

**HAD BEGUN TO PROSPER.**

**A Pathetically Humorous Story Told of a Cumberland Mountain Farmer.**

A writer in the Detroit Free Press tells a pathetically humorous story of a friend of his, Jack Negly, a Cumberland farmer. The writer had lent Jack a few dollars, with which to buy a pair of steers, and had received from him many visits of apology; for Jack was an honest man, and did not enjoy being in debt.

He was a renter, and at least every other season he was occupying a different farm. By my advice, he had moved the year before into an entirely new field, a dozen miles from his usual haunts, and I had not seen him for several months. When I did see him, at last, it was by accident as business called me into his neighborhood. As I rode past his place he hailed me from the corn-field and came out to the fence.

"Hello," I exclaimed. "Is this your farm?"

"Yes, and I jist come over to tell you, colonel, that I'll be ready to pay part of that claim uv your'n afore long."

"You must be doing well?"

"I think I'm doing fust-rate, and I'm powerful obleeged to you, colonel, fer headin' me this way."

"I'm always glad to help, if I can."

"I knowed that, colonel, and that's why I come away over here so fer frum home. Hit's kinder strange to me, but ez long ez I'm doin' ez well ez I am I'm a-goin' to stand hit."

"Are you making any money?"

Jim's face brightened perceptibly.

"No, I ain't, colonel," he replied, hopefully; "but I'm losin' it slower'n I ever done in my life afore."

It struck me as rather odd at first, but upon reflection I concluded that Jim might have reason for his hopefulness.

**ANOTHER ICE PERIOD.**

**A Predicted Result of Cutting the Isthmus of Panama.**

"The best scientific authorities predict dire effects from the cutting of a canal through either the Isthmus of Panama or Tehuantepec. The late George R. Marsh said of this that 'a new ice period might be occasioned by the withdrawal of so important a source of warmth from the northern zones,' and Sir John Herschel wrote: 'Were the Isthmus of Panama broken through there is no doubt that the whole climate of our island (Great Britain) would undergo a most notable deterioration.' The sum of \$9,000,000 has been voted by the legislature of the state of New York for improving the Erie canal system; the Hennepin canal has had \$1,200,000 spent on it, and work has stopped until new appropriations can be made. Matt Quay is using his influence for the construction of a ship canal from Pittsburgh to Lake Erie, to cost \$16,000,000, and a ship canal from Philadelphia to New York, besides advocating the expenditure of \$50,000,000 in canalizing the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. One of the most stupendous of these engineering works is the Chicago drainage canal, now in progress, which is to cut the 'divide' which bars the way between Chicago and the Mississippi river. The distance is only 30 miles between Lake Michigan and the Illinois river, and one can easily see the startling nature of a union of the 'great lakes' and the 'father of waters.'"

**HUNG IN MIDAIR.**

**The Perilous Plight of a Soldier in Chinese Thibet.**

An amusing story is told of the English officer who determined to enter Chinese Thibet by stratagem. He managed to cross the frontier at night, and so escaped the guard.

On the following day, however, while the officer was journeying deeper into Thibet, the Thibetan soldiers overtook him, and informed him that as the country was unsafe because of robbers, they would go with him in order to protect him, to which arrangement the traveler was compelled to agree. In a few hours they came to a river, which was crossed by a rope bridge.

The Thibetans passed over first, in order to show that the bridge was safe, and then the official got into the noose and was pulled along by the Thibetans. Suddenly, however, they ceased pulling, and left the Englishman hanging in midair above the rushing torrent.

In vain the officer shouted to the Thibetans to pull. They merely smoked and nodded their heads. The hours passed, and still the officer hung above the torrent. At last the Thibetans agreed to pull him back if he would leave Tibet immediately. This, of course, he was compelled to do, and took his departure from the forbidden land.

**RUINED BY A CONTRACT.**

**An Iron Founder Undertakes Something Outside of His Line.**

The founder of the Vendome column in Paris met with financial ruin in his contract. The French government, when it decided to erect the notable column, entered into a contract with an iron founder, says the Philadelphia Record. He knew nothing whatever of modeling or casting in bronze. The government agreed to supply him with cannon captured from the Russians and Austrians during the campaign of 1805, in quantities sufficient to found the monument. The contractor, knowing nothing of the phenomena which the fusion of bronze offers, found when two-thirds of the column was completed that he had "up all his metal."



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Sufficient bronze had been given him to complete the monument, and he was responsible for the entire amount. Finding himself face to face with bankruptcy he melted up his scoriae and mixed the metal with cheap refuse which he purchased, and so completed the founding. The castings, however, were found to be so full of flaws that the work was stopped, and the founder ruined. The moldings of the different parts of the bas-relief were so badly executed that the chiselers who repaired the defects removed no less than 70 tons of bronze. They received for their labor £12,000, to which was added the 70 tons of bronze, which became their perquisites. The whole transaction was very, very French.

**Blights Matrimonial Prospects.**

In the reign of Louis XV. a solemn edict was passed in France to the following effect: "Whosoever, by means of red and white paint, perfumes, essences, artificial teeth, false hair, cotton wool, iron corsets, hoops, shoes with high heels, or false hips, should seek to induce into the bonds of marriage any male subject of his majesty shall be prosecuted for witchcraft and declared incapable of matrimony."

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**THE ELECTORAL VOTE.**

The following is the electoral vote of the states as based upon the apportionment act of Feb. 7, 1891:

Alabama	11	Nebraska	3
Arkansas	8	Nevada	3
California	9	New Hampshire	4
Colorado	4	New Jersey	10
Connecticut	6	New York	36
Delaware	3	North Carolina	11
Florida	4	North Dakota	3
Georgia	13	Ohio	23
Idaho	3	Oregon	4
Illinois	24	Pennsylvania	32
Indiana	15	Rhode Island	4
Iowa	13	South Carolina	9
Kansas	10	South Dakota	4
Kentucky	13	Tennessee	12
Louisiana	8	Texas	15
Maine	6	Utah	6
Maryland	8	Vermont	4
Massachusetts	15	Virginia	12
Michigan	14	Washington	4
Minnesota	9	West Virginia	6
Mississippi	9	Wisconsin	12
Missouri	17	Wyoming	3
Montana	3		
Total 444; necessary for choice 223.			

**ABSORBED  
BY THE CITY  
OF PHOENIX!**

Such is the  
Condition of the

**Churchill  
Addition.**

But, notwithstanding they are now in the city itself, there are a few lots for sale yet at prices corresponding with the "Sound Money Doctrine" of President Cleveland and his cuckoos, which means that kind of a dollar which will buy two dollars worth of property. These lots are near the new electric car line which is now in operation. The lots are in the city and their occupants do not need to ride into town, but the presence of electric street cars is popular and adds market value to the property. Inside of five years this will be business property. Buy a lot now for a residence and when business crowds you out the rents will support you in a house outside in some addition where you can keep a horse and drive into town and collect your rents. Terms, 1/3 cash 1/3 in one year, 1/3 in two years at 10 per cent interest.

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