

IN ANOTHER column will be found the list of committees appointed for the coming G. A. R. encampment here from July 21-4. Every citizen should take an active part in the coming encampment and see that everything is done to give the "boys of '61" the time of their lives.

THERE will be no scarcity of frankfurters if the German sausages are kept out of the United States because of the use of borax in their manufacture.

IF THE sultan of Turkey is true to his promise to hold the governors of European Turkey personally responsible for massacre, there will undoubtedly be a large number of gubernatorial vacancies for aspiring Turks.

THE people of Wisconsin are much excited over the fact that a sane man was confined in an insane asylum. That's nothing; there's lots of people running at large that ought to be in asylums.

ANOTHER church explosion in Chicago proves that when a negro preacher denounces "policy" or "craps" he is literally walking on dynamite.

Fought Fatal Duel.

Louisville, Ky., May 14.—John Ausrabal, a grocer, was shot and killed by Archie Madden, his brother-in-law. Madden was shot twice by the grocer and is in a critical condition.

Convicted Twice.

Ellsworth, Kan., May 12.—George M. Buffington was convicted yesterday for the second time of the murder of Ode Miller in Eastern Ellsworth county, a verdict of murder in the second degree having been returned.

"Sized Up" His Man.

"Brother" Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," has a sense of humor. He tells this story on himself of a young couple who applied to him to be married. He performed the ceremony with due solemnity and congratulated the bride. Then he observed the bridegroom searching through his pockets and looking a bit humiliated and ashamed.

Cure for Smallpox.

A subscriber requests the publication of the following: "I am willing to risk my reputation as a public man," wrote Edward Hines to the Liverpool Mercury, "if the worst case of smallpox cannot be cured in three days, simply by the use of cream of tartar. One ounce of cream of tartar dissolved at intervals when cold is a certain, never-failing remedy. It has cured thousands, never leaves a mark, never causes blindness and avoids tedious lingering."—Canton Saturday Roller.

A Pointer for Women.

Queen Alexandra's laces, linens and silks are perfumed by a method which almost any woman can copy. The drawers in which they are kept are lined with white paper, strewn with rose petals. On this is placed a layer of the fabric to be scented, over that a layer of rose leaves, and so on in alternation until the drawer is filled.

Pleasure in Doing Good.

Rev. A. P. Doyle of New York remarks the other day: "A woman who has an abundance of the good things of this world appreciates them all the more when she tries to uplift the fallen or bring comfort to the heart-broken and it sweetens her enjoyment of God's gifts. On the other hand, there is no more useless creature on God's earth than the woman of wealth who lives for herself alone."

Backwoods Sketches...

GOOD TO HIS BOYS.

"The man never breathed that thinks more of his children than me," says Freem Doud as he sat in front of his log cabin and watched two boys playing among the stumps. "There ain't anything I wouldn't do to jolly them up, bless their hearts! I'd fall out of a tree on the roof of my head just to cheer 'em up. Since their ma kicked the bucket, I've got to hustle to keep 'em feeling cheerful sometimes, you bet. I ought to be off in the woods right now hanging up a few deers, but I can't bear being away from the kids."

"Why don't you let the boys visit the neighbors while you are away?" I asked.

"A neighbor never lived that's good enough to look after my boys a minute, mister. I ain't going to have them running loose all over hell's creation while their dad can live up to the father racket. No sir."

Two months later I met Freem in Slabtown as he entered a store with a tall woman leaning on his arm. He winked gleefully at me as we saluted and soon followed me outside.

"See that shemale!" he asked in triumphant confidence. "She is my wife—married her two weeks coming tomorrow. You see, I've got two boys growing up, and I finally figured it out that they needed a woman's eye to bring 'em up right. I'd do anything for my kids, even to marrying for their sakes. I have been leary of stepmothers as a steady diet, but I finally caught onto a blue-eyed woman with a wart on her nose that wasn't good and kind to children? No, sir; you never did."

I assured him I never did, then asked the whereabouts of his beloved sons. "Well, you see, my wife—you understand—said she didn't like the idea of starting into the honeymoon business with a house full of kids under foot; so, you see, we shipped them off to Wisconsin to live with an aunt of mine."

SOAKED FOR SIX YEARS

Notice of Appeal Given, Bonds Fixed at \$19,000, and Furnished.

Ex-Mayor Ames was sentenced to six years in the state penitentiary at Stillwater at hard labor. Ames' attorneys gave notice of an appeal, and the bondsmen were ready so that the prisoner still retains his liberty.

Bond was fixed at \$19,000 and promptly furnished by seven of the former mayor's friends, nearly all brewers. Dr. Ames won't have to go to prison at least until after the supreme court passes on the appeal.

Streams Swollen.

Lincoln, Neb., May 1.—This is the fourth day of general rain that has extended over the state. The creeks and rivers in the southern and southwestern portions of the state are rising rapidly, and at Superior, where nearly nine inches of water had fallen, the piers under two large bridges are in danger.

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HE NEEDED A DOCTOR.

Senator Hale's Symptoms Alarmed Brother Statesman.

In the marble room of the Senate is a blackboard, upon which each morning different colored chalks indicate the temperature and general weather conditions prevailing throughout the country. Senator Hale, while talking to a constituent, unconsciously backed up against this board, and a little later started for the Senate chamber, covered with green, red, yellow and white dust.

"Why, Senator, you are a sick man, and ought to be in bed," said Senator Dubois, with anxiety in his voice.

"What's the matter with me?" asked the Maine man, passing his hand over his forehead.

"Any man," explained the Idaho Senator, laughing and tapping the other on the back, "who is as cold between the shoulders and as hot over the kidneys as you are certainly needs a doctor."—Baltimore Herald.

BIRDS THAT PLANT TREES.

Nature Has Plan for the Perpetuation of Forests.

An old-time Arizona woodchopper says the bluejays have planted thousands of trees now growing all over Arizona. He says these birds have a habit of burying small seeds in the ground with their beaks, and that they frequently pinon trees and bury large numbers of the small pine nuts in the ground, many of which sprout and grow. He was walking through the pines with an eastern gentleman a short time ago, when one of these birds flew from a tree to the ground, stuck his bill into the earth and quickly flew away. When told what had happened the eastern man was skeptical, but the two went to the spot and with a knife blade dug out a sound pine nut from a depth of about an inch and a half. Thus it will be seen that nature has her own plan for forest perpetuation.

Los Angeles' Wants.

The trouble with Los Angeles, says the Los Angeles Times, is that we want so many things, and we want them all at once—good telephone service, more shade, clean streets, more paved streets, wires of all kinds underground, bigger water mains, more school houses, another sewer to the sea, no third rail in the streets, a convenient hall, a speed ordinance that is strictly enforced, fewer saloons, no bucket shops and no pool rooms, less oil on the streets, less dust and a few other things too numerous to catalogue. They will all come along in time, no doubt.

Has Had Long Span of Life.

Amos Martin of Princeton, Pa., has just passed his one hundred and sixth birthday. He was a Highland piper at the battle of Waterloo. When he married his first wife, who was a spinster and owned a farm, he drove to her place with a blind horse, found her in a shed milking a cow, held an umbrella over her while he proposed in a manner most unconventional—for it was raining—and wedded her next day. She died when he was ninety-six years old. Five years ago he wedded a widow who was sixty years old.

The Ruler of Morocco.

The Sultan of Morocco is described as a progressive young man whose misfortunes are quite undeserved. Though he grew up in the seclusion of an Oriental palace and had no real education from the western point of view, he has thrown off the cramping influence of early training and is keen to acquire knowledge. Europeans who have visited his court have been struck by his unusual intelligence and they say he actually does possess a rough working acquaintance with the practical side of modern science.

Lady Curzon's Bloodhound.

Lady Curzon, the Indian vicereine, is exceedingly fond of dogs. In her kennels some time ago there was a beautiful bloodhound pup which had been presented to her by a native prince. A friend of Lady Curzon's who was being taken around the kennels the other day asked the bloodhound's name. "Oh, that dog's name is Morgan," replied Lady Curzon. "What made you call him Morgan?" asked the unsuspecting visitor. "Because," replied the vicereine, "he never loses a scent."

"Robbery," a New Magazine.

A magazine has been started in Belgium to chronicle the doings of the criminal world. It is called "Robbery," and will appear quarterly. It will contain accounts of famous thefts in days gone by side by side with descriptions of the most up to date methods employed by thieves, burglars, etc., though it is not to be, so far as known, an organ of the trade. Space will be also devoted to illustrating the various tools and instruments used by the craft on nocturnal excursions in town and country.

Dogma.

In a public school in Sandusky one of the teachers in the primary grade gave the word "dogma" to her class as a basis for a sentence-building exercise. As the class looked puzzled, the teacher repeated the word, putting the accent rather prominently on the second syllable. But the term seemed beyond the mental grasp of the children. None of them could produce anything. Time was called, and a wide-awake little girl snapped her fingers and read: "Our dog ma has three little puppies."—Selected.

WHY SILVER TARNISHES.

Although every housekeeper is painfully aware of the tendency of silverware to part with its brilliancy and become tarnished when exposed to ordinary atmospheric influences, many do not know that the cause of the tarnishing is the action of sulphur in the air. Unless frequently cleaned, the surface of silver will become black in the course of a few months. The best way to keep silver bright, without the necessity of cleaning, is said to be to coat the surface with a thin solution of collodion varnish diluted with spirits of wine. After being applied with a soft brush the spirit evaporates, leaving a thin, glossy, transparent film on the polished surface. Warm water removes the varnish. Tarnished silver may be restored by careful rubbing with a soft cloth wet with dilute solution of potassium cyanide,—one ounce to a quart of water,—followed by rinsing.

A WIRE FENCE CONVENIENCE.

A wire fence always presents to those who understand the "power" of its barbs a formidable appearance, and, in truth, is an unpleasant affair to cross, either by climbing over or crawling under, or between the strands. Happily, however, the accompanying illustration shows a convenient and safe arrangement whereby such barriers may be crossed as often as desired, and that without any



A STEP-LADDER.

tension on the wires being lost by cutting a gateway.

It is simply a double stepladder, and can be constructed by any one at all handy with tools in a short time, the railing consisting of gas pipe, the lower ends of which should be deeply inserted into the ground. Where a wire fence has to be crossed frequently in some out of the way locality this device is of great value.

ROOM IN THE WEST.

It is not generally known that there are in the United States unutilized areas of land to the extent of 600,000,000 acres. There are times when one is apt to think that the country is getting a trifle crowded, and one welcomes the opening of little tracts of a few hundred thousand acres as affording opportune relief to a condition of almost dangerous congestion. But all Europe does not possess the area which is included in the arid region west of the Mississippi. There's the rub—it is an arid region. But in these

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

Improvement in Glass-Blowing.

By employing compressed air, a Dresden manufacturer has lately succeeded in producing glass vessels of extraordinary size. Heretofore, it is said, concave glass could be blown into vessels having a capacity not exceeding about 26 gallons, but by the new process glass bath tubs and large glass kettles can be blown.

Bronze Powder.

The shining metallic dust that is used to produce the effect of gilt and bronze in wall-papers, printing, lithography, mirror and picture frames, fresco painting, and so on, has its principal source in the bronze-powder factories at Furth, in Bavaria, where this industry has been highly specialized. The material is "Dutch metal," an alloy of copper and spelter. The larger the percentage of spelter the more yellowish the alloy. Seven principal tints are produced, varying from golden yellow to bright copper red. The alloy is first prepared in the form of leaf metal which is afterward ground into powder.

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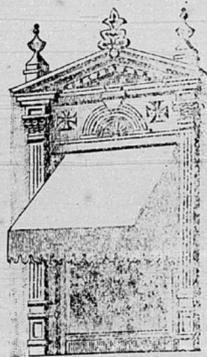
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