

The growing winter wheat crop in this country this year, covers 3,049,631 acres, against 2,970,060 last year.

No, Melinda, you are wrong; it is not the sharpness of the point of a pencil that makes a paragraph; it is the sharpness of the fellow who makes the point.—Philadelphia Item.

A Wisconsin farmer twenty-three years ago planted a piece of waste land, unfit for cultivation, with black-walnut trees. The trees are now from sixteen to twenty inches in diameter and have been sold for \$27,000.

The Charleston (S. C.) News says that the Georgia Historical Society have a drum which was used at the battle of Cowpens, 17th of January, 1781. It is in good preservation and serviceable, and traces its existence back to Major Cunningham's Georgia Battalion.

The Port Vincent Livingstonian contained an illiterative fling to the effect that "The St. Bernard Eagle was a little but live, loud, lustrous and logical journal." In self defense the Eagle was compelled to retort that the Livingstonian was a lubricated, ladicrous, luminous lusus nature.

If your character be unjustly attacked, live; time will remove the aspersion. If you have spiteful enemies, live, and disappoint their malice. If you have kind and faithful friends, live to bless and protect them. If you have hope for immortality, live and prepare to enjoy it.

In the California Legislature a novel bill has been introduced in regard to murder. It provides that the widow and children of any victim of murder, whether the murderer be declared insane or not, shall be empowered to proceed against him in civil suits, and if he be dead the action may be brought against his widow and children, or his heirs, administrators and assigns of any kind whatsoever.

A member of the Canadian Parliament, who had his coat stolen from him in Ottawa, borrowed one of a friend, and as it was much too small, was arrested by the Police while on his way home on suspicion of theft and taken to the Police station. While he was there the thief who had stolen his coat was brought in. Explanations were made, the member was released, and the thief was the next day sentenced to prison for one year.

A Western paper announced as follows: "Mr. Maguire will wash himself before he assumes the office of sheriff." This made Maguire mad, and he demanded a retraction, which the paper made thus: "Mr. Maguire requested us to deny our statement that he will wash himself before he assumes the office of sheriff." Oddly enough this only enraged Maguire the more. Some people are so hard to please.

An outspoken judge had to sentence a prisoner at Danville, Va., a few days ago, to imprisonment for eighteen years, for murder, the jury making a "compromise verdict." The judge informed the defendant that the sentence was due to the "moral cowardice of twelve men." Telling him that he considered him guilty, the judge added: "You should rejoice and praise God that you fell into the hands of and were tried by a jury of your peers."

St. Bernard Eagle: The Baton Rouge CAPITOLIAN has entered upon its third volume, and we should like to say something appropriate to the occasion, if it were not that we have already exhausted our vocabulary of praise in its favor. Every issue of this popular journal bears an introductory impress of congratulation that speaks more on its behalf than we have power to express, and we can only hope that its thirtieth volume will meet with as much success as the one now open before us.

Lord Derby said to the workingmen: "We have heard a great deal recently about the peasantry becoming owners of land and having gardens, fields and farms of their own. Now, an acre of good agricultural land is worth, on an average, about sixty pounds, or, as nearly as possible, three pence for every square yard. I wonder how many workingmen consider that when they order threepenny worth of beer or spirits they are swallowing down a square yard of good agricultural land."

A HARD THROAT.

The following, though pretty hard on some of our conferees, is good enough to be kept standing. It is from the pen of the editor of that staunch Democratic paper, the Thibodaux Sentinel, and in a spirit of friendliness we invite all hands to read it—the one to smile at the grim humor of the old veteran and the other to "acknowledge the corn."

"The country press, that broke out so badly some time ago, in abuse of the new Constitution, seem to have called a halt, in order to catch their breath. The latest effusion that has come to our table is found in the Plaquemine Observer, published below New Orleans. That paper has made the discovery that promises were made to have the taxes collected by the last of December, and away here in January there are thousands of dollars uncollected, consequently the Constitution must be put down. Did it never occur to the editor of that paper that the tax collector, and not the constitution, should collect the taxes? The law to enable the tax collector to collect the taxes is ample, and if he puts the law in force, taxes will be paid. And so these grumblers continue; if it rains too much the constitution must be changed, if the Mississippi gets too high the constitution must be changed, and so on from June to January these foolish objections are heard. The fact is we have a constitution that is a good one, and any faults that may exist within that instrument can easily be remedied. If newspapers would use as much energy in assisting the people to rebuild the waste places; to carry out the requirements of the constitution and to bring out its good points, as some of them do in abusing that instrument, and rendering it distasteful to those who do not comprehend it, they would do the State some service, and increase its prosperity instead of injuring its progress and tranquility."

The great trouble is, we fail to think. One moment's thought will often save us the mortification of foolish expressions. No one would attempt to deny but that there are objectionable features in the constitution. Still there is a way to correct these evils without falling into the greater error of wholesale denunciation, a standpoint that seldom embraces reason or argument.

Now let all of our State papers open their batteries on these objectionable features, and aided by local residents, whose legal knowledge enable them to suggest remedies, bring to bear the wished for correction, by constitutional amendment. This is the most practicable and decidedly the cheapest method.

A GOOD IDEA.

We understand that the Police Jury of St. Bernard Parish has lately selected a young gentleman, from a number of applicants, whom they propose to send to the University in this city, to be educated at the expense of the parish. We also hear that Red River parish proposes to do the same thing. This is a very sensible move, and we have no doubt, while it enables a poor boy to acquire an education, will redound, in time, to the credit and elevation of the parish. A mere glance at the proposition will show the beneficial results of the intellectual competition which it entails. The different parishes will do well to select a young man in this way every two years. Four hundred and fifty-six dollars will defray the expenses of a couple of scholars per year, and while the parish will not feel the expense, genius may be brought to light, where it would otherwise be forever hidden from view. Let the parish papers take this matter in hand, and with their influence bring the movement to a successful issue throughout the entire State. Thus will our University, which should be the pride of every Louisiana, be brought to the immediate notice of the people. We call upon our generous conferees to put their shoulders to the wheel. What will East Baton Rouge do?

The Ponchatoula Gazette throws this red hot shot in the ranks of the extra session advocates: "We are sorry to note that a few of our contemporaries are endeavoring to create a reaction in the matter of an extra session of the Legislature, and strive to persuade their readers that the constitution of 1850 is adequate for all purposes of practical reform—that it is best to let it work its own redemption. The arguments to this end are too fallacious and illogical in their nature to excite any special refutation or to cause any material change in the opposing masses."

STATE NEWS.

Colfax Chronicle: Several days ago Union Brandon, colored, shot the dusky daughter of Wesley Wilkins, because she refused to marry him, hitting her in the face with one buck-shot and in the ribs with another. Brandon is in jail. The girl is not seriously hurt. * * * Last Saturday Orange Benjamin shot another negro named George Pease in the left breast, while engaged in a drunken row, at the store of Mr. A. M. Tenest, eight miles below Colfax. Pease is badly hurt, but his wound is not considered dangerous.

Monroe Bulletin: There never was in the history of Monroe a time when money was so scarce. Men who have been flush for years now ask indulgence. It is getting to be considered a big thing with everybody if they can but make ends meet.

Opelousas Democrat: John Sonnier who was convicted at the last term of court, for the murder of Andre Prud'homme some ten years ago, and sentenced to the penitentiary for life, having failed to obtain a new trial from the Supreme Court, was turned over to the penitentiary convict camp near Washington this week.

Shreveport Standard: We learn from our friend Mr. T. G. Pegues, of DeSoto, who was in the city yesterday, that a most distressing casualty occurred on the plantation of Mr. John J. Marshall, Jr., in the northern part of DeSoto parish on last Thursday night, by which two little colored children were burned to death. A colored man named Thomas Bray-boy, working on Mr. Marshall's place, went off to church in the neighborhood, accompanied by his wife, on the night in question, leaving at home locked up in his house his two little children, aged three and four years. During the absence of the parents the house caught fire and was totally consumed with everything in it, the poor little children perishing in the flames.

Opelousas Democrat: A few winters in succession like the present one has been, would make cattle raising in this country, except where they are fed, a losing business. The prairies are dotted with dead carcasses, in the fields the ditches are often completely stopped up with them. Buzzards, carrion-crows, cur dogs, hogs, and other consumers of carrion, have not been equal to the emergency, and many carcasses are never touched; but the continuous cold weather prevented the whole country from being pervaded with stench.

Natchitoches Vindicator: One night last week two colored men attempted to burglarize the store of Mrs. C. Friedman, at Moutana on Cane river, about twenty miles below this city. In forcing open the store door they gave the alarm by ringing a bell attached thereto, for that purpose. This aroused Mr. Friedman, who answered the summons with a double-barreled shot-gun. The robbers were so closely pushed that they jumped into the river to escape. One named Meuville Bijou was drowned in the attempt to swim the river. A second attempt to rob that store is not likely to occur very soon.

Monroe Bulletin: Last Thursday night Jack Hunter and Peyton Hall, both colored and both charged with larceny, took it into their heads to go forth and earn their bread. Their mode of deliverance was an old one and never disappoints its undertakers. Humanity prompted our Police Jury to put a ventilator in the upstairs rooms and various prisoners have exercised their genius in displacing the iron bars in the ceiling without injury to the house and no considerable expense to the parish. After gaining the roof a rope blanket is made to shorten the leap. Heretofore the implements of escape have been left "to point a moral or adorn a tale," but this time the parties valued them and carried them off. Our jail is a strong one but it has its weak place.

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