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And they wouldn't sell you now
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You have knock the last pretence,
Baby mine, baby mine,
Out of scientific gents,
Baby mine,
Who pretended to say what can't
And what can be done—or shan't—
By a female elephant,
Baby mine.—N. Y. Sun.

SUICIDE OF A PRIEST.

Our community was painfully startled at about half-past 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the sudden announcement that Father Germaine Marty, who has been connected with St. Mary's Cathedral, in this city, for some time past, had committed suicide by severing his windpipe and carotid artery with a razor. Our reporter at once repaired to the Episcopal residence, attached to the cathedral, to learn the particulars. Father Marty occupies the first room on the right going in, and upon entering the door a fearful sight greeted us. The reverend gentleman lay upon his bed with his throat cut entirely across, the windpipe severed and the carotid artery cut, while the razor, with which the terrible deed was committed, lay resting upon his shoulder, where it had fallen from his hand after the wound had been inflicted.

From Father Gringon we learn the following particulars: Farther Marty's mind has been for some time past very weak, so much so that he was not permitted to perform any of the more important offices at the cathedral to which he was attached, and constant watch was kept upon his actions to see that no harm befel him during his temporary aberrations of mind. In fact, Father Marty was sent to this station on account of his failing health and mental impairment, with the hope that he would regain his health and fully recover his mental faculties. During his stay here he became devotedly attached to Bishop Elder, and it is thought that the departure of the bishop for Cincinnati so completely unbalanced the unfortunate gentleman's mind that he committed the rash act while labering under a fit of mental aberration. As an evidence of this he went to the telegraph office in this city a day or two ago, and insisted upon sending a dispatch to Rome demanding that all steps taken toward sending Bishop Elder to Cincinnati be revoked, but was prevented from sending the telegram.—Natchez Democrat.

MANY PEOPLE

have valued pictures of deceased relatives, that are fading. These can be copied, and enlarged. Burke carries instruments made expressly for this class of work, take the picture with you, when you want to know the cost of reproduction.

—The soda fountain at Sweetman & Friend's is in operation.

TRUE STORIES ABOUT ANIMALS.

The Menagerie takes a vote on the Presidential Question.

The elephant came strolling into the big tent just after the close of the afternoon performance, and the animals were talking politics, having caught it from the chatter they had heard in the audience. They didn't know a great deal about politics in the cages, but that, you know, children, is no bar to talking politics. Indeed, no. Some of our Congressmen who hold on to office the longest, and talk the most and the loudest, don't—but I digest. The elephant listened to the rest of the animals for a little while, and then he said to the giraffe:

'Whose your candidate for President?'

'Blaine,' said the giraffe.

'Yes,' the elephant said, 'that's you Your ideas are always away up. You can't get your head out of the top of a pine tree. Just because Mr. Blaine was so quick to see where the giraffe came in, in Dr. Garcelon's menagerie, you think he will pay particular attention to you. You take care of yourself, my aristocratic friend. Your head isn't as long as your neck by forty feet. You can,t come the giraffe over Mr. Blaine. I say, 'Old Faithful,' he continued, addressing the big dog in the 'Happy Family,' 'who is your man?'

The Newfoundland said he was for John Sherman.

'Yes,' the elephant said, 'because he's interested in the currency. If he is elected you will want the tarriff put upon dog-wood, just the same as Peruvian bark. Well, go ahead, howl for a free ballot and an unmuzzled press and don't whine if you are beat, as you usually do. 'Jean Valjean,' he went on, turning to the tiger, 'who are you for?'

'Any man that comes close to my cage,' replied the amiable animal in the convict's suit.

'Correct you are,' said the elephant; but you can count me out when you begin balloting. Who is the next animal to vote?'

The hyena said he was for Tilden first, last and all the time.

'I'll bet you,' commented the elephant, 'anybody might know you would go for a dead man, you wretched apotheosis of an Ohio medical student. Ah, you Seventeenth Ward reconstructionist, you'll run against a Circleville torpedo some of these days that will knock that smile of yours into a cocked had. Any respectable citizen of the menagerie ready to express his preference before I close the polls?'

The tortoise said he was in favor of Fitz-John Porter.

'Of course you are,' said the elephant, 'because he moves just about fast enough to suit your gate. If he doesn't move forward any livelier for the Presidency than he did for Gen. Pope, he won't hear of the nominations until six week after the election. You'd make a good running mate for him in war time, and you ought to get along pretty well in politics. The next zoological wonder and living curiosity will step up lively; can't keep these polls open all night; we've got to dress for the evening performance yet.'

The turkey expressed himself warmly in favor of David Davis.

'Right you are,' said the elephant. 'And that's because he keeps you comfortably on the fence all the time. Moreover, he looks more like me than any of the other candidates, and it is eminently proper and respectful in you to support him on that account. Any other voice from the plains and the jungles?'

The gopher shouted as lustily as he could for Mr. Seymour.

'Sure enough,' said the elephant, 'because he stays in his little hole all the time, just like yourself. Well, gopher him if you wish; this is a free country, all except the menagerie, which costs you a quarter of a dollar every time you look at it. Come now, move along lively, or you lose your vote' poll close—'

The wild ass of the desert here stepped to the front and roared his voice for Mr. De La Matyr, of Indiana, amid the wildest enthusiasm and loud hootings throughout the tent.

The elephant winked at the cages with a merry twinkle in his eye That's right, my brave cactus-eater,' he said; 'you are naturally and properly one of Mr De La Matyr,s followers. Brays him up to the skies if you want to. Nepotism is fashionable in this country now. Next voter?'

The monkey timidly said that if he were allowed a voice he would vote for—

'Proctor Knott!' roard the whole menagerie; but the elephant said sternly:

'There now' enough of that; no intimidation at the polls. No one else! Oyez, oyez! The polls are closed and the judges will proceed to count the ballot'

He then announced the result of the vote as follows: Grant, 54.

'But,' inquired she animals, 'how does that come?'

'Well' said the elephant, 'it comes, all the same, and don't you forget it. Don't I weigh more than all this menagerie put together? What do you animals know about politics, anyhow?'

And the animals were well pleased to think they were allowed to vote any how, and they were delighted that the election was over, and their man elected, so they gave three cheers for Grant, and rolled around in the straw to dress for the evening's performance.—Burlington Hawkeye.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21, 1880.

The two Houses of Congress have been in wrangles, for the past week over various questions. The Senate is listening to speeches about the Geneva award, or what remains of it—some ten million dollars. Senators Blaine, Carpenter, Thurman, Jones of Florida, and Edmunds have spoken, and Eaton and others will speak. Senator Conkling has not so far got beyond asking the various speakers questions, but is said to contemplate a speech on the subject. This senator has been nothing but an animated interrogation point, so far during the session.

The particular cause of delay in the House now is the immediate Deficiency bill, or, rather, Senate amendments to it. The radical minority forced the wasting of yesterday on that bill by parliamentary tactics.

Pohtical history is being made rapidly this month. In the Democratic party yesterday was a day of importance, being that of the New York State Democratic Convention. The delegates selected are unequivocally for Tilden, but are at the same time not men who will pursue a phantom. If at any time the nomination of Tilden at Cincinnati should appear to them to be inexpedient, they are of the class of men who will know what to do, and when to act, and will have the courage to act. Of the body of men who met at the same time and in the same city as the Democratic Convention, and called themselves Democrats, it can only be said that they have made a mistake as to the name to which they are entitled. Such of them as have any honest Democratic sentiments will be found acting inside the party this fall. The others will benefit the party by leaving it.

Among Republicans everything points to Grant as the candidate. Sherman has Ohio, and, probably, scattering votes in the South. His friends claim 200 votes at the Chicago Convention on the first ballot. They would gladly compromise on fifty. Blaine has Maine, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Rhode Island, part of Connecticut, Texas, Pennsylvania, New York and stands a good show for some Illinois votes, his friends claim everything.

So much history has been made in the present month, it is not by any means certain who will be the Democratic Presidential candidate. The party has excellent material and much of it, to select from. But as it knows, or thinks it knows the candidate against whom it must nominate, and that, I suppose, was the governing reason for calling its Convention late in June, after the radicals held theirs. Democrats can now come to a conclusion upon their own candidate. Those most in the East are Hancock, Tilden, Seymour and Bayard, and in the West, Thurman, Hendricks and Palmer. All are good men, and could be elected.

DEMOCRAT.

No little anxiety is being manifested in this country to see that grand example of Egyptian monumental art "Cleopatra's Needle," which was presented some time ago to the United States by the Khedive of Egypt. The work of taking down and transporting the great obelisk to this country is under the supervision of Lieutenant-Commander Gorringe, of the U. S. Navy, who is being backed by the splended liberality of Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt, of New York, who has agreed to bear the entire expense of the undertaking, which it is calculated will reach near $100,000. This obelisk from Alexandria, is 70 feet in hieght, and is 7 feet 7 inches by 8 feet 2 inches at the base. It is pink granite, supposed to have been taken from the quarries of Syene, and from the Greek inscription upon it, it was erected and dedicated to King Thothmes III, in the days of Moses. If no accident occurs "Cleopatra's Needle" will reach New York in the early part of the summer, and be erected in some suitable place in that city, when, doubtless, thousands of persons will be attracted thither to see the great curiosity and behold its hieroglyphics, which were probably seen and read by the Jews at the time of Moses, or when the Savior was taken by his parents to Egypt as a place of refuge from Herod's rage.

—I will give a fifteen dollar photograph in water colors of the baby between six months and two years of age, that makes the most pleasing picture, fifty babies to compete, gem pictures, ruled out; go early in the day. The best time is generally after the baby's morning sleep. JNO. J. BURKE.

—By all means buy a Louisiana Lottery ticket from Gus Brown and participate in the grand monthly drawing which takes place on the second Tuesday of May next.

—Go to Sweetman & Friend's for a refreshing glass of sada water.

THE WESTERN STAPLE.

Notwithstanding the serious drawback in the early part of the season consequent upon the low stage of the river, the grain trade of this port has been most promising and gives renewed assurance of becoming, at no distant day, a collossal commercial factor. The shipments for the present month are expected to exceed those of last, and those best informed in this branch of trade estimate that the gross receipts and exports for the whole season will fully double those of last year.

As an illustration of the steady increase in the trade it may be mentioned that from September, 1878, to March, 1879, the total exports of corn through this port was 2,260,670 bushel, of wheat 1,369,808 bushels, of rye 214,934 For the season beginning September, 1879, to March, 1880, the total was 1,232,387 bushels of corn, 2,314,767 bushels of wheat, and rye 214,934, showing a gross increase of over 100 per cent.

Recently some inconvenience occurred owing to a lack of sufficient marine tonnage. This is owing to an advance in freights in the North and East, which has naturally attracted tonnage in that direction. Early in the season there was any amount of tonnage at hand, but the difficulty arising from low water caused a comparatively small shipment of grain, and consequently a longer wait for ships. The case is now, however, partially reversed, but still the inconvenience is not very great.

Though in many instances it has been urged that the elevator capacity is not adequate to the shipments of grain, and in some instances has caused unnecessary detentions, it is not frequently that this want is notably felt. Mr. Higby is now building a floating elevator of great capacity, which it is thought will be completed in less than a month. As the grain season proper runs till July, it will be seen that the new elevator will have opportunity to render effective service for several months to come. The season may run even much further, should the stage of the river warrant it.

The tour line of barges now plying between St. Louis and New Orleans are constantly increasing their number of barges. Scarcely a tow comes here which has not one or two new barges in line, and by the opening of next season an immense series of fleets may be expected with possibly new companies in the field. The Western farmers and shippers seem to be the more impressed with the desirability of the Mississippi as a means of transporting their products abroad.

A feature of no inconsiderable magnitude is that it has been found that grain shipped from New Orleans has invariably arrived in good condition at its place of destination. Heretofore it was frequently complained that the grain was damaged and this was owing to its passage through the climate of New Orleans; but it has been found that the real cause was a defective system of inspection which permitted the shipment of damaged goods. At the present time a different rule is observed, and under rigid system of inspection, conducted under the supervision of Mr. J. T. Belknap, no damaged grain is allowed to be shipped. It was therefore carelessness, not climate, which raised the complaint of damaged freights.—N. O Democrat.

IT IS DISCOURAGING.

It is discouraging, and it is no wonder that decent people quit in disgust. The modern processes of politics are such, that nothing less than a perfect willingness to sacrifice principle to policy and expediency, and an eagerness to combine with the schemers, will elect a man to office. It is even worse than this. It would be laughable if it was not disgraceful to notice how gingerly the politians talk of such a thing as the Louisiana Lottery Company. They know it is dangerous to antagonize such a power. At the beginning of the last session of the General Assembly, it had absolute control of the New Orleans politics. By the time the session was over, it had absolute control of the whole State government and now we have the lamentable spectacle of a State, such as ours, at the mercy of a rich, unscrupulous gambling corporation. It is enough to excite the alarm of the people. It will grow worse and worse. Already the State is so under this domination, and it has so fastened itself that it will be more difficult to shake it off, than it was to shake off Kellogg & Co. There should be no underestimating its power. Men, loved, honored and trusted by the people, have bowed and put on its yoke. Who has ever heard our dearly beloved young Governor say aught against the Lottery Company. He must have known e'er this that it has bribed and corrupted every legislature—for ten years—and he could not have failed to know, that its money passed the disgraceful Lottery articles in the Constitution. And yet, while this serpent has trailed its sinuous course through the State House, and held the Speaker in its deadly embrace, and showed the figure of its coil neath the tawdy trapping of his strutting brigadiers, still he has no word of caution and never in any of his numerous electic productions has seen fit to say, that bribery and corruption is rampant—to the destruction of all true interest—that rascality is holding high carnival in the Halls of the General Assembly. Tis time to sound the alarm. When Charlie Howard elects the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, and for any purpose that suits him, can control a sufficient number of Democratic members to pass or defeat any bill. There is no disguising these facts, and the day is not far distant, when he will invade our courts of justice. Judges will do his bidding as Legislators do, and judgments will be rendered by his dictation, and as a consideration of money he has won by gambling. Yes! gambling. we say gambling, because he has hired two ex-Confederate Generals, Jubal Early and G. T. Beauregard to deal the cards, is no reason why it should not be called gambling. There is nothing to distinguish it from the cheating rascal that deals cards or dice in the third story on St. Charles street, except the stupendous proportions of the game. And though a thousand Confederate Generals were to prostitute their celebrity, and thus bring shame to our dear lost cause and uniforms, it would still be gambling. More disgraceful than that where men are equally matched. A pathetic sight to see Howard and his Confederate Generals on one side of the wheel, and on the other, a motly throng of men, women and children, beguiled from their honest occupations, thus taught to forget the wave of honest thift. Just think of it. Almost millions of dollars invested in one gambling scheme, backed by the Legislature of Louisiana, and flying the "stary cross" of the "Lost Cause." As a Confederate soldier, I protest. "Furl that banner." As a citizen of Louisiana, I protest, and call the attention of all honest men to the disgrace and danger. There should be no issue of any paper, from this day on, till the people are thoroughly aroused. And I specially call upon the people of North Louisiana, that their representatives are in large part responsible for the deplorable state of affairs. Look well to it, and be not deceived. You have some Brigadier-Generals, and Judges too amongst you who have the instinct of peddlars. Call meetings and instruct your representatives, and be assured that East Louisiana feels keenly the disgrace, and that we intend to hold to a strict accountability everybody who has trafficked with the devil.

And next week I propose to tell who trafficed with the devil.—*Junius in Patriot-Democrat.*

☞ The Supreme Chancellor has appointed Dr. Beard to institute the New Lodge at Bayou Sara. As soon as the supplies from the Supreme Lodge arrive, Bro Beard, accompanied by a detachment of Knights, will proceed to Bayou Sara, initiate the new members and institute the Lodge.—Southern Knight.

☞ The comparative profit of large and small farms is a question which will not stay settled. In a few cases the subdivision of labor and economy of system tell favorably on returns; generally, however, the want of capital, incapacity for systematic effort, or little wastes and leakages make ambitious undertakings comparatively unprofitable. One advantage in the small farm system is the necessary appropriation of every source of income; the utilization of every capacity for production, and the employment of the labor of every member of the rural family. The French afford a good illustratration of this idea. No fragment of time, no product of growth, no ray of sunshine or drop of rain is permitted to be lost. The care of the silkworm and the keeping of poultry are among these minor industries that afford employment to the extremes of youth and age. The comparative profit of small and large flocks of chickens only illustrates in an exaggerated fashion the difficulty in getting a profit out of big farms. One in a thousand will conduct poultry operations profitably on a large scale by observing with extreme care the conditions that made a small flock profitable. If the birds are allowed free range without crowding; pure air and water, and the needed variety of food, vegetable and animal, which a small flock obtains in its voluntary circuit of the farm, they will be healthy and profitable. But it is extremely difficult to fulfill all these conditions.—[New York Tribune.

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