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OUR MAILS.

Under this heading in our issue of Nov. 19th we advocated a change in our present mail service so as to give us connection with the railroads at Corinth instead of Bethel Springs.

The *McNairy Review* of Nov. 26th, in a lengthy and able editorial argues that the best change that could be made would be to establish a through route from Savannah to Bethel Springs. This point has been thoroughly investigated and found impracticable from the fact that it would be impossible to leave Bethel Springs after the arrival of the mail trains and reach Savannah the same day.

Mail leaving Nashville Monday morning arrives at Bethel Springs [illegible] on to Purdy Tuesday evening, [illegible] Savannah Wednesday—that [illegible] half the time it reaches [illegible] Wednesday. Memphis [illegible] the trip one day sooner. [illegible] her hand, mail leaving [illegible] morning and trav- [illegible] ives at Cor- [illegible]

[illegible] Nation is called upon to mourn [illegible] another great man in the [illegible] president Hendricks, [illegible] v. 25th at 4:45 P. [illegible] in Indianapolis. [illegible] urth vice presi- [illegible] during his term [illegible] were, George [illegible] erry and Wm. [illegible]

[illegible] President Hen [illegible] vacancy in official [illegible] ker *pro tempore* of [illegible] he next officer in suc [illegible] as the Senate failed to [illegible] ker *pro tempore* at its [illegible] sion, after the 4th of [illegible] and since there is no vice- [illegible] ident or successor the sudden [illegible] emise of President Clevend would leave the Nation without an executive head.

[illegible] are [illegible] any [illegible] when [illegible] is, [illegible] impossible for Savannah to secure such service, for the reason as before stated.

Now, Bro. Grimes, consider these facts, and tell us whether or not it would be best for both Adamsville and Savannah to make the changes we suggest.

If the change would in any way lessen or retard Adamsville's mail service, we would not write a line advocating the change.

A mysterious case of small pox in Northern New York is believed to be traceable to the use of certain bank bills which came from Montreal. The supposition as to the origin of this particular case may be incorrect but there is much room for speculation afforded by the incident, since people are every day to handle greasy silver coin and filthy bills which have, perhaps, passed through the hands or pockets of persons afflicted with contagious or infectious diseases. There is no known means of prevention, since no one can decline to receive whatever change may be offered him, provided it is correct in amount and of legal value; [illegible] the thought that one may be handling poison, or carrying in his pocket book the germs of disease, is far from pleasant.—*Globe Democrat.*

Gen. Rosecrans, register of the treasury, says, in his annual report, that the system of keeping the public accounts is as perfect as human wisdom has been able to devise, and that there is not an error of a single cent to be found in all the records from March, 1789, to June 30, 1885, covering an aggregate sum of more than $21,000,000,000.

No person fit to teach school can live as a teacher ought to live and do as a teacher ought to do on less than $50 a month nine months in a year. That a great many teachers do live on less than this is a fact of which parents and tax-payers ought to be ashamed.

King Alfonso, of Spain, died last Thursday.

The war cloud in Europe is vanishing. We may look for its return any day.

A new story is called "The Editor's Wallet." We have seen it—there's nothing in it.

Some people are always lucky. President Cleveland had a Tennessee 'possum for his thanksgiving dinner.

The Commissioners for the location of the West Tennessee Insane Asylum are going over the grounds again. They were unable to decide with the first inspection.

The November issue of the Nashville Journal of Medicine and Surgery, is an especially interesting number, and should be in the hands of every physician in the State.

An Italian astronomer asserts that the planet Mars is occupied by intelligent beings who are trying to attract attention from dwellers on earth; and he is making experiments to ascertain what the messages mean.

Eight Indians were hung at Battleford, N. W. T., Nov. 27th, who were participants in the horrible massacre at Frog Lake on the 3d of last April. Thus slowly but surely the poor Indian passes on to his everlasting hunting ground.

The vote cast in Fulton County Georgia, last Thursday, for and against prohibition, resulted in a victory for prohibition. The contest was a close one, the majority being [illegible] 228 for prohibition. The anti prohibitionist claim illegality in the voting and will contest the election. Steps have already been taken to enjoin the ordinary from enforcing the measure and to carry the case to the United States Court. Should the result be sustained it will be the greatest victory yet achieved by the prohibitionist in the South.

The death of Mr. Hendricks has suggested to the minds of many the direful possibility of an assault upon Mr. Cleveland, and the fear that the peculiar situation of affairs may cause some crank to be moved by a murderous impulse to attempt to take the life of the president is openly expressed. * * * There is, of course, always a degree of danger in a world that is full of cranks and madmen, but this is a risk—happily not great enough to constantly alarm our people—which is assumed with the vast responsibility of rulership. The best way to avoid such a danger is to be above a craven fear of it and to trust all the more implicitly to the deep and all pervading patriotic sentiment of the people. The less such a possibility is discussed the better it will be. The bare discussion of it gives the suggestion to madness.—*Banner.*

STATE NEWS.

Frank White has been appointed postmaster at Murfreesboro, vice R. K. Henderson resigned.

A union religious revival has just closed at Hartsville, in which about one hundred people were converted.

A rousing railroad meeting was held Saturday at Hartsville to finish their subscription to the new railroad.

Dan Campbell was murdered at Jackson last Saturday night by Will Madison. Whisky is supposed to be the cause.

In the Federal Court at Memphis last week, Peter J. Mosley and Charles Jackson, of Fayette County, Tenn., indicted for the spiriting away of a ballot box at the Presidential election, were found guilty and fined $100 each.

The Colored Methodist Conference in Memphis adjourned to meet next year in Georgia.

Assistant Commissioner Bob Gates is leading another crowd of northwestern excursionists through the state.

It is reported that the miners at Soddy have demanded an advance in wages, and if the advance is not granted will strike.

Several business men of Gallatin have formed a stock company for the manufacturing of chairs.

Memphis has organized a new bank which will be opened for business December 1st. The bank will bear the name of the Memphis Savings Bank.

The little son of J. M. Sutton, of Chattanooga, was kicked in the face by a horse. His lip was split, but otherwise his hurts were apparently slight.

The report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shows that the State of Tennessee has paid $30,000,000 in Internal Revenue taxes since its return to the Union.

A destructive fire occured at Lafayette Tuesday night. It broke out in the second story of Kirby's drug store, and spread rapidly. The entire west side of the courthouse square was destroyed. Loss about $7,000, with very little insurance.

The first jury composed altogether of colored citizens, that ever sat in a Nashville Court was the one that tried Anthony Irwin, last week, for the killing of Robert Mitchell, both colored. Mitchell was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

The East Tennessee Insane Asylum is drawing heavily upon the state treasury. The commissioners have expended upwards of $60,000 of the appropriation of $95,000. The interior rearangements are nearing completion and the first patients will be received in December.

Israel Cooper of Oak Hill, Overton County, while working at his saw mill by some means fell on the log carriage and was carried against the saw, which through his head, cut off both arms sawed through his body from the collar bone to the hip before the one horror-stricken eye-witness could reverse the carriage.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Companionship.

Laugh, and the world laughs with you;
Weep, and you weep alone;
For the sad old earth must borrow its mirth
But has trouble enough of its own.
Sing, and the hills will answer;
Sigh, it is lost on the air.
The echoes bound to a joyful sound,
But shrink from voicing care.

Rejoice, and men will seek you;
Grieve, and they turn and go.
They want full measure of all your pleasure,
But do not need your woe.
Be glad, and your friends are many;
Be sad, and you lose them all.
There are none to decline your nectared wine,
But alone you must drink life's gall.

Feast, and your halls are crowded;
Fast, and the world goes by.
Succeed and give and it helps you live,
But no man can help you die.
There is room in the halls of pleasure
For a large and lordly train,
But one by one we must all file on
Through the narrow aisles of pain.

—*Ella Wheeler, in Demorest.*

Quite a number of unusually large aerolites have recently fallen on the earth; the most notable of these fell in Jefferson township, Penn., near the West Virginia line. Ellis Jones, a mail carrier, saw the aerolite in its flight through the heavens. His horse suddenly stopped, and he heard a noise like the roaring of the wind. Looking up, he saw moving high above him with incredible velocity a huge mass, which he describes as resembling a heat coal of fire as large as a barn. There appeared to be attached to it an immense flame of a deeper color than the coal, which tapered off into a dark tail with a sinuous outline. All in a moment, Mr. Jones says, the noise ceased, the fire-like appearance, the flame, and the black tail disappeared, and in their stead the meteor assumed a blue white hue, which it retained until it passed out of sight. When the stone fell it broke into three pieces. It is grayish in color, with a tendency to red in streaks, and is more than thirty feet square. The falling of these foreign bodies to the earth is much more common than is generally suspected. Vast quantities of star dust from the inter-stellar spaces are constantly being entangled in our atmosphere. It aggregates so large an amount that in the course of centuries it makes quite an addition to the bulk of the earth.—*Demorest's Monthly.*

They Were All Poor Boys.

An exchange culls the following historical facts, which should encourage every young man struggling under discouragements and poverty:

John Adams, second president, was the son of a farmer of very moderate means. The only start he had was a good education.

Andrew Jackson was born in a log hut in North Carolina, and was raised in the pine woods for which the State is famous.

James K. Polk spent the earlier years of his life helping to dig a living out of a new farm in North Carolina. He was afterwards a clerk in a country store

Milliard Fillmore was the son of a New York farmer, and his house was a very humble one. He learned the business of a clothier.

James Buchanan was born in a small town among the Alleghany mountains. His father cut the logs and built his own house in what was then a wilderness.

Abraham Lincoln was the son of a poor Kentucky farmer, and lived in a log cabin until he was 21 years of age.

Andrew Johnson was apprenticed to a tailor at the age of ten years by his widowed mother. He was never able to attend school and picked up all the education he ever got.

Gen. Grant lived the life of a common boy in a common house on the banks of the Ohio river until he was seventeen years of age.

James A. Garfield was born in a log cabin. He worked on the farm from the time he was strong enough to use carpenter tools, when he learned the trade. He afterwards worked on the canal.

To morrow may never come to us. We do not live in to-morrow. We cannot find it in any of our little deeds. The man who owns blocks of real estate and great ships of the sea does not own a single minute of to-morrow! To-morrow! It is a mysterious possibility, not yet born. It lies under the seal of midnight, behind the veil of glittering constellations.—*Chapin.*

"What Tommy Did."

John Habberton author of Helen's Babies, says: 'What Tommy Did would be worthy of the serious consideration of parents if it were possible for any one to be other than wildly mirthful over the saintlessness and dreadfulness of the little hero. Tommy is an ideal boy—one of the kind which are by turns unendurable and angelic, which changes parents from young to old, and from old to young again many times a day. We pity parents who fail to read this book; there is no time in the day, nor any day in this week, in which its pages will not dispel care." The Chicago Tribune pronounces it a book that will delight every boy and girl, and every mother, too, who will find it a book that can be read over and over again, and never sicken the reader with any nonsense. It has just been published in fine cloth, richly ornamentad binding by Alden, the Revolution publisher, at half its former price, 50 cents. Alden's 148-page illustrated catalogue (price 4 cents—condensed catalogue free) of his immense list of standard books, is a wonder as well as a joy to all book-lovers. John B. Alden, Publisher, New York.

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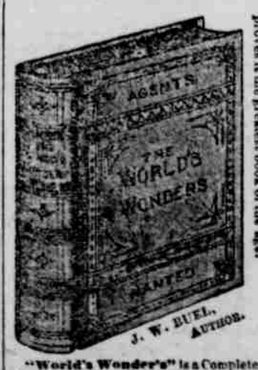

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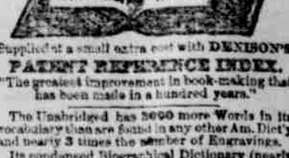

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