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UNION LABEL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1896.

GEN. WEYLER finds it much easier to shoot prisoners in Havana than to go out and take them in the field.

MAJ. MCKINLEY should engage some of the football players, now that the season is ended, to stem the rush of office-seekers.

A FOREIGN correspondent informs the American public that the recent royal visit to Blenheim cost the Duke of Marlborough $100,000. This is interesting to American heiresses.

SINCE Uncle John Wanamaker has opened a bargain counter in New York and is distributing advertising plums, the Gotham papers do not see quite so much humor in his senatorial candidacy.

BOSTON contributes this item of public interest: "The extensive plant of the Roxbury Carpet company shut down for an indefinite period. The agents have made no statement concerning the action. The plant is the largest of its kind in New England, employing 1,200 people." It must be that the "advance agent of prosperity" don't have any use for carpets. While "confidence is restored" it would look as though "it" intended to rough it awhile on bare floors.

SENATOR O. F. BERRY, of Hancock county, will contest the election of Mr. Manifold, his late opponent for the state senate in the Twenty-eighth district. Mr. Berry claims that when the democrats nominated Manifold the populists named as their candidate a man named Hull, but did not certify the nomination to the secretary of state. Later when fusion was arranged, Mr. Berry says, the populists pulled Hull off and nominated Manifold, and the secretary of state directed the county clerks to put the latter's name on the ballot as the populist candidate. Mr. Berry's claim is that, as Hull's nomination had not been properly certified, no candidate selected in his place could go on the ballot. It is expected that the contest will come up early in the session, and as the republicans have a two-thirds vote in the senate, Mr. Berry, of course, will be given the seat in a hurry if he makes out any kind of a case.

THE rumor that Messrs. Cleveland, Carlisle and Olney will organize a great law firm in New York is denied by Secretary Carlisle. The president's plans are unknown beyond the fact that he has purchased a home at Princeton, N. J., but will probably go abroad for a time. Only two members of the cabinet seem to be in the way of securing lifetime situations in the public service. These are Secretary Herbert and Postmaster General Wilson, both of whom are poor men. Mr. Herbert, it is expected, will be made chief justice of the court of claims, and Mr. Wilson is suggested as successor to Judge Cox, who will soon retire from the District of Columbia supreme bench. Secretary Carlisle will either accept the presidency of a New York financial institution or establish a law practice in the community where it promises to be the most lucrative. Attorney General Harmon will go back to his law practice in Cincinnati, and Secretary Morton to his country home in Nebraska. Secretary Lamont has extensive business interests in New York, which will keep him abundantly employed. Secretary Olney will go to Boston and take up the routine of the legal profession. Secretary Francis will return to St. Louis and his grain and produce business.

A Hygienic Restaurant.

A suggestion worthy of all praise is put forth by a contemporary journal for ladies. It is to the effect that somebody should start a restaurant in which the waiters should be instructed to refuse to serve any sequence of dishes which obviously make for indigestion. One can easily believe that the world would be the better, the healthier, the happier, if this proposal were widely carried out. Men have been known, for instance, to wash down oysters with brandy and water, but they have always been sorry for it afterward. Students at the British museum have been observed to drink tea with veal and ham pie, and their studies have suffered from the combination. The world, in short, is full of middle aged men who would enjoy their middle age ever so much better if in their youth they had found their way to restaurants where snob delicacies, as veal and ham pie, dressed crab, lobster, mayonnaise and cucumbers were only to be procured upon production of a medical certificate of fitness to receive them.—London Graphic.

Dead Man's Claim.

Among the rich mines of Leadville is one called Dead Man's Claim. It seems a certain popular miner had died, and his friends, having decided to give him a good send off, hired a man for $20 to act as sexton. It was in the midst of winter, there was ten feet of snow on the ground, and the grave had to go six feet below that. The gravedigger sallied forth into the snow, depositing the corpse for safe keeping in a drift, and for three days nothing was heard from him. A delegation sent to find the fellow discovered him digging away with all his might, but found also the intended grave converted into the entrance of a shaft. Striking the earth, it seems he had found pay rock worth $60 a ton. The delegation at once staked out claims adjoining his, and the deceased was forgotten. Later in the season, the snow having melted, his body was found and given an ordinary burial in another part of the camp.—Boston Journal.

MILAN BUSINGS.

Milan, Dec. 2.—A son arrived Monday forenoon to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Nice.

There is to be a social dance at J. W. Caldwell's, in Rural, this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Koch, of Rock Island, were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kuehl Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Daggett and family, of Moline, spent Sunday with Ralph Babcock, who resides east of Milan near the sand mound.

Miss Cora G. Young, of Harlan, Iowa, arrived in Milan Monday morning for a visit with her uncle, John McConnell, of Black Hawk.

Rev. C. H. Brown, of Coal Valley, is at St. Anthony's hospital, and consequently will be unable to fill the pulpit next Sunday at Coal Valley or Beulah. By Sunday, December 13, he hopes to be able to fill his place.

The canal from lock 36 to the guard lock is now frozen, and young and old are taking advantage of the opportunity to skate. The ice is over four inches thick and more level and smooth ice has never been in the canal before.

The steamer Duke seems to have a great deal of bad luck in navigating the canal. She sank near the Moline bridge, but was raised and went on the ways for repairs. Thanksgiving day she again went up the canal and Friday evening she went to the bottom a short distance above Mill creek gates. She lies in about six feet of water and is in no danger. The ice in the canal is nearly four inches thick, and it is likely that the Duke will have to stay where she is until the ice thaws out next spring.

Justice In the Rough.

"We used to call him the cactus editor of Blackstone," said the major, who had lived in Texas long enough to make a fortune, "and the blind eyed goddess never had a more peculiar representative. The law never bothered him a bit, but he reverenced equity. He had a dignity all his own, but never allowed it to interfere with his love of a joke.

"'How old are you?' asked one of the lawyers of a venerable spinster on the stand.

"'I was born in '45,' she snapped.

"'B. C. or A. D.?' quickly asked the judge. And the mature maiden disowned her brother because he would not challenge the court.

"'Is this your first offense?' he asked of a convicted horse thief.

"On being assured that it was, the judge said, 'Then I will only give you 99 years instead of 100, as I would have done had you been an old offender.'

"A miller had bought ten barrels of apples from a farmer and brought action to recover on a claim that the barrels were undersized, causing him a loss of three bushels on the deal.

"'How did you get the barrels?' asked the court of the farmer.

"'Bought them full of flour from the miller.'

"Whereupon the court gave the farmer a verdict and taxed the costs against the miller."—Detroit Free Press.

After a Record.

"Strange," said the man with the strong cigar absentmindedly.

"What's strange?" asked the man with the meerschaum.

"I was thinking of a friend of mine who claims to have found an absolutely perfect fountain pen."

"Always writes, never drips ink and never gets out of order?"

"That's what he says."

The man with the meerschaum pipe shook his head.

"What do you think of it?" he asked.

"I hardly know what to think of it. He's joined no liars' club that I know of, and yet everything indicates that he is working for a record."—Chicago Post.

Gustavus Adolphus was the Snow King, from the fact that his dominions were termed the Snow Kingdom.

COUNTY BUILDING.

Transfers.

Nov. 28.—Daniel Hartwell to William Stewart, lot 7, block 1, Alday's third add., Moline, $600.

Edward W. Bauersfeld to James W. Liggett, part lots 1 and 2, frl. block 73, Chicago or Lower add., Rock Island, $8 50.

E. H. Guyer to Fred Conzelman, lot 1, block 171, Lower East Moline, $300.

30—William Bentley to John Hussey, lots 1 and 2, block 8, town of Andalusia, $100.

John Aster to Fred Yeager, e½ lot 6, block 3, B. Davenport's Fourth add., Rock Island, $8 50.

Dora Lowe to Henry Fluegel, part lot 2, block 17, Chicago or Lower add., Rock Island, $250.

Johannes Kruse to Anna Evers n 40 feet lot 7, block 40, Thomson & Wells' add., Rock Island, $527.

Dec. 1—Justus D. Taylor to Emelie S. McNevin, part lot 6, J. D. Taylor's First add., Rock Island, $1,300.

Jacob F. Gitt by executor, to Lewis E. Wilson, e½ ne¼ se¼ 34, 17, 2w, nw¼ sw¼ 35, 17, 2w, $1,643 84.

Mary Miller to Ben Ransom, w½ lot 10, block 48, Chicago or Lower add., Rock Island, $600.

"The Players."

"The Players" are to be seen at the Harper theatre Sunday night to popular prices. The company has made a hit wherever it has appeared. The Dixon Sun of Nov. 28 says: "A large audience greeted 'The Players' at the opera house last evening, and all were more than well pleased with the presentation of 'The Westerner,' a romantic western drama in three acts, with a beautiful plot, and interspersed with very clever specialties, introduced by Frank Marion, J. T. Connors, Miss Clara Marion, Miss Virginia Marion, and Miss Leah Marshell. Mr. Alexander as Jack Ralston and Miss Henrietta Brown, as Winona, made the hit of the evening."

The Weather.

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; continued cold tonight; warmer Thursday. Northeasterly winds. Today's temperature 26.

F. J. WALZ, Observer.

Amusements.

BY USING ARGUS WANTS.

The king of Siam
Would be a great I am,
Could he see the idea unfurled
That the most cherished plan
Of every wise man
Is to make his wants known to the world.

A Fertile Plant.

One of the most wonderful examples of vegetable growth and fecundity is illustrated by the Asiatic pemperion. A single seed planted on the grounds of the Berlin Botanical society propagated a vine which grew to be as large as a man's body in nine weeks. It grew to a total length of nearly 900 feet and ripened over 800,000 seeds.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents.

WANTED.

WANTED—A COOK. ENQUIRE AFTER 6 o'clock at 902 Twentieth street.

WANTED—FIVE GENTLEMEN: BIG PAY: portrait business. Apply 4 to 9, 2211 Fourth avenue.

WANTED—A COMPETENT GIRL FOR general housework. References required. Apply at 1305 Second avenue.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—A NICE FLAT. INQUIRE at 1700 Third avenue.

FOR RENT—FURNISHED BED ROOMS, steam heat, at 1601 Fourth avenue.

FOR RENT—TWO LARGE STORE ROOMS on corner of Fourth avenue and Twentieth street. Reidy Bros.

FOR RENT—FIVE-ROOM FLAT, 219 EIGHteenth street. Inquire of J. D. Taylor, 904 Nineteenth street.

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOM, VERY convenient to business center with hot water heat. Address X. Y. Z., ARGUS office.

FOR RENT—SEVEN ROOM HOUSE ON Second avenue; modern conveniences; also six room house, by E. W. Hurst.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—CHOICE CITY LOTS FROM $450 to $1,500. Any location you desire. Reidy Bros.

FOR SALE—A FINE COTTAGE, LARGE lot, in South Heights; can be had at a bargain. Reidy Bros.

FOR SALE—15 COTTAGES RANGING from $900 to $1,200 in price in different localities. Reidy Bros.

FOR SALE—A GOOD 7-ROOM HOUSE ON Twentieth street; large lot; can be had a low figure if taken soon. Reidy Bros.

FOR SALE—A GOOD BARGAIN IN A LOT on Fifth avenue, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets; 50x100. Reidy Bros.

FOR SALE—A GOOD LARGE 5-ROOM COTtage on Fourth avenue; large lot, paving included, a splendid bargain. Reidy Bros.

FOR SALE—A MODERN HOUSE OF NINE rooms on Eighteenth street between Sixth and Seventh avenue, a good bargain. Reidy Bros.

FOR SALE—$3,100 WILL BUY A FINE place on Twenty-second street, south of Seventh avenue; large lot; good bargain. Reidy Bros.

FOR SALE—$2,300 WILL BUY A SPLENdid 8-room house; lot 75x150; large barn; easy terms; well located and high and dry. Reidy Bros.

FOR SALE—TWO PIECES OF RESIDENCE property on Twentieth street, new and modern. Will take other property in trade or part payment. Reidy Bros.

FOR SALE—A TWO-STORY HOUSE, large lot, splendid barn, paving clear, on Fifth avenue near Twenty-sixth street. Can be bought cheap. Reidy Bros.

FOR SALE—A NEW MODERN HOUSE ON Fifth avenue and Twenty-ninth street, near old Warner residence; will take small piece of property in trade. Reidy Bros.

FOR SALE—A DOUBLE HOUSE ON FIFTH avenue; all modern improvements; rents for $36 per month; upper part of the city; a good bargain for investor. Reidy Bros.

FOR SALE—A SPLENDID BARGAIN ON Twenty-second street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, two dwellings; will pay 10 per cent clear on investment. Reidy Bros.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LOST—LADIES' MUFF ON FIFTH AVenue near Twenty-second street.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A GOOD 7-ROOM house on Nineteenth street, lot 70x272; will trade for a farm. Reidy Bros.

FOR TRADE—A FINE PIECE OF PROPerty near city limits, will trade for Kansas or Missouri land. Let us hear from you. Reidy Bros.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A FINE RESIdence on Nineteenth street; large lot. Will take a good farm or suburban property in part payment. Reidy Bros.

SALESMEN WANTED ALL OVER THE United States for the new adding machine, required in every office, store and factory; price very low. Standard Trading Company, 130 Fulton street, New York, N. Y.