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Booming, Steadily Booming.

THE TIMES Grows Day by Day. Watch It.

AS TO VENAL NEWSPAPERS. Rev. Alexander Kent is usually very exact and accurate in his statements, but he made a slight mistake yesterday when, in his discourse, he stated that all newspapers sold their opinions. He failed to perceive any difference, he said, between the venality of such newspapers and that of the men who sell their votes.

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course that could redound to the credit of the United States, whether or not the proffer of his services is accepted.

It only remains for statement out of jobs to organize a little business of their own.

Our Republican Congressman in Texas and one Democratic Congressman in Pennsylvania. Thus does politics maintain the equilibrium.

GREATER NEW YORK seems to have been a shade less than hilariously popular in Brooklyn.

Now, if Mr. Morton's coachman could only drive his master to the New York Executive Mansion by way of the Treasury Department and in full sight of Secretary Carlisle's window!

The price of a loaf of bread in Cincinnati has been reduced to 3 cents. And it's hardly likely that the inhabitants of that city will be satisfied with anything less than the full complement of loaf.

The melodramatic possibilities of arresting Li Hung Chang have evidently escaped Anthony Comstock.

MANY ex-members of Tammany have joined one of Dr. Parkhurst's parsonages. The reverend gentleman sometimes preaches at Sing Sing.

The Paris Figaro is astonished to discover that the Republican party has carried the Southern States. Were such the fact, the Republican party could clearly discard the Figaro in astonishment.

MERCURY Saturday made a small black spot on the sun. There is a parallel between Mercury and the one Democratic Congressman from Pennsylvania.

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SOCIAL SAYINGS AND DOINGS.

There are all sorts and conditions of reasons why people build houses in Washington as elsewhere. Generally speaking it is either for the purpose of occupation or investment.

Occasionally, however, it is for reasons entirely outside of either of these considerations. A woman, well known in the most fashionable circles in this city has certainly added an important link to the long chain of unlooked-for reasons in this respect.

She has recently completed and now occupies a fine English basement house, which she solely asserts to her friends was begun, continued, and ended for the purpose of pleasing her cat.

For some occult reason, so far not divulged in the strictest confidence to her most intimate friends, she divined that the cat upon which her affections are centered was not receiving the requisite amount of sunshine when basking in his favorite place at the front cellar window, and that further the valued animal would have his basking proclivities gratified in a seemly manner by the erection of a new house, built with an English basement for his especial comfort.

Just in what part these arrangements her pet dog figures does not transpire, but it is to be hoped he consents so that he will not rise up in some future time at a sudden, fended canine deity and demand the addition of some architectural monstrosity wholly and solely for his delectation.

Mrs. Tom L. Johnson has been back in Washington for some little time past getting into a new house on M. P. Square ready for the winter. The fact that Representative Johnson will not return to Congress after the close of his present term is a source of genuine regret to Washington society.

Mrs. Bellamy Storor has returned to Washington and is settled in her house for the season.

Mrs. Robley D. Evans, accompanied by her two daughters, after a visit to Capt. Evans in New York, has returned to Fort Monroe.

Capt. and Mrs. John Pullman have returned to Fort Monroe after a visit to their children, who are at school in Georgetown.

Mr. Joseph W. Reinhardt, ex-president of the Aetna, Topeka and Santa Fe Road, was in Washington for a short visit last week, and on Saturday went to Baltimore to visit the horse show.

Miss Fay is the guest of Lieut. and Mrs. Pendleton at the Marine Barracks.

Mrs. Miller, wife of Col. Marcus P. Miller, is in Washington for a visit to Capt. and Mrs. Crosby. At the conclusion of her visit here Mrs. Miller will go to Fort Hamilton to join her husband, who has been recently detailed there for duty.

Miss Alice Jenkins, daughter of the late Admiral Jenkins, has gone to Christian, S. C., to spend the winter with friends.

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MISUSE OF POSTAL FRANK

First Assistant Postmaster General Suggests Legislation.

Improper Matter Sent Free.

Scant Appropriations Have Prevented the Extension of the Free Delivery System—Number of Carriers Increased—Faults in the New Stamps to Be Remedied.

First Assistant Postmaster General Frank Jones has submitted his annual report to the Postmaster General. It is a review of the work of the portions of the department under his charge for the year ended June 30, 1894, and contains his recommendations for the improvement of the service.

Mr. Jones recommends legislation to protect the postmarking of stamps in use at the postoffices, as the stamp is now being used for unlawful purposes. He renews his recommendation for legislation to prevent the boycotting of postmasters by mailing of letters at places other than the office, which results in reducing the salaries of the postmasters involved.

He calls special attention to the misuse of the franking privilege. He says: "There seems to be some misapprehension among members of Congress as to the scope of the franking privilege, which has resulted in some postmasters declining to send speeches or other matter presented for mailing, and this department has been called upon to give special instructions in such cases."

"Instead of the same being written or placed upon the envelopes by the handstamp it has been in some instances improperly printed thereon; the speeches therein containing handbills, advertisements, or other matter, which formed part of the Congressional Record and therefore are subject to postage as third-class matter. In addition to the franking privilege, which has been found after delivery to contain printed matter outside of the Congressional Record and printed handbills, and are, therefore, not frankable under the franking privilege."

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ALEXANDRIA HAPPENINGS.

The Baptist General Association will convene in this city on Tuesday night next. Rev. F. W. Chaybrook will preach the introductory sermon. The sessions of the association will be held in the Baptist Church, on South Washington street. A large number of delegates representing every church in Virginia, are expected to attend.

The ministers' conference will also be held with the general association, and during its sessions interesting papers on various topics will be read by the Rev. F. C. McConnell, D. D., Rev. W. H. Jones, Rev. L. R. Thornhill, Dr. J. C. Hiden, Rev. T. W. Noland, Dr. L. G. Broughton, and others. The sessions will continue until the latter part of the week.

Business in New Alexandria is quite brisk just now and lots in the new suburb are going off very fast, many of them being bought up by Washington purchasers. The filer factory and furniture factory are now running on full time and give employment to a large number of hands.

R. W. Phillips, lineman for the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company, went into the streets of Alexandria, on Saturday evening, and asked the Chinaman for his laundry. Mr. Phillips did not have his laundry check with him, and asked the Chinaman to give him some of the bundles to see if he could not find his clothing, which angered the celestial. Grabbing a heavy iron bar he attempted to hit Mr. Phillips, but he was quickly known and made for Mr. Phillips, who immediately had the Chinaman arrested. Mr. Phillips gave bond for his appearance on Monday.