

FRANK CALLAWAY was indicted by a St. Louis grand jury last Monday for killing his wife.

THE Illinois legislature adjourned last Friday, and Illinoisians ought to be happy whether they are or not.

SECRETARY OF WAR ALGER has given out that he will not resign. This is a hard blow to his country if true.

IT is estimated that the wheat crop in Illinois this season will not produce more than enough for home consumption and seed.

REV. JOSIAH M. McCRAKY, aged 92 years, died last Tuesday at his home in Nevada, Mo. He was the oldest Mason in Missouri.

A HAILSTORM of such severity occurred in Texas last Sunday that one person was killed and a number of others more or less injured.

THE recent municipal elections have shown encouraging and healthy Democratic gains—especially in such Republican strongholds as Ohio.

THE Missouri legislature passed the general appropriation bill the 14th inst. The national guard appropriation went through at \$20,000.

C. G. JESSE, the man who killed Editor Frank Griffin at Maryville, has been indicted by the grand jury of Nodaway county for murder in the first degree.

THE insurance bill, which had previously passed both houses of the Missouri legislature, became a law Tuesday, by receiving Gov. Stephens' signature.

A KANSAS bridegroom became so irate at having his honeymoon disturbed by a charivari party that he fired into the crowd and mortally wounded one man.

THE editor of the COURIER is only responsible for his own actions, and the man (?) who attempts to hold us accountable for the indiscretions of others is either a mental imbecile or a knave.

THE Democratic party needs no advice from such renegades as Belmont, Croker, Hill, Watterson or any of the balance of the little band of skulkers who assisted in the election of McKinley.

Oh yes, do one doubts that the beef was rotten—but how about the investigation and administration that appointed them? Have you heard of any of the rich packers being prosecuted? Well hardly!

THE sentiment against the imperialism of the gold-grabbing administration is growing very fast, even in the ranks of the Republican party, many prominent Republicans being outspoken against such an un-American policy.

IT is said Speaker Thos. B. Reed has been guaranteed \$50,000 a year if he will agree to become a partner in a New York City law firm. Being a lawyer at \$50,000 per annum ought to beat being a czar in the lower house of congress at \$8,000.

PROF. JOHN HENRY McCracken, a member of the faculty of the New York university, has been tendered the presidency of Westminster college at Fulton. If he accepts he will be the youngest college president in the world, being but 24 years of age.

THE Mazet committee has developed the fact that Richard Croker, the Tammany chieftain, is the uncrowned king of New York. Croker admits that he names Mayor Van Wyck's appointees, leaves tribute of the judiciary and pulls many other political legs in Gotham.

Why is not a silver dollar coined by the United States as good as a piece of paper issued by the government which compels all the people to pay interest to enrich a gang of non-producing parasites, who buy up congress to legislate for their benefit? Let some friend of the gold buzzards please answer.

ONE of the most exacting of the many robber trusts in this country,

and one which most of the news papers never allude to, is the type-founders' trust, which controls all the type-foundries in the United States—as regards prices. The price of type is more than double what it ought to be—compared with the price of labor and material.

LIEUT. GILMORE and 14 men of the Yorktown, who had gone to rescue a force of 80 Spaniards, three officers and two priests near Balem, Luzon, were ambushed and captured by the insurgent Filipinos. No tidings have yet been heard of them, and the worst is feared. The captured men compose a part of Admiral Dewey's marines.

PEACE commissioners have been appointed by the Filipinos for the purpose of conferring with United States authorities in the hope that a stop may be put to further hostilities in the Philippine islands. The wealthy Filipinos are said to be back of the movement and it is regarded as doubtful whether the rebels will agree to the proposed terms of peace.

THE appetites of the New York bankers have grown so ravenous on greed that they have just "made another law" by which they propose to skin all the victims who do business with them, by charging a "punishment" for paying all checks or drafts from the corn-huskers of other states. This is another of the "laws" made by the New York bankers who are getting more and more ravenous. In short it is another trust.

WHEN the foul breath of scandal touches the garment of a friend, it is your duty to believe that friend innocent until his guilt is established. A friendship that will not wear through adversity is worth very little in prosperity. Life would be sweeter and better if friends would trust friends. The scandal-monger can tear down in one day all that it has taken years to build up.

If, indeed, the COURIER had ever justly acquired the title of *Police Gazette*, that diabolical distinction was enviously snatched from its brow last week and transplanted in a sheet that could properly be called the *Sensual Saver*. Just think of such vile stuff as the *Saver* contained last week being read in the family circle! Yet there are characters in this community who feed on scandal like a vulture on carrion. But

"Slander, that worst of poisons, ever finds an easy entrance to ignoble minds."

CHAUNCEY I. FILLEY of St. Louis thinks he has been eliminated. "De ole man" got to talking too much with his mouth and writing too much with his pen a few months ago. It was these two things and making faces at McKinley and "Uncle" Henry Zeigenhein that "eliminated" the once great leader of the Republican party in Missouri. The man who talks out in meeting in the ranks of the Republican party can always depend upon being escorted to a back seat.

IT may be "just the thing" for reform orators, candidates and would-be candidates to attend and toot their bazoos at luxurious and costly banquets, while they are at the same time aware of the extreme misery that prevails in this land, and of the thousands of poor people who would be glad to have the crumbs that fall from the table of such political love feasts. Yes, it may be just the proper caper—for the aristocracy; but we are candidly of the opinion that the honest reformer is sadly out of place at these Belshazzar feasts.

THE 16 to 1 issue is gaining ground every day. In his famous speech at the Topeka, Kansas, banquet the 30th of March, Hon. W. J. Bryan said: "We are not only holding our own, but we are getting back those Democrats who left us, without fully understanding the nature of the struggle." And in addition to those Democrats, many Republicans who were basely deceived by the international monetary confidence game played on them by the present administration, are joining the ranks of the only party that advocates an American system of finance for the American people.

COL. W. C. WETMORE, the retiring president of the Liggett & Myers Tobacco company, which recently sold out to the tobacco trust, made a speech last Tuesday to old employees of the firm with which he was connected so long. Col. Wetmore made

known his opposition to trusts in no mistaken terms, and declared they were throwing their tentacles like a mighty octopus about the business of this country, and vowed his intention of devoting his time, money and God-given energies to fighting these iniquitous combines. He also telegraphed Wm. J. Bryan pledging support in his war on trusts.

DID you ever give the national bank statements, which are published semi-occasionally, any attention? If not, do so in future, and you will observe that the banks of this country have about five or six times as much money loaned out, on which they are receiving interest, as there is in existence in this country—and this is not all; the greater part of it belongs to their depositors—and the latter get none of the interest. Oh, this banking business is a fine graft, the way it is now conducted—and yet the man is called an anarchist by the gold-bug press who denies the banker the privilege of issuing and controlling the volume of money in circulation in the United States.

If there yet be those folk who make a pretense to be intelligent or progressive, and still claim allegiance to the grand (?) old Republican party, we desire to call their attention to the fact that the bosses of the g. o. p. no longer depend on the intelligent voter for votes. The Republican leaders cater solely to the most beastly ignorant foreigners and negroes. For proof we re-print the head lines over a column of gush and slobbers in a recent issue of the *St. Joseph Herald*, the leading newspaper of North Missouri. It has no use for the white man. It slobbers lusciously over the negro though—for his vote. Here are the head lines: "A unit for the ticket—negro voters in mass-meeting assembled express themselves—Republican victory assured—Large outpouring of colored voters at Central Music hall last night and enthusiastic expressions in favor of the Republican aldermanic candidates," etc. But the colored vote slipped a cog and Democrats carried the election.

In all parts of this country it is the poorer class, but pre-eminently the most intelligent and loyal class of voters who favor the restoration of the free coinage of silver. It is true there are many paupers who shout loud and long against the silver cause—but they are ignorant of what they are doing—ignorant because they are blind partisans. Show them their duty, educate them in patriotism to themselves, their families and their country, and then they will see their error and the cause of their poverty. Show them that the single gold standard is a conspiracy that benefits none but the money speculators or gamblers, who are the most wolfish enemies and brutal oppressors of the human race, and are absolutely void of patriotism—their whole aim and appetite is greed. Most men are honest, once they understand the situation.

THERE is a law in the United States statutes which reads as follows: "Every contract, combination in the form of trusts or otherwise, or conspiracy in restraint of trade or commerce among the several states, or with foreign nations, is hereby declared illegal. Any person who shall engage in any contract or engage in any such combination or conspiracy shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both of said punishments, at the discretion of the court." But in the very face of this "law" a goldized Republican administration has been the most prolific incubator of robber trusts and combines the world has ever seen. Since the advent of the advance agent into the white house there has been more than \$2,000,000,000 of capital aggregated together into 156 combinations that now control most of the necessities of life in this country. What is the matter with the United States attorney-general? Has he ever caused any of these trust promoters to pay the fine or serve the term of imprisonment? Well, not that anyone has heard of.

Are you going to paint and paper your house this summer? If so, call on M. E. Herndon at Mendon and purchase your oils, paints, paper, etc. His prices are always the lowest.

**Death's Decree.**  
BUTTICKER.—Philip Butticker died of pneumonia at his home in Brunswick, Tuesday, April 11th, aged 73 years. Mr. Butticker was a member of the Catholic church and also of Pinhart post, G. A. R., of Brunswick.

HANMETT.—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hammett of Keytesville died of pneumonia last Sunday morning. The little fellow was only seven weeks old. His parents had placed high hopes on their beloved boy, but death loves a shining mark, and the Giver of all good had marked little Francis Marion for His own and took him to His bosom. The precious dust was taken to Huntsville for interment. We sincerely condole with the almost heart-broken parents.

TURNER.—The babe of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Turner of Guthridge Mills died last Sunday and a six or seven-year-old daughter, Tuesday, making the fourth child Mr. and Mrs. Turner have lost with black measles within 10 days. The other six children and Mr. Turner, who are sick with the same malady, are all reported to be improving. The family are in indigent circumstances, but the charitably disposed people of Guthridge Mills and vicinity are doing everything in their power to supply the wants and alleviate the sufferings of the unfortunates.

PURCELL.—A dispatch from Seattle, Wash., to the *St. Louis Chronicle*, under date of April 13th, announces the death of E. F. Purcell, a pioneer Klondiker, at Seattle. Mr. Purcell formerly resided near Indian Grove, this county, but moved to Mexico, Mo., some 12 or 14 year ago and subsequently from Mexico to Montgomery county, where his family now reside at High Hill. He was among the first who went to the Klondike gold fields, and returned home about two years ago with between \$60,000 and \$70,000 in gold. He went back to Klondike again last year and took quite a party, though with what success we have not learned. He was on his way to Alaska for the third time when he took sick and died.

GROTTJAN.—L. J. Grotjan of near Dalton, who was taken to the insane asylum at St. Joseph last September and placed under treatment as a private patient, died of pulmonary oedema, Wednesday, April 12th at 12:30 o'clock p. m., aged 44 years. The deceased's brother-in-law and guardian, A. G. Friesz, was notified of Mr. Grotjan's death and went to St. Joseph after the remains. Funeral services were conducted at the family residence, Friday morning, by Rev. M. Krattli and also at the grave in the Munson grave-yard south of Dalton. Mr. Grotjan's impaired mind was caused by a partial stroke and financial reverses. A wife and seven children—four boys and three girls—ranging in age from 18 months to 17 years, are left to fight the battle of life. They have the sympathy of many neighbors, friends and relatives in their affliction.

BEAZLEY.—R. H. Beazley, the genial proprietor of the Florence hotel in Brunswick, died of pulmonary tuberculosis, Thursday evening, April 13th, aged 39 years, 7 months and 3 days. Mr. Beazley first saw the light of day in Fayette, September 10th, 1859. "Hiter" Beazley was a man who had a large circle of friends and acquaintances and was esteemed for his many good qualities. His physical sufferings, though of long duration, were borne patiently. Mr. Beazley was twice married. His first wife was Miss Anna Bruce and his second Miss Ida Unruh of Fayette. Three bright and interesting children—Sadie, Margaret and Howard—by his second wife, together with their mother, survive him. Rev. J. O. Edmonston of Keytesville conducted funeral services, Saturday, April 15th, which were followed by interment in the Elliott Grove cemetery at Brunswick. The COURIER bows in sympathy with the bereaved wife and fatherless children in their loss of husband and father.

AKERS.—Mrs. Mary J. Akers departed this life, Wednesday morning, April 12th, 1899, at her home six miles southwest of Marceline, of neuralgia of the heart after but a few

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moment's sickness. She was a daughter of Harrison Locke, an old settler of this county. She was born February 3rd, 1833. At the age of 16 she united with the Christian church, and five years afterward with the Cumberland Presbyterian church. She was married to James M. Akers, March 28th, 1867. By a devoted Christian life as wife and mother to her three step-children, whom she raised, she ever showed the power and influence of the Christian religion in her daily walk and conversation. Though her last illness was of short duration and she had no opportunity to leave a dying message with her loved ones, her life had been such as to leave no doubt as to her future. She leaves a husband, three step-children and three sisters. Her funeral was preached by Rev. P. S. Maupin at her home, Thursday, April 13th, to a large and sympathizing assembly of neighbors and friends, after which the remains were taken to the Locke cemetery and deposited in the tomb. May the Lord bless and comfort the bereaved ones.

May Heaven Bless 'Em.

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The Climate in Manila.

Consul O. F. Williams writes the state department at Washington from Manila, under date of February 24th, as follows:

"I wish to refute the statements generally circulated in regard to the health and climate of the Philippine islands. Being within the tropics, they, of course, lack the invigorating effects of frost, and the temperature averages high—at Manila about 78.3 Fahrenheit; but extremes are not wide apart, and during the last year I heard of no temperature below 57 Fahrenheit in the islands, and none below the sixties in Manila. Mercury in the shade rarely rises above 85 nor above 95 in the sun.

"Being on the coast of a bay so large as to be almost an inland sea, and having eight miles to the east a lake with 100 miles of shore, whose waters seek the bay through the large and rapid Pasig, the city of Manila has fresh air constantly, as well as sea breezes.

"The sewers of Manila are not good and can never be first-class, because of its low levels; but the rainfall here is above 10 feet per annum and quite evenly distributed, so that the streets are rain-swept and the sewers well flushed almost every day. There is also an advantage in hot, wet weather, which hastens the decay of vegetable or animal matter, this soon rotting and being washed away.

"The city water supply is abundant. The water is carried in large iron pipes about seven miles from springs, and is exceptionally pure and agreeable to the taste. I use it every day as a beverage and have never experienced ill effects therefrom. I have not been sick a minute since I left the United States in 1897.

"In filthy quarters small-pox may be found almost any day, but few deaths result, and the sanitary measures of the present government have been of the greatest benefit. The death rate is small, and it is only necessary to live properly to be entirely healthy."

**ON AGAIN—APRIL 30th.**