

The election contest committee in the Lower House of Congress has reported in favor of Hon. W. C. Owen, of the Seventh Kentucky District, retaining his seat in Congress.

Hon. Arthur Wallace, assistant District Attorney for this district, will be married in Louisville June 10th to Miss Margaret Taylor, the beautiful daughter of Mr. Hancock Taylor, the well known real estate dealer of that city.

Perhaps our genial friend, J. S. R. Wedding may have cause to congratulate himself that he did not accept the appointment tendered to him upon the Governor's staff.

Since the return of the C. & A. Veterans from the annual state encampment, held the first of this week at Somerset, many stories have been going around concerning the boisterous actions of members of the Governor's staff.

Col. Wedding would have gotten mighty lonesome in a crowd like that.

Our light weight contemporary raises a great howl about THE HERALD's too free exercise of the pardoning power. See what the Owensboro Tribune, the recognized Republican authority of Kentucky, has to say on the subject:

It seems to us, without a thorough knowledge of the reasons in each case, that Governor Bradley is using his executive clemency extremely liberally in the granting of pardons.

The people of Ohio county will learn with sincere regret that Dr. W. Alexander who has long and successfully managed the interests of Hartford College will leave that institution with the close of this school year.

A WORD TO DEMOCRATS. The man who deliberately stays at home when important matters affecting the vital interest of his neighbors, his party, his country and himself are upon him for his consideration and attention, ought not to complain when things political do not go his way.

THE LATEST NEWS. June 6 trustees will be elected in every school district in Kentucky.

John A. Scott, of Memphis, has been made Division Passenger Agent of the C. O. & S. W. railroad.

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day people of this land may learn that the Republican party is not the safe custodian of the people's interests.

Mr. HERBERT MATTHEWS, of THE HERALD's editorial staff, has been ill at his home here for a week past. Mr. Felix has been absent from the office and affairs have somewhat been allowed to fall into the hands of the boys.

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country for solution and political parties must speak out upon it. That this will be the line of division in the party's rank at the approaching convention there can be no kind of doubt.

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for the Baptist ministry. Tommy asks his text and "opponents Scripture" just like grown-up preachers, his flow of language being remarkable.

Last Thursday's Owensboro Messenger says: The board of directors of the Daviess County Fair Company held a meeting yesterday, when it was determined to hold a fair, beginning Tuesday, October 6, and continuing five days.

An article by Yates Stirling, Jr., entitled "Crises of a Commerce Debate," in Harper's Round Table, published May 26 will give vivid picture of what an armored cruiser is expected to do in time of war.

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Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair, DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER MOST PERFECT MADE.

TO ROB THE PEOPLE.

WHY THE IRON AND STEEL TRUST WANTS MORE PROTECTION.

In spite of enormous profits this greedy monopoly is unsatisfied—Prices of Nails Raised 25 Per Cent Since Last May.

Among the industries which appeal for more protection to keep them out of the port of the iron and steel monopoly, says the Kansas City Times.

A slight examination of the facts, however, reveals a state of affairs quite inconsistent with the cry for help.

This combine includes practically all the iron and steel works in the country, and it fixes prices absolutely.

It is being severely denounced for raising prices outrageously in the face of the fact that the cost of raw material, pig iron, has decreased 25 per cent since last September.

The greed of the monopoly seems to have alarmed the other protectionists. For the Iron Age urges it to be reasonable because "there are considerations involved of a much higher order than the more temporary advantages secured by adhering to prices that can only cause irritation."

An idea of what these "prices that can only cause irritation" are can be formed by comparing them with those of England. Over there the cost of the steel billet is \$20.65 a ton and the manufactured steel rails are sold at \$23.05.

In America the cost of the billets is \$17 and the rails are sold at \$22—that is, while the American monopoly gets its profit on the cost of the iron and steel, the Englishman, who sells his product nearly \$3 higher.

It is generally calculated that the finished rails can be produced at a cost of \$2 a ton over the cost of the billets. The English manufacturer sells his rails at \$23.45, while the American monopoly gets its profit on the cost of the iron and steel, the Englishman, who sells his product nearly \$3 higher.

Steel rails are only one of the commodities on which the monopoly is getting monopolistic prices. The prices of nails have been raised 200 per cent since last May.

The merchants may well protest, for nails have constantly been exported from this country in large quantities. Last month, for instance, the exports were at the rate of 30,000,000 pounds a year.

The truth is that the steel rail industry and the nail manufacture are not "infant industries." They are full grown and can hold their own against all comers.

These industries are not content with the immense profit of their natural advantages. Even the immense profits under the liberal duties of the Wilson act do not satisfy them.

THE RABBIT SCOURGE

HOW THE AUSTRALIANS TRY TO DEAL WITH THIS PEST.

Fences Made of Netting Over 400 Miles Long—Enormous Cost of Fighting the Plague—Millions Have Been Slaughtered but Numbers Continue to Increase.

Then the New South Wales government, it will be remembered, offered a reward of £25,000 to any person or persons who could suggest a really efficient method of getting rid of the pest; but, although this liberal offer led to the receipt of no fewer than 2,000 schemes from all parts of the world, none of them was regarded as satisfactory, and the offer was withdrawn.

In South Australia, for instance, the direct loss from the rabbits has been put at £250,000 per annum and the indirect loss at a similar amount. In Victoria the active operations for the destruction of rabbits on crown lands have been carried on by the government since 1880, and from that date to the middle of 1894 a total of nearly £500,000 had been spent by the state on this object.

As for the money spent by private individuals for the same purpose, that is almost incalculable, but it may be mentioned that on one estate alone upwards of £15,000 have been expended by the owner, with the view of clearing his land of the pest.

In the 17 years ending with 1893 private owners in the colony have slaughtered 4,000,000 rabbits, valued at £100,000, were exported from Victoria, without counting the large quantities used by manufacturers in the colony, one establishment alone using 874,400 every year.

Notwithstanding the fact that the estimated area throughout the colony is estimated by the chief inspector at no less than 37,750,000 acres. Adding to the direct expenditure the deprivations of the grazing values of the land, the loss to the colonies concerned amounts to millions of pounds sterling.

The final outcome of royal commissions, of international conferences and of the testing of every practical method of extermination, is that the most effective method of dealing with the evil is found to be the construction of rabbit proof netting by means of which the animals can be kept from areas not yet infested, and can be more effectively dealt with.

The length of some of these fences is enormous. There is one starting at Baringham, on the Queensland border, and following the main trunk line from Bourke to Cereva, a distance of 407 miles, and there is another along the entire western boundary of New South Wales, a distance of 346 miles.

The Queensland government, too, has erected a similar fence along a considerable portion of the northern boundary of New South Wales, but the surveys of Queensland in the report already referred to, say that "the rabbits must have come through the fence in mobs and droves of innumerable multitudes at some time," and thus have established themselves in Queensland as well.

This, of course, is the weak point in regard to fences, which are liable to break down in places, more especially in times of flood and where they cross over creeks, while the keeping of constant watch over the fences, so that immediate repairs can be done where openings appear, is quite impracticable where the distances are so great.

In many instances countless thousands of rabbits have been seen on one side of a fence, while on the other side they were eating all the available food supplies and leaping up at the fence in their attempts to surmount it.

Once an opening appears, it is only a question of time before the pest will rush through in the event of any opening appearing and how a single break in the fence may be the doom of a country not previously infested.

There have been many projects for the commercial utilization of the animals by sending them over here in order to contribute to our food supplies and to the cost of their own destruction, but hitherto the enterprise has not been very profitable, while some of the most competent authorities in the colonies think that if it should be followed up the result might be to conserve the rabbits instead of getting rid of them.

On the other hand, too, the shipping of some hundreds of thousands, or even a million or two, of rabbits to Great Britain every year would not be likely to make any appreciable difference on the market here behind to constitute what it is feared must be regarded as a pest now altogether ineradicable.—London Times.

His Liberal Reward. The champion man up town seems to be a young man who recently advertised in the papers offering a "liberal" reward for the return of a pocketbook containing \$40 in cash and some valuable papers.

Two Young Men Found the pocketbook in Norristown and called at the house's home to return it. He handed one of them 50 cents. The finder protested, saying that it had cost them 65 cents to come down from Norristown, and that they hadn't enough money to get home again.

The big 6th at Beaver Dam is going to be a hummer. Governor Bradley, with his wholesale pardoning proclivities, certainly cannot refuse to grant the request given below since it gives such good reason why it should be done.

Rich Red Blood

Rich Red Blood is absolutely essential to health. It is secured easily and naturally by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, but is impossible to get it from so-called "nervine tonics" and opiate compounds, inaccurately advertised as "blood purifiers." They have temporary, sleeping effect, but do not CURE.

Blood

And good health, take Hood's Sarsaparilla, which has first, last, and all the time, been advertised as just what it is—the best medicine for the blood ever produced. Its success in curing Scrofula, Salt Rheum, Rheumatism, Catarrh, Dyspepsia, Nervous Prostration and Stiff Joints, have made

Hood's Sarsaparilla. The One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. Hood's Pills are purely vegetable, and are not injurious to the system.

The General Assembly. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 24th 1896. SPECIAL TO THE HERALD:—The 66th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in Birmingham, Ala., the 21st of D. C. DeWitt, of Springfield, Mo., preached the opening sermon.

Several experiments have recently been made by German professors for the purpose of testing the purity of the grain imported from various countries, with results exceedingly satisfactory to the American farmer, says the St. Louis Republic.

The investigation was due to the declaration that grain from Russia and Rumania contained numerous bacteria which were so deadly a nature that they would not yield even to the heat of the oven. The statement with regard to the character of the grain from the two countries named has been found to be exaggerated, but the investigation to which it led has been of general benefit, inasmuch as it has scientifically demonstrated the relative merits of the grain products of the principal exporting countries of the world.

Seventeen samples were examined by the department of public health, and of these the purest was the American. While the bacteria usually found in grain, barley, wheat and corn, are not injurious to the health of the people, purity is nevertheless a desirable quality and the article in which it obtains in the highest degree will always find precedence in the markets of the world.

Notwithstanding the parity, however, the expectation of American wheat to Germany and France is decreasing rather than increasing. The reason for this is found in the duties which have been placed upon it by the French and German governments. This is one of the chief reasons of protection in European continental countries, and it has been aggravated by protection in this country.

Thus the American farmer is limited in his market for his products and must pay an exorbitant price for those articles which he buys from foreign countries.

When in Huss Branch Stop at the McDaniel House. Mr. J. B. McDaniel, the proprietor, gives his personal supervision to the hotel and sees that all guests are satisfied. Two minutes walk from depot, everything first-class, rate \$1.00 per day. Patrons of the public selected.

DR. Hartman's Treatment for Female Diseases. Chronic invalids who have languished for years on sick beds with some form of female disease begin to improve at once after beginning Dr. Hartman's treatment.

When the children drink bad water and eat too much green fruit, or have the measles, or suffer from any other cause, you needn't be alarmed about them. If you will get a 25c or 50c bottle of Dr. Bell's Anti-Pain will be pleased to send you one after the first dose. Sold by all dealers.

Democratic Mass Meeting. Pursuant to an order of the Democratic State Executive Committee, the Democrats of Ohio county are called to meet at the court house in Hartford, on Saturday, May 30, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Why suffer with Coughs, Colds and La Grippe when LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE will cure you in one day. Does not produce the ringing in the head like Sulphate of Quinine. Put up in tablets convenient for taking. Guaranteed to cure, or money refunded. Price, 35 cents.

OLD RELIABLE Hughes' Tonic For CHILLS and FEVER NEVER FAILS. READ! Mr. Jos. Atkins, Greenboro, Ala. "In the drug books for twenty-five years 'Old Reliable' has been selling Hughes' Tonic for years. It has superseded all others in my lot. For this medicinal country it is the very medicine we need."

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