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SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 6, 1896

THE joke on McKinley's silence is getting threadbare.

IN the light of all reason, how could the senate pass a defeated amendment bill?

To own the winner of the Derby has been the Prince of Wales' greatest ambition; to be King of England is a secondary consideration.

WE do not see why the *New Mexican* and the Albuquerque *Democrat* object to Catron. What would they have to say editorially if it were not for him?

BICYCLE snatching is a new form of crime developed in Paris. A lady was riding some distance ahead of her husband near the Port Maillot recently, when two men stopped her, pulled her off her bicycle, and were making off with the machine, when her husband caught up with them and had them arrested.

BY actual measurement of 50 skeletons, the right arm and left leg have been found to be longer in 23, the left arm and right leg in 6, the limbs on the right longer than those on the left in 4, and in the remainder the inequality of the limbs was varied. Only 7 out of 70 skeletons measured, or 10 per cent., had limbs of equal length.

ENGLISH newspaper men are daisies. The morning after the tornado struck St. Louis, they published that the steamship "St. Louis" was wrecked and 1,000 lives lost. The result was that the offices of the American Steamship company in London were besieged for hours by friends of intended passengers booked to cross the Atlantic on that ship, and the excitement about the office became so great at last, that the American line was compelled to send out a notice to the effect that the steamship "St. Louis" was safely moored at her dock in the port of New York, and that the story of her wreck, with the loss of 1,000 lives, was utterly untrue. The chances are that half of these newspaper men do not know where the city of St. Louis is.

STEEL HOUSES AND TORNADOS.

The Chicago *Chronicle* tells how the steel structures are built in Chicago. After saying that well-made steel and brick structures ought to be safe from destruction from any storm likely to occur away from the earthquake belt, it says:

The steel columns, beams, joists, girders and braces are bolted together. The bolts are inserted red-hot in the holes where the joints connect, are driven home and headed down on the opposite side of the plate which they penetrate. As they cool shrinkage occurs by which the frame is fastened so closely in its several parts that the joints are impervious to water or even air. As the steel skeleton of a fifteen story building rises, all its parts are as closely held together as if they had been welded together and formed a complete whole.

Against such a structure winds and waves would rage in vain. With the interstices properly filled such a building might be upset, blown over, rolled along the streets, if wide enough, sent topsy-turvey in any way, but it would not be disintegrated and crushed.

Further on, in the same article, the *Chronicle* has a word to say about the velocity of the hurricane in St. Louis, as follows:

The awful storm of March, 1894, which came unheralded to Chicago from the northeast, of which the signal service forecasters knew nothing, until it whirled down on the observatories where they were located, had a force of seventy or eighty miles an hour. It strewed the lake shore at Chicago with wrecked vessels. The St. Louis cyclone is said to have had a force of eighty miles an hour, but it must have been at least twice that power. In fact, the official observers say the aerometers failed to indicate the speed of the gale. The gusts were so rapid and overwhelming, that the indicator could not accentuate the points of rotation on the dial. The Chicago storm of two years ago was clearly recorded on meteorological instruments as raging along at the rate of eighty miles an hour.

We believe that is true about the St. Louis storm, says the Salt Lake *Tribune*. It would be easy to figure up the exact surface presented to the wind by a locomotive standing on the track. It would be easy to estimate the amount of force necessary to overthrow a locomotive so situated, and from that the speed of the wind that struck St. Louis could be estimated. When one thinks of it, the conclusion is almost irresistible that there was an explosive factor in that storm, a power beyond the estimation of ordinary mathematics; a something that can no more be figured out, than can the force which blows a steam boiler to atoms.

Mrs. Juanita Baca and Mrs. J. B. Walters, left Lincoln for a week's sojourn at Roswell.

NEW U. S. LAWS.

Recent Acts of Congress Touching U. S. Attorneys, Marshals and Commissioners.

From the New Mexican.

Under the new act of congress, which takes effect July 1st, U. S. attorneys and marshals will receive salaries instead of fees. Their salary is fixed at $4,000 per annum, with an allowance of $4 a day for expenses, not including railroad fare, when absent from their official residence actually engaged in business. The attorney general shall fix their official residence. When it is shown in writing by the U. S. attorney and the chief justice of the Territory that one or more assistants are necessary the attorney general is authorized to name the assistants, and he is to receive a salary not to exceed $2,500 per annum, with traveling allowance equal to that provided for the attorney and marshal.

U. S. COMMISSIONERS.

Another new law of interest concerns U S. commissioners. This act provides "That the terms of office of all commissioners of the circuit courts, heretofore appointed, shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1897; and such office shall, on that day, cease to exist, and said commissioners shall then deposit all the records and other official papers appertaining to their offices in the office of the clerk of the circuit court by which they are appointed. All proceedings pending, returnable, unexecuted or unfinished at said date, before any such commissioner, shall be continued and disposed of according to law by such commissioner appointed as herein provided, as may be designated by the district court for that purpose. It shall be the duty of the district court of each judicial district to appoint such number of persons, to be known as United States commissioners, at such places in the district as may be designated by the district court, which United States commissioners shall have the same powers and perform the same duties as are now imposed upon commissioners of the circuit courts. The appointment of such United States commissioners shall be entered of record in the district courts, and notice thereof at once given by the clerk to the attorney-general.

"That such United States commissioners shall hold their offices, respectively, for the term of four years, but they shall be at any time subject to removal by the district court; and no person shall at any time be a clerk or deputy clerk of a United States court and a United States commissioner without the approval of the attorney-general: Provided, That all acts and parts of acts applicable to commissioners of the circuit courts, except as to appointment and fees, shall be applicable to United States commissioners appointed under this act."

A RECKLESS JUMPER.

A Prisoner, with His Hands in Cuffs, Leaped Through a Window.

From the Albuquerque Citizen.

A few days ago Sheriff Cameron, of Flagstaff, arrested one John Scott near that town, a fugitive from justice, charged with stealing a bunch of horses from Capt. Hodsell, of Eldy, this Territory.

The facts of the arrest were communicated to the Eddy county sheriff, who sent Deputy Sheriff Harkey after Scott. The deputy obtained proper requisition papers at Phoenix, and on securing his prisoner left Flagstaff yesterday morning for this city, with the hands of Scott securely handcuffed. Scott was exceedingly dry all day yesterday on the train, and was a frequent caller for water. When near the Rio Puerco station he asked the officer to get him a drink, and when the officer started for the ice cooler, Scott took advantage of his absence and leaped through an open window, the train moving along at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour. The officer appealed to Conductor Frost, who slacked up, and the train was backed to the point where Scott had made his leap. The prisoner was so thoroughly shocked by the fall, that he could not move from the ground; he was then lifted back on the train and brought here, being placed in the city jail, last night. Dr. Haynes, the city physician, examined him and pronounced no bones broken, but said he is badly shocked. Deputy Sheriff Harkey, with his prisoner, will continue on to Eddy, to-morrow morning. Scott's stealings dates back to the fall of 1894.

A party of seven persons, including two ladies, from Ponil Park, attended the dance at the Exchange hotel, La Belle.

There is nothing new concerning the coming of the railroad. But the Lincoln *News* still has hopes that it will be built.

MOUNTAIN RESORTS.

Beautiful Places of Retreat for the Health and Pleasure Seeker.

San Ignacio Resort.

The Hermitage is a new hotel situated at the foot of Hermit's Peak, on the Sapello river, up among the pines. It has many advantages not usually found at summer resorts, a good hotel with modern improvements and well furnished rooms, a postoffice is located at this point, and free telephone connection is had with Las Vegas. The table is bountifully supplied at all times with all that the season affords. Guests wishing to come, can telephone and a conveyance will be sent for them. Rates, $8.00 per week. J. Y. LUJAN, Proprietor.

Summer Mountain Resort.

The El Porvenir mountain resort will now receive guests for the summer. The most picturesque scenery in America, fine fishing and hunting. Best of hotel accommodations in New Mexico. For terms for board and lodging, apply to the Romero Mercantile Co., Las Vegas. Carriage leaves their store, southwest corner of the plaza, every Saturday and Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock; fare for the round trip, $1. For further information, call at the above establishment. 30tf.

The Park House.

Las Vegas Hot Springs, N. M. We still have a few choice rooms left for those who come early. The most popular house at the springs. Mr. Bob Brinton, late from the east, has charge of the kitchen; everything is prepared in best of style. Rates, 35 cents per meal. Room and board $7 per week. Table supplied with the best the market affords. Rooms by the day, 50 to 75 cents.

MRS. KATE DENNIS, Manager.

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To Health-Seekers.

The Blake Ranch, on the head of the Rio Sapello, is now prepared to receive a limited number of boarders. This ranch is located in the heart of the mountains, amid the most beautiful scenery in the world, where brook trout and wild game offer ample diversion for the nimrod or anyone seeking out-door sport. It is located only twenty-five miles from Las Vegas, and within eight miles of the Rio Pecos, and only three miles from the headwaters of the Rio Gallinas. Address,

Address Mrs. J. P. Blake, Rociada, or inquire for conveyances and rates of W. E. Crites, East Las Vegas, N. M.

J. P. BLAKE, Rociada, N. M.

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SOME SPECIAL RATES.

Annual Meeting American Association of Nurserymen, Chicago, Ill., June 10th and 11th: Fare, one and one-third for round trip, on certificate plan, to above point.

Commencing June 1st, we will sell round trip tickets to Pueblo, at $15.70; to Colorado Springs, $18.50; to Denver, $20.15. Tickets limited to one day in each direction, with final limit for return, November 15th, 1896.

Annual Convention, International Assn. of Fire Engineers Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 10 to 14th, '96. One lowest first-class standard fare for the round trip, plus $2, all tickets to be good for continuous passage in each direction. Leaving Salt Lake on August 15 and 22 only.

Fourth of July rates: We will sell round trip tickets to all points within 200 miles at one and one-fifth fare for round trip. Tickets on sale July 3d and 4th, good to return until and including July 6th, 1896.

National People's Party (Populist) convention and American silver convention, at St. Louis, Mo., July 22d, '96. From Las Vegas to St. Louis and return, $32.70. Tickets on sale July 19th, 20th and 21st, '96; limited to continuous passage in each direction; final limit, July 27th, '96.

National Encampment G. A. R. at St Paul, Minn., September 1st to 4th 1896. From Las Vegas to St Paul, Minn. and return, $37.20. Tickets on sale August 30th and 31st 1896, final limit September 15th, 1896. All tickets deposited with joint agent on or before September 15th will be extended to September 30th 1896.

Democratic convention at Chicago, July 7th, 1896. From Las Vegas to Chicago and return, $37.70 for round trip, tickets to be sold July 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1896, with final limit July 14th, 1896, limited to continuous passage in each direction.

Republican convention at St Louis, Mo., June 16th, 1896: From Las Vegas to St. Louis, Mo., and return, $32.70. Excursion tickets on sale, June 12th, 13th and 14th, with final limit of June 23d, 1896. Tickets will be limited to continuous passage, in each direction, going passage to commence date of sale, and return passage to commence date of execution.

National convention, Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, at Washington, D. C., July 7-13, 1896: Las Vegas to Washington and return, $62.95; on sale July 3d, 4th and 5th, 1896. Limited to continuous passage, in each direction, with final limit of July 18th, 1896. An extension of return limit, to July 31st, 1896, will be granted on tickets that are deposited with joint agent at Washington, on or before 6:00 o'clock p. m., July 14th, 1896.

C. F. JONES, Agent.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

REV. NORMAN SKINNER, Pastor.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Society of Christian Endeavor at 6:45 p. m.

All people are cordially welcomed. Strangers and sojourners are invited to worship with us.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

A. A. LAYTON, Pastor.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 7:15 p. m.

All are cordially invited to attend its services.

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HARMAN J. HOOVER, Pastor.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by thirty minutes class meeting. Epworth League at 7:00 p. m. Evening service at 7:30 p. m.

The pastor and members extend, to all, the welcome of this church, and will be pleased to see you at its services.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

FATHER T. P. O'KEEFE, Pastor.

Masses will be said at 6:30 and 9:00 a. m. Sunday school at 3 p.m. Vespers and benediction, of the Blessed Sacrament, at 7:30 p. m. Daily morning mass at 6:30 a. m. Sermon, at high mass, at 9:00 a. m.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS.

VERY REV. JAS. H. DEFOURI, Pastor.

REV. MAURICE OLIER, Assistant.

First mass, for winter season, at 6:30 a. m. Second mass, for winter season, at 8 a. m. High mass for winter season, at 10:00 a. m. Sunday school at 3:00 p. m. Vespers and Benediction at 4:00 p. m.

The Fathers will preach both in English and Spanish.

MONTEFIORE CONGREGATION.

REV. L. SCHREIBER, Pastor in Charge.

Services every Friday, 8 p. m.; Sunday morning, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, every Saturday morning, 9:30 to 12 o'clock, and Sunday mornings, from 10 to 11 o'clock.

A. M. E. CHURCH.

REV. G. W. TOLSON, Pastor

Preaching at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 3:00 p. m. Services at 7:30 p. m.

Singing and prayer meeting, Wednesday evening.