

Police Points.

Justice Cook dismissed the assault cases against Mrs. Hendren and Mrs. Renfro, described in yesterday's Argus, and kept Martin Kinner in bonds of \$100 to keep the peace for six months, and fined him \$8 and cost.

The Bee Keepers.

The fourth annual picnic of the Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois Beekeepers' association will be held at Schuetzen park, Davenport, Thursday, Aug. 26. All persons interested in bee culture are earnestly requested to be present and make this the grandest picnic in the history of the organization.

Thompson.

Mr. A. C. Thompson, of Bowling, shed a beam from his countenance over the Argus sanctum this morning. Thompson has been farming near Hillsdale for the past few weeks, and feels as if he had sufficient muscular development now to knock out John L. Sullivan in one round. He trains the young idea in the winter, farms in summer, and is a number one journalist all the year round.

Flouring Mill Negotiations.

Negotiations are pending for the lease of the Johnson flour mill at Milan, for a term of years, and though arrangements have not yet been completed there is a possibility of Mr. Joseph Fitzpatrick, the popular stock man of this city becoming the lessee. The transfer is not by any means a settled fact, and the article in the Union this morning, which gives the matter as fully consummated is a little premature, although that organ is prone to credit the Argus with getting hold of things before those interested themselves are fully acquainted with the case.

A Mammoth Structure.

We are receipt of a large and very carefully executed engraving of the new Standard oil company building, 56 Broadway, New York, which is noteworthy as the finest business structure on the greatest commercial thoroughfare of this continent. The enormous granite pile, 200 feet deep, and almost 300 feet in height from foundation stone to pinnacle, is entirely given up to the executive offices of the company, which is entitled to credit for having added so imposing and enduring an example to the great commercial monuments of the metropolis.

Introducers.

There is a class of country folk, who when coming into the city on show day, think they have a right to make the hotels their headquarters, notwithstanding they do not become the guests of the house by registering. They seem to think a hotel a public resort and they make themselves perfectly at home in partaking of its conveniences. The Harper and Rock Island houses have both had experiences with this class of people, and they have now come to a stage when it becomes necessary to take steps to prevent intrusion upon regular guests. These people should take a hint.

Mr. Olson Denies the Charge.

Editor of the Argus.
Rock Island, Aug. 12.—I see Mr. Ed. Wilcox, through the columns of your paper, has taken the public into his confidence, and informs it of the direful fact of his removal from office, and charges me with being instrumental in this calamitous destruction of the postal service. While I do not suppose that the public cares one rap whether Ed. Wilcox continues to feed at the public crib or not, whether I had aught to do with the cutting off of the aforesaid feed, still in the interest of truth, permit me to say that his statement as to my connection therewith is simply a foolish surmise without any foundation, in fact, in short, is a simple pure and true characteristic Wilcoxianism. OLIVER OLSEN.

Dog Days.

The dog days are upon us and will continue until the 30th of August. The rising and setting of "Sirius," or the dog star, with the sun, has been universally regarded as the cause of the excessive heat that prevails generally at this particular season. The ancients put great faith in this legend, regarding the period of greatest heat in summer so named, because in the latitude of the Mediterranean this period nearly corresponds with that in which the dog star rises at the same time with the sun. To this junction of antiquity, and all the followers of judicial astrology, ascribed a malignant influence. During this interval it is a difficult matter to keep meat, vegetables and prepared food from spoiling, as many housewives have, no doubt, experienced to their sorrow. The poor dogs, that are made to bear the infamy of the source of our discomfort, and perhaps allied in some manner to the extreme heat of the interval, but they, as well as human beings, share alike the afflictions which are at this season common. Dogs are today supposed to be more susceptible to rabies than at any other time, although there is no perceptible difference between the present condition of the sun and what it was before the season commenced.

River Rapids.

The handsome Pittsburg will be up Saturday morning.
The elegant Mary Morton will clear for St. Louis Saturday morning.
The St. Paul was obliged to turn back at Hastings and will be down tomorrow.

Several of the heavier lumber corporations in the Chippewa district have already awarded large contracts for putting in logs for next season on the same terms and specifications that were paid contractors last year. Owing to the millions of feet of logs that are considered hopeless, lying up until started by the spring freshets of 1887, the cut for the coming winter will be largely curtailed from the amount put in last season. The estimate cut on the Chippewa river and principal feeders is placed at 650,000,000 feet, which will be a shortage of about 200,000,000 feet of the log crop of last winter. Of this amount 325,000,000 feet will be put in by the Chippewa Logging company, or log pool, and the remainder by outside logging companies and individual loggers. Exclusive of this 60,000,000 feet will be cut on the Eau Claire by Northwestern companies, and over 100,000,000 feet on the Red Cedar river by Knapp, Stout & Co., who have the exclusive control of logging operations on that river and tributaries.

THE GREAT AND ONLY.

P. T. Barnum's Day in Rock Island—Some Features of the Renowned Show.

At 5:30 this morning the first of three sections of a special train containing the combined shows of the world's greatest showman P. T. Barnum and the great London circus, rolled into the C. & Q. depot from Galesburg. The cars were quickly and systematically unloaded and the two other sections followed as fast as the preceding one had been unloaded. There were forty-eight cars in the train, the last section being also composed of the palace coaches containing the managers and the leading performers of the great show. By 7 o'clock the vast aggregation of wonders and curiosities, aquatic skill and talent was quartered in the mammoth tents in Bailey Davenport's pasture. As a result of the visit of the world's greatest show, it has been a festival day in the city. It is an event to which all Rock Island has looked forward since the announcement in the Argus last spring that Barnum had contracted with the C. & Q. railroad to transport his shows to this city. As soon as the sun was up this morning country wagons began pouring into the city, bringing the honest tiller of the soil and his industrious wife, the likely lad and blooming lassie, all for the purpose of giving the distinguished visitor a grand ovation. The railroad trains all brought in additional coaches to accommodate the multitude of visitors. A special train of nine coaches came down from Sterling at 10 o'clock, and the excursionists were conveyed to the government works this morning, and attended the show this afternoon.

Market square presented the appearance of a fair ground. It had been taken possession of by lemonade and peanut booths, and other vendors. The streets were from 8 o'clock a moving mass of humanity. Fakers were out in full force, but they did not get in their work as successfully as is generally the case on show day. The office-seeker improved the opportunity of interviewing his country friends and mixing political spiced with the sweets of circus day.

At 10 o'clock the sidewalks were filled with gazers, and the windows of all houses on the line of march presented a motley spectacle of big and little, had and shaggy, brown, gray and flaxen heads, while the wonderful street parade filled past to the inspiring strains of three bands. The cage of lions with their tamer among them, the open cages of tigers and panthers, the immense herd of elephants, the uncouth camels, the pretty ponies, the old woman in her gilded shawl, Santa Claus with his team of prancing deer—the whole intermingled with the gay trappings of the drivers and performers combined to present a very attractive parade.

The tents were pitched on the old base ball grounds, and as soon as the last wagon passed, the crowd began to follow the band to the scene of the circus. The performance began at 2 p. m., witnessed by over 5,000 people, and was a grand success in all the acts. The overture by Prof. J. S. Robinson's famous band, was a medley of popular airs arranged by the celebrated trombonist, William Marsh, and admirably rendered by him in a series of solos with the band accompaniment. Then followed the grand march, led by Nelson Hadley, the drum major, of Springfield, Ill.

Mention individually of each performance cannot be made, for space would not allow such an extended notice, although the company is of such astonishing strength and excellence as to make an extended notice not at all out of place. Leopold and Wentworth did a good act in parallel and horizontal bar display, and the feats of balancing of F. Ashton were marvelous. Madame Adelaide Carlotta in her equestrian performances received the hearty applause of the audience. Miss Zarah's lofty balancing on the trapeze showed a degree of nerve culture seldom equaled. And the Julians, brother and sister, gymnasts and contortionists, elicited the most enthusiastic approbation. Miss Julian is absolutely without a rival; her act is the personification of human action. The celebrated Sylvester sisters are of such superb excellence that the performances in the rings were stopped, so the audience could give the daring somersaults in mid air these wonderfully talented young ladies their individual attention. This precaution was thankfully rewarded by bursts of applause as feat after feat was successfully done. The races closed an exhibition such as Rock Island will never again see. As Barnum has now hidden our city his farewell before going for a long engagement in Europe and the old world.

Tonight this afternoon's performance will be repeated.

County Building.

Aug. 9.—John Deere to Ellen S. Webster, pt lot 3, block 21, old town, Moline, \$2,000.
John Deere to Jeannette D. Chapman, pt lot 8, block 20, old town, Moline, \$3,000.
Jane Murrie to Ignatz Huber, lot 13, block 3, Bailey Davenport's first addition, Rock Island, \$1,200.
Geo. H. Hinton, et al., to Carl F. Anderson, lot 13 and pt lot 14, Bell's addition, Moline, \$375.
John Zettergren to Jno. E. Lindquist, pt lot 6, block 2, John Deere's addition, Moline, \$1,600.
John Cramer to David J. Sears, lot 5, block 3, Rodman's subdivision of lots in Hale's addition, Rock Island \$650.

Figures Don't Lie.

Neither do the many fine business blocks and the many elegant residences going up, fail to tell of the prosperity of the county seat of the best county in Kansas. I will sell a good four-room house and fifty foot lot with good well and trees, for only \$1,000—if taken soon. Address
E. C. TAYLOR, McPherson, Kan.

THE CUTTING CASE.

What a Former Resident of El Paso Thinks of the Notorious Editor.

The case of Cutting, the El Paso, Texas editor, who has just been sentenced to Paso Del Norte, Mexico, to one year's confinement at hard labor and \$800 fine, is familiar to all the readers of the Argus. But a reporter has met a gentleman who has recently been in El Paso, and upon mentioning the Cutting case to him, he said:

"The fellow didn't get half the punishment he deserved, and this government will make a mistake if any further interference is made with the execution of the sentence. The fact is, Cutting is an unreliable, unscrupulous scamp, eternally seeking notoriety for himself in order to feather his nest. He is a printer by trade, and has worked along the Missouri and Mississippi rivers for several years. He was always denounced by the International Typographical union as a man devoid of principle, and one who would sell out his best friend—if he ever had any—to benefit himself. Since he went to Texas, he has made several unsuccessful attempts to draw the public's gaze upon himself, but this last movement of his in publishing a vile slander about a high Mexican officer—seems to have turned out more disastrous than glorious even for Cutting. His paper was an obscure little Sunday sheet, published in El Paso, and when the article in question was published he circulated hundreds of copies of the paper in Paso Del Norte, just across the Rio Grande, in Mexico, where the official resided. The cry for war with Mexico comes from a class of Texans who never did nor never will like a Mexican—unless he is dead. They are mostly the descendants of the pioneers who fought for the independence of Texas, and before whom, if one should mention the battle of San Jacinto, fought April 21, 1836, it would create more enthusiasm than the reading of the declaration of independence of the United States of America. Of course the United States should step in and protect any citizen unjustly arrested and confined by a foreign government, but the case of Cutting has been greatly exaggerated, and Consul Brigham made a grave mistake in interfering with the matter in the first place. In fact, Cutting has had altogether too much notoriety already—he is not worth it."

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Ice cream, at Birkenfeld's.
Fine candies, at Krell & Math's.
Very fine ice cream, at John Russ's.
Mr. Stewart Dart has returned from his Nebraska trip.

Mr. Andrew Donaldson of Rural, was a visitor to the city today.
Go have a dish of good ice cream, or a glass of lemonade at Krell & Math's ice cream parlor.

General and Mrs. A. C. Litchfield, of Davenport, have been elected superintendent and matron of the state orphan's home across the river.

The Iowa Hotel-keepers' association is in session at the Burtis opera house at Davenport today. There are over one hundred of this jolly craft in attendance.

Our ice cream cannot be equaled in the three cities. Using nothing but pure cream, we are prepared to give you the best that can be made. Order a brick, melon or pyramid form, and give it a trial. Krell & Math.

The Barnum shows exhibited at Galesburg yesterday, and during the performance last night such a wind storm arose that it became necessary to dismiss the audience before the programme was entirely carried out. The entire troupe topped at the Rock Island house today.

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ri. While there he interviewed Frank James, and says Frank is not a bit fierce looking. "Ship" says he is the very picture of —, well, we won't give him away, but it's a Rock Island ex-county official.

Defects of the English Yacht.
An article which appeared a few weeks ago in The Field was by no means pleasant reading for those who are interested in English yachting, as it showed that the American fleet will shortly possess four great centreboard cutters of the very latest type. No doubt English yachtsmen have a very strong and perfectly just objection to centreboards, which ought not to be allowed to compete for the America's cup, and they may therefore be inclined to despise these vessels, but no one can blame the Americans for following their own ideas as to what is best, and the centreboard is, to a certain extent, made necessary by the nature of their waters.

Even, however, if the sliding keel be altogether an unscrupulously condemned—and certainly it is, in some respects, most objectionable—it must be admitted that the Americans are not standing still in going backward, and it is, we fear, equally clear that their brother sportsmen on this side of the Atlantic are distinctly going backward and abandoning good ships for inferior ones. This is very much to be regretted. The English racing yacht of the latest kind has some very serious defects, and undoubtedly carries too much head, but nevertheless she is, as the whole, an admirable vessel, and is hardly beyond any other vessel that exists, she has great speed, and she is seaworthy.—Saturday Review.

The Harvard Bulletin for May announces that two scholarships have been founded this year in Harvard college with an income of \$200 each, and they are to be called the George Emerson Lowell scholarships, and will be first given next year.

The New York Tribune, in commenting on this extraordinary announcement, says that "its significance is such as to cause an able-bodied, back-acting, triple-plated shiver to run down the spine of every son of Yale, Columbia and Princeton who is interested in the athletic sports of college, and who is desirous of seeing its colors to the fore."—Chicago Journal.

Reorganization of the French Army.

The main features of Gen. Boulanger's bill for the reorganization of the French army are: First, the abolition of all existing regiments, save those existing in young men studying for liberal careers, and they are to pay a minimum tax of 6 centimes a day for three years—at the end of those three years they are bound to be incorporated for two years active service; secondly, the raising of the annual contingent to 191 men, which will bring up the peace establishment from 42,000 to 50,000 men, the period of service to be three years; thirdly, the men not yet embodied, or on furlough, are to be drilled once a month; fourthly, there is to be a special army for colonial service, to be recruited by voluntary enlistment.—Chicago Journal.

He Was Speculating in Hogs.

"These fancy farmers that come out from the city with more money than brains make me laugh," said a passenger from Elgin, "a chap like that started in near east place not long ago. He bought a lot of pigs for \$40, purchased \$50 worth of corn to feed them with, and then sold the lot for \$50."

"I didn't expect to make any money on the corn," he said, "it was a hog, I was speculating, and I have come out with a profit."—Chicago Herald.

The Oldest Living Grand Army Man.

John Foss, of Selkirk Post, No. 24, Department of Kansas, is said to be the oldest living Grand Army man living. He was born in Leola, Mo., October 20, 1800, enlisted in Company E, 1st Missouri and Forty-second Illinois, in May, 1864, and was mustered out in October, 1865.—Chicago Journal.

Public Notice.

Anyone having business with the Argus office after 6 p. m. (in the event that the office is closed) will please call at Wilcox's, and he will be glad to forward the business of every nature for the Argus.

Offerman Island Fence Goods.

Church and societies desiring special rates of transportation should apply early to El J. Frankland, P. O. drawer E. Rock Island, Ill., or call at the island.

Wm. McNairy.

Attorney at law, loans money on good security, makes collections. Reference, Mitchell & Lynde, bankers. Office in post office block.

Bark & Babcock, Dentists.

No. 1734 Second avenue. Special attention paid to saving the natural teeth and inserting teeth without plates.

Attention, Engineers.

St. Paul Lodge No. 107, K. of P., meet in regular convention Friday evening at 8:00, sharp.

Insure in the Boylston Insurance Co. of Boston, Mass., organized 1872. Assets nearly \$1,000,000. E. W. Hurst, agent. Office over Rock Island National Bank.

Tom Higgins, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, had a sunstroke the other day. His brother started for the doctor in a hurry, and the horse he rode stumbled, threw the boy over his head, and stepped on his chest, inflicting injuries from which he will probably die.

MOLINE.

Crowds are journeying to the big show from this city.

Jones, the artist, took a nice photograph of the Dean hose company and cart yesterday.

J. W. Hartzell, manager of the Union street railway, left yesterday for Kansas City.

The firemen's foot race on Sylvan is land yesterday was won by Fred Holdorf, of the Holly hose company, Rock Island.

The Bengtson Bros. thrashed for Henry Newton, of South Moline, on Saturday. Five acres produced 570 bushels of oats, and ten acres 307 bushels of rye; a pretty good yield for this season.

Alfred Shaw, of the firm of James Shaw & Son, when in Canada recently, purchased a business in Toronto, and will leave for that place with his family tomorrow.

James Shaw will continue the business at the old stand on Second avenue.

The Daily Gazette of Hastings, Neb., gives the biography of an old citizen of Moline, John H. Yeager, in which is the following: "Mr. Yeager helped to organize the county of Adams, and the town of Hastings, was the first constable elected in Adams county and served the first summons."

The hook and ladder boys had their cart nicely decorated yesterday, but were ashamed to introduce the visiting firemen into the place which is by courtesy called their engine house. The city fathers promised some time ago to give the boys a new house, and it is to be hoped the promise will soon be fulfilled.

John P. Andberg, the man who lost most of his pension money a few days ago, does not know yet where the money taken from him is, and desires to account for the \$216 he took out of the bank, as follows