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IT IS MISLEADING. The time has come when every Missourian, who pretends to believe in the principles of the Democratic party, should put his foot square down upon the St. Louis Republic. When we pick up the Globe-Democrat we know that we have a Republican paper; when we glance over the Post-Dispatch we expect something on the independent order, but when we take up the Republic we are kept constantly busy in trying to locate the colored gentleman, who is obstructed from view by the wood-pile.

Take Wayne county, for instance. In that county H. N. Holladay is the big gun. He owns half the county. He has been a life-long Democrat, and has been running the politics of his county just to suit him. At the primary election last summer his pet candidates for the nomination were defeated and he was mad. What did he do? Why, Wayne county is only Democratic by a small majority, so he flopped over and helped to elect the Republican candidates.

That reminds us that the money question will be the issue in 1896. The fight is no longer between the North and the South, but it is the South, the West and the Northwest against a gang of gold gamblers in the East. We in the South, West and Northwest, outnumber the fellows in the East by a large majority, but they have the money to control the great metropolitan papers, send demagogues among us to preach Populism, and in this way divide us so that the chances are as favorable to them as to us.

While crossing a bridge over Black river, at Poplar Bluff, Mrs. Ray, with her child in her arms, fell through a hole and both were drowned. The bodies were recovered the next day. A colored woman, of New Madrid, attempted suicide by firing three pistol shots at her head, but dodged the bullets every time, and then gave up in disgust. She was jealous of her husband.

Probate Docket. List of Executors, Administrators, Guardians and Curators who are required by law to exhibit their accounts for settlement on the day and date before named, at the February term, 1895, of said court, to be begun and held at the court house in the town of Benton, Scott County, Missouri, commencing on Monday, Feb. 11, 1895.

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THE WEEKLY COMMERCIAL APPEAL, in order to secure the largest circulation of any weekly in the South, offers a prize of the magnificent sum of \$5,000 in CASH to the subscriber guessing nearest the number of bales of cotton received in Memphis from September 1, 1894, to May 15, 1895, as follows: If the correct or nearest to the correct guess is received in the month of

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COMMERCIAL APPEAL, Memphis, Tenn. PATENTS. CAN I OBTAIN A PATENT? For a device and an honest opinion, write to MUNN & CO., who have had nearly fifty years' experience in the patent business.

THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC finds a great deal of fault with Senator Vest's currency bill. This great poor man's paper fears that the poor people will be greatly inconvenienced by handling so much silver, and says, "it would be an outrage upon the confidence of the people by party names, make a great show of adherence to fundamental principles—even a pretense of opposing the very policies that owns and controls them, by occasional specious editorials and sophistry, as misleading as they are insincere. This, to retain a confidence secured by stealth, while the great money and tribute levying powers read between the lines and smile in their sleeves. These are the anesthetics administered to their gullible readers that they may be the more easily despoiled. And how readily the people inhale the stupefying poison!"

GERMANY has closed her ports to American meat products. This is what our Republican friends call "protection." Even our high protectionists, strangely enough, do not like to see their "principles" so strenuously enforced against us, and the newspapers of both parties are having a great deal to say about it. If the people of the United States become so indignant just because a foreign country has excluded American meat from its markets, there is some sort of feeling is likely to exist in other countries when we prohibit the entrance of their products by excessive tariff taxation? What is said for the goose is also said for the gander, and a prohibitory tariff is quite as hurtful to the country which enforces it, as it is to the country against which it is aimed.

JUDGE WOFFORD, of the Jackson county criminal court, wants the legislature to amend or repeal the change of venue laws, and says "they are of value for nothing on earth but delays." The criminal laws of Missouri need a great deal of repairing. It is next to impossible to convict a criminal who has the money to fight his case. Continuances and changes of venue are the principal law points in the criminal cases of today. We have entirely too much law—and too little justice.

BILL COOK, the notorious outlaw of the Indian Territory, was captured last Saturday and is now in jail. He denies having killed anyone, but admits having been connected with train robberies. He is only twenty-one years old, of medium height, and weighs 180 pounds.

THE MELON BILL. In a private letter to the editor Representative DeReign writes: "The melon bill provides for an inspector to be appointed by the county court, with power to employ as many deputies as necessary. The expense is paid, half by the shipper and half by the buyer—that is, fifty cents each per car. There is also a penal clause making it a misdemeanor, punishable by fine, for any person who shall ship green melons for ripe ones. The bill, I think will go through and become a law, as I have met with no opposition thus far. Besides, it is a good advertisement for this growing industry in our part of the State."

THE CIRCUIT ATTORNEY. A bill has been introduced in the Missouri legislature providing for circuit attorneys in all the judicial circuits of the State, outside of St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph. Under it a circuit attorney will be elected in each judicial circuit in 1896, whose duty it will be to try all felony cases arising in his circuit, and his salary is fixed at \$2,000 per year. This is an important measure and, if carried, will save an immense amount of criminal cost. Under the present system the tax-payers simply educate young lawyers at public expense, and they are never able to cope with the able counsel usually employed by persons charged with crime. It is claimed that a salary of \$2,000 per year will secure the services of good lawyers, who will not make costly mistakes, and consequently greatly reduce our criminal costs. The present prosecuting attorney system is a mere farce.

THE REPUBLIC is very mad because the Republican legislature of Nebraska elected John M. Thurston, general attorney for the Union Pacific railroad, to the United States Senate, but oh, how that paper did belaud Dave Francis because he went to Washington and "engineered" H. S. Priest, general attorney for the Missouri Pacific railroad, onto the United States Court bench! But then that was "a white horse of another color," we suppose.

THE REPORTED valuation of all property in the United States, by the census of 1890, was \$65,037,091,197, or \$1,036 for every man, woman and child in the nation. Somebody has gobbled up about \$1,035.95 of our share, and we believe that most our neighbors have met with the same fate.

THE GOOD Roads Convention, held at Jefferson City last week, was well attended and shows that the movement is still alive—although the constitutional amendment was defeated by the polls last fall. Let the good work go on.

Representative DeReign has been placed on several important committees. The New Madrid canning factory was sold under trustee's sale last week and brought only \$350. The Morley cannery, in Scott county, is also advertised for sale. Evidently the canneries are not as great a success as they were represented to be by the "boomers" who induced the farmers to take stock.

ALBERT LAREY, late of the Sikeston Star, later of the Morley Headlight, and still later of the Missourian, of New Madrid, has again thrown up the sponge and is out of a job. The Marble Hill Press gets after us because we spelled rein with a "g." Awful, Bro. Hill, we admit. Look again, and you may find a letter wrong side up.

Not long since Bro. Ake, of the Ironton Register, boasted of having the best equipped printing office in Southeast Missouri. A few weeks ago we mailed him some specimens of the Newsboy's work and asked if he could duplicate or better it. We have received no reply. Is this an instance where "silence gives consent," Bro. Ake? —Let's all join the Southeast Press Association and make a "hummer of it. What d'ye say?"

SIX YEARS ASLEEP. Even His Wife's Death Did Not Wake Michael Fernan. Michael Fernan of Elmira has finished the sixth consecutive year of his sleep. His wife, who watched over him all this time, died on Wednesday morning, and her body was taken to Scranton for burial. During the two days that Mrs. Fernan's body lay in state all possible means to arouse her husband were used without avail.

Fernan and his wife emigrated from Ireland, and went to Scranton, a good many years ago, and in 1882 they removed to Factoryville, about 30 miles north of Scranton, at the mouth of the Factoryville tunnel. Fernan was employed as a watchman at the tunnel.

One day in December, 1888, he completed his day's work, went home, ate his supper and went to bed. The next morning he could not be aroused nor all that day. A physician was summoned, but he could do nothing. Fernan remained in a comatose state. In the course of a week a consultation of physicians was summoned, but they could do nothing more than prescribe a means of giving nourishment. In 1892 Fernan was brought to Elmira by his nephew, John Fernan, and he has since resided there with his wife. During the four and one-half years of his sleep at Factoryville, he opened his eyes only twice. He did not speak, merely looking about the room. Then he closed them and again went to sleep. In September last he awoke, and it was thought he was going to get up. He looked about him, apparently recognizing his wife, and then stared at the ceiling. His wife summoned the neighbors and they took Fernan out of bed and tried to make him walk, but the effort was unsuccessful. He was replaced in bed, and in a few hours had again closed his eyes.—New York Sun.

FINAL SETTLEMENT. Notice is hereby given to creditors and all others interested in the estate of W. A. Jones, deceased, that the undersigned administrator intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate court of Scott county, Missouri, to be begun and holden at the court house in the town of Benton in said county on the second Monday in February next, 1895. LINTO JONES, Administrator.

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