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A CITIZEN of Chicago writes to the editor of the Times, of that city, to settle a wager for him by informing him the name of the Capital of West Virginia. Now, if he had asked who is Governor of West Virginia and how many of him there are, that man's request would have been more excusable.

YESTERDAY the two Dakotas elected seventy-five delegates to frame constitutions for the two new States, and they will be adopted by the people on October 1. On that day they will also elect a full set of State officers. It is reasonably certain that the two new States will be Republican, though it is known that the Democrats propose to make a desperate effort to capture them.

JUDGING from the preparations that are being made in all parts of the country Decoration Day will be more generally observed this year than ever before, and on a more elaborate scale than usual. The day is not falling off as the years go by, and that there is a determination on the part of the people to keep green the sacred memories of the nation's dead heroes.

A REMARKABLY conscientious man has been discovered in Sioux City, Iowa. About a year ago Captain J. R. Barr was indicted for selling liquor without a government license. About the same time he was arrested for violating a State law. The District Court found him guilty on the latter charge, and sentenced him to pay a heavy fine. He failed to pay and was confined in jail. His sentence expired just in time to give him an opportunity to change his clothes and catch a train for Sioux City, where he was to serve on a jury to try his own case under the United States revenue laws. Neither judge, attorneys, court officials, nor jury for one moment suspected that defendant Barr had any connection with juror Barr. The jury retired, voted according to instructions, and Juror Barr silently voted for his own conviction.

There is probably not a similar case on record.

The Iron Situation.
At the outset of the present year the prevailing opinion among iron men was that prices were about at their lowest, as there had been a considerable decline from the highest point in 1888, and that the spring would see a good business at better prices. This expectation has not been met. On the contrary, business has been slow and prices are lower now than in January. The very decided drop in iron last week was the most pronounced and abrupt cut in prices seen in this country for years, and has added in a marked degree to the feeling of uncertainty as regards the future.

While the cut in prices affects more particularly the commoner grades of iron, such as are not now made in the blast furnaces hereabout, yet its reflex upon the Bessemer article has been of a weakening character. And yet so strong is the belief among iron men that we are nearing a turn in the tide both as respects activity and better prices that they hold with considerable firmness to their views in regard to the value of their raw material, and are endeavoring to market their ore at the full average of last year's prices.

Thus far but little of their product has been marketed in this part of the Ohio Valley. The rail trade is so poor, as respects profits, and the steel demand so limited, that furnace owners see no encouragement to buy. Hence they are holding off and buying just as little as possible. The risks of a full line of purchases for a year's supply are considered too great to warrant the acceptance of the figures of the ore men.

Frequent reference has been made to the year 1879 as a basis of comparison with 1889. In some respects it opened and ran along for months after the manner of this year, and before its close there came a remarkable turn in the tide and both business and prices were booming in the fall. Some people, ignoring all the changes that have occurred since then, seem to expect the history of 1879 to repeat itself this year. There is very little likelihood of such an occurrence.

The rise of 1879 followed the return to specie payments and was due to a great demand for our crops in Europe and to an immense expansion in railroad building.

The change since then is very marked. The country has over 150,000 miles of railroad, and no small part of this mileage is a species of parallelism that has had a deadly effect on the value of investments. The hot house manner in which this artificial building has quickened into life plants for producing iron is now felt in the existence of a productive capacity out of proportion to natural consumption. The South is still rapidly building fur and iron works of all kinds, and the markets East and West are invaded and demoralized by pressure from that section. This fact, together with the timidity of capital as to further railroad building on any large scale, restricts the demand for iron to narrower limits. And yet such is the effect of low prices that the demand for iron is really immense, so great in fact that if it was coupled with an old time demand from railroads we should see lively times indeed. As prices fall iron and steel find new uses and consumption increases. They are displacing wood to an infinite extent. This is the fact that keeps prices at a point where so many establishments can still afford to run.

As to the future, the best opinions differ somewhat, but probably the most intelligent judgment is that we are down on a permanent lower plane of prices. The days of fancy prices have gone. The supply will keep pace with the demand, and there will be but little margin for boom. The country will be at once a vast producer and a vast consumer of iron and steel at low prices. This state of things is not incompatible with prosperity. It will simply require much more time to make the same money that was made rapidly in former years.

The Story of Mrs. Gaines.
A Wheeling gentleman who in his travels of late years twice met the remarkable woman whose case has just been finally decided by the United States Supreme Court, Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines, and became sufficiently acquainted with her to learn from her the story of her life, says that it is probably the most romantic history of litigation on record.

She was an old woman when this gentleman met her first in Washington in 1880, and again in New Orleans three years later. But she was old in years only. In all other respects she was young, notwithstanding she had outlived two husbands and been in the courts contending for her just property rights in New Orleans for half a century. She was very active on her feet and unaided walked about the room almost incessantly as she talked, and occasionally as she related some amusing incident of her experience her laugh was as ebullient as that of a girl. Her faith in her cause and in the triumph of the right was simply marvelous. She believed in the efficacy of prayer, and it was moving to hear her tell how in her darkest hours of poverty and loneliness in New Orleans, when she pledged her jewelry for bread for herself and two children, she would come back to her humble lodgings and "talk" as she expressed it, to her "Heavenly Father," and explain to him her case and her need of his help.

Some of the greatest lawyers of the land were in her case for years, on one side or the other. Among them such men as Daniel Webster, Beverly Johnson and John J. Crittenden. She used to tell of the compliment paid her once in the United States Supreme Court by Webster, who, although on the other side, in alluding to her long pending suits, even at that early day, spoke of her as a woman whom the breath of calumny had never reached.

Her case was tried in the United States District and Circuit Courts at New Orleans, Nashville and other places at various times on technical points, and carried up almost as often to the United States Supreme Court, and still the city of New Orleans related by one shift and another her victories, while she never quailed under her defeat.

Until this woman was of age she never knew her true name or origin. Born in New Orleans she supposed she was the daughter of a wealthy man in Philadelphia, in whose house she was brought up—the man, as she claimed, who was the fraudulent beneficiary of her real father's large property in New Orleans. In a fit of anger one day he let the secret out to her that she was not his child, and with that disclosure began the great quest of her life, to vindicate her rights to her name and fortune. She made this the business of her life and had the assistance of her two husbands—two of the best men, as she was accustomed to say, with whose love and devotion God had ever blessed any woman. The second was Major General Gaines, of the United States Army, who at one time drew his sword in open court on one of the opposing counsel. This was away back in the thirties.

It was supposed years ago that Mrs. Gaines would be a limited beneficiary in her litigation, even if finally successful, so great had been her expenses in the shape of money borrowed and contingent fees contracted for. She did not live to see the final victory which came on Monday last, but her wonderful faith in her case and her cause were fully vindicated, and her name will remain in American annals as the most remarkable evidence and instance of what faith and perseverance can accomplish, even in the hands of a woman, that our history thus far gives any account of.

Ballot Reform.
It is gratifying to note the progress that has been made in the direction of ballot reform in the past year. The agitation of the question has not lagged and has been productive of excellent results, and although the effort to pass wholesome laws has failed in several States, the outlook for an early adoption of reform measures by nearly all the States is exceedingly bright. The American people have begun to realize that some means to insure purity in elections and to prevent bribery and corruption is necessary, and legislators cannot long withstand the public clamor for these reforms.

Particularly is this true in West Virginia, where recent experiences have created a public sentiment demanding legislation on the subject.

The action of several States proves that what is known as the Australian system of voting, which has been described at length in these columns is the most popular and is conceived to be the best system of voting yet devised. The cities of Milwaukee and Louisville and the State of Massachusetts were the only localities in the country at the opening of the year that had adopted the method. Great progress has been made since that time, however. The New York Tribune in a lengthy article upon the subject, speaks of these gains as follows:

In Indiana, where the Democrats have for years successfully resisted the passage of a registration law, although the constitution required it, they were forced by public sentiment to pass a law, and which is believed to be one of the best yet framed. This goes into effect in June, 1890. In Rhode Island the law has also been adopted which goes into effect next year. Montana has a law. In Connecticut the Republicans have passed a party measure of a bill based upon the Massachusetts law, and also intend to pass a personal restriction bill to purge the registry lists of large numbers of names which have no right to be there. It is believed that there is no doubt of the passage of both of these bills. In Minnesota also the Republicans have passed a stringent law, and in Wisconsin the relating to the city of Milwaukee has been made general, and the great defect of the former law in not providing for the exclusive use of official ballots has been removed, the new law forbidding the use of ballots furnished by the political parties. In Missouri the Democrats have passed a law, and in Tennessee they have brought Nashville, Memphis, Chattanooga and Knoxville under the new system, which will doubtless be extended if it should work satisfactorily, and have passed a registration law re-

With Connecticut there will be nine States having general ballot reform laws. This showing, surprising and gratifying as it is, does not represent all that has been accomplished. In many other Legislatures bills have been proposed and considered, and though they may not all fail, the discussion must bear fruit in the future. The agitation has begun. Some of the failures are much to be regretted. Among the more conspicuous are those in Maine, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois. Public sentiment does not seem to have been sufficiently aroused in any of these States to compel the adoption of the system. In Pennsylvania, for example, it seems to have been generally agreed that the need of such a system, which no doubt existed in that State, was not felt. The failure in New York, it is hardly necessary to repeat, will lie at the door of the Democratic Governor. The Republicans have supported the bill to a man.

The fact that the Democrats of Indiana, Missouri and Tennessee have carried through general ballot-reform laws demonstrates the absurdity of the charge that this system is a Republican device to disfranchise Democrats. This is the flimsy pretext upon which Governor Hill and his followers in this State are opposing the progress of this reform. They are making a blunder of the same sort as that which caused the Democrats to oppose the side of slavery, against the war of the Union, on the side of the saloon, and against registration laws. The principle that the State shall not only count the ballot, but shall furnish it, and shall guarantee its integrity, is a principle which is certain to prevail. Governor Hill is blindly fighting the inevitable, and the man who does that usually emerges from the contest badly battered.

The Clergy and Prohibition.
During the recent prohibition campaign in Massachusetts a canvass of the clergymen of the State was made by the Amendment Committee with the following interesting result:

There were 1,000 responses, and all but 102 of these were in favor of the amendment, 91 being opposed and 11 undecided. But the fact is pointed out that this is considerably less than one-half of the whole number of clergymen in the State. There were 2,374 in 1880, and there are now probably between 2,500 and 3,000. The inference is that those who did not respond are not in favor of the amendment.

The returns prove that it finds its principal support in the various Methodist and Baptist denominations. There were in 1880 674 Congregational ministers, but only 270 responded at all to the circular; out of 240 Unitarian clergymen at that date only 74 responded and 50 said "yes." Of 123 Episcopal clergymen only 45 responded, and 37 said "no," out of 209 Methodist clergymen, 250, and of 231 Baptist clergymen 201 said "yes."

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We open also, and place on sale this morning, our new importation of Lace Curtains, Oriental Chenille Portiere Curtains, also the new Orakona Curtains, together with new Chenille Covers, all in choice designs and at prices that cannot fail to please.

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