

The East has dished up some frightful disasters lately and railroad accidents and cyclones seem determined to hold sway.

Kansas, Missouri and Illinois did not put on airs over the inauguration of their respective governors, but the job was done neatly and was chuck full of business.

Our street provoked some rather pointed remarks on the part of a recent distinguished visitor, but we have reason to be proud of our streets—along in June—and we don't care who knows it.

Sam Small has adopted a good many of Sam Jones' ideas, but they sound just as well second handed as first handed when the listeners are in sympathy with the borrower and the cause he represents.

Sedalia ought to be good enough to grow wings to-day. She listened to the teachings of two evangelists and Sam Small last night and also read the Bazoos' scriptural quotation at the head of this column.

Baby Benjamin McKee has been vaccinated and baby Benjamin McKee is sick in consequence. Should he remain so, the cranks will probably have their way and Grandpa Harrison will have quiet inaugural ceremonies.

Sam Small stirred up the policy preachers and the church hypocrites generally last night in a manner which will be apt to be remembered. Sam evidently has no use for the canting crew who want to claim fellowship with the Lord while patting the devil on the head and Sam is right.

Judge Tuly, of the circuit court, Chicago, has denied the petition of Anarchist Arbeiter Bund for an injunction to restrain the police authorities from interfering with anarchistic meetings and it would begin to appear that the anarchists of Chicago were not going to have a picnic for some time yet, if ever.

The shooting of several men by the sheriff in Birmingham, Ala., does not seem to deter the people there from forming mobs, and late news state that a mob at that place lynched a negro yesterday morning. Mob law must have fast hold on the people of that place, and yet there are people who think a mob can be handled without bullets.

"We have a life work before us" said an enthusiastic female orator as she was exhorting the fair ones before her to rally as one woman, "and" she continued, "while the men all have put cotton in their ears, we have hope and determination in our hearts," and the small boy in the gallery shouted, "Chesnuts. Got the cotton in the wrong place, old gal!"

A friend of Mr. Blaine, who modestly conceals his identity, says that the Maine statesman recently told him that he has "as yet" received no offer of a cabinet portfolio nor even an intimation that it would be tendered. But he added that should the position of secretary of state be tendered him he "would certainly accept it." It behooves Gen. Harrison to have the string stout and to grasp it firmly if he intends to indulge in any April-fool's-day business with the state portfolio and the astute man from Maine.

The bill for the admission of South Dakota must have had a very soothing effect upon the members of the house in Washington; it is said sofas in the back of the house and in cloak rooms were filled with sleepers. It is an interesting spectacle for the people to see their law makers, having such a somnolent time, but since they can't help themselves, they can only grin and bear it. It is a fact, however, that the Washington lay out has so far this session of congress, resolved themselves into a farce of very huge proportions and that is about all they have done.

It is to be hoped that the bill which was introduced to the House yesterday to prohibit the selling of cigars, tobacco and cigarettes to minors will become a law without a dissenting voice. There certainly can be no better introductory to evil practices than

through the tobacco habit, since its use is bound to debilitate the system of youth and cause it to crave stimulants. The picture of weak eyed, sallow boys, not yet matured by nature, already the victim of the tobacco habit, is not only disgusting but a cause for apprehension. Gymnasiums and outdoor sports are suggested for the development of boys and as a means of making them healthful, but while cigarettes and other forms of tobacco are in constant use by them, the remedies suggested are practically of no use.

A bill is now before Congress authorizing the Government to purchase the shaving-table used by George Washington during his life time. Forbid it, Heaven! There is that about the shaving-table of a hero which would break the heart of the hysterico-sentimental observer. Think how many times the Father of His Country shed his blood above that secret-bearing piece of furniture! Reflect how many times he used such language as he dragged a dull razor across his majestic face! No; the public must not be permitted to weep as it gathers about this melancholy relic. Remove that shaving-table! Lock it up! Keep it free from vulgar gaze! Let us not be reminded that he who was "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen" ever had to shave.

The Ladies Aid society of this city is doing a most excellent work among the needy and they should be encouraged by liberal contributions and considerate treatment when they issue a call for assistance. It should be remembered that it is no small task for these devoted women to leave their own pleasant homes and go where poverty abides and is repulsive because of its very nature, and it is no small task for them to give relief to every claimant whom they find worthy, even if there be not many as compared with the needy of other cities. Just a mite from out the store of abundance which is the fate of nearly three-fourths of the people of this city will keep the other one-fourth from feeling cold and hunger and since the best medium to reach this class is through those who know of them and their needs, the Woman's Aid society is well worth considering.

Boston ministers have hopped into ring and have adopted a resolution expressing a conviction that out of respect for the character of President Harrison, the purchase and use of intoxicating liquors be dispensed with at the inauguration ceremonies, and President Harrison will be asked to take it under consideration. There is more than one drawback in being a republican president, it would seem. When Mr. Cleveland was inaugurated there was no resolution of the above kind, and yet everything passed off magnificently and everybody, including several Boston ministers, had a grand time. There remains now a few more cranks to hear from concerning the inaugural, and then we may confidently hope that there will be no marked change from the inaugural ceremonies adopted when George Washington was inducted into office, and which has, with the addition of a greater display, been pretty nearly followed ever since.

Gov. Francis in his inaugural address dwells upon the wonderful growth of Missouri during the past few years, and yet says that "affirmation and positive action is necessary if we would advance the interests of the people and push Missouri forward to higher place among the great states of the nation. Governor Francis is right, and it is to this pushing process that the people, with Governor Francis as the pushes, that the people will look to see Missouri reach her place among the great states. Her progress in the past few years has been "wonderful," but after all not in the ratio that it should have been considering her great resources and the wealth which her people represent. With a man at the head, whose capabilities are of such marked quality and whose intelligent conception of Missouri's needs as shown by his address, is so comprehensive there is little doubt but that in the next few

years Missouri's growth will be more than wonderful, and she will not only take her place among great states but outrank them in many respects.

So much has been said against railroad "pooling" by people who do not understand the exact meaning of the term that any information relative to the subject should be read carefully. The Globe-Democrat has this to say of it, in an article concerning the present railroad situation, the warfare existing between some of the trunk lines and the agreement recently entered into by leading representatives of western roads:

"There is only one way in which railroad warfare can be avoided, and that is by the process of pooling, direct or implied. The word 'pool' is an unpleasant one, but the idea which it involves when properly considered is not a dangerous one by any means. In a strict sense, it only means an agreement between two or more rivals to abide by a definite schedule of charges, instead of carrying on a struggle which can only bring confusion and loss to all concerned. There is nothing more certain than that where pooling is forbidden there is no adequate and practical method of adjusting railroad differences and preventing conflicts that tend to demoralize business operations. The principal weakness of the interstate commerce act lies in the fact that it prohibits this form of action under any conditions. That is to say, it provokes railroad warfare without supplying any means for making peace. The railroad companies can fight one another to any extent, almost, without violating the law; but the moment they seek to establish order and harmony by mutual concessions as to the points in dispute, it preemptorily forbids them to take advantage of the only theory which is adapted to the situation. The agreement of the Western roads does not come within any explicit provision of the law. It is a voluntary undertaking, made necessary by the want of proper legal facilities. The courts can not be called upon to enforce it, according to the interstate commerce act, but there is reason to believe that the contracting parties will abide by it in good faith, simply because the law denies them any other and better means of escape from a serious difficulty."

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Philadelphia Press.
What is the matter with the esteemed New York World? It uses a double-leaded column of its editorial page to say that the late election was not a fair trial for the Democracy, because Cleveland was the candidate, and he had played fast and loose with so many questions that he was weak. The outburst is very significant. It looks as if the Cleveland policy in the Democratic party is to be retired with Cleveland, and that there is a purpose to go back and begin again on some other line.

Not in a Dancing Mood.
Chicago Herald.
Wages at the works of the American Wire Company at Cleveland have been cut down 25 per cent. Every one of the men voted for Harrison and Morton, yet none of them will contribute a cent to the Inauguration Ball.

Unhappy Ohio.
Cincinnati Commercial.
First, we have a crank Constitution. Our valuable laws are largely unconstitutional, and the courts have to construe them so that the people can have a chance to live and move and have their being. The letter would kill.

Stands for Gore.
New York World.
The town of Ingalls in Kansas has been making war upon the neighboring town of Cimarron. How could it be otherwise? The very name of Ingalls stands for Gore in Kansas.

A Bonanza, Indeed.
Cincinnati Enquirer.
"What is the Oklahoma bill," did you say? Why, it is a little effort to utilize those magnificent lands of the Indian Territory. It is a splendid thing for those who are on the ground floor.

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NEWSPAPER HUMOR.

—Lowell Courier: The clerk of the weather seems to be getting up some ex-ice laws of his own.

—Washington Critic: Mr. Weaver, M. C. from Iowa, may be a green-backer, but he is not a come backer.

—Youkers Statesman: "That's a saw spot with me," remarked the tramp as he viewed the farmer's wood pile.

—Boston Beacon: What are the great astronomers? The stars; because they have studied the heavens for ages.

—Pittsburg Chronicle: A woman glass-eater named Eliza, in a Denyer dime museum, is known locally as Crystal Lize.

—Texas Siftings: The critics who gush so extravagantly over the star actress and prime donne are liable to die from an overdose of laudanum.

—Rochester Post-Express: Billy Moloney, the absent ex-Reading clerk of the New York Board of Aldermen, has gone to Brussels. What's on the carpet now?

—Burlington Free Press: There are cases in which it is pretty safe to judge by appearances. Many a poor sinner is fined in a police court because he appears to be drunk.

—Philadelphia Ledger: The opinion at Saukim is that a man reported captured by the Mabalists is the traveler Neufeld, and he is probably the maddest among them all.

I had a severe attack of catarrh over a year ago and became so deaf I could not hear common conversation. I suffered terribly from roaring in my head. I procured a bottle of Ely's Cream Balm and in three weeks could hear as well as I ever could, and now I can cheerfully say to all who are afflicted with the worst of diseases, catarrh and deafness, take one bottle of Ely's Cream Balm and be cured. It is worth \$1,000 per bottle to any man, woman or child suffering from catarrh.—A. E. Newman, Grayling, Campbell Co., Michigan.

MISSOURI NOTES.

—The ice at St. Joseph is seven inches thick.

—The masquerade skating craze is at its height throughout the state.

—The preachers of Nevada have made arrangements to take a religious census of the city.

—The "Chinese Village" company is about to appear at Laclede under the auspices of the Grand Army post.

—It is claimed that a rate of sixty-three miles per hour was recently made on the Santa Fe between Palemon and Carrollton.

—A party of four Joplin people is preparing to make a trip overland next summer. A wagon is being built expressly for the trip.

—The Allerton packing house at St. Joseph opened for business yesterday. Its capacity is 7,000 hogs per day when running full time.

—The pork packers of the state are beginning to feel alarmed lest the ice crop should fail to materialize. The prospects are that the ice manufacturing industry will feel a boom.

—J. B. Moore of Chillicothe has brought suit to recover \$200 which was risked and lost on the last election. According to the statutes of the state the winner will be obliged to disgorge.

—Springfield has three tobacco factories and eight cigar factories. Over 1,000,000 cigars and 300,000 pounds of manufactured tobacco were turned out last year. The government revenue amounted to \$28,000.

—James Marshall, a colored man of Chillicothe, is under arrest upon charge of rape preferred by a white woman named Mrs. Ida Ariscal. The offense is said to have been committed on the 7th of last November.

A Scrap of Paper Saves or Lifs.
It was just an ordinary scrap of wrapping paper, but it saved her life. She was in the last stages of consumption, told by physicians that she was incurable and could live only a short time; she weighed less than seventy pounds. On a piece of wrapping paper she read of Dr. King's New Discovery, and bought a large bottle. It helped her more, bought another and grew better fast, continued its use and is now strong, healthy, rosy, plump, weighing 140 pounds. For fuller particulars send stamp to W. H. Cole, Druggist, Fort Smith. Trial Bottle of this wonderful Discovery Free at Mertz & Hale's Drugstore.

Crow or Turkey?
Richmond Dispatch.
Maine is reported suffering \$100,000 worth a year from crows. Well, Maine has had to eat a good deal of crow during the last eight years and may have to swallow some more when the new cabinet is appointed.

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