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NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

Gleanings and Condensations from Exchanges:

From U. S. Democrat.]

ALABAMA.

Mobile is proud of a newly organized Zouave military company. A cotton seed oil mill is to be built at Mobile by D. H. Caswell & Co., a Nashville, Tenn. firm. Mad dogs are spreading hydrophobia among the cattle of Tuscaloosa county. The Birmingham iron makers contemplate manufacturing their iron into steel.

ARKANSAS.

W. W. Taggart, the largest cotton buyer in the state, says of the present prospect: "I think the acreage this year over last will be about two per cent. The stand is excellent, and all that is desired. Planters have been more careful than usual in the selection of their seed, using more prolific and standard varieties, with the crop later by ten days. The plant is stately, healthy and vigorous, and under the inspiration of the past ten days of hot, sultry sun, and warm nights, is growing rapidly. Labor is abundant and cheap. The labor is better and more reliable than ever I knew it."

CALIFORNIA.

One of the funny bills in the California Assembly is one which gives to any young man under twenty-one years of age, who learns a trade by serving an apprenticeship for three years and is a moral young man, \$250 out of the state treasury. A very active red insect has appeared in some of the vineyards of Yolo county, in immense numbers, covering the ground in places. A vine attacked by the new pests droops in an hour.

After trying many methods for driving away or killing grasshoppers, a Californian finally resorted to sulphur smoke, and it proved a decided success.

COLORADO.

A foolish fellow named Weaver, recently shot with a Winchester rifle at a mark on the door of a powder magazine near Pueblo. The magazine blew up and Weaver was instantly killed. His companion, Charles Nelson, was fatally wounded.

FLORIDA.

The widow of a Florida orange grower has just received \$100,000 insurance on her husband's life. Now look out for a stampede of bachelors to Florida, with the orange fever.

GEORGIA.

Georgia exults in its magnificent crop prospects. In all lines, they say, the yield will be very great. A field of wheat in Taylor county averages four feet five inches in height. Plums, peaches and apples, in Laurens and Johnson counties are breaking the trees with their weight of good fruit. They say the recent rains were worth 25,000 bushels of oats to Talbot county alone.

Among the stockholders of the Enterprise factory of Augusta is an unworried lady of advancing years, self dependent, who has earned with her needle over \$1,000 and invested it in the stock, and an old man, the bulk of whose estate is about 100 shares of the stock, his main reliance for the coming winter and helplessness of age.

A farmer near Macon, has 400,000 willows growing on his place. He has set out 80,000 this season.

ILLINOIS.

The root web worm is causing considerable destruction to corn in the vicinity of Springfield.

Chicago, with a population of about 650,000 collects \$1,000,000 in license fees this year.

Judge David Davis owns nearly seven thousand acres of farm land in Illinois, and the cultivation of these returns him more enjoyment than participation in public life.

KANSAS.

Topeka claims a population of 27,000.

Two lads out in Kansas loved the same lass. She was unable to decide between them. They agreed to leave it to battle. They fought at 10 at night, and nearly killed each other. A draw game and still the trouble exists.

The Inter State Railroad Company filed its charter with the Secretary of State recently. Its line is from St. Louis, Mo., to Zanesville, Texas, taking in Kansas on the way. If it runs through all the counties designated in the charter it will be preciniently crooked.

KENTUCKY.

Hogs are dying at a fearful rate from cholera in Mason county. Over 2,100 have died within the last few weeks.

A horrible story comes from the Anchorage asylum. While the nurses of hoin Dearing, an inmate from Louisville, were preparing a bath for him, had in the tub the hot water and were about to let in the cold to bring it to a proper temperature, the unfortunate man, who was waiting for his order, plunged into the boiling water. When taken out the flesh was cooked and the skin crisp and peeling from every portion of the body. He died soon after in great agony.

LOUISIANA.

A little girl in one of the Orphan Asylums of New Orleans was recently stung by a bee on the ball of one of the eyes, the sting causing the sight to be utterly destroyed. The physician in attendance states that he never heard of a similar case.

New Orleans was founded by a company of French adventurers in 1743.

MAINE.

A Rockland Exchange says: A lady was walking along Main street very rapidly. A gentleman was walking just behind the lady at an equal rapid pace. The lady saw a pin on the sidewalk, and stooped suddenly to pick it up. The gentleman failed to put down brakes and took a header over the lady. Neither party secured the pin.

MARYLAND.

Hessian flies are doing much damage to the wheat in this state. Recommendations have been made of reductions in the custom house at Baltimore, which will make a saving of \$20,000 annually.

MASSACHUSETTS.

It is said that the railway travel of Massachusetts is greater than that of any other state in the Union.

Prize-fights in Boston are now held in private club-rooms, from which the police are excluded.

The State of Massachusetts has sold the Hoosac tunnel to a new corporation, of which the Fitchburg railroad is the moneyed power.

MICHIGAN.

The extract works at Mullet Lake are giving the farmers of that section considerable pocket money in exchange for their hemlock bark.

MISSOURI.

Some one curious to know how the St. Louis people kept Sunday, investigated the matter recently with the following result: Number at the churches, 10,000; at the base ball grounds, 20,000; at the cowboy exhibition, 40,000; at the beer gardens, 20,000; at Bob Ingersoll's lecture, 5,000.

NEW JERSEY.

About three-fifths of the area of the state is devoted to agriculture. The average value of this land is \$96 per acre, as against an average of \$23 throughout the United States. The average value products is \$17 per acre, as against a general average of \$6 throughout the Union.

NEW YORK.

Miss Kate Field believes in cremation, and is a member of the New York Cremation Society. During 1884 there were 11,224 arrests in Brooklyn for drunkenness, while the total number of arrests were 26,119, making very nearly as many for drunkenness alone as for all other causes combined.

NORTH CAROLINA.

During a wind and rain storm in Raleigh, a number of turtles fell on the streets. They are described as of the size of trade dollars, and were probably sucked up by the meeting of two currents of air over shoal water.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

A Spartanburg young lady advertises in the local paper for a husband. She describes herself "young and pretty, charming and witty, petite and piquante." Either there are no young men in Spartanburg or the damsel has overrated her charms.

TEXAS.

Farmers of Waskon, are complaining of too much rain. Grass looks unusually fine, and corn and cotton are doing well.

Sixty-five white persons, a large number of them Western drummers, are indicted at Dallas, for playing poker, and 250 negroes are being tried for "crap-shooting," a game played with dice.

The Grayson county jail, at Sherman, holds eleven prisoners charged with murder and three charged with assault to murder, all awaiting trial at the September term of the District Court.

A meteor "about the size of a flour barrel" fell at Sherman, the other day. It was accompanied by a hissing and rumbling noise.

A Texan, who has lived for years among the cowboys, says that many of them are graduates of Eastern colleges.

The Ohio Yell.

[Outing.]

The Maumee river, seems to possess a peculiar beauty all its own, writes Thomas Stevens, in an article descriptive of a bicycle ride through Ohio. The Maumee waters a smiling valley, where orchards, fields and meadows alternate with sugar-maple groves, and in its fair bosom reflects beautiful landscape views that are changed and beautified by the master hand of the sun every hour of the day, and doubly embellished at night by the moon.

It is whispered that during "the late unpleasantness" the Ohio regiment could out yell the Louisiana tigers, or any other Confederate troops, two to one. Who has not heard of the "Ohio yell?" Most people are magnanimously inclined to regard this rumor as simply a "gag" on the Buckeye boys, but it isn't. The Ohioans are to the manner born; the "Buckeye yell" is a tangible fact. Ah along the Maumee it resounds in my ears. Nearly every man or boy who from the fields, far or near, sees me bowling along the roads, straightway delivers himself of a yell, pure and simple.

In the United States navy the flagship of each station has a brass band, paid for by the government. The smaller ships have string bands, composed of sailors from the ship's companies.

Our Continent Before the Advent of Human Life.

In mapping out the public domain it has been found that our western plains and mountain ranges furnished rare opportunity for the study of the conditions of the continent before man existed here. There were two great island seas in the western basin. Salt lake is all that is left of them. The Gulf of Mexico covered nearly all of what is now the southern states. The great mountain ranges had already been thrown up, but they were higher and rougher than they are now. A great ice-sheet poured down from the north and west, and covered the country from the Atlantic coast to the western edge of the middle portion of the country. Wisconsin was an island in the midst of a sea of ice. We think the ice river has not got done flowing when a Mamtobo wave comes down upon us from the north.

A map of the continent as it was then would be worth seeing. There were animals to the south of the ice. There was a small horse with toes, a hairy mammoth bigger than an elephant, a pig with a nose like a knife blade, and a buffalo three times as large as he of our day is. Man was not and did not come for several thousand years.

Among the Moonshiners.

[Charles Dudley Warner in the Atlantic.] The mountain regions of North Carolina are free from mosquitos, but the fly has settled there and is the universal scourge. The traveler, who has read about the illicit stills in the mountains is, however, doomed to disappointment. If he wants to make himself an exception to the sober people whose cooking will make him long for the maddening bowl, he must bring his poison with him.

We stopped at a house for a glass of milk. While the woman in charge went for it we sat on the veranda and conversed with a discreet, pleasant, pretty girl. This surely must be the Esmeralda who lives in these mountains and adorns low life by her virgin purity and sentiment. As she talked on she turned from time to time to the fire-place behind her and discharged a dark fluid from her pretty lips with accuracy of aim and with a nonchalance that was not assumed, but belongs to our free-born American girls. I can not tell why this habit of hers should take her out of the romantic setting that her face and figure had placed her in; but somehow we felt inclined to ride on further for our heroine.

Wait for the Wagon.

[U. S. Democrat.] A farmer drove into Allegan, Mich., not long since. In his wagon was a good sized pig, several pounds of fresh butter, packed in wet cloth and cabbage leaves in a pail, six dozen eggs in a basket, and two boxes of choice white honey. He went into a saloon, got to talking politics, took a few drinks, forgot all about his load and went to sleep. Later in the day when he came out he found that the pig in the wagon had rooted his way out of the box, had eaten the honey, the butter and the eggs; the horse got tired waiting, had gone around the corner to drink from a trough, upset the wagon, broken the reach, that the pig had gone home or somewhere else. On sobering up he said he began to comprehend St. Patrick's saying that Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

A prominent chemist asserts that in every 100 pounds of green tea used in this country the consumer drinks more than half a pound of Prussian blue and gypsum.

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