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The Congressional scoop-shovel continue the Twelfth Congressional district has almost one candidate from each county—nine counties and eight candidates.

Senators represent states, not counties. The Force bill is an affront to statehood. It ought to find no favor in the senate.

Something wrong in the Twelfth Congressional District. The canvass for Congress is illegal. Dr. Churchill, of Vernon, is not a candidate. Something wrong.

Judge Givan, of Cass; C. H. Morgan, of Barton; Dr. Hill, of Jasper; Judge DeArmond, of Bates; Josh Ladue, of Henry; H. W. Grantley, of St. Clair, and R. N. Bannister, of Cedar, are candidates in the Twelfth district.

Jay Gould declares now that the Western Union Building shall be made fireproof. He says that he never again wants to see the Fire Department watering Western Union when he is so amply able to attend to that part of the business himself.

A wise politician never goes off half cocked, but the politician without wisdom or mind never has anything but meaningless twaddle to say and depends upon his ability to shake hands and tell lies that would shame a Digger Indian.

W. F. Hansberger announces in to-day's paper for representative in the legislature in the Eastern district of Pettis county. Mr. Hansberger is an old resident, a reliable democrat and has a character for integrity, honor and capacity unquestioned. The democracy will do itself proud to nominate and elect him.

The war in Central America threatens to involve the five little States of that region. Nobody here knows what it is about and nobody in Central America seems able to tell us. Apparently it would be easy for the States concerned to find some more effective means of progress than in slaughter.

The Balkan states seem anxious to fight this summer, and if they were in any degree free agents, a war might be safely predicted. Indeed it might be said to have begun. But the pieces on the chess-board are subject to certain restraints imposed by the players, and the great powers, not the little weaknesses, are the players in Europe.

Is it true that the police authorities of Sedalia have no power to compel the owner of an admittedly vicious dog to muzzle the animal? It is true that a savage dog, which makes repeated assaults upon men, women and children, tears their clothing off their bodies and lacerates their limbs with his poisonous fangs, can go scott-free, if he wears a five-cent brass tag? Can a rabid dog have perfect freedom of the streets if his owner has paid the city the one dollar license?

Col. Robt. G. Ingersoll is reported as having recently expressed himself thus in relation to the science of protection as now practiced in this country:

I believe in protecting what are called infant industries, but after these "infants" get six feet high and wear No. 12 boots it is about time to stop rocking the cradle, especially when the "infant" tells you that if you stop rocking he will get out of the cradle and kick your head off.

There is a general belief in domestic circles that when an infant begins to grow whiskers it is time to withdraw the milk bottle. Col. Ingersoll has caught the spirit of the genuine tariff-reformer.

MIDSUMMER FOOLISHNESS

The Force bill may become a law, and if so, it may be declared constitutional. That it will, if enforced, cause the peaceful relations now existing between the North and the South to become more strained there is no doubt. But the threatened boycott of northern products by the South, in case the bill is passed, is a very weak and idiotic protest. The boycott is not a native of America. It comes from the slums of the Strand, the conclaves of the Nihilists and the lair of boycotting socialism. The proposal is utterly absurd. If it could be carried out it would harm instead of helping the strong States, and it is to be regretted that such an ably conducted journal as the Atlanta Constitution should advance it. It is a midsummer foolishness. If it could be carried out it would harm instead of helping the strong and determined Northern opposition to all that the Force bill represents. But the boycott is wholly impossible. Human nature vetoes it. The complexity of trade relations constitutes an irresistable force in opposition. Men buy where they can buy cheapest and sell where they can get most for their goods, and they will, unless prevented by law, go on doing so to the end of time.

The idea that any large section of the country will consent to forego the privilege of trading with any other large section for any reason or under any circumstances whatever is preposterous in an extreme degree, and its serious suggestions is significant of delirium.

But trade will feel the effects of the Force bill if it ever becomes a law, without any frantic devices to bring that end about. The bill will disturb business at the South and check prosperity there. In that business and prosperity Northern capital and Northern enterprise are vitally interested, both by direct investment and by virtue of less direct commercial relations. Whatever tends to depression and stagnation there will be felt at once and keenly here. It is felt already, in fact, by anticipation, and in addition to the hostility of principle and conviction the North is filled with trade hostility to this iniquitous measure, as the senate is daily learning from republican as well as democratic business men.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years the doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure in the market. It is taken internally in doses of 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address.

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Witchita, July 23.—Miss Mary Parker, aged 40, sister of the proprietor of the Radix hotel, at Button, hanged herself in the hotel stables Monday afternoon. She tied a rope to a beam and slid off a pile of hay. She was found by her brother some hours later. No cause is assigned for the deed. The deceased seemed happy and had a snug sum in bank.

Strange Death of a Pretty Wife

Berlin, July 33.—A tragedy surrounded with mystery was perpetrated in the Thiergarten Park, near Goldfish Lake, early this morning. The body of Marie Wender, the pretty wife of a post office official, was discovered with a bullet wound in the left breast and her throat cut. There is no clue to the murderer.

The husband of the woman was away from home much of the time.

It is suspected that the couple did not live hapily together and that Wender had a lover. The husband has not been seen since the crime was discovered.

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Montreal, July 18.—"O mother, God is punishing me for being so naughty," screamed an unfortunate child, 5 years old, as she rushed enveloped in flames into the street. The startled neighbors ran towards the burning child, but before rugs could be secured and wrapped around her the little one had been so terribly burned that death soon put an end to her sufferings

The victim, Louisa Lafond, had been playing with an older companion, Matilda Grenier, when the older child suggested that they should imitate fashionable ladies and smoke cigarettes. The cigarettes were purchased from a boy in the streets, the two girls sat down upon a door-step and started to learn to smoke. In a few minutes Louise dropped her cigarette and the dress on fire. Both girls endeavored to extinguish the flames, but the fire had got too much of a start and the wind fanned the burning cotton into a blaze.

The shrieking child with her hair and clothes burning ran down the street and into her mother's yard, where by wrapping her in a rug the fire was at last extinguished.

The poor little sufferer writhed in agony until death mercifully relieved her, at 2 o'clock this morning, with her last breath expressing to her weeping mother her contrition at being a naughty girl and her hope that God would forgive her for disobeying her mother and smoking cigarettes.

A MANIAC'S FRENZY.

Failing to Shoot Himself Dead, He Kills His Wife and Hangs Himself.

Wheeling, W. Va., July 24.—Yesterday morning at 4 o'clock, Mandeville Ault, deputy recorder of Belmont county, O., while laboring under a temporary fit of insanity, caused by the death of his child and by sickness, shot himself in the head with a revolver. The ball passed around the skull without doing serious damage. He immediately turned and shot his wife, who was standing near, killing her instantly. He then went to his father's barn and hanged himself from the rafters. The shooting occurred at his home near Centerville, Belmont county.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

SINFUL JOHN WELLS.

He Elopes With His 15-Year-Old Grand Niece.

Owensboro, Ky., July 24.—A sensation containing the elements of desertion, aduction and incest is reported from the Birkshire place, four or five miles above town. For some time past K. Y. Birkshire has had living on his place two men named Wells, John, the elder, being the uncle of Charles. Both men have wives, Chas. having a numerous brood of children and John having none. The oldest child of the farmer's family was a very pretty girl of about 15, well developed and rather bright. The old man has for some time evinced a great fondness for the girl, though nothing was thought of his manifestations of affection, all believing them to be nothing more than those of an uncle toward a neice.

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