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IN Russia the American trade has practically been shut out.

IT is hard for some men to find anything about the house except fault.

AN exchange says a good way to get even with the editor is to pay your subscription.

The war department believes that Cuban independence will be established by Christmas.

E. Munsey Slack, formerly of the Bristol Courier has taken charge of the Abingdon Virginian, formerly owned by Louis Summers.

THE coal output last year was the largest in the history of the United States. The output in Alabama in 1900 was 8,393,585 short tons, valued at $8,745,722. Georgia and North Carolina, 333,290 tons, valued at $370,022. Virginia, 2,137,007 tons, valued at $1,757,525.

A WRITER who has apparently been crazed by the bigness of Texas, says: "The entire living population of the globe, 1,400,000, divided into families of five persons each, could be located in Texas, each family with a house on a half acre lot, and there would still remain 70,000,000 vacant family lots."

THE smallest contribution received to the Conscience Fund comes from Ohio, where an anonymous correspondent sends one cent as duty on a lead pencil which he says he unwittingly smuggled over from Canada. It may be all right, of course, but people who have dealings with painfully honest a man would do well to get their money in advance.

THE candidacy of Hon. Tate Irvine for Lieutenant Governor seems to be meeting with universal approval among the democrats of this section. Mr. Irvine is a man in the meaning of the word and would be a power at the capitol city of our state. His capacities are unquestionable, and we are for him from start to finish.—*Wise News.*

THE annual readjustment of postmasters' salaries has just been completed in the office of the First Assistant Postmaster General, the result being that, on the 1st of July, 1,770 postmasters will receive increased pay, and 229 will receive reduced amounts. The total reduction is $28,400 and the aggregate increase $215,600, making a net increase of $187,280.

FOUR grand prizes, worth not less than $40,000 each, will be among the gifts which the United States will distribute by lottery at the drawing scheduled to occur in Oklahoma not later than August 6th. These prizes are the quarter sections adjoining on the south the county seat, which has been located five miles south from Fort Sill. The Government lottery will have about 15,000 homesteads to distribute, worth from $1 to $5,000 each.

THE political situation in Dickenson county is summed up by a prominent democrat of that county as follows: "We notice that much is being said concerning the contest for Governor of Virginia, so we will dot a few lines too. Our county (Dickenson) has held a meeting and elected delegates to the Norfolk convention and instructed them for Mr. Montague, but dissatisfaction has arisen because the meeting was not properly advertised etc., and we now hear it whispered that there may be a contesting delegation at Norfolk from Dickenson county. We hardly think this will be, although it may. The delegates that were elected and instructed for Mr. Montague from this county may yet be for him, because of the instruction behind them, but his friends are dropping from him, like forest nuts because of his insistent and reproachful manner of conducting the present campaign. He howls about "machines" &c., but we think, if there be such a thing as "machine" belonging to politics, that he (Mr. Montague) has had the exclusive use of it. We don't think it best to nominate Mr. Montague for Governor since matters have gone into such a muddle, but we promise that the democracy of Dickenson county is for the nominee of the Norfolk convention let him hale from whence he may."—*Lebanon News.*

IT is refreshing to meet good people. We feel better since Hon. Tate Irvine passed through Bristol and called to see the Courier force. Mr. Irvine says that "the fight and feeling in the contest for governorship has been so intense that he has said or done but little towards gratifying his ambition for the second place on the ticket." It is claimed that Mr. Willard is to be honored with that position as a reward for financial aid to Mr. Montague's campaign. The charge however, is general and the public is looking for the facts. If it is learned by the people of Virginia beyond question that Mr. Willard is buying a place upon the ticket, "his name will be Dennis."—*Bristol Courier.*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

EDITOR POST:—An editorial paragraph in your last issue, which doubtless arose from a misapprehension on the part of the editor, is calculated to do an injustice to myself and some other gentlemen in the community, and I am sure you will take pleasure in publishing the facts. The paragraph is: "It is generally understood that there is a question of veracity between certain gentlemen, but we'll wager that Hon. H. A. W. Skeen and Tate Irvine's words are all o. k. with the people of Wise County."

This is accepted by those acquainted with the facts to refer to a certain phase of the recent contest for superintendent of schools of this county. It seems that statements have been made that Hon. R. P. Bruce secured the support of Mr. Montague for Mr. Counts by promising Mr. Montague the instructed vote of the Cumberland District in this county for governor, and that I stated to Judge Skeen that Mr. Bruce told me this. The facts are that Mr. Bruce did not make this statement, or any similar statement, to me, nor did I tell Judge Skeen that he did make such a statement to me, nor did Judge Skeen, as I am informed by him, make any such statement to any one else. Therefore, there is no question of veracity whatever between Judge Skeen and myself on the one side and Mr. Bruce on the other, so far as I know. I am assured by Mr. Bruce that Mr. Montague's support of Mr. County was not obtained by any agreement of the kind indicated between himself and Mr. Montague, and I have no doubt as the truth of this, and the statements erroneously attributed to Judge Skeen and myself doubtless originated in a misunderstanding of the facts. In this contest, as in nearly all contests of this nature, some bitterness was engendered, which is to be regretted, but I do not think Mr. Bruce did anything inconsistent with that high character for honor and integrity which all people in Wise County so well know he possesses. Respectfully,

June 25. R. T. IRVINE.

An exchange says:

People who complain that their eyes get tired while engaged in some close pursuit, such as writing or sewing, might try the ingenious invention of a journalist. Finding that his eyes became so tired that he could write only with great difficulty, he hit upon the plan of having green strips of colored paper pasted on his desk close to the window, so that every time he wanted a dip of ink his eyes fell upon those colored strips. The result was surprising, and the inventor claims that by this simple device he not only avoided the use of glasses, but also improved his sight.

AT THE PRESS CLUB.

The walls of the billiard room of the Press Club, in Nassau street, New York, are decorated with the largest and finest collection of newspaper front pages to be found anywhere in the world. Over fifteen hundred periodicals from all parts of the globe are represented. Artistically mounted on cloth stretched over wooden frames, this mounting has been done so cleverly that each of the panels has the appearance of having been printed from a lithographic stone. The cloth is indebted to Harlan P. Hubbard, the advertising agent, for the collection. He presented it to the club a few months ago.—*Newspaperdom.*

Only 50 Cents
to make your baby strong and well. A fifty cent bottle of
Scott's Emulsion
will change a sickly baby to a plump, romping child.
Only one cent a day, think of it. Its as nice as cream.
Send for a free sample, and try it.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists,
409-415 Pearl Street, New York.
50c. and $1.00; all druggists.

FOURTH OF JULY SPORTS.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Athletic Association held last night the following changes were made in the program for July the Fourth.

First. In view of the fact that the Bristol Base Ball Club has agreed to come here on the Fourth, but is unable to be here except on that day, it was decided that the local team which may win the pennant here should line up against Bristol. The local games will be played on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, and the winner of the Tuesday's game will be awarded the pennant, one dozen league balls, and a half-dozen bats.

The Association also decided to offer a handsome cup to the winner of the game on the Fourth, but it is to be given with "a string tied to it," that is, the winning team will be allowed to keep it only one year. It is to be played for each year on July the Fourth at Big Stone Gap. It is hoped that the Bristol Club will be a permanent annual contestant. If it should not enter next year, the cup is to be returned, in case Bristol wins, and played for by the clubs that do enter. The cup will be handsome and appropriately inscribed and will cost about $25.00.

SECOND—PISTOL TARGET RULES.

In addition to the rules heretofore printed in the Big Stone Gap Post, the committee adopted the following:

1. The distance shall be fifteen yards.
2. The contestant shall draw lots for the order in which they shall shoot.
3. Each contestant must take his place promptly when his name is called, and if he fails to do so for the second time he shall be barred from that round.
4. As soon as a contestant takes his place, the umpire shall ask him, "Are you ready?" and he shall reply, "Ready." The umpire shall then call "One, two, three, four, five, six," so that six seconds shall elapse at least as near as may be between the beginning of the word "One" and the end of the word "six."
5. The contestant shall shoot with the pistol as he sees fit, one at full length and his opposite calls the word "one." He shall then lower his hand as rapidly as he may please, but shall not lower it after the umpire has pronounced the word "six." If he misses, or prefers, he may let the arm remain the word "six" or it is from after the end of the word "six," none of his shots for that round shall be counted.
6. Contestants may use his own make of pistol.
7. The umpire, to be selected by the executive committee, shall be judge of all questions which may arise, and his decision shall be final.

Hon. R. P. Bruce has consented to fire the first shot.

The Fun Week committee has secured a number of new attractions, also has secured twenty bands from the towns of North Side on Linden, Ky., and Pennington Gap, of Virginia. These bands are Sam Dodd Empire band, and are held to be as good as any in the Pound district. Mr. Bruce and Mr. Singer are negotiating a national tournament and they will have the best men in the country here. Mr. Bruce has a letter from Mr. Dunn, the champion of Ohio, in which he says he will be here if he can get a fair game. Mr. Singer has a letter from Mr. Dunn, the champion of Ohio, in which he says he will be here if he can get a fair game. Mr. Bruce and Mr. Singer are negotiating with Mr. Dunn, the champion of Ohio, and Mr. Dunn has written that