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FARMINGTON, Sept. 18.

EDITOR OF FAIR PLAY—The fair closed to-day a perfect success in every respect. Few country fairs can boast of such an exhibition of stock as was in the ring here. The speed rings tried some pretty fair fliers. The most noticeable was the racking race between Clardy's Bell of the West, Alexander's Prince Dowell, Dents, Andy Giles, and Horn's Granger Bill. The first heat was won by Andy Giles in 3,18-2-5 and the second was made by Granger Bill in 3.08. This is remarkably fast time for racking; it never having been beaten more than three or four seconds by the best. Among those deserving special comment, is Mr. Al. Rexford, who had charge of several fine horses here. One, a fine black stallion, Mr. Rexford took in hand about two months before the fair, a rough, awkward, raw colt, and in that short time has made a saddle horse with all the gait.

Among the pleasant episodes of the fair week, was the concert of Prof. Sutton's class at the Methodist church, on Thursday evening; but since you have limited my space, I have only room to say that the singing was excellent, the singers beautiful, and the enjoyment perfect. We must say, however, in justice, that Miss Ada Murphy's solo, "I think of him, I dream of him," and "His little bunch of roses," by Miss Anna Beal, were rendered in style equalled by few and excelled by no amateur singers. Yours truly,
WANDERER.

ST. MARY, Mo., Sept. 19, 1875.

EDITOR OF FAIR PLAY—The town is very lively at present, and the merchants and bar-tenders are all doing a flourishing business.

Charles Miller ran away from home on Monday night. He was assisted by his young companions who made up a purse for his benefit.

Leon Boggs is putting up a wheat warehouse on the northern side of Jules Rozier's store.

F. Boggs left here Sunday to attend Prof. Killcullen's school in your city. He will still play with the Anchors.

"Heavy chaps." Being called "chaps" made the Anchors feel so insignificant and countryfied that they actually felt honored (?) in being beaten by "little young men" from St. Louis. "Duck-legged" Andrew Wolf says he feels like a "giant beside of that six foot 2-inch, Hoer." A. Caldwell says he also feels "big by the side of that other six-footer, McNair."

The "chap" that wrote up that base ball game ought not to be content to hide his light under a bushel, as it were, but should apply for "Chapman's" position on the St. Louis Browns, and report championship games for the *Globe-Democrat*.

CHAP.

On last Saturday morning Mr. Jules Denizet residing three miles south of Perryville, accompanied by his son, a boy about 13 years old, went to Waters Landing, each with a load of wheat, and arrived safely. Having disposed of the wheat, they started homeward, Mr. Denizet taking the lead. When near what is known as the old Jones hill farm, the boy's team became frightened and ran away, passing his father's team and struck his wagon and broke an axle tree, and precipitated the unfortunate boy forward upon the double trees and from there fell to the ground, and when picked up by his father life was extinct. His skull was terribly fractured—*Perryville Union*.

A Noted Trapper and Hunter.

For several days past a noted trapper and frontiersman has been sojourning in St. Louis. This is Charles Motts, better known as "Cherokee Charley," who has hunted and trapped on the frontier since he was eleven years of age. He is the son of a Polish nobleman by a Cherokee woman. The nobleman occupied a conspicuous position in his native country, but became involved in some of the frequent revolutions and was forced to flee. He came to America, and being of an adventurous disposition located in the wilds of the West, where he married and lived contentedly the balance of his life. "Cherokee Charley," the youngest child resulting from this marriage, was born in Talequah, in the Cherokee Nation, in 1852. When but eleven years old, the adventurous spirit which he inherited from his father and mother prompted him to leave home to combat the dangers of the great Western wilderness and plains. He provided himself a trapper's outfit, and mounting his favorite pony, "Red Bird," sought the head waters of the North Fork of the Canadian river, where he remained for several years, spending months without coming in contact with a human being. The Indians were then warlike and numerous, and it required all the cunning of the young hunter to retain his scalp. But he proved equal to the emergency, and superior to the Indians. From his Indian mother he inherited those traits of character which being peculiarly to the red man, while the superior wisdom, sagacity and reasoning powers of the white race descended to him from his father. Charley spent twelve years in hunting and trapping on the plains and in the forest of the Northwest, and now, at the age of twenty-three, returns to civilized life, and purposes visiting all the large cities of the union. Before leaving home, he had been taught to read and write and even in the Western wilds he devoted considerable time and employed whatever facilities fell in his way to the improvement of his mind. He is a very good talker, and relates his encounters with wild men and beasts in a very interesting manner. He possesses many trophies of his victories, such as the paws of grizzly bears slain by him, wampum belts taken from Indians captured by himself. He left last night for Washington City.—*Times*.

Cheap Shelter For Stock.

Now is a good time to begin to think of preparing shelter for your stock. They will need it next winter when the cold northwester comes, bringing snow, sleet, and rain; these make our stock feel very uncomfortable. A good and cheap shelter for stock, especially for sheep, may be made by putting forks into the ground, and laying on poles and covering with corn stalks, always having its face to the south and east. On the north and west rick up your fodder and stack your hay. This will be a good wind-break. Such shelters cost but little and are worth very much. Many farmers who know the value of shelter are often deterred from making them because they don't have time and means at hand to put up nice sheds and barns, thinking by next year they will certainly be able to get up sheds, and thus their sheep and cattle are suffered to stand out in the cold every winter. Try it next winter yourself and see how much it will pay you on the investment.

Two or three days and a few loads

of stalks (fodder) will not cost much any way. The time for cutting up corn will soon be here. Don't forget it. If you think stock don't need shelter, just go out next winter into your feed-lot, when there is neither tree nor shrub, and stand facing a northwester for an hour or two. It is a very convincing argument, and one that is sure to make an impression. Think about it now and act accordingly.—*L. i. Colman's Rural World*.

Have farmers thought the time for planting orchards has arrived. Have they set apart a few more acres of ground to be planted with fruit trees to furnish fruit for their families and stock? Have they considered the fact that a few good trees will produce more fruit than a large field of corn? The time is now to begin to think of planting orchards.

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Waiting for a "Cave."
[From the Vicksburg Herald.]
Three or four days ago, within three or four miles from this city, a Washington street merchant who had business in the country, came to a small creek besides which a native was washing his shirt. The man was soiling the garment up and down and around, and as he "soused" he whistled a merry tune.

"Do you have to wash your own shirt?" inquired the merchant as he halted.

"Not allus, but old Bat has got one o' her fits 'on just now," was the ready rejoinder.

"Then you don't agree very well?"

"Parly well on the general thing. Bat's kind o' mulish and I'm kind o' mulish, and when we get our backs up we crawl off to see which will cave first."

"I should think you would want some soap."

"I do."

"Why dont you get it then?"

"That would be caving to Bat, stranger. She's squatted on the only bit of bar soap between here and Vicksburg, and she's jest aching for me to slide up and ask her for it."

"And you wont?"

"Stranger," replied the native as he straightened up, "don't I look like a feller that would wade a shirt three months afore I'd cave in and holler soap?"
The merchant aided with him, and as he drove on, the man soured his shirt up and down and whistled: "I'm gwine up the river—
Hear the water."