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Pittsburgh coal at E. H. Vordenbaum's lumber yard.

E. H. Vordenbaum sells pine lumber at \$12 per M ft.

Theophile Martel, Opelousas, has new honey for sale.

The A-tak-a-pa Family and Plantation Remedies for sale by all Druggists.

The main trotting race at Washington last Sunday was between the Washington "dun" and an Ethan Allan three-year old filly; the latter won.

There will be trotting and running races at the Opelousas race course, on July 5th, for purses of \$250 to \$300, by horses from New Orleans, Lake Charles, Lafayette and St. Martin.

The Weekly New Delta, one of the best weeklies in the State, will be furnished with this paper at the low price of \$2.75 per year. Now is the time to subscribe.

We have been very busy recently with tax sales, and as our force is small we can not give much attention to other matters till we are through with them.

Work on the artesian well has been suspended, but only temporarily we are informed. There is some obstruction in the prosecution of the work which it is hoped will be remedied and the work resumed at an early day.

While the rains have been abundant in some portions of the parish, there are sections that have not yet been favored with sufficient showers, and the corn in those localities is very seriously injured, and the crop will be short. Cotton in most localities however is excellent, and promises an abundant yield.

Charley Pefferkorn's bakery suspended on account of the falling in of the oven. Peff is now on his feet again, and his bakery will be in full operation from and after this day, and will be managed by Homer Guidry, Ben Meginsky's popular ex-clerk, who will now devote his entire time and attention to the bakery. Charley hopes all his old friends will do by him as they did in the past.

The West Bellevue Farmers' Union No. 482, will have a basket picnic in Mr. Cottingham's woods, south of his plantation on the last Saturday in June. And all members of the Farmer's Alliance, and the public generally are invited to attend and bring their baskets. Mr. Lafargue will speak at 10 o'clock in English and at 1 o'clock in French. Major M. R. Wilson and Carroll, and others acceptable to the Brotherhood will be invited by the committee to speak.

W. L. TRUMAN, Chairman.

The new Federal court building is nearing completion rapidly. The flag pole is in position on the roof and the stars and stripes now float proudly in the breeze from that commanding eminence. Mr. Vanhorn, the clever contractor in charge of the job, will feel proud of the excellence of the work. We hear universal commendation expressed of the excellence of the construction of the building from the foundation to the roof, and we would be glad to know that Opelousas would retain him as one of her permanent citizens.

The Opelousas anti-lottery league was re-organized on Monday night by the election of Robert Clachere as president, Geo. O. Elms vice-president, W. S. Frazee Secretary, and Dr. W. M. Thompson treasurer. The role has been numerous signed and the league went to work at once as if in dead earnest. The following executive committee was appointed: Robert Clachere, T. S. Fontenot, Sol. Loeb, Thos. H. Lewis, Dr. W. M. Thompson, S. J. Wilson and Edward B. Debusson. As the Farmers' Alliance is practically an anti-lottery organization, there would be no necessity for the organization of anti-lottery leagues in this parish, if it were not for the fact that there are many anti-lottery men throughout the parish who are not members of that order and many of whom are precluded by the constitution and by-laws of the Alliance from becoming members. It is highly necessary that all such should be enrolled in some kind of an organization, in order that there may be a united and solid front presented in the great battle just about to begin. The anti-lottery leagues will be organized in this parish for the purpose of working harmoniously and unitedly with the Alliance against the common enemy, and to the end that every anti-lottery vote may be cast against the amendment, and as far as practicable for the same men.

IN MEMORIAM.

Orphans' Friend Lodge, F. A. M. No. 185, at a meeting held in their hall, in the town of Big Cane, June 22, 1891, the above body duly appointed the undersigned committee to draft suitable resolutions in commemoration of the death of our worthy brother member L. G. Sloane:

Whereas, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst, our faithful and well beloved brother member, L. G. Sloane, Be it resolved, That a true and upright man, a beloved brother member, a devoted husband and parent, has gone to that bourne from which no traveler returns,

Be it further resolved, That we tender to his grief stricken wife, children, and relatives our heartfelt sympathy and condolence in this sad hour of bereavement, and that he still lives in a happier sphere beyond this vale of tears.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded for publication in the Opelousas papers, a copy sent to his family, and spread on our minutes.

Dr. V. C. REYNOLDS, Committee. P. G. CALLHAM, T. A. HICKS.

C. K. CASON.

Died, at the residence of his parents, in Big Cane, on Saturday, the 13th day of June, 1891, Charles K. Cason, (the second son of F. W. Cason and Elia Morrow) in his 35th year. On Sunday evening at 5 o'clock, the many friends of this excellent young man assembled at the private burying ground of his father to take leave, and pay the last sad rites to their friend, and when in sorrow the venerable Josiah Scott brought to bear in a forcible picture the present and future, the suppressed sobs and tear stained cheeks of the large assembly, attested the high esteem in which he was held. But if the loss was great to those who knew him from childhood, what must be the sorrowful reflections of his grief stricken parents to whom he had ever been the most dutiful of sons. Great as is their sorrow, they must be consoled by the sweet reflection that it is Charles's eternal gain; called forth in the prime of life, when his future would have been bright and cheerful, but for the sometime painful reflection that he was doomed to an early end, on account of heart disease, yet such was the even tenor of his disposition that he always knew how to make others pleasant and happy.

We now come to an attribute that he possessed to a greater degree than it has ever been within the province of the writer to see exhibited by another; and that was his great love for the little ones, and often times has it been the pleasure of his many friends to see him coming to the village surrounded by his little tribe (as he would idly call them) and give them their weekly treat, can their little wondering minds realize that at one terrible blow their pleasures have been broken, and that the friend they loved so well is gone.

To these little ones and to his bereaved family, we extend our heartfelt condolence, and in tendering this last sad tribute to our departed comrade, we seem to feel and realize that he will be happier by being united to an idolized brother, who preceded him nearly five years ago.

NAPOLEON LASTRAPES.

Died, at his residence in this town, June 23d, 1891, Napoleon Lastrapes, aged 43 years, 7 months and 15 days.

The deceased was a colored man, born and reared in this town. The course of people of both races that attended his funeral at the Catholic church, testified the estimation in which he was held by his community. In many respects the deceased possessed qualities far above the average of his race. He did not have the advantages of an education in his youth; yet by his own unaided efforts he acquired a fair degree of knowledge, and attained an influential position among his race and in the political party to which he belonged.

At the time of his death he was a member of the Republican State executive committee, chairman of the Republican parish executive committee, and chairman of the Republican congressional district committee; positions which he had held for several years past. Though a man of unusual intelligence for one of his limited opportunities, he yet had more excellent qualities of heart, which attached his friends strongly to him. He was amiable, charitable in word and deed, always perfectly courteous to everybody, and faithful and trustworthy in his friendships. Now that "Missie" has passed from among us into the realms of eternity, the animosities naturally engendered by his position in politics will quickly fade out of the minds of even his political opponents, and there will be but one remembrance of him in his native town, and that will be one of kindly regret at his untimely death. Peace to his ashes!

The Parish Farmers' Union will meet at Whiteville, on Thursday, July 2d.

Mrs. Boyer, formerly Miss Julie Pilate of Opelousas, died recently at her home in Dayton, Ohio.

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COLORED FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Saint Landry.—We the undersigned colored people of Bellevue, met on Saturday, June 20th, 1891, to form an organization, known as the Colored Farmers' National Alliance, and Co-operative Union. After hearing an address from Bro. W. C. Coleman, organizer of the colored farmers' union, and also State superintendent Bro. Laurent, of Alexandria, we went into organization. The following resolutions were offered and adopted, That Bro. Mac Smith be appointed president, Bro. I. S. Syers vice-president, Bro. L. B. Bivens Secretary, Bro. Jack Ainslum treasurer, Rev. J. C. Smith lecturer and chaplain, Bro. Wm. Hill conductor, Bro. Ed. Davy doorkeeper. List of members.

Edward Harrison, George Washington, George Williams, Jack Cummings, Willie Plume, Henry Hayes, Primus Cummings, Anthony Bivens, Zeph Dupré.

Moved and seconded that this alliance meet on Saturday, June 28th, 1891, also we extend our thanks to Mr. P. D. Williams and Mr. Berkeley, for their kind assistance, and also to Mr. Pulford. This organization is for the purpose of trying to elevate our race, to make us better citizens, better husbands, better fathers and sons, to educate ourselves so that we may be able to vote more intelligently on questions that are of vital importance to our people. We also extend our unanimous thanks to Rev. J. C. Smith, for his untiring energy in bringing about this organization, as we feel that it is the only thing that will give us protection for our labor and crops. We ask all good alliance men both white and colored, to give us all the assistance that they can in our young organization, and especially the white alliance.

MAC SMITH President, I. S. SYERS Vice-president, L. B. BIVENS Secretary, J. C. SMITH Treasurer, J. C. SMITH Lec. & Chaplain, EDD DAVY Doorkeeper, WM. HILL Conductor.

CHATAIGNIER.

CHATAIGNIER, June 23, 1891. Editor CLARION.—Last Saturday the Read's Bridge school closed its second annual session, with a grand picnic. A large concourse of people had assembled in a spacious grove to witness the youthful votaries of knowledge in their first attempt in declamation and elocution.

The programme was carried out to the letter, and the well drilled children acted their parts remarkably well, and were warmly greeted by the audience.

Mrs. Read, the principal of the school, delivered a stirring address which was received with applause. The pupils also, boys who two years ago could not speak a word of English, delivered some very nice speeches prepared by Mrs. R. one in particular, paid a deserved compliment to T. S. Fontenot and Judge E. H. McGee. The day was fine, the fair ladies looked lovely under the green trees, meat, cakes wine abounded, it was a success, and reflects much credit on Mrs. R.

I am proud to see that the people are willing to help revolve the great wheel of progress, it seems as if they were awakening to the reality that education is necessary.

Three years ago when Dr. Read and lady, came here, there was not a school house for many miles around, now we have three public schools in an area of a little more than five miles, and Mrs. Read's makes four.

The Doctor with his thorough knowledge of men and business, had good active trustees appointed for this school, funds were drawn from the school board, a commodious school-house built, and all this without a dollar of expense to the parents and patrons.

The beneficial effect of public schools has already wrought a great change in this community, and experience proves, that when people work zealously for the advancement of free education, their future career will be onward and upward.

Mrs. Violette the talented teacher of the Guillet free school, has finished her term, and gone off to recuperate.

The anti-lottery campaign was opened in New Orleans, at the Grand Opera House, last Thursday night. Rev. B. M. Palmer, Hon. Don Caffery and Hon. J. H. Stone addressed the meeting. The indications are that from this out, a vigorous campaign will be prosecuted throughout the State.

A young man advertised for a wife, and his sister answered the advertisement; and now the young man thinks there is no balm in advertisements, and the old people think it pretty hard to have two fools in one family.

Adolphe Donato, a prominent colored man of Opelousas, died June 24th, aged 60 years.

The police jury will meet Monday, July 6th.

Miss Blossom—"Whar in d'world's yo' been since Chris'mis, Miss Pettigrew?"

Miss Pettigrew—"I done got 'sploded at d' party."

Miss Blossom—"Sho'?"

Miss Pettigrew—"Ya-as. Dat low-down Peters gal gub me a chew ob gum, an' when I bit on it I foun' hit wuz a torpato."—Judge.

No Relish For Democratic Medicine.

Pinchback, Baldwin, Herwig and other lottery kings have no relish for Democratic medicine. Apprehending the effect of an unadulterated dose, unlined or sugar-coated, the luminaries are combining their efforts and influence to withhold the so-called revenue amendment from consideration in the next Democratic convention. The lotteryites favor and advocate the policy of "hands off" and "silent persuasion."

Height of Cruelty.

Nervous women seldom receive the sympathy they deserve. While often the pictures of health, they are constantly ailing. To withhold sympathy from these unfortunates is the height of cruelty. They have a weak heart, causing shortness of breath, fluttering, pain in side, weak and hungry spells, and finally swelling of ankles, oppression, choking, smothering and dropsy. Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure is just the thing for them. For their nervousness, headache, weakness, etc., his Restorative Nervine is unequalled. Fine treatise on "Heart and Nervous Diseases" and marvelous testimonials free. Sold and guaranteed by F. E. Bailey, agent.

Things Have Changed.

Immediately after the Legislature adjourned, St. Mary was undoubtedly a lottery parish, but things have changed about the people have seen the fallacy of lottery arguments, and abandoned the old revenue virtue. The Farmers' Alliance has grown remarkably within the last six months, and when the time comes St. Mary will go anti.

A Wonder Worker.

Mr. Frank Hoffman, a young man of Burlington, Ohio, states that he had been under the care of two prominent physicians, and used their treatment until he was not able to get around. They pronounced his case to be Consumption and incurable. He was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds and at that time was not able to walk across the street without resting. He found, before he had used half of a dollar bottle, that he was much better; he continued to use it and is to-day enjoying good health. If you have any Throat, Lung or Chest Trouble try it. We guarantee satisfaction. Trial bottle free at F. E. Bailey's drug store.

About \$50,000,000 in 4 1/2 per cent United States bonds will mature next September, but Secretary Foster is of the opinion that there will be no money in the treasury to redeem them, and that they will have to be let run a while longer yet. When the Democratic administration went out of office it left more than enough money in the treasury to pay this debt off, but the reckless appropriations of the last Republican Congress has resulted in all of this being squandered and the United States will have to carry this debt for some time longer owing to the manner in which the nation's money has been recklessly thrown away by the party which at present controls legislation.—Delta.

A Mystery Explained.

The papers contain frequent notices of rich, pretty and educated girls eloping with negroes, tramps and coachmen. The well-known specialist, Dr. Franklin Miles, says all such girls are more or less hysterical, nervous, very impulsive, glib-tongued, usually subject to headache, neuralgia, sleeplessness, immoderate crying or laughing. These show a weak nervous system for which there is no remedy except to Restorative Nervine. Trial bottles and a fine book, containing many marvelous cures free at F. E. Bailey's drugstore, who also sells and guarantees Dr. Miles' celebrated New Heart Cure, the finest of heart tonics. Cures fluttering, short breath, etc.

Mr. Morris said in Baton Rouge last summer that he did not want a renewal of his charter unless he could get it by Democratic votes. That was when he thought he could get them. Now that he has found out that his gambling scheme will be overwhelmingly defeated in the next convention his papers throughout the State are saying that it is not a party question and should not be put before the convention.—Delta.

Electric Bitters.

This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise.—A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum and other affections caused by impure blood.—Will drive Malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all Malarial fevers.—For cure of Headache, Constipation and Indigestion try Electric Bitters.—Entire satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded. Price 50¢ and \$1.00 per bottle at F. E. Bailey's drugstore.

Mamma (to her little daughter)—"There, now, I'm busy. Run away and play with the old cat."

Little Daughter—"Why, mamma, that's just what the new nursemaid said to papa yesterday when he kissed her."

Miles' Nerve and Liver Pills.

Act on a new principle—regulating the liver, stomach and bowels through the nerves. A new discovery. Dr. Miles' Pills speedily cure biliousness, bad taste, torpid liver, piles, constipation. Unequalled for men, women, children. Smallest, mildest, surest! 50 doses, 25¢. Samples Free, at F. E. Bailey's drugstore.

The lottery is a mathematical scheme. It adds to the already overflowing coffers of Millionaire Morris; it subtracts from the already impoverished people; it multiplies crime; and it divides the people. It is also worked by "the rule of three."—Delta.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by F. E. Bailey, druggist.

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

An old wooden statue of George Washington, fully ten feet high, was brought to light in New York. It is discovered that it used to stand in Battery park.

Israel L. Landis, of Lancaster, Pa., an inventor of some note, has been honored with a corresponding honorary membership in the Inventors' Academy of Paris.

Some men have done really hard mental work while asleep. Condorcet finished a train of calculations in his sleep which had much puzzled him during the day.

The coffin in which the late King of Holland is buried is twice the size required owing to the undertaker confusing the new Dutch metre and the old in his measurement, which mistake was discovered too late to be remedied.

Brigham Young did not possess the fabulous wealth that was credited to him. He left just \$1,300,000 when he died, and this sum was divided according to the strictest laws of equity among eighteen wives and their children.

A New York letter says: "Certain New York firms have been trying good-far the scheme has been unsuccessful. Three of the women married inside a week, and four more are engaged, while the balance sympathize with the poor fellows who have run into debt and have not collected a cent."

"It is calculated," says one of the New York Telegram's exchanges, "that a man walking day and night could make a journey round the earth in 428 days." This is the sort of information the people pine for, although it may be months before we can find a man capable of walking continuously for 428 days and nights. A somnambulist might succeed if he could only be hypnotized into going in the right direction while asleep.

The Original "Annie Laurie."

One of the four daughters of Sir Robert Laurie, first baronet of Maxwellton, by his second wife, who was a daughter of Riddell, of Minto. The song was written by a Mr. Douglas, of Finland, about the end of the seventeenth or beginning of the eighteenth century; but it is a sad fact that the poetical lover did not obtain the bonnie Annie for his wife. She was married to a Mr. Furguson, of Craigdarroch, —N. Y. Ledger.

Frank Moore, compiler of "The Rebellion Record," and also an enthusiastic collector of antiquities and curiosities of the revolutionary period, has secured what he is confident is a genuine portrait of General George Washington, engaged in smoking a pipe. It is by a Southern artist and was found among the property of an old Virginia family. He will shortly reproduce it for public printing. He says it will not detract in the least from the generally prevailing idea of the great personal dignity of Washington.

There used to be a piece of advice given by old-time lecturers on health that in cold weather, and especially in a dusty atmosphere, people should keep their mouths shut when out of doors and breathe through the nose. The air is better warmed in its passage to the lungs if taken thus than if taken otherwise. The particles of dust, also, are less likely to get into the lower air passages by way of the nose than by way of the mouth. There was good sense in the advice of the old-time lecturers on this subject.—N. Y. Sun.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE."

A stingy man does the devil's work for nothing.—Ram's Horn.

She—"Please hold my wrap." He—"Certainly. Shall I put it around you first?"—Life.

There are men who claim to have religion, who let their wives carry all the coal.—Ram's Horn.

Disappointment never comes in life to the baby who has a horn given to him for a Christmas present and then finds he hasn't wind enough to blow it.—Somerville Journal.

Presently, when we think that we have caught cold or the measles, or something, we shall be exclaiming: "Dear me! I must have taken a microbe."—Washington Post.

Customer—"The milk is a little bit blue, don't you think?" Milkman—"If you had as many one-horse jokes made about you as city milk has, you would feel a little blue yourself."—Indianapolis Journal.

The Stamp of a Gentleman.—Father—"There is a gentleman in the parlor for you." Daughter—"Who is he?" Father—"I don't know, but he is gentleman, for he offered me an imported cigar."—N. Y. Sun.

"Tommy, my dear, what are you crying for?" said a lady to her little boy, who had just returned from church. "Because the clergyman says we must all be born again, and I'm afraid I shall be born a girl next time."—Christian Register.

Manager of Crematorium.—"Madam, we have both the French and Milanese system, which would you prefer for the late lamented?" Widow—"Oh, the French. My poor husband always hated Italian cooking."—Pharmaceutical Era.

Miss Nancy—"I can not marry you, Mr. Winkle." Mr. Winkle—"If you can be so cruel as to refuse the suit of one who loves you as much as I do, then you are not worthy of a love so great as mine and I do not love you. Eternal farewell."—Bostonian.

Two of Two Cities.—She was intense, He was immense, He hailed from Chicago, she came from the Hub. He tendered affection, she gave him rejection—He couldn't go baked beans, and that was the rub.—New York Herald.

Woman—"Officer, where is the car that goes past the Central Station?" Officer—"It will be along in a minute, ma'am, and I'll show it to you. [A minute elapses.] There's your car, lady! Hurry and you may catch it!" Woman—"Oh, I don't want to take the car till to-morrow, officer. I just thought I'd come today and see what it looked like."—Buffalo Express.

In Massachusetts a murderer can plead insanity, but if convicted of the crime he is sent to an asylum for life. In Texas he is turned loose to contract another attack of "irresponsibility." The Yankees can teach us many excellent things yet, if we will but make an honest effort to learn.—Houston Post.

It is in Louisiana as it is in Texas. The murderer is too frequently exonerated on the plea of "irresponsibility."—Caucasian.

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Two hunters were paddling a canoe on Poke Moonshine Lake, Maine, one night recently, when one of them, in the dark, thought he saw a rock ahead. His companion, in the stern, who had been warned to sheer out, exclaimed that it was something alive, and, grasping his rifle, fired two shots and killed a fine buck, which was quickly towed ashore.

A young Russian and his sweetheart decided to come to this country to get married. On the way over they had a quarrel, and after landing here she would have nothing to do with him. She is without friends and penniless, and will have to be sent back if she will not compromise with her lover, who has procured a clergyman and is anxious to marry her.

The canned fruits and meats exported by the United States have improved thirty per cent in the last two years, and are again being largely purchased in countries which had almost outlawed them. Packers found that adulterating their goods, in haste to get rich, simply killed a market in one season, and only first-class goods are now shipped.—Detroit Free Press.

A pleasant surprise came to the daughter of a female miser who closed her career a few weeks ago in Paris. The woman was thought, had died without funds; and when her relatives drew lots for her furniture, a cheap statuette fell to her daughter. The latter was about to dash it to the floor in vexation, when bank notes and securities to the amount of \$10,000 dropped out of the statuette.

A family living in New York own a small skye terrier which is partially crippled in his hind legs. When he moves on all fours his speed is moderate. To get along faster he has taught himself to walk and run on his front feet only, balancing the rear part of his body boldly aloft. Every once in a while he will rest himself by getting down on all fours, but most of his traveling is done on his front feet.

Public officials will soon have to have a scientific education. Michigan has a law giving a bonus of three cents a head for every head of an English sparrow brought in to an official in charge of that law. No examination in ornithology is required of the official; and it is said the officials in many cases are so ignorant of the subject that the heads of all sorts of birds are palmed off on them as the heads of English sparrows.

The statue of William Penn for the apex of the iron tower surmounting the public building at Philadelphia is being cast in sections at the Tacony works. It will stand on a space only five feet square, so that one of its feet will project a little over the edge. The statue will weigh thirty tons and be held in place by a great rod of iron starting fifty feet below the platform in the interior of the tower. The upper part of this tower is to be clothed with bronze.

It was at one time claimed and attempted to prove that the Puritan Mayflower of 1620 was afterward used as a slave ship. Close research revealed the fact that the slave was another ship of the same name and different burden. Historical records show that about the year 1474 Richard, Duke of Gloucester, had a ship called the Mayflower; and Hunter, in his "Founders of New England," mentions some twenty ships as bearing that name between the years 1533 and 1833.

Recent statistics prove that in the United States 38 women are engaged in different occupations to every 100 men, and in Philadelphia 50 women are employed to every 100 men. Fifty years ago seven industries were acknowledged as open to women in Massachusetts. To-day there are 284 industries in that State in which women are engaged, and in 32 representative cities of the United States 342 occupations in which women are successfully working. Woman's influence as a business partner, too, is increased on the basis of numbers to one-sixteenth, and as a stockholder to more than one-fourth.

The food of humming birds consists mainly of insects, mostly gathered from the flowers they visit. An acute observer writes that even among the common flower-frequenting species he has found the alimentary canal entirely filled with insects and very rarely a trace of honey. It is this fact, doubtless, that has hindered almost all attempts at keeping them in confinement for any length of time—nearly every one making the experiment having fed his captives only with sirup, which is wholly insufficient as sustenance, and seeing therefore the wretched creatures gradually sink into inanition and die of hunger.

THE WINDOW-TAX.

A Queer Law of Old-Time England and Scotland.

By the act of Parliament of the forty-third year of George III., from and after 5th April, 1804, in England, and 24th May, 1804, in Scotland, a tax was levied on the windows of dwelling-houses. On a house of not more than six windows and skylights, whether exterior or interior, under the annual rent of five pounds, a duty was charged, annually, of six shillings in England and four shillings in Scotland. Of annual rent of five pounds and above, in England eight shillings and in Scotland six shillings, and so proportionately to a house of one hundred and eighty windows, which was charged in England eighty-three pounds and in Scotland eighty-two pounds and eighteen shillings. A house with above one hundred and eighty windows was charged, both in England and Scotland, half-a-crown for every light. Exemptions from the tax were: (1.) Any house of the King, or any member of the royal family; (2.) any public office, hospital, charity school or house provided for poor persons—except the officers' or servants' apartments; (3.) any room in a house for divine worship; (4.) any dairy connected with a dwelling-house, the windows of which were made with splines or wooden laths, or iron bars, and without glass, and the door of which had the words "Dairy" or "Cheese Room" painted on it.—N. Y. Ledger.

What Makes a Nation.

Fifty millions of people on three millions of square miles of territory do not constitute the United States of America. A million or so of people occupying twenty-one thousand square miles did not constitute Greece. It was the Greeks who constituted Greece; it is Americans who constitute America. So many people thrown together on one territory no more make a nation than so many blocks of stone thrown together in a pile make a temple, or so many types in a pl a book, or so many threads in a tangle a fabric. Every nation has its own distinguishing features, its own type of character, its own consciousness, its own life. To constitute a nation there must be not only people and land and laws, but laws that are self-evolved, literature that is the expression of national life, language fitted to express that life, and therefore a life to be expressed.—Century.

King Albert, of Saxony, is sixty-two years old and has been on the throne for seventeen years. He is a huntsman of note and is at home on the Bohemian frontier. The hunting dinners at which he presides recall the great feasts his ancestors had on similar occasions. Each huntsman is a hero for the evening according to the number of the visible evidences of his prowess in the field. When a man has shot a stag he is entitled to wear a bunch of fur in his hat, and a bunch of oak adorns him if he has killed a deer.

Distressing Indeed.—About the most distressing thing that can happen a man is to meet the girl who rejected him a year before, when he is out rolling the perambulator containing the bowling pledge of the affection of the girl whom he married "just for spite."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Walter Damosch is a brilliant young man, and the religious paper that prints his name D—roch ought to suspend publication. What is the use of making a name for one's self if a too conscientious paper can deprive the maker of one-eighth of it at one fell swoop?—Continent.

It may be that your wife would rather have a kind word and some new clothes now than silver handles on her coffin and a grave-stone with big letters on it by and by.—Ram's Horn.

SAILORS' SLANG.

Queer Phrases Used by the Men Who Sail the Deep.

A "yard" on shore means the empty space at the rear or front of a dwelling; at sea it means the spar that crosses the mast, carrying a sail. A "whip" is a thing well known to small boys and coachmen, but at sea it is the tackle formed by a single rope drows through a block. "Lizards" are not reptiles, but pieces of rope, with a ring spliced in; while the "cathead" has no connection with pussy, but refers to a projecting piece of timber that is seen on the forward part of a ship. "Bees" are heavy pieces of planking, and "knees" and "knightheads" are timbers forming part of a ship's frame. A "firerail" is the rail on the poop, and has nothing to do with a musical instrument. "Boating" does not mean straining, but sailing a ship by tacks; a "bonnet" is a piece of canvas laced to the job, and not an article of ladies' headwear. An "earring" is not an ornament, but a ring sewed into a sail.

So, too, with expressions denoting the force of wind. "A smorter" is a heavy gale, a "catspaw" being a little breeze, and by no means indicating a feline's pot. "Fiddles" are racks put on a table to keep plates from falling, and are destitute of music, while the "glory hole" is not reached by Jacob's ladder, but is in the stern portion of steamers, where the under stewards and waiters sleep.

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