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FARMERS
—TAKE—
The Weekly Ledger
For Its Reliable Market Reports, County Correspondence service, Stock Notes and Agricultural matters generally.
Strictly a Home Journal.

THE girls are ahead in the Cleveland family. The score stands 3 to 0.

SHIRLEY's boom is now so lame that it cannot even walk; it never was strong enough to run.

THE Democrats of Missouri had better be spending their time fighting Filley rather than fighting each other.

CROAKING has become a lost occupation, and nobody had time to shed a tear over its loss; everybody busy welcoming prosperity.

LET those who have been instrumental in calling a Democratic State Convention this year manage it and stand the consequences.

IF Chauncey Depew is right about a college course curing the talk habit all of our colleges ought to be enlarged at once. Such a cure will fill a long felt want.

THE swindling spiritualistic medium is again being shown up, but, like the green goods man, he will continue to find new victims until human nature changes.

THE Democratic party would be the gainer if some of those who have posed as leaders without displaying any of a leader's qualifications were sent to the rear to stay.

M. E. BENTON, Jesse Harper and perhaps Mrs. Lease, will make speeches at the Youngs Creek picnic July 25. They all agree in their opinion of Cleveland, Carlisle and the National Democratic Administration.

IT will become evident in the near future that there is but one Democratic party, notwithstanding the efforts of Republicans and Populists to bring about a different result.

PARIS is right up to date. She already has a bird's-eye-view of the next World's Fair on the market, and has hopes that by 1900 she will have acquired the Chicago method of "doing" visitors.

REPUBLICANS were quick enough to charge the Democratic party with responsibility for the "hard times," but now refuse it credit for returning prosperity. It's a poor rule that doesn't work both ways.

THE calling of a Democratic Convention this year proves that the extra session of the Legislature called by Governor W. J. Stone was not without results. The extra session was called for that purpose.

AS FAR as the LEDGER has been able to ascertain there is not a Democratic metropolitan paper in the United States in favor of free and unlimited coinage of silver 16 to 1 without an international agreement.

THE Mexico LEDGER cheerfully subscribes to the following, which is carried at the head of the Shelbina (Mo.) *Democrat*, edited and published by W. O. L. Jewett: "The *Democrat* is Democratic from principle, not for policy. It is Democratic always, not for a season."

NOW that the existence of a genuine and widespread business revival cannot be denied, the editor of the New York *Tribune* makes a monkey of himself by expressing his fears that the revival will not last long. Perhaps he thinks the Republican Congress will do something to hurt business.

THE minister who preaches against the extravagance of the rich is on the wrong track. It is impossible for the rich to be too extravagant. The money they spend to gratify their whims is of much greater benefit to the world than it would be if hoarded. The miserly rich are the ones who ought to be preached at.

WHEN the State Convention meets this year instead of arranging for a large mess of crow to be eaten by Missouri Democrats in 1896, it should discuss ways and means to elect the Democratic ticket in Missouri. The National Democratic platform in 1896 will be even stronger for sound money than that adopted by Kentucky Democrats.

THE LEDGER is unable to understand the spirit which prompts a man to shirk the responsibilities of citizenship. Why a citizen, especially one who is well fixed, should attempt to dodge his taxes, his church dues and all other calls that are made for charity and like causes, is beyond our comprehension. Good citizens should not only be willing, but anxious to meet all necessary expenses of conducting a good government. This is one of the chief qualifications of good citizenship.

THE Kentucky Populists adopted a platform which calls for free and unlimited coinage of silver; denounces the gold bugs, Republicans, Great Britain, bonds, Democrats, hard times and other things; calls for more greenbacks and reasserts the Omaha platform. One of the many absurdities of Populism is the demand for unlimited silver coinage, and also for greenbacks. If the fiat government gives value, why put any silver at all in the dollar? Why not have greenbacks, pure and simple?

THE LEDGER has been taken to task by some of its contemporaries for saying that "Senator George Vest was not in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver 16 to 1, without an international agreement." Just before Senator Vest left for Europe he said to a reporter: "The silver men do not demand an immediate approval of a free coinage law, and would be content with a frank, honest expression committing the party to bimetallism and a free use of silver as soon as some practical measure could be formulated and enacted into law."

OUR local Democratic contemporary takes the LEDGER to task for standing on a statement made by C. C. Maffitt, Chairman of the State Democratic Central Committee. The LEDGER had a right to form its favorable opinion of Mr. Maffitt on account of a column and a half endorsement of this gentleman published by the *Intelligencer* just before we stated that Mr. Maffitt would do just what he agreed to do. The *Intelligencer* endorsed Mr. Maffitt and the LEDGER followed suit. The *Intelligencer* now discredits Mr. Maffitt and the public can draw its own conclusions.

THE LEDGER has noticed here lately that quite a number of public speakers, private haranguers and a few so-called Democratic newspapers are trying to cause trouble in the Democratic party by endeavoring to leave the impression that every Democrat who favors the present national Democratic policy and who is not in favor of free and unlimited coinage of silver 16 to 1 without an international agreement, is a Republican. Some who are sailing under Democratic colors go so far as to read out of the Democratic party any man or newspaper that does not favor this policy. Without taking into consideration the policy of the National Democratic Administration or that of the last Democratic platform, on which such a signal victory was won, the LEDGER would call the attention of these people to the fact that some of Audrain County's most prominent Democrats, who were born in Missouri, nursed at the breast of a Democratic mother, were rocked in a Democratic cradle, and many of of them fought in the Southern army, stand solid on this platform and first, last and all the time are for making one dollar as good as another. We have such business men and farmers in every county in Missouri. We have them in every town, county and in every State in the Union. There is no sense in talking about Democrats who favor this policy being "John Sherman Republicans." Kentucky Democracy, which has always been pointed to with pride by Democrats throughout the entire country, endorsed this policy at the hands of the people by a two-thirds vote. Democrats all over the Union, who have been Democrats always and from principle, stand squarely on this platform and will do so until they die and no attempt to drive them out of the party will succeed. Some of the rankest advocates of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1 without an international agreement are Republicans. Right here in Missouri you find the Kansas City *Journal* and other rabid Republican papers are advocating that cause. Right here in Mexico we have rank supporters of that movement who are leading members of the Republican party, but when the time comes they will vote the straight Republican ticket no matter what the platform is. Democrats should learn a lesson from their Republican neighbors and stick to the grand old Democratic party through thick and thin. Let us settle our troubles in the family and not wash our dirty linen before the public. After the platform is made and the ticket nominated we will need all the votes of all the "kinds of Democrats" there are.

IF every man in Audrain county who owes anything will settle the same there will be plenty of money in circulation. This statement applies only to those who are able to settle. There are hundreds of people in Mexico and Audrain county who owe sums of money varying from one dollar to one thousand dollars who could pay without any inconvenience to themselves. When business men in this county do business on a cash basis times will be much better than they are to-day. The people who never pay their debts are the ones who do the most complaining and growling and are in favor of "stay laws," "land loan schemes" and everything else in order to get a living without work.

They Are Democrats.

The attempt to make it appear that Secretary of State Lesueur, State Auditor J. M. Seibert and Atty. Gen. R. F. Walker are "gold bugs" is too flimsy and silly for any one to pay the slighest attention to. These gentlemen are thoroughly in accord with the views of the great majority of their party in this State and are for the free and unlimited coinage of silver.—Jefferson City *Tribune*.

Lesueur, Seibert and Walker are not "gold bugs" or "silver bugs," but plain, every-day Democrats and just why the Jefferson City *Tribune* finds it necessary to apologize for these gentlemen is beyond the comprehension of the Mexico LEDGER. They are attending to their business and earning the salary they are drawing from the State of Missouri. Other officers may be calling extra sessions of the Legislature, writing interviews and in various or divers other ways using the time belonging to their constituents in advertising themselves or in trying to force their personal views on the people, right or wrong, but Lesueur, Seibert and Walker are Democratic officials, attending to their duties honestly and conscientiously. They are not bosses of, but the servants of the people.

There were thirty-eight floats in the Centralia Fourth of July celebration.

Health All Gone

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Hood's Sarsaparilla Gave Strength and Courage to Work.

"I was in such condition I could not walk even about the house to attend to household duties and care for my children and family. I did not have the strength of a child. I was treated by several physicians, who pronounced my trouble Scrofula and Female Weakness. I could eat only a slice of bread and drink a cup of tea, three times a day. Sometimes I could stand a soft boiled egg for dinner. I became reduced to skin and bones; at last they had to draw me about the house seated in a rocking chair. I was in a terrible state when my husband, having noticed advertisements of Hood's Sarsaparilla, urged upon me to give it trial. After taking one bottle I received sufficient benefit to know that I had at last found the right medicine. I have now taken several bottles and am able to Attend My Housework. In fact, I am on my feet about all day, and can go up stairs easily. I cannot say enough in praise of Hood's Sarsaparilla."

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STILLWELL MURDER MYSTERY.

Depositions Being Taken in the Dr. Hearne Libel Suit.

HANNIBAL, Mo., July 10.—The taking of depositions in the case of Dr J. C. Hearne vs. M. H. De Young, proprietor of the San Francisco *Chronicle*, and James Blunt, San Diego correspondent to that paper, asking for $100,000 damages, claimed to have been sustained by the publication of a telegram from San Diego intimating that Dr. Hearne was implicated in the murder of Amos J. Stillwell, the first husband of Mrs. Hearne, began in the office of Hon. George A. Mahan, defendant's attorney, at 10 o'clock today. The only witness examined today was Wm. A. Munger, ex-Mayor, and a member of the Hannibal Lime Company. Mr. Munger was summoned by the defense. Dr. Hearne and A. L. Clark, Chicago representative of the *Chronicle*, have been the only persons present excepting the attorneys, typewriter and reporters.

Mr. Munger testified that Dr. Hearne and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stillwell attended a card party at his residence on the night of the murder, and that the three took their departure a little before midnight in company. John E. Stillwell, a nephew of the murdered man came to the witness' house about daybreak the following morning and informed him of the murder. The bedstead had been taken down when he arrived at the Stillwell house. He testified that Dr. Hearne had told him that he (Hearne) accompanied the Stillwells as far as the corner of Fifth and Broadway on their way home, and, leaving them there, went to his office. He said that the names of Dr. J. C. Hearne and Fannie C. Stillwell, now Mrs. J. C. Hearne, had been connected with the murder by intimation in newspaper articles and by general repute among the people of Hannibal. The marriage of Dr. J. C. Hearne and Mrs. Fannie C. Stillwell, the widow, took place in less than a year after the murder.

In cross-examination, the witness said that only the names of Dr. Hearne and Mrs. Stillwell had been connected with the murder by inference in the newspaper articles, and that he had never seen the name of R. H. Stillwell, son of the deceased, connected with the murder in that way. He said that Dr. Hearne and Mrs. Hearne were immediately suspected of being connected with the murder, and that R. H. Stillwell had been suspected of obstructing the investigation, and that many persons who suspect Dr. Hearne and wife assign the following reasons for this belief: Supposed attention received by Mrs. Stillwell from Dr. Hearne previous to Mr. Stillwell's death that had become public talk; the peculiar actions of Mrs. Stillwell following the murder; her receiving of personal attention from Dr. Hearne immediately after the murder; a premature marriage, and apparently tempestuous family difficulties. "I never heard criticisms reflecting on Dr. Hearne previous to Mr. Stillwell's death, but soon after his death their relations became more or less general talk, which, connected with other circumstances, have been the grounds on which suspicion has been based. At the time of the murder Mrs. Stillwell showed what was regarded as more love and interest in the children than her murdered husband lying in the bed. There were no indications, so far as I have ever known, of any effort on her part to find the murderer of Mr. Stillwell.

In reply to a question, the witness said that the undue care for her children on the part of Mrs. Stillwell which he referred to consisted in calling the servants from another room, taking and helping to take the children into the other room, having the door locked between herself and the servants, and passing out through the room without showing solicitude as to whether her husband was merely stunned or killed. She did not know his condition until a neighbor returned with her from across the street. The witness thought that the natural woman would have seen whether her husband was dead or only hurt, as the murderer, according to her testimony, had left the room, and neither she nor her children were in any danger. The witness said that he had never heard that the widow, as one of the heirs, authorized or requested R. H. Stillwell, as administrator of the estate, to offer the $10,000 reward which was recently withdrawn.

He said that he was not on friendly terms with Dr. Hearne, because of some facts that came to the witness' knowledge of his actions that the witness thought were unworthy of a man that he would call his friend. He said, in conclusion, that the motive generally ascribed to Dick Stillwell for the attempted suppression of an investigation of the murder on certain lines was his desire to protect the good name of his sister and brothers.

A plat of the Stillwell premises was offered in evidence, marked "Exhibit A."

Adjournment was taken at 5 p. m. until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

HANNIBAL, Mo., July 11.—The work of taking depositions in the case of Dr. J. C. Hearne vs. the San Francisco *Chronicle* was resumed this morning, and there were several sensational episodes. Charles Clayton, a witness, and Dr. Hearne would doubtless have had a personal encounter but for the interference of the Notary Public and the attorneys.

Jacob Korner and W. T. League, who were the first persons at the scene of the murder, recounted the particulars as they knew them.

R. H. Stillwell, son of Amos J. Stillwell, the murdered man, furnished the sensation of the day. He was on the stand for some time, and in closing said:

"I saw Dr. Hearne and Mrs. Fannie C. Stillwell frequently together, and my impression was that his attitude toward her was as gentle and affectionate as it possibly could have been. I noticed this within a day or two after the murder. This conduct of Dr. Hearne caused me to write to Mrs. Stillwell at Battle Creek that if she was not aware of his affection, or he had not already propsed to her, that he soon would, and unless she stopped him or refused a proposal that she could no longer associate with respectable people in Hannibal or be looked upon with respect. She wrote back and said I was mistaken in my judgment of Dr. Hearne; that he was gentle and kind, and that his attentions would have been the same to any other woman. This was two months after the murder. I had noticed Dr. Hearne's attentions from the time of the murder on. This did not break off our relations. Their relations continued until December, 1889, when they were married. I had no information of any relations between them prior to the murder, but have learned since, within the past two weeks, that they were in love with each other before my father's death, and that actions and conduct on one occasion caused her to be alarmed at the situation that existed between the two, and that she in some way tried to break off this relationship, and persuaded one or two persons to have a talk with Dr. Hearne to induce him to cease exercising his influence over her, and stop his visits to her, and that Dr. Hearne told the party who had interfered that he was not willing to cease his devotions; that he did not consider my father a fit companion for her, and he intended to use his influence to bring about a divorce.

The statements made by this witness, most of them stronger and more salacious than those given above, caused a great deal of excitement and comment, and are the all-absorbing topic discussed on the streets.

Mrs. Dr. Hearne, formerly Mrs. A. J Stillwell, is en route here from Los Angeles.

HANNIBAL, Mo., July 12.—The taking of depositions in the libel suit of Dr. J. C. Hearne vs. the San Francisco *Chronicle* was continned to-day.

On the cross-examination "Dick" Stillwell said if he was permitted to do so he would like to explain why he had deviated from a strict answer to questions yesterday.

"I have," said he, "been accused of trying to suppress the investigation of this case. For a period of five or six years, I firmly believed the innocence of Dr. Hearne, and had said so boldly, but the developments and circumstances have caused me to change my mind. I do not say that they are guilty of this crime."

"Did not Mrs. Stillwell have epileptic fits before the murder?"

"She did."

"Were Dr. Hearne's attentions to Mrs. Stillwell that night anything more than a physician of keen sensibilities would show? Did you remark it that night?"

"I saw nothing to cause comment. There were women present. I would like to state in her favor that she was subject to these spells, and I have often seen her have them. I firmly believe that she talks at random in these spells, and she is as likely to speak on one subject as another, but I have never heard her say while in one of these spells that she knew anything about the murder."

"What was her condition on that night?"

"She was in one of these spells from five to eight hours after she alarmed the neighbors. She said that night while in the spell that her husband had been killed, and that she could see the form of a man. I have heard her talk in these spells and this indicated to me that she was innocent."

"Don't you think she is innocent?"

"I can't say; I do not know."

"Who told you about the slugging that Dr. Hearne talked about?"

"Mrs. Susie Hayward, of Chicago, made the statement to me as having been made to her by Dr. Hearne, and that he told her in connection about meeting and having passed my father one night in my father's residence. She said that if he had shot my father he would have been hanged for murder. Dr. Hearne replied that if he had shot my father, the people would have thought he was shot by a burglar."

"What kind of a woman is Mrs. Hayward?"

"She is above reproach. Her statements are as truthful as any in this community. Mrs. Hayward also told me that Mrs. Stillwell was completely under the control and in the power of Dr. Hearne before my father's death, and he could do anything with her he wanted to."

"How did you happen to see her? How did you get her?"

"I got her through the influence of a gentleman and his wife who formerly lived here, and are spending awhile in Chicago."

"What are their names?"

"Do I understand that I must answer, Judge?"

Judge Harrison ruled that he must answer.

"Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Heywood. They are in Chicago, but they travel with a theatrical troupe."

"How did you first learn that Mrs. Hayward knew anything about this matter?"

"I was satisfied that she could throw more light on this matter than any other living person. I visited Chicago several times to interview her, but could not induce her to talk until recently. While Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Heywood and Mrs. McKnight were visiting here a month ago I induced them to see her in Chicago and prevail upon her to tell what she knew. They promised me to do so, and as a result of the earnest solicitation of either one or all of those people Mrs. Hayward was induced to make this statement in my presence and in the presence of C. P. Haywood and W. H. Haynes. She called the latter her attorney or adviser."

"Did she tell you why she had been so long in revealing the facts?"

"Yes, sir. She said that on one occasion she intimated to Dr. Hearne that these facts were worrying her, and that she stated to him, 'Suppose I should tell Mr. Stillwell about the relations between you and his wife?' He said, if you did I would kill you. That deterred her, in connection with her former love for my father's wife. She did not say these were her reasons, but that was my inference gained from the manner in which she made the statement. I feel confident in my own mind that Mrs. Harward was a very intimate friend of my father's wife before the murder. I know that the knowledge of Dr. Hearne's intimacy with my father's wife caused her to treat Mrs. Stilwell cooly, and to gradually break away and sever herself from that friendship."

Mr. Stillwell has been summoned by the defense for Monday. Mrs. Hearne is expected to arrive from Los Angeles to-morrow, and will confront her step-son Monday on the witness stand.

The other witness testified to the facts of the murder.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

Kansas has twenty women holding office as County Superintendents of Public Instruction.

A new game law went into effect in Maine on July 4 which provides that no person shall kill, catch, destroy, or carry away more than fifteen trout and landlocked salmon in any one day for four years from the date of the law taking effect.

A lone fisherman on a Biddeford, Me., wharf hooked a keg of fine old whisky the other day which had been lying at the bottom of the river for a long time, according to appearances and taste. The wharf has since been crowded with anxious anglers.

An unusual number of agents from Western and Southern States are stationed in New York this year for the purpose of inducing immigrants to settle in the States which they represent. Even Wisconsin and California are desirous of attracting newcomers.

A raft containing over seven million feet of lumber, mostly white pine, is on its way down the Mississippi to St. Louis. It is believed to be the biggest raft ever floated down the river. Carried by rail the lumber would make four and a half miles of car loads.

Mrs. Thomas Laudy, a native of Ireland, but who spent most of her life in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, died at Mahanoy City, Pa., last Wednesday at the authenticated age of 102 years. Her mind was entirely clear up to the day of her death, and she had a remarkably good memory.

A fight in progress on the end of a wharf at Bar Harbor, Me., the other day, was interrupted by the appearance of the police. In their efforts to escape both principals stumbled over obstructions and fell into the harbor. They were fished out of the water with all fighting fervor washed out.

During the past month of June, diphtheria was more widely prevalent than usual in some cities. From the report for the four weeks of the month it is learned that the number of cases of the infectious disease was 877. The mortality caused by it was chiefly among children under 5 years of age.

A fashionable tailor, who makes garments for those who can afford to pay his price, predicts that the donning of knickerbockers by wheelmen will lead to the revival of the old custom of wearing knee breeches; but it is not every dude who would like to display his calves on Broadway or the Bowery.

A farmer who recently homesteaded on the Cheyenne River, near Smithville, S. D., has just applied to the United States Land Office at Rapid City for permission to make entry on another forty acres of land, because, he says, the recent rains have washed forty acres of his original entry into the river.

Many women in Lewiston and Auburn are, and have been for some time, wearing "rainy day costumes" with skirts which reach only to the tops of their shoes. The townsfolk have become accustomed to the innovation and the dress does not now attract any attention, except in the way of commendation for the common sense features of the costume.

The "bicycle face" of anxiety or dispair is never seen on the boys who have learned to ride the wheel. Little chaps with smiling faces may be seen riding gracefully and easily without a sign of any disturbance of the spirit. Those who acquire a thorough knowledge of the art of wheeling in their early youth possess a great advantage over the people who take their first lessons in it after the muscles have hardened.

A big duck ranch at Damariscotta, Me., is making considerable profit for its proprietor. With twelve large incubators he has raised about 25,000 ducks this season, and marketed them in Boston and New York City at prices ranging from 30 to 40 cents a pound.

The horse canning factory on the Columbia River is now in full operation. It is said that experts declare their inability to distinguish between canned horseflesh and canned beef; but it is not explained, as might be inferred, that this fact will be relied on to secure sales for the product.

New Electric Line Projected.

CEDAR CITY, Mo., July 10.—Arrangements are being made to begin the survey of an electric railway line connecting Jefferson City, Cedar City, Ashland and Columbia. The length of the line is to be about 36 miles, and much interest is being taken in Cole, Callaway and Boone counties in the project.

Mrs. John Wieschaus, of 2654 Hickory street, St. Louis, Mo., is spending the summer with friends and relatives in this county.

Mrs. Anna Gage, wife of Ex-Deputy U. S. Marshal,

Columbus, Kan., says:

"I was delivered of TWINS in less than 20 minutes and with scarcely any pain after using only two bottles of "MOTHERS' FRIEND"

DID NOT SUFFER AFTERWARD.

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CHURCH GIRLS GIVE A SHOW.

The General Audience Enjoyed It, But Some Folks Were Surprised.

METUCHEN, N. Y., July 11.—A dozen fashionable young women, whose families make their summer homes here, concluded some time ago that a negro minstrel performance for the benefit of St. Agnes Guild of St. Luke's Episcopal church would be a good thing for the guild and furnish some recreation for themselves. The performance came off last night in Robin's Hall. The best families in St. Luke's and in the town were represented.

People were turned away for lack of room. The girls were made up by a professional. The curtain went up on a semicircle of well-blacked performers. The men were in burlesque negro attire, and the young women wore red bandannas, basques of calico or gingham, and skirts of wonderful hues that hung just far enough from the floor to show pretty ankles encased in hosiery of lurid stripes.

Pretty soon sensitive people began to fidget under the jokes. There was no evidence that the rector of St. Luke's had exercised a censorship over the jokes that flew about the circle.

Then, when three very proper young women stepped out and did the song and tamborine dance, there were exclamations of surprise from some of the more staid ladies of the guild.

The audience as a whole was immensely tickled and applauded wildly. The show came to a close with a rattling cake walk, in which there was a lively dance.

MANY PEOPLE FLOODED OUT.

Five Hundred People in Salina, Kan., Driven From Their Homes and Made the Objects of Charity.

SALINA, KAS., July 10.—At 12 o'clock last night the Smoky Hill river was thought to be at a standstill. A fresh flood came, and at noon to-day it had risen five inches more and is still rising.

Five hundred people have been driven from their homes and have taken refuge in the school buildings, being cared for by active citizens.

In the valley of the river scores of farmers and their families have had to fly for their lives and crops have been destroyed and stock and buildings washed away. The damage cannot be estimated till the water recedes.

Yesterday a Swede who lives ten miles up the river went with his wife on horseback to an elevated island to release some cattle. While there a sudden change in the current submerged the island and they only escaped from being drowned by climbing trees. After six hours' imprisonment they were rescued by men in boats.

Bridges have been washed away in great numbers and dams and mills greatly damaged.

Democrats Should Not Fall Out.

From the Linneus (Mo.) Bulletin.

If our 16 to 1 brethren wish to hold a convention we do not see why any one should oppose them. But if they wish in that convention to formulate a platform stating that the Democracy of Missouri endorses and will support the 16 to 1 ratio, we object and shall continue to object as long as we are Democrats and represent Democrats who do not favor the fiat ratio for coinage of silver. The free trade element in the Democracy has a better right to meet and rule all other elements out of the party than have our 16 to 1 friends the right to proclaim all disloyal to the party who do not endorse their pet ratio. Free trade has more than once been endorsed in the National platform of the party, and 16 to 1 silver never has had a word of endorsement or encouragement from that source; yet, while we ardently believe in free trade, we would object to any such untimely action in its favor as is now proposed by the Bland element in the Democratic party in behalf of 16 to 1 silver.

Platform 1892.

In our platform of 1892 we declared: "We hold to both gold and silver as the standard money of the country and to the coinage of both gold and silver without discrimination against either metal or charge for mintage, *but the dollar unit of coinage of both metals must be of equal intrinsic and exchangeable value* or be adjusted through international agreement or by such safeguards of legislation as shall insure the maintenance of the parity of the two metals and the equal power of every dollar at all times in the markets and in payment of debts, and we demand that all paper currency shall be kept at par with and redeemable in such coin."

That Tired Feeling

Is a common complaint and it is a dangerous symptom. It means that the system is debilitated because of impure blood, and in this condition it is especially liable to attacks of disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the remedy for this condition, and also for that weakness which prevails at the change of season, climate or life.

Hood's Pills act easily, yet promptly and efficiently on the bowels and liver. 25c.

PREDICTS A FLOOD.

Pottstown, Pa., People Terrified by a Prophet.

POTTSTOWN, PA., July 9.—Great excitement prevails among the superstitious here because of a published letter from Jonathan C. Hill, of Johnstown, Pa., warning the people to flee from a flood, which, he says, will destroy Pottstown. He says a rain will set in and continue thirty-five hours.

Some of the most alarmed have sought refuge on high ground, and others are prepared to leave their homes at a moment's notice.

During the twelve years the Brooklyn bridge has been opened to the public in has been crossed by about 360,000,000 people, or an average of 30,000,000 a year. The total earnings from traffic have been more than $11,000,000.

The Cycling Girl.

From the Somerville Journal.

The hammock girl is out of date,
The carriage girl passee,
The girl who rides the bicycle
Rules all the world to-day.
She flashes by with graceful speed,
As if she rode on air,
And as she glides along she finds
Admirers everywhere.

Let Bishop Doane and Bishop Coxe
Abuse her as they may,
The cycle girl is here brand-new,
And she is here to stay.
She doesn't care how much they fuss,
For she knows she's all right,
For, even as they grumble, they
Must own she's out of sight.

So here's to the sweet cycle girl,
In bloomers or in skirts,
She's worth a dozen of the girl
That lounges round and flirts.
And here's a wish for Bishop Coxe,
A-railing on the fence;
That he may live and grow in grace,
And some day have more sense.

ENTIRELY UNCALLED FOR.

Mr. R. H. Cauthorn, of Mexico, Justly Indignant.

"Silent Observer," in the Vandalia *Leader*, commenting on speeches made at Laddonia at the 4th of July celebration, referring to one made by R. H. Cauthorn, a prominent citizen and business man of Mexico, says:

"Mr. Cauthorn seemed to become so enthused in denouncing both old parties and advocating the Populist doctrine that we concluded he was wound up for the balance of the week. Finally, by the earnest solicitation of the town marshal, he was induced to shut off steam."

Mr. Cauthorn, in conversation with a representative of the LEDGER today, called attention to the above statement and said: "The town marshal was acting as chairman of the meeting. He invited me to speak, introduced me to the audience and notified me when my time was up. I was treated in a most courteous and gentlemanly manner by the chairman and by the audience. When my time had expired I quit, as any speaker would, and that is all there is in the malicious statement made above."

Since 1878 there have been nine epidemics of dysentery in different parts of the country in which Chamberlain's Cholic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was used with perfect success. Dysentery, when epidemic, is almost as severe and dangerous as Asiatic cholera. Heretofore the best efforts of the most skilled physicians have failed to check its ravages, this remedy, however, has cured the most malignant cases, both of children and adults, and under the most trying conditions, which proves it to be the best medicine in the world for bowel complaints. For sale by C. A. Buckner, druggist.

FACTS WORTH KNOWING.

As an illustration of the vitality of the old Welsh language it is shown that it is still spoken by 85 per cent of the population of Wales.

The people of the United States use on an average 12,000,000 postage stamps of all kinds each and every day of the year, or a total of about 4,380,000 per annum.

Two big sturgeons, one weighing 200 pounds and the other 150 pounds, were caught at one haul of the net by a fisherman at Pulteyville, N. Y., last week.

"Familiarity breeds contempt," is a proverb found in one form or another in every European or Asiatic language having a literature. Its earliest form is believed to have been the Sanskrit.

The white rhinoceros has become nearly, if not quite, extinct. There are two stuffed specimens in England and one in the Cape Town museum. It is the largest species of the genus.

Spectacles were invented in Italy about 1285. They were at first very expensive, so were worn by only wealthy persons or noblemen, and so it became to be regarded as a mark of rank.

The recently elected police force of South Bend, Wash., is probably the smallest and biggest in the country. It consists of two men, one of whom weighs 295 pounds and the other 285 pounds.

Deer are so plentiful along the Rogue river, in Oregon, that the systematic slaughtering of them for their hides alone is a profitable business, the men egaged in it being known locally as "deer skinners."

Look Out for Democratic Victory.

From the Auxvasse Review.

The Financial Question will not be settled in the Democratic party until settled at the National Convention. Until then every Democratic should study well the question at issue. This personal criticism should cease and the merit of the question alone should be discussed. There is no need of destroying chances for Democratic victory simply to please a few anxious politicians.

We recommend De Witt's Colic and Cholera Cure because we believe it is a safe and reliable remedy. It's good effects are shown at once in cases of Cholera Morbus and similar complaints. Wooldridge & Purdy.

IF President Cleveland again becomes the Democratic candidate it will be largely owing to personal abuse of him by Republicans.

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From early childhood until I was grown my family spent a fortune trying to cure me of this disease. I visited Hot Springs, and was treated by the best medical men, but was not benefited. FROM When all things had failed I determined to try S. S. S., and in four months was entirely cured. The terrible Eczema was gone, not a sign of it left; my general health built up, and I have never had any return of the disease. I have since recommended CHILDHOOD S. S. S. to a number of friends for skin diseases, and have never yet known a failure to cure.

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CASES FOR THE GRAND JURY.

The Negro Boy Hutchison in Jail for Criminal Assault—Two Other Arrests.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney John D. Orear has been quite busy the last two days in the interest of the State, Prosecuting Attorney J. G. Trimble being out of town.

Three State cases—one near Worcester, one at Thompson and the third in Mexico—have been laid on the shelf, so to speak, for the next Grand Jury to act upon by this hustling young attorney.

Roy Hutchison, a negro boy 18 years old, is now occupying a cell in the County Jail in this city, lodged there by Deputy Constable John Beagles, of near Worcester, last night. The charge against him is that of rape. Passing the house of a colored man named Scott near Worcester Wednesday he asked Annie, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. Scott, if her father was at home and received a negative answer. Hutchison at once proceeded to assault the girl and, no one being near, he succeeded. Parties over a quarter of a mile away heard the screams of the girl. His preliminary trial was held in Squire Baker's Court at Worcester yesterday. When arrested, Hutchison was slumbering with another coon's spouse and was much alarmed when the officer of the law dragged him from his quarters.

The second State case is that of Miss Ada Hill vs. Henry Grafford, both parties of near Thompson, for slander. Miss Hill claims that Grafford circulated false reports concerning her which were detrimental to her character as a pure woman. Grafford, who is the son of a well-to-do farmer near Thompson, was arrested and is now released under $500 bond till the time of his trial in Squire Riley's Court in this city on July 22. The girl's reputation is said to have been morally straight and unimpeachable.

Another case of color in the third instance: Clabe Morris, who has worked for John Lane, the butcher, for years, has had Kate Norton arrested for stealing a sewing machine from his residence. Both parties are weel known negroes. It seems that Mrs. Morris was absent in St. Louis undergoing medical treatment and she got Kate Northern to keep house for her husband while she was away. Kate, suddenly overcome with the fever of kleptomania, removed the family sewing machine from its familiar corner and took it to August Helfert, the second-hand store man, and disposed of it. Mrs. Morris returned from the city yesterday and at once the war began. The button was pressed and the Grand Jury will do the rest.

CHINESE COME IN BY ROPE.

John's Ingenious Method of Crossing the St. Lawrence After Dark.

QUEBEC, July 10.—The wily Chinese have lately been adopting new tactics for gaining admission into the United States from Canada. In the neighborhood of Iroquois, Ontario, on the Canadian side, and Hogansburg, N. Y., a new method for smuggling Chinese is in vogue. The plan is a clever one. A long rope has been stretched across the St. Lawrence, which is narrow at this point, and firmly secured to large stakes on either side of the river. On this, and aided by darkness, the Celestial manages to cross the lines by swimming and holding on to the rope. The method is not as dangerous as it appears; in fact it is quite easy to deport the Chinese across the lines without much risk to any one but the unhappy traveler himself, perhaps, and the expense is trivial, while those who manipulate the trick get all the way from $75 to $150 for every Chinese smuggled by them.

There are reports that these lines are in use in several places. Three minor arrests have already been made.

NOT OPPOSED TO BICYCLES.

Ex-President Harrison Denies Having Expressed Hostile Views to Any One.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 10.—Speaking yesterday of the alleged interview published in New York in which he was made to say that he was opposed to the use of bicycles by women, ex-President Benjamin Harrison said: "I have talked with no newspaper man on such a subject. I may have said something to personal friends on the subject, but my views are not in accord with the views expressed in that article. I expect it is another one of those made-up articles for which New York newspaper men are famous."

Only last week a local bicycle firm shipped two wheels to Saratoga, one for Mrs. McKee, General Harrison's daughter, and the other for her son.

New Firm.

W. T. Keath has purchased an interest in the grain and implement business of W. S. Hathaway and the firm in the future will be the Hathaway-Keath Grain and Implement Co. Mr. Keath has been a resident of Mexico for a number of years and is a reliable, straightforward business man who has the confidence of all our people. We predict splendid success for the new firm. This firm has been corporated with $5,000 stock as follows: Vernie Morris, two shares; W. S. Hathaway, twenty-four shares; Wm. T. Keath, twenty-four shares.

A Little Strong.

From the Richmond (Mo.) Conservator.

For Governor in 1896, R. P. Bland; for Lieutenant Governor, J. W. Farris. Platform, d——n the "gold bugs."

"I'LL BE DINGED!" SAID EDGAR.

A Rattlesnake Hunter in an Awkward Predicament.

BATH, N. Y., July 9.—Fred Edgar, of Corning, went out on the hills near that place the other day to hunt rattlesnakes. He discovered a fine yellow one, and clapped a forked stick over its neck, and running his hand up along the snake's body to the back of its head, grasped the snake around the neck and started home with it. Edgar didn't know the size of the job he had undertaken. The rattler twisted its long body around his arm, and showed its sharp fangs as it glared at its captor, who was frightened almost into fits, but did not dare to release the deadly snake, fearing that it would instantly sink its fangs into him. He got home with the snake at last, and everybody promptly ran away, leaving Edgar still handicapped by the rattler, which virtually had possession of him instead of him having the snake.

After an hour's unpleasant quandary Edgar at last hit upon a plan to get his release from the snake. Still grasping it by the neck, he managed to make a slipping noose in a string with his disengaged hand. This he slipped over the rattler's head and had it snared. He then jerked the snake out of the hand that had grasped it so long, and it fell on the ground some distance away. Tethering the snake with the string Edgar got a box and imprisoned his prize. When he was asked why he didn't choke the rattler to death and end the unpleasant situation at once, "Well, I'll be dinged!" said he, "I never thought of that!" He says $1,000 in cash wouldn't tempt him to repeat his performance with that or any other rattlesnake.

Beagles-Price.

Thursday evening at 9 o'clock in the Christian church at Laddonia, Mr. Noah D. Beagles, a young merchant of that city, was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Price, an estimable young lady, who is well known in Audrain county. Rev. C. C. Hill, of