whole journey from Edinburgh to King's Cross at a running average of 48 miles. Running average, it should be explained, is calculated on the time the train is actually in motion, the journey average of the train mentioned being only a trifle less than forty-four miles an hour. The Greatwestern, which, thanks to the general level character of its line, should do better, shows a running average for expresses of forty-six miles, and the Midland, which has more severe gradients than the Great Northern, shows a running average of forty-five and forty-six with the fastest trains on parts of long journey. These speeds do not represent the actual rate of motion on levels or down inclines, which is very much higher, but rarely exceeds seventy miles. Slowing at junctions and over difficult parts of the road, brings the average to that given above. The road from New York to Philadelphia is almost level the whole way, and if a speed of ninety miles kept up for an hour is possible anywhere it should be on that line; but even in that case it will be necessary to run over parts of the road at a speed of about a hundred miles, which rightly or wrongly, has been regarded as the limit, for at higher speed the driver and stoker would find it not an easy matter to breathe.

HE COULD KEEP A SECRET.

[From the Somerville Journal.]

"We were bound to be equal to you men," said the Mason's wife, "we formed a secret society of our own last night." "Indeed," said the worshipful master, composedly: "then I hope, my dear, your project will be successful. Is it a benevolent society, or what?" "That's none of your business. It's a secret society, and we've sworn by solemn oath not to divulge anything relating to it." "Very good, my dear," observed the worshipful master, returning to his paper; "I'm sure I do not wish you to violate your oath." "It wouldn't matter if you did, I wouldn't. You keep your secrets close enough—and to think of that stupid Mrs. Farbellows! she could recollect neither the grip nor the sign. It took us an hour to teach her. When I gave her the sign, like this (he suits the occasion to the word), she would make it in this way, ha! ha! Her stupidity would have been exasperating if it hadn't been ridiculous, and as for learning the grip, why, she would have it this way—give me your hand a minute—there, she would have it that way while it was this way; and the password! she couldn't keep it in her memory two minutes. Over and over again I told her it was 'Be just and fear not,' and she would have it 'Swear not at all,' or 'Do unto others as you would be done by,' ha! ha! we almost despaired of getting it through her head. But we made her understand at last. Oh, yes; we are going to have a flourishing society, and we can be as secret about it as you men are about yours."

Then the lady went off to attend to her household duties, and the worshipful master hid his face behind his paper and smiled.

A convict who escaped from the Louisiana State prison walked hard all night, and by daylight was forty miles away. Fearing detection by means of his striped garb, he went boldly into a negro farm house, told the owner that he was a circus performer, disabled by rheumatism, and offered to swap the costume for any old suit of ordinary clothes. The bargain was made, and the runaway continued his flight in safety.

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Notice is hereby given that on

Monday, the Third day of March,

A. D. 1884, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the morning and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, namely, at 12 o'clock M. of said day, I will sell all the right, title and interest of said James Finley in and to the above described property, and the smallest amount or parcel of said property to satisfy the said above sum of \$303 100 tax delinquency, costs and accruing costs, at the front door of the County Courthouse, at Pioche, County of Lincoln, State of Nevada, at public auction, for cash in hand, to the bidder, for the least amount of the above property, to satisfy said execution and all costs.

O. P. SHERWOOD, Sheriff.

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out of the Justice Court, in and for the County of Lincoln, State of Nevada, and to me directed and delivered, for a judgment rendered in said Court, on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1883, in favor of the State of Nevada, plaintiff, and against James Jameson and also the Real Estate and improvements hereinafter described, defendants, for the sum of \$1540-100 fifteen and 40/100 dollars, tax and delinquency together with (\$23.82) twenty-three and 82/100 dollars, tax costs, and all accruing costs and interest, I have levied upon the following property, to wit: Fee simple title to lot No. 9, in block No. 32, on Lacour street, in the Town of Pioche, County of Lincoln, State of Nevada, and the improvements thereon.

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