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A NEW development in watermelon culture is the "gold-standard" melon, which is of a golden yellow color and described as possessing such a delicious flavor that even a red-hot, 16 to 1 silver editor will eat them with gusto.

A PAIR of socks can now be purchased for five cents at any dry goods store, that would require two days to manufacture if knitted by hand. And still there are some women in the country who demand emancipation.—Beerville Bee.

Maybe that is because they have to put in all their spare time keeping those five-cent half-hose darned. Any woman whose husband wears five-cent hose must have a hard time of it.

WELL, if England, Russia, Japan and all the rest of the Eastern world are going to raise a fuss about Uncle Sam annexing Hawaii, the old gentleman will just up and do it without further parley, to show them that he can do as he darned pleases about the matter. The way to make the proposed annexation a certainty is for those eastern fellows just to dare Uncle Sam to do it. Our "Tio Samuelito" is very easy-going and doesn't often lose his temper, but when he does get his dander up all the king's horses and all the king's men can't stop him.

ONE of the most horrible stories lately told by the press, which sometimes seems to reek with tales of horror, is the murder of a little school girl of Newton, Long Island, by an eight year old boy, one of her schoolmates, who deliberately set fire to her clothes and enjoyed her agony as she rolled on the ground trying to extinguish the flames. The little monster is reported to have laughed with glee as his victim was borne to the cemetery, and to have proclaimed his joy at being a murderer. Just what can be done with such a criminal must puzzle the deepest thinkers. Is he a mental pervert, totally depraved, born one of the devil's own imps? A child cannot be hanged even for murder, but it is questionable if the world may not suffer in the future for allowing such a creature to preserve its existence. Confinement in a reformatory with an aggregation of other bad boys, under the usually severe and often cruel regime of such institutions, will probably only serve to harden such a nature and turn out to prey upon the world a man in every way the natural development from such a awful beginning.

WE NEED CANNERS.

The ridiculous figures at which some fruits and nearly all vegetables are now selling at Houston and other Texas markets merely serve to emphasize the statement often made by the Post that a half a dozen canning factories are needed in this section. Houston wholesalers buy canned goods by the schooner load in Baltimore and other outside markets. A Texas label is seldom seen on a can of fruit or vegetables bought by the Houston house-keeper. Growers here occasionally send their products to eastern markets and have them returned as a canned article, but only a very few Texas towns have canning factories of their own. Tomatoes are now selling on the Houston market at 20%25c a bushel; frequently they can't be sold for anything. Next fall Houston retailers will sell tomatoes packed in Baltimore for 5%15c per can. Snap beans can barely be given away now, but very soon the Baltimore canned snaps will be worth at least 10c a cup. * * * There is always a surplus of raw stock on the market at this time of the year. One great help to the market this year has been the large shipment of Texas fruit and vegetables to points outside the state. All early products can be readily disposed of in this way, but in the summer, when vegetables are growing everywhere, there is very little demand from any source.—Houston Post.

THE speedy arrest, prompt trial and conviction and probable early execution of Maximo Martinez, the fiend who brutally murdered three persons near Floresville a few weeks since, speaks well for the judicial machinery of that county. Though the entire populace were outraged over Martinez' confessed crime, yet there was no attempt to lynch him, as there very probably would have been in other sections, and by the prompt punishment of the triple murderer, no tendency to the development of mob law, should similar cases arise in future, will be cultivated.

DOUBT OF RATIFICATION. Wellington Has Made a Personal Canvass.

Washington June 25.—Senator Wellington of Maryland has conversed generally with Republican Senators during the last week and he does not believe that any attempt will be made to call up the Hawaiian annexation treaty during the present session of Congress, and believes that the treaty cannot be ratified at any time. "It is a serious question," said Mr. Wellington in a tone of voice so serious that it was evident his mind was troubled, "and I think the Republicans will proceed very slowly with the matter when it is reached." It is well known that Wellington is opposed to the treaty, and he expressed himself so emphatically on the subject that it will be decidedly embarrassing to him if eventually his party associates decide in caucus to carry out the wishes of the administration and bring pressure to bear to record every Republican vote in favor of annexation.

A BRAVE ENGINEER.

Stops a Train While the Driving Rod Was Pounding Into the Cab.

New York, June 25.—The train on the Central Railroad of New Jersey, which is known as the "Newark Special," between Newark and Point Pleasant, met with an accident between Hazlet and Middletown. But for the nerve and courage of Engineer William R. Bennett there would have been loss of life and serious injuries. The train consisted of three passenger coaches and a combination baggage and smoking car. On the trip to Newark it left Red Bank on time, and was traveling about a mile a minute, when the driving rod on the right side of the engine broke and flying up struck the top of the cab over the window where Engineer Bennett sat. He was knocked from his seat and the broken rod smashed the cab into splinters. He was badly bruised and bleeding from a dozen wounds, but he managed to evade the pounding rod, crawl out over the boiler and signal "down brakes." He attempted to work the air brakes but found the air pump which operates them had been smashed by the flying rod. His fireman, George W. Roland, was helplessly pinned in on his side of the cab by the timbers which had been crushed in upon him. After a run of a mile under these conditions in a minute the train came to a standstill. The fireman was found to be unharmed and Bennett's injuries, while severe and painful, were found to be not serious. Congratulations were showered upon the engineer by the passengers and a committee of wealthy business men was formed for the purpose of preparing a more substantial recognition of his bravery.

JIM FISK'S SLAYER.

Near Death's Door.—History of the Murder.

St. Louis Republic. New York, June 25.—Edward S. Stokes of Hoffman House fame, who served a four years' term in Sing Sing prison for killing Jim Fisk, and was restored to citizenship by Governor Cleveland, after his release, is said to be dying.

Mr. Stokes has been sojourning at the Hot Spring of Virginia, but on the advice of his physicians he will, if possible, go to Carlsbad, Germany, in the hope of gaining relief. He is said to be so reduced in strength, however, as to make this trip impossible without endangering his life.

Mr. Stokes gained wide attention in 1872 by killing Fisk. He had come from Philadelphia, his native city, and was rising to a position of wealth and influence when this tragedy occurred. Young Stokes had been a bright fellow in college and was a general favorite with his classmates. His father, a merchant of high standing in Philadelphia, sent him to the metropolis, believing that here he would have wider scope for his talents.

Stokes arrived in New York in the early sixties. Wall street was in a whirl of wild and ex-

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citing speculation at the time and the young Philadelphian plunged boldly into the whirlpool. He swam straight as an arrow in the boiling sea and kept his head well above water.

It was at this time that Jim Fisk, then perhaps the boldest and most successful plunger in the Street, and the partner of Jay Gould in the Erie Railroad enterprise, made the acquaintance of Stokes and admitted him to his friendship. The two men soon became intimate and were much together after business hours. Stokes was a strikingly handsome man and he and Fisk made a notable team in certain quarters of the city. Fisk put chances in the way of his friend, and Stokes, quick to grasp an opportunity, soon found the royal road to fortune. He accepted all favors, was discreet, had the reputation of being "a good fellow," and rapidly developed as a financier.

Fisk prided himself on his keen insight into human nature. "Stokes is a nice fellow," he would say, "a capital fellow, but I would not trust him further than that!"

The "that" was a snap of the fingers.

The friendship between the two men grew until, suddenly, the ties which bound them were snapped by a woman's hand.

Josie Mansfield, a courtesan, young and beautiful, drifted to the metropolis from an interior city and with one glance of her eyes won Jim Fisk. He installed her in a handsome residence on West Twenty-third street and there she held receptions that dazzled that part of the city.

Ed Stokes was a guest at one of these receptions and the hostess looked upon him with extraordinary favor. Someone told Fisk of the progress Stokes had made in Josie Mansfield's affections, and instantly the ties which bound the friends were broken.

Fisk deserted the woman and started in to ruin Stokes in Wall street. He was doing it rapidly and remorselessly, when—January 4, 1872—meeting him on the grand staircase of the Grand Central Hotel—

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now the Broadway Central—Stokes shot and killed his former friend and patron.

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A new trial was demanded, and, after one of the most bit-

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ter legal battles in the history of criminal jurisprudence, Stokes was sent to prison for four years on a verdict of manslaughter.

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