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The Dixon Sun has sent out its first daily edition. May long life and prosperity attend the venture of our enterprising neighbor.

The last legislature amended the revenue law so as to require county clerks to make a note in the collector's books of all lots and tracts of lands sold for taxes or special assessments, the collectors to notify the owners. This gives owners notice of the sales in time to prevent great accumulations of costs. Heretofore, owners received no notice of sales till a penalty of 100 per cent had accumulated. Now notice will be sent when the first penalty of 25 per cent expires. This goes into effect the present year, and the tax books to be given out to the collectors after January 1 will contain the tax sale notices.

SECRETARY CARLISLE proved himself during his long service in congress to be one of the ablest legislators the country has produced, and his annual report submitted to congress this week places him in the front rank of national financiers. Even a cursory glance over his report, which makes a pamphlet of 62 pages, will show the enormous amount of studying he was compelled to do in order to familiarize himself with the more or less complicated subjects with which he deals. He strongly commends the Wilson tariff bill, and puts forward strong arguments to show that it will greatly benefit the country, and reminds the majority of the house that it was especially elected to reform the tariff. He shows the financial condition to be such that immediate relief by congressional legislation is necessary, and points out that this may be by authorizing the issue of 5-year 3 per cent bonds, or by authorizing the secretary of the treasury to use a 3 per cent note to run one year to pay these creditors of the government who may elect to receive them in lieu of cash.

Ben T. Cable in Illinois Politics. From all parts of the state come endorsements of Hon. Ben T. Cable for United States senator from Illinois to succeed Shelby M. Cullom. The Carmi Courier sounds this response to the mention of his name, in connection with the post alluded to:

The time is not far distant when the democrats throughout the different legislative districts will begin to consider the qualifications of probable persons to represent their views in the choice of a United States senator to be elected at the next session of the legislature, which being one of vast importance in that respect, makes it desirable that the people's representatives should be selected with regard to their self-sacrificing devotion to the supremacy of democratic principles. It is those who can sacrifice personal preferences in order to maintain the supremacy of their party principles who are recognized with distinction by their fellow men. In this connection the Courier would suggest that the victory of 1892, which after over 30 years of republican rule, wrenched the state from the hands of that party, and placed it in the hands of democracy, was largely due to the force of ability displayed in the management of that campaign by Ben T. Cable, and that the democratic party could make no more appropriate acknowledgment of its appreciation of his devotion and ability than by conferring upon him the highest honor possible to its legislative capacity.

The Courier is prompted to these suggestions not only by a sense of party obligation, but by a generally recognized knowledge of that superior ability which would thus be made active in the interests of the party to promote the interests of the people. The question of who shall be the democratic choice for senator is one

that should be early and fully discussed, as in the event of a nomination being made by a state convention, before the election of a legislature, the people should be prepared to intelligibly instruct their delegates.

In a later edition of the same paper comes the following further announcement:

The Courier seems to have struck a responsive chord in the democratic heart, in the mention of Ben T. Cable in connection with the United States senatorship. Mr. Cable's name is so closely identified with democratic victory in Illinois, that his nomination by a state convention would be sufficient to insure a repetition, if not a gain over the majority of 1892. It is well understood that his expressed sentiments in favor of an income tax, to replace whatever deficiency might result from the reduction of the tariff, has had great influence with the ways and means committee at Washington, in the regulation of the schedule as prepared for submission to congress. A man of Mr. Cable's wealth suggesting a tax upon himself, as a relief of the people in support of the government, is sufficient to recommend him to the people, as an officer of the government who would not support a measure, whose burden, if adopted, would not fall equally upon himself with the rest of his countrymen, or one whose benefits the whole people would not equally share, and in this his democracy recommends him to his party.

An Object Lesson. Alice Stone Blackwell tells a delicious little story. It was town meeting day in Barton Landing, Vt. The ladies thereabouts had been tainted with the poison of woman suffrage notions, and a number of them determined to attend the meeting to see how the superior sex conducted itself on dignified public occasions. They accordingly attacked the hall in a body. At the same day and hour the schoolteacher of the place marshaled the pupils, male and female, of the political economy class and took them to the town hall also, that they might see how the sovereigns of this nation hold it level. Arrived at the building they found their political rulers in a squabble and state of disorder only excelled by the famous scuffling match in the British parliament. Unpleasantness was in the air plainly. To see how in the twinkling of an eye the members of the superior sex snatched their feet off the desks, threw away their cigars, straightened themselves up, hushed their angry words and began cooing as gently as a dove on the arrival of the visitors was an object lesson both to those who did and did not believe in woman taking part in municipal government.

She Teaches What. A Wisconsin woman, Miss Kate Irwin Wheelock, is a pioneer in a fresh field for woman's occupation. For eight years she has been teaching what to women in Milwaukee. Her initial class grew out of a company of friends, who, knowing her proficiency at the game, begged her to give them a little instruction. From this informal beginning Miss Wheelock has built up a lucrative business, and her classes now are regular and systematic.

The young teacher is described as a small woman, "with quiet manners, a soft voice and a colorless face"—apparently not the embodiment of the master of the scientific and complex game that she is, but once seated at the what board the underlying characteristics of her temperament are in evidence. She is said to be a cool, keen player, politic, yet dominant. Cavendish is her authority, and her faith in the ability of women to play what equally as well as men is unbounded.—Milwaukee Correspondent.

A St. Louis Scheme. A conversational club in St. Louis, which meets weekly, promises much merriment to its membership and guests through the coming season. It is composed of 10 young women, and once a month they invite 10 young men to assist in the discussion. At such times the obviously unfair arrangement of concealing from the guests the subject to be talked about is followed, and the martyr youths come up to the sacrifice not knowing whether they are to be immolated on the altar of "The Stone Age of Europe" or "Is Marriage a Failure?" To their credit it is said that they chivalrously come, and so far they have encountered nothing worse than "Love" and "Boston Baked Beans" to converse upon.—St. Louis Letter.

Canvas Work. There is a decided return in the art embroidery shops to the canvas work, cross and over-stitch work of our grandmothers' samplers. The revivals come, too, with all modern improvements. The garish red, green and blue wools combined without any other idea than to get a variety, after the manner of the beginning of the century work, have vanished, and the pale tones of the art worker of today are in their place. Banners, sofa pillows, screen panels and the like are shown in the canvases and will be welcomed by many women who have never attained the Kensington stitch and to whom the mysteries of brush and color are still a sealed book.—New York Correspondent.

A "BLUFF" THAT WORKED.

How a Little Man Avoided a Fight With a Mastering Big One.

The big man was just drunk enough to be spoiling for a fight. That was apparent to every one in the cafe. He hadn't been there 10 minutes before he picked a quarrel with a man three sizes smaller, who had been quietly minding his own business in a corner of the room.

"Sir, you've insulted me!" exclaimed the big man.

"You are mistaken," quietly responded the other.

"You're a liar!" thundered the big man, "and if you know what that means you'll fight."

"Certainly," was the rejoinder, without a tremor of perturbation, "but it must be after I've finished eating. I never allow trifles to interfere with my dinner. Waiter, hurry up that porterhouse steak! Never mind if it is a bit rare."

The big man, nonplussed for the time being by such a display of coolness, sat down at a table near by and glared at his prospective victim. We all felt sorry for him, but the big man looked dangerous, even if he was "three sheets in the wind," and we decided not to interfere.

When the little man's steak came in, he said something to the waiter. Two minutes later the waiter said something to the big man. It was noticed that he didn't look quite so fierce after that, and soon afterward, remarking with assumed carelessness that he would be back in a minute, he left the room.

Then some of us ventured to suggest to the little man that it was a good opportunity for him to "skip," which, considering the discrepancy in size between him and the man who had forced a quarrel upon him, would involve no disgrace.

"Much obliged for your good advice," said he as coolly as ever, "but there is no necessity for that. The other fellow has run away already."

When 15 minutes had slipped by and "the other fellow" hadn't shown up, we concluded that the little fellow was right and wanted to know, of course, what had caused the stampede.

"Oh, just a little bluff," he replied. "I wasn't any more anxious to fight with that brute than the rest of you were, though. I knew he was a coward, or he wouldn't have picked out a man so much smaller than himself to fasten a quarrel on. I just told the waiter that it would be worth a dollar to let him know that I was Tim McCool, alias the 'Kilkenny Cat,' lightweight champion of Ireland, just landed and anxious to get on a match with somebody. I knew that would work. I never get into a scrape when I can bluff my way out of it, and as I keep a cool head on my shoulders I generally succeed."

"Thanks, but if you'll excuse me I'll content myself with a cigar."—New York Herald.

Kissing. In the old times men and women who were mere acquaintances exchanged kisses in public, and with a certain amount of ceremony, and a visitor to whom it was desired to show special civility was always received with a kiss.

The mode of salutation has changed greatly with the times. Haste and high pressure have contributed to render the form of greeting as brief as possible. Not only have we given up the quaint, familiar ways of our ancestors, but we have also parted with much of that elaborate etiquette which in the last century played so large a part in social life.

The changed habits of society, the greater mingling of its various grades, have brought a simplicity into the form of intercourse which strikes oddly upon the senses of people accustomed to old-fashioned ceremony. "I always kiss the lady's hand when I take my leave of the hostess after a party," said a German lady, a descendant of one of the oldest families in what used to be called Prussia. She was commenting rather severely on the habits and customs of her adopted country.

The offhand manners of girls toward their mothers and of all young people generally toward all older people drew forth her reprobation. Kissing is now confined to state ceremonies and to a few old world lovers and gallants who have retained the ways of their great-grandfathers.—Notes and Queries.

Fog Signaling. A method of fog signaling has been introduced on several branches of the North London system of the Great Northern railway of England which obviates much of the unreliability and complexity of the systems hitherto used. A wire is laid in a pipe from the signal box to the various signals, at which brushes of copper project some four or five inches above the side of the rail nearest the signal. A similar brush, which connects with an indicator and bell on the engine, is fixed to the engine foot plate. When the signal points to danger, the two brushes come in contact, and the ringing of the bell and the warning of the driver by a miniature signal on the engine that the line is not clear are the result. The arrangement can be readily switched off in fine weather so as to become inoperative. This electric device seems to be the most simple as well as the most efficient means yet resorted to for fog signaling, and the Great Northern railway intends to adopt it over the whole of its lines.—Chicago Record.

The Largest Snake in the World. Naturalists say that the largest serpent of which accurate measurements have been taken in modern times was an anaconda which Dr. Gardner found dead and suspended in the forks of a tree in Mexico. It was dragged out into open ground by two horses, and a careful measurement with a tape-line proved that it was 27 feet in length.—St. Louis Republic.

FAMOUS TORTURE INSTRUMENTS.

The Most of Shrewsbury's Collection Soon to Be Exhibited in Gotham.

Arrangements have been completed for the exhibition in this city of the famous torture instruments from the royal castle of Nuremberg. This remarkable historical collection was purchased in 1890 by J. Ichenhauser of London for the Right Honorable the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, England's premier earl. Since its removal from the castle the collection has, by permission of the earl, been exhibited in London and elsewhere throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain with much success.

Thousands of persons have gazed upon these terrible relics of a semibarbarous age. All the instruments in the collection have been in actual use. There are over 1,800 exhibits, included in which is a series of engravings illustrating the manner of applying the tortures. One of the most interesting objects in the collection is the justly celebrated iron maiden.

The Earl of Shrewsbury, who is still the owner of the collection and has loaned it for exhibition in this country, is the twentieth in succession. He is Earl of Shrewsbury and Earl Talbot in the peerage of England and Earl of Waterford and Wexford in the peerage of Ireland. He is premier earl of England and Ireland and hereditary lord high steward of Ireland. He has recently been appointed high steward of the ancient borough of Stafford.—New York Times.

Bullets Stopped the Dance. There was a sound of revelry the other night at Malta. The youth and beauty of the cow country were there. The dance was at its height. But there was a jealous husband with a big six shooter outside, and when Thomas Wherry saw young and dashing Lem Eranson enjoying a tete-a-tete with his young wife he opened fire through the window, and in an instant the bombardment of Rio was eclipsed. The first bullet grazed Eranson's head, the third broke his shoulder, but he clutched his own trusty gun in his left hand and replied to the fire, without doing any serious execution, however. Both men emptied their guns. Noncombatants hastily moved out of range, and the good night number on the programme was omitted. Eranson will probably recover, although he is in danger. Malta is a small town in the northern part of the state.—Helena (Mon.) Dispatch in St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Found a Nugget Worth \$252.50. One of the handsomest nuggets of gold ever brought into Los Angeles was shown the other day by John S. Reed, a well known California miner, who has lately been prospecting in the gold district 40 miles northeast of Mojave. The nugget weighs exactly 563 ounces and is worth \$252.50. It is in appearance like a medium sized cobblestone and has evidently been twice as big as it now is, for there is a mark showing where half of it has been broken off. Mr. Reed unfortunately could not find the missing half.—San Francisco Examiner.

Ordered to Trial. OAKLAND, Cal.—About two years I ordered from J. R. Gates & Co., San Francisco, a bottle of Simmons' Liver Regulator on trial; and so satisfactory has been its use in expelling bile from the system and regulating the action of the liver, that from an order of one at a time the order has risen to a dozen bottles at once.—B. V. Lawrence.

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