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THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 3, 1900

DEMOCRATIC POSSIBILITIES.

The total vote of the electoral college is 447, and it requires 224 for the election of president and vice-president. Before formulating their platform and selecting their ticket, it would be wise for the democratic leaders to give careful attention to the table of the states.

The next series of London wool sales will take place on Tuesday May 8th, when it is estimated that 175,000 bales will be offered.

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From a Pastor



I am the pastor of the Baptist Church at Port Jervis, N. Y., and sometimes call upon to take part in evangelistic work away from home. Not long ago I went to Sandy Hook, N. Y., which is a small island in the Long Island Sound.

My English remedy and, after service, I bought a bottle and began taking it. The next night my throat was nearly well, and I delivered my sermon without difficulty. In a few days I was thoroughly cured. I conceived it to be my duty to benefit mankind physically as well as spiritually whenever I can, and am glad to write these words in praise of this grand old medicine.

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Commander-in-Chief Albert D. Shaw, of the Grand Army of the Republic, has issued his memorial day general orders. He calls special attention to the necessity of the organization at large assisting the comrades of the southern department in the work of memorial day in their several localities.

SUFFERING AND RELIEF

Three Letters from Mrs. Johnson, Showing that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Cures the Ills of Women.

Wrote for Mrs. Pinkham's Advice November, 1897. "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I am a great sufferer, have much trouble with the lower part of my bowels, and I am writing to you for advice. Menstrues are irregular and scanty, am troubled with leucorrhoea, and I ache so through my back and down through my loins. I have spells of bloating very badly, sometimes will be very large and other times very much reduced."

Major Eugene Van Patten, the major of New Mexico militia, Indian scout in the early days, Indian fighter when the savages tried and partially succeeded in ravishing the peaceful shores of the Territory, interpreter, antiquarian, capital story-teller of the early struggles of the settlers here, former county judge where he saw justice aptly done, decipherer of Indian hieroglyphics, contributor to the marvelous collection in the Smithsonian institute at Washington—Major Van Patten whom everyone likes and who likes everyone, has been in Las Vegas this week, having come here with a crazy man for the asylum, helping out Sheriff Pat Garrett in the onerous duties of the latter's office.

Major Van Patten has a beautiful home in an ideal spot in Dona Ana county, where every honest man can have rest and peace and hospitality that will shame the crumbed cat. He is a worthy and genial soul, such an one as men must travel far to find, and can delight you with a charming and reminiscent narrative about the peculiar things which have happened in this land of sunshine and history, illustrating his story with ancient war knives and hatchets, swords, guns and pistols, or can make the housewife open her eyes at the primitive ways that obtained in the savage households. Long may the major wave, to love and be loved, tell good stories and give aid where it is needed among the indigent and helpless and simple people who constantly go to him for these things.

Paul Wunschmann, who left for his home in Santa Fe today, after a most agreeable tarry among old and newly made friends in Las Vegas, is the active and efficient representative of a number of insurance companies, has resided in the Territory for twenty years, has contributed to every charitable enterprise that ever found root in the ancient city of Santa Fe, is an ex-officer in the Prussian army, and is of the opinion that these United States in general, and New Mexico in particular, are the finest places on this terrestrial globe. This is the first respite from the cares and perplexities of business that Mr. Wunschmann has taken in many a year.

Regular Correspondence. Raton, N. M., May 1, 1900.—The first mail from the east for about two days arrived at 8 o'clock this morning. Washouts and had back near La Junta were the cause. Mrs. Ella Letton returned Monday from an extended visit to her old home in Missouri.

Miss Esther Armstrong went to Trinidad, Saturday, for a visit with old Texas friends. Dr. Cahill, of Elizabethtown, is in town today, circulating among business and professional friends. Mr. Mendelson, of the Golden Rule cash store, is moving his stock into the investment block on account of the dilapidated condition of his present quarters.

Mrs. Fred Hahn, a sufferer with nervous prostration, leaves this week for her old home in Ohio, with the hope of receiving benefit from a sojourn in a lower altitude. Dr. J. J. Patten, an old fellow townsman and fellow alumnus, and it might be said, a fellow "lunger" of Dr. T. B. Lyon, of this city, called on the local saw-bones on Monday, while on his way to Madrid, where he is to act as surgeon for the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, at the mines at that place.

The Gardiner small pox scare seems to be somewhat overdrawn, as there are reported to be only two cases there and they are of the very mild kind known as the "itch" in some localities. Master Mechanic C. M. Taylor, moves his family to La Junta this week where he will make his future residence. Raton will greatly miss them, and especially will the Presbyterian church of this place, as Mrs. Taylor has for years been a most faithful worker in that organization. LEO.

W. J. Miller and a colony from Palo Alto, Cal., will settle at Asteo. Las Vegas Rubber Stamp Works, Manufacturers and wholesale dealers in rubber stamps, wax seals, seal presses, stencils, check protectors, revenue stamp cancelling stamps, etc. Air cushion hand stamps made by the Wortman process excel in elasticity, durability and printing qualities. Address: P. C. Wortman, 112 Grand Ave., opposite Schmidt's blacksmith shop. 137-1m

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