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Humorous Paragraphs.

In Westerly, R. I., a missionary had painted on the fence: "What shall I do to be saved?" to which a quack medicine man added, "Use Cohosh bitters." The evangelist retorted by printing under "Use Cohosh bitters," in another place, the words, "Then prepare to meet thy God!"

Said Lord Russell to Mr. Hume at a social dinner, "What do you consider the object of legislation?" "The greatest good to the greatest number," responded Mr. Hume. "What do you call the greatest number?" continued his lordship. "Number one, my lord," was the commoner's prompt reply.

"Friend Malaby, I am pleased that thee has such a fine organ in thy church." "But," said the clergyman, "I thought you were strongly opposed to having an organ in a church?" "So I am," said Friend Obadiah, "but then, if thee wilt worship the Lord with machinery, I would like thee to have a first rate instrument."

The latest dog story is related of an old favorite in Gloucester, Massachusetts, that had become infirm from age, yet the owner did not like to kill him. One day last week a friend remarked in a low tone: "That dog ought to be killed, he is good for nothing!" The animal looked mournfully up into the speaker's face, then taking a wistful gaze around the store, at those present, deliberately walked out of the door, down to the railway, where he plunged into the water and was drowned.

In Cambridge, Massachusetts, the police arrest all children found in the street during school hours, unless they can give a good excuse for their absence. An Irish boy recently told an officer that he had been excused to attend a funeral. He was found very soon afterwards at a base ball match. The officer inquired why he was not at the funeral. The reply was that he had been down to the house, naming its resident, "but the man wasn't dead yet."

Bloody Affray at Braidwood, Ill.

At Braidwood, near Wilmington, Ill., last Wednesday afternoon, seven coal miners, named John Cunningham, Hugh King, Robert McLean, William Smith, William Hamilton and Andrew Hamilton, went into the grocery store and saloon kept by John Tighe, and picked a quarrel with him because he had garnished their wages. Tighe was struck in the head with a spade by Wm. Hamilton, inflicting a severe wound. The other Hamilton also attacked Tighe with a pick, whereupon the latter drew his revolver, firing two shots at each of the Hamiltons, wounding Andrew severely so that it is likely to prove fatal, and William quite seriously, the latter entering his neck and jaw.

After Mr. Bert, city marshal of Wilmington, and a constable Wilson had apprehended Tighe, and got him in their buggy, with a view to taking him to Wilmington, his former assailants gathered around, with the object of rescuing him from the officers and lynching him. John Cunningham seized the horses, and another of the rioters attacked the party from behind. While Cunningham held the horses, officer Bert fired his revolver at him, when he dropped, and the officers proceeded with Tighe in charge. The shot fired by the officer at Cunningham proved fatal, striking him in the breast. He ran some ten rods after he was struck, and fell dead.

The New Albany 'Courier' says:

For some time the project of building another bridge over the Ohio river, between New Albany and Portland, has been agitated, and a very decided feeling in favor of the project has been developed. It is proposed that this bridge have three tracks—one for foot passengers, one for wagons, and one for a street railroad.

We are glad to learn that this project is about assuming definite shape and substantial form. A survey has been made and estimates completed, in view of the enterprise being organized, and it is ascertained that such a bridge as is contemplated can be built for \$500,000. We are informed that gentlemen in this city and Louisville stand ready to subscribe the greater part of this sum. The stock, there is no doubt, would pay large and constantly increasing dividends.

The advocates of woman suffrage will hold a national convention at Washington, January 19, at which it is expected that Mrs. Stanton, Lucy Stone, and other leading advocates will be present. The object of the convention is to agitate the making of the proposed constitutional amendment on suffrage universal in its character. Also, to urge that at least Congress make the experiment of enfranchising women in the District of Columbia and the Territories, where it has the power.

The engineers of the Decatur and East St. Louis railroad have found it impracticable to run the line of the road within less than a mile of the court house at Edwardsville. The trustees of the town had voted to give this road \$25,000 providing the road came within one-half mile of the court house; as this cannot be done it is a disputed question at the county seat whether to grant the \$25,000 subscription or not.

The Washington National Monument Society has addressed an appeal to the pastors of the religious congregations of the United States, asking them to cause a collection to be taken up in their respective churches, on the Sunday immediately preceding the 23d of February next—the amount to be remitted to the treasurer of the society, in order that work on the monument may be resumed.

The bids for copying the laws and journals of the next assembly were opened, at Springfield, on Saturday. There were 90 bids, the lowest of which was that of W. W. Webber, at 97-100 of a cent per 100 words. This is probably a fictitious bid.

The Youngest Legislator Ever Elected—Novel Case of Eligibility.

The next legislature will act upon a question, which we are not aware has ever come before it. It will be called upon to decide upon the eligibility of Mr. William P. Tyler, of ward 7, this city, to a seat in the house. He was elected on the democratic ticket, and has received the proper vouchers of his electors by education and ability. He will deny; but Mr. Tyler lacks some months of attaining his majority. Can a minor hold a seat in the legislature, the question to be met. There is no provision in the constitution, and no decision that we can find, which states in express terms that representatives to the general court shall be twenty-one years of age. The constitution makes the house the judge of the qualifications of its members, and it may, by its vote, declare that Mr. Tyler has been duly elected and shall retain his seat. The question would then arise, "Can a minor hold a seat in the legislature, when he is not qualified under the law to vote, his name not appearing on the voting list?" It is very evident that such a precedent would be a dangerous one, for if a gentleman who lacks a few months of being of age can participate in the action of this legislative body, it is equally certain that a young man of sixteen would not, on account of his age, at least, be ineligible.

When Henry Clay was chosen United States Senator he was not of the age required by the constitution to accept the position. He, however, waited till the day when he completed his thirtieth year, and we believe there are other instances, of a similar nature, on record in congress. Mr. Tyler, if the legislature should not conclude its session before the 16th of May, 1869, can legally take his seat, and in the meantime we are not aware as it appears by the returns, that the district which he represents has duly chosen its allotted number of members, that any vacancy can be declared. Is it a novel question to settle, and while we have no doubt that Mr. Tyler is quite as competent to deliberate upon the weighty matters of state as a majority of those chosen from this city, it is important that a decision should be had.

Nigger in the Rink.

It used to be, in olden days, that the negro had to take a back seat or stand up in the pit; but times have changed! The colored man now regards himself as more than ordinary pumpkins, and is determined to assert his "rights." Already we have one knocking at the doors of Congress, and demanding admittance. We have them in the state legislatures of our southern reconstructed states; we have 'em at the polls—in the jury boxes, and in the army, and now the great army of colored patriots have commenced a movement on our "Rink!" The hon. Pompey Squash, of Louisiana; the hon. Cuffee Jimbo, of Florida; the hon. Sambo Whitego, of South Carolina, and Senator Charles Sumner will be glad to hear of this new stroke for equal rights! An American citizen of African descent sued the directors of the skating rink of this city for ejecting him from that rendezvous of white gentlemen, white ladies and children, and the "colored gentleman" wanted \$2,000 damages for not being permitted to perfume the rink; but a jury thought that figure was too high, so they generously awarded him \$300 for the indignity put on him. The directors of the rink have appealed the case to the Supreme Court, but that institution having "negro on the brain" will probably sustain the decision of the jury. When we get niggers on an equality in rinks, railway cars, hotels, churches, theaters, &c., "let us have peace."

Mixed Packed Cotton.

Our commission merchants greatly complain of the quantity of mixed packed cotton that is now in the market. In one lot shipped to Savannah, sixteen bales were returned as not equal to the samples. On the outside they were pure; but in the middle of the bales there were trashy stuff and a mixture of poor grades. Farmers care injure themselves by doing this mode of business. Some of it is done without design, but not seldom with the deliberate purpose of deception. The parties who receive the latter course are generally found out, and their cotton is always locked upon with suspicion, and brings a less price. If done deliberately to deceive; if a man puts mean, trashy stuff in the center of the bales, beyond the reach of the sampler's gublet, and covers it with a good staple in order to get the price of the whole that the latter commands, the action is simply stealing.

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