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THE drummers are assuring Wm. J. Bryan that they will pull for him next time. They have had their eye teeth cut since they whooped it up for McKinley and Hanna.

A BILL has been favorably reported in the legislature of New York to punish child stealing with life imprisonment in penitentiary. Every parent will agree that the punishment is not too severe for the crime. Such ought to be the law in other states.

THE new battleship Ohio is to be launched at San Francisco about mid-summer. President McKinley is booked to be present and make a speech on the occasion. The understanding is that the speech he will make will be really the opening of his campaign.

THE Standard Oil trust is a good second to the Carnegie company. It distributed dividends among its stockholders on Thursday to the amount of \$23,000,000. It is such dividends as this that create the feeling of hostility to trusts—among those who don't share in the dividends.

MONDAY was a red-letter day in police circles in Pensacola. The police court fines aggregated \$525. At present there are forty-three prisoners confined in the city jail. As a piece of news this is all right, but as to its moral bearing for that city it is a very undesirable item, and one that we would hate to publish about our town.

A CANAL across the peninsula of Florida, it is said, will be one of the important matters that will come before the Southern Industrial convention in Chattanooga in May. If one-half of the proposed canals across Florida had ever been constructed the state would be so cut up with a network of waterways they could hardly be plotted correctly on a map.

THERE appears to be no doubt of the fact that Hon. R. W. Davis will be his own successor in congress. There has not existed, nor is it all probable that there will exist, any serious opposition to him. As matters now stand, all indications point to his nomination by acclamation and his election by the largest majority ever given a Democratic candidate for congress from this district.

It is said that the coming elections in Cuba are to be held "after the manner of American elections." This is rather indefinite as there are different manners of election in different states. In Montana, for instance, new \$1,000 bills are used as vote persuaders; in Indiana, they are separated into "blocks" and it is said that in Pennsylvania they carry dead men on the back; in North Carolina, according to a man, they have stuffing ballot boxes; in New York, they place them in the pockets of citizens, also in Illinois, they are carried to Illinois. In other American manners' in Cuba?

Florida Resources.

The Gainesville Sun, in an excellent article advising the people of Florida to develop the great natural resources of the state, says among other good things, "the best citizens, no matter what may be his religion or political belief, are those who earnestly strive to advance all those interests which are recognized as promotive of the public good. Any man who permits his religion or his politics to prejudice his action in dealing with the welfare of the whole people of the state is not as good a citizen as he should be.

"There always has been and always will be different creeds, but it should be forgotten by none that one person is as much entitled to give expression to his honest convictions as another. But no matter what the creed of individuals, there is no substantial reason why all should not act in unison when it comes to contributing to that which will be beneficial to all.

"It is the duty of every good citizen to help others as well as himself, which can be done without throwing stumbling blocks in the way of the progress of any legitimate business.

"A proper development of the natural resources of Florida will bring prosperity and happiness not only to the people who are now here, but to the hundreds of thousands who will come.

"Let us stand unitedly together in an earnest effort to advance. Let us harmoniously strive to accomplish that which will redound to the benefit of all by doing that which we know to be right and studiously avoid doing that which our conscience condemns."

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Mr. Hanna has made all arrangements to have congress adjourn in time for the opening of the presidential campaign. Mr. McKinley expects to need all the boosting he can get.—Erie Herald.

In a nutshell, Mr. Root's remarks to the Cubans are that they are capable of governing themselves, but not ready to do so. If the Cubans can warm themselves with this chunk of ice, they are welcome.—Norfolk (Va.) Landmark.

If Porto Rico is not a part of the United States, what right has congress to receive it of any part of the Dingley tariff? If it does belong to the United States what right has congress to violate the constitution by imposing tariff duties upon our own territory?—Canton (O.) News-Democrat.

The British government may exterminate the Dutch colonist and give their territory to Cecil Rhodes and his followers, but the fact remains that it violated the treaty of 1884, by which it had contracted to relinquish all claim to meddle in the internal affairs of the Transvaal.—Chicago Tribune.

The strange feature about McKinley's pathfinding is that he should have been able to pick so rugged and impassable a path through a district equipped throughout with signposts put up by the declaration of independence, the constitution of the United States and the revered utterances of America's honored statesmen and jurists.—St. Louis Republic.

Congress and the executive departments are wrestling with the question: What is to be done with the superannuated clerks? We have the solution—Abolish the system that fosters and creates them and give each clerk a certain term of office, and a clerk will never become superannuated in public office.—Dover Index.

When Gen. Grosvenor, speaking for his party, said on the floor of the house of representatives, "We are going to make all the money out of the transaction we can," he told the truth about the imperial government and our acquisitions. Greed is the prime motive and despotism its necessary instrument.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

SPORTS AT INDIANOLA.

Thirty-second Anniversary Celebration at that Place Last Friday.

Although March 16th dawned rainy and was threatening until 8 o'clock, there assembled at Indianola over half a thousand people to witness the usual sports and pastimes, commemorative of the 32nd anniversary of the first white lady settler's advent on Merritts Island, "Aunt" Eliza Field and her consort, "Uncle" John, who were congratulated for their youthful appearance, buoyant spirits and thoughtful considerations for the enjoyment of the large assemblage of bonhomie citizens of Indian river and many states composing Uncle Sam's trust-ridden domains, who were constantly arriving during the forenoon by launch, sail and row boats, carriages and shank's mares, thanking Providence for the cool, pleasant and enjoyable day, seeming gratified they had ventured out, and towards noon glad their baskets were well filled with edibles, and at 12 o'clock fell too and consumed a vast quantity of the staples and luxuries of life that loaded the new and inviting tables set under the magnificent and towering oak, hickory, magnolia and palmetto canopy.

After the appetites of the throng had been appeased the children of both sexes indulged in foot races, and then the grown kids had a sack race, and H. Sams tumbled over the line first, and he also won the wheel barrow race, which sounded like a grass-widow breaking up the furniture.

Next, Will Hatter, hatless and shoeless, wins two heats and the prize in an exciting foot race.

The next tussle was called a tug-of-war, and seeing and hearing so many guns we hid in the scrub, thinking a battle was about to take place, but afterwards learned that only a lot of boys were spilled instead of ammunition and blood, although a lot of clay pigeons near by were being cracked at by crack shots and others that never cracked a bit of crockery but tried their prettiest all day.

The next event was the beef shoot, participated in by a host of good rifle marksmen, two quarters being won by Dr. Chas. Hill and one by T. Grotjan Rond. Not learning about any more quarters we take it that it was a three-quartered bull that was contested for.

The day's sports closed with a turkey pull, which was a comical novelty for the tourists at least, but after a fearless riding contest of an hour by the cow-boys and a few preachers, doctors, and the Maryland cow-puncher, Bradley, mounted on an aged deaf mule, who, being full of turkey foot soup, got all tangled up together, the old gobbler's head refused to leave its body and was bid off at auction by Dr. Geo. Hill, who, by the way, had an eye to business, as he runs a tooth mill up in Billy Penn's old house, and had lots of guests, who, after the 32-year-old bird had been boiled and baked 48 hours, broke out lots of their grinders trying to masticate him, just for politeness' sake.

At 8:30 p. m. the portals of the large, tastefully decorated club house were thrown open and the grand march, led by Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald at 9, set the ball to rolling and at 10 three hundred happy people were within, some of whom were wall ornaments, but the many exquisite dancers found plenty of room on the spacious, glassy floor, and whirled about full of glee until 3 a. m. to the celestial music rendered by the Hotel Indian River orchestra.

Our hair being full of sandspurs prohibits our telling the cuts and textures of the elaborate and stylish toilets worn by the handsome and smiling ladies, but the dew-tills our eyes because space forbids mentioning the bottom rags of the many gentlemen. The mirth provoking feature of the unique event was the club president's direct importation from South Africa of the original ducky cake walk—C's chief, Harper de Charles, and his charming best girl, M'rs. Donaldson St. John, who deftly handled her skirts in gaily style and angelically capered and waltzed about the floor with her talented lover to the music of the Zulu orchestra composed of Jack Thompson, bandist; Sweeney George, bones; Gibbons Thomas, tambourine.

The beautiful day's and night's entertainments were a big success socially and financially, and clears the club from debt.

On account of the non-arrival of the names of all the prize winners, as promised by the managers, we are compelled to omit them.

FUTURE SPORTS.

Notice.

Yachtsmen will welcome the big March issue of the only yachting magazine, The Rudder. It is a profusely illustrated edition, containing articles, designs and pictures of great interest to those who sail the sea for pleasure. The lead off is a finely pictured description of the famous ocean yacht Italia, followed by a well-told yarn of peril safely overcome, under the heading of Blown off Shore. A set of seven splendid full page pictures of the model room of the New York Yacht Club will interest those who have never seen that famous apartment. Among the other articles is a story of the Southern Yacht club, A Cruise in Australian Waters, a full account of the crack privateer of the 1812 war, etc. There are many plans of schooners, knockabouts, cruisers, and the full building plans.

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