WEEKLY COURIER

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 15, 1878.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The adultery case spoken of yesterday was decided by Esq. Riordan holding Joseph O. Redmond and Martha Harris, wife of David Harris, to answer to the District Court on the charge of adultery. Redmond's bail was fixed at $100, while the woman, on account of her peculiar condition, was released on her own recognizance. Redmond is in jail in default of bail.

Wiley Rutherford, the young reprobate who escaped from the Reform School and was recaptured a few days ago by Marshal Trotter, was claimed, yesterday evening, by the officers of the school and taken back to Eldora, last night. Wiley has tasted the free air uncontrolled long enough since his escape to know the value and pleasure of freedom, and it is doubtful if he serves his time out at the School.

From Thursday's Daily.

Geo. N. Butin, of Chilicothe, who was so nearly killed by Martin Burns on the 29th of March, was in town to-day, and called on the COURIER. Mr. B. is still suffering from the terrible lick he received on the head, but is able to walk around. He says that when he stoops his head hurts him, he becomes blind, and he can do no work.

Yesterday there was released from Fort Madison penitentiary a man named Graham, who served twenty years imprisonment for a crime not committed. Twelve years ago a woman on whose testimony he was convicted, confessed her perjury, but Graham, overcome by the injustice of his conviction had become an imbecile, and had been kept in the penitentiary instead of some poor house.

Suicide.

Tuesday night last, a very singular transaction occurred at Woodburn, a few miles west of Chariton on the C. B. & Q. railroad, one which, so far, seems to be shrouded in mystery. About 8 or 9 o'clock, p. m., a stranger called at the depot and enquired of the telegraph operator if he knew where he could purchase a revolver, as he was a stranger in the country and thought he would feel safer, and more at home, if he had a pistol. The operator told the man that he had one he would sell if they could agree on the price. The pistol seemed to suit the fellow and he remarked that if he could be allowed to try it he thought he would purchase. This proposition was agreed to. The stranger took the pistol and started down the track the operator and two or three other men following him. After going some distance he was informed that he had gone far enough, and if he wanted to try the pistol to do so or give it back. He told the party to stay back or some of them might get hurt, when, without another word he raised the pistol and shot himself through the head, the ball entering one of his temples, killing him instantly. We are informed that he had never been seen in that neighborhood before, and there were no papers, of any sort, on the body to indicate his name or where he belonged. He is described as having been a young man, apparently in good health and no possible cause can be assigned for the rash act.

From Friday's Daily.

The republicans of Des Moines county yetesrday elected delegates to the county convention, favorable to Col. Stone. The *Hawkeye* says that Stone will have a solid delegation from that county for his renomination to Congress.

Robbery.

Tuesday evening last, the store of Wm. Waddington at Chillicothe, was broker open and between seventy-five and one hundred dollars worth of notions, dry goods, &c., stolen.

The fellow got away with his plunder undetected, and would probably have made good his escape had he not taken sick, while hiding in the woods, which compelled him to lay by. Some parties from Chillicothe found and arrested him yesterday evening, a short distance above Port Richmond, and brought him to this city, last night, where a preliminary examination was commenced but continued until Monday. He is now lodged in jail here. The stolen goods were found in his possession and were fully identified by Mr. Waddington. From papers on his person his name is supposed to be Thos. F. Forden, and claims to hail from Des Moines.

Put your trust in Providence and your drafts will always be honored at sight.—*Elmira Gazette.*

But don't trust any other man.

Agency City Schools.

Our School Board will receive application for the Grammar, the Intermediate, First and Second Primary Grades until June 1st. Lady teachers are desired.

J. B. FILCHER, Sec. of Board.
Agency City, Iowa, May 7, 1878.

The State gathering of the Turners is to take place in Des Moines, Aug. 10th, 11th and 12th. The occasion will be the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Father Jahn, founder of the Turner organization. Extensive operations are being made for the celebration of that event. So says the *Register*.

The St. Louis *Republican* says that one of Myra Clark Gaines' attorneys will visit that city within a week or ten days to institute preliminary proceedings in the United States court to establish her claim to a large tract of land in that city. Mrs Gaines claims that her title to the St. Louis property is of the same nature as to the New Orleans tracts which she recently regained after long litigation.

Mr. Godley of Ottumwa is mentioned as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Secretary of State. He was in the war of the Rebellion, and lost one leg at Vicksburg in 1863. The next year the Republicans of Wapello county elected him Clerk of the county, and they have kept him there ever since. Fourteen years in one office is guarantee enough that he is a man of extraordinary ability. We want to see him run, for he will run a good race, if he *has* but one leg.—*Ringgold Record.*

RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.—The *State Register* says that a complaint has come before the Board of Railroad Commissioners and, strange to say, by one railroad against another. The Keokuk & Des Moines Railway alleges that the Des Moines & Fort Dodge Railway Company charges them ten cents a mile more for hauling their cars than for similar services performed for the C. R. I. & P. R. R. Company. The result is that the latter corporation has a monopoly of the business of the Fort Dodge route.

The Farmington, Illinois, *News* says:

Prof. H. C. Cox, formerly of Ottumwa, will deliver the "Master's Oration" at the commencement of Abingdon College, June 13th. The college has conferred upon the Prof. the honorary degree of "Master of Arts."

Mortgage Notes Wanted.

I will purchase some long time notes secured by real estate mortgage.
wtf O. M. LADD.

JOTTINGS.

Prof. Homer H. Seerly has been re-elected Superintendent of Schools at Oskaloosa.

The Des Moines *Register* says that Col. Mount has 104 majority for Major-General.

The *Gate City* announces Hon. John N. Irwin, of Keokuk, as a candidate for Congress in the first district.

The *Hawkeye* says a Burlington butcher was fined $10 for selling 10 cents worth of funky head cheese.

Gov. Gear has appointed Dr. Abbie Cleaves to be one of the trustees of the hospital for insane at Mt. Pleasant.

Col. George B. Corkhill, a gentleman well known in Iowa, now a practicing attorney at Washington, has gone into voluntary bankruptcy.

Of the ninety-two persons killed at Ashtabula, the Lake Shore road has settled for eighty-three at a cost of $453,000, or a little over $5,400 for each person.

The Freedom Baptist church at Panora, Guthrie county, had a division amongst its members and one party took the liberty of burning the church, so the papers say.

In a communication to the Des Moines *Register*, Hon. C. F. Clarkson, of Grundy county, opposes the holding of conventions by lawyers to nominate candidates for judicial offices.

Keokuk is agitating the question of a public park. Where is the man that will erect a perpetual monument to his name by donating to this city, grounds for a good sized park?—Don't all speak at once.

Ottumwa is to have public drinking fountains. The water company furnishes the water free, and the city provides the fountains. Des Moines should be supplied with similar conveniences.—*Des Moines News.*

The *Register* says that a Des Moines man that has been confined in the penitentiary one year, returned a day or two since, having completed his term of service. When he settled up there was $2.50 due him, for which he received a due bill, Warden Craig having left the cash account too abreviated for ready payments.

An exchange says that when you see a man come to town with a pipe in his mouth, a small load of wood on his wagon, and three or four dogs under it, you can bet your bottom dollar you are gazing on one of that unfortunate class of people who can't afford to take a paper, but always find money to go to a circus.

The State Bar Association, which meets at Des Moines May 16, will renew the discussion of the question which attracted so much interest at their last meeting—"Shall the Association petition the next General Assembly in favor of a law requiring two years, or any other fixed term, of study in all cases before admission to the bar?"

Another suit has been commenced in Chicago against the stockholders of the Republic Insurance Company to compel them to contribute enough money to pay off its liabilities in full. Thirteen thousand individuals, distributed all over the northwest, and a good squad of which reside in this city, are invited to dance to this music.

The Cedar Rapids, Sigourney and Ottumwa Railroad Company.

Dr. J. L. Taylor and J. M. Hedrick, of this city, two of the Committee of Directors of the above named railroad project, returned to-day. They report having had very interesting and quite reasonably satisfactory interviews with the Chicago and Northwestern people at Chicago, and with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Company at Milwaukee. These Companies, as well as the other great Railroad Corporations of the country, are just now on the eve of their annual elections, so that in this respect the time of the visit was an unfortunate one to receive definite propositions. We are informed, however, that each Company manifested much interest in the contemplated road, and that they gave the representatives of it assurances that the iron and ties could be obtained, and the operating arrangements readily enough made, providing the route as to topography and local aid proves as inviting as represented to them by our Committee of Directors.

The Milwaukee and St. Paul Company took possession yesterday of the Dubuque and Southwestern Railroad, which gives that Company control of two routes terminating at Cedar Rapids, and greatly adds to the desire that great Corporation has to find a southern outlet and a coal field.

We are informed that our delegates are greatly encouraged with the promise of sufficient aid to make the early completion of the C. R. S. & O. R. R. within the bounds of reasonable probability. The Directory will proceed at once to the preliminaries, so that the competing roads may be put in possession of reliable data as to survey, coal fields, expenses, etc., etc., which will be put into their hands for definite action at the earliest moment. If the people now, along the route will do only their reasonable duty, the railroad gap between here and Cedar Rapids will be speedily filled, unless all signs apparent at present shall fail.—*Daily of the 10th.*

Important Decision.

Among the important decisions of the Supreme Court at its last term was that in a case entitled Jones *vs.* Glass, appealed from the Winneshiek Circuit Court. Mr. Glass, previous to becoming bankrupt, contracted certain debts for family expenses. These were incurred in 1871, while the Revision was in force. The bankruptcy proceedings were all regular, and in due time he was discharged. Subsequently suit was brought for the amount of goods purchased for his family, and the Court held that, under Section 2507 of the Revision, the wife was jointly liable with him for that debt, and, as the bankruptcy proceedings did not release her, she must pay it.

Another decision, pehaps still more important, was that in which Van Doran was plaintiff, appealed from the Green county District Court. The defendant had been a widow, but had married the second time. While her first husband lived he was the head of the family, and the same rights pertained to her. But when she married the second time she lost that relation, and the Supreme Court held that the exemption ceased; or in other words, that the property which was exempt to her as the head of the family while a widow, ceased as soon as she married again. Then her new husband became the head, and the exempted property could no longer be exempt.

MORAL.—Widows, don't marry until you sell your property and get the money in your pocket.—*State Register.*

ALL PERSONS AFFLICTED with Kidney Disease, Pain in the Back, and all Urinary Diseases, Diabetes, Gravel, Dropsy, or Nervous Debility, should at once take HUNT'S REMEDY. All diseases of the Kidneys, Bladder and Urinary Organs are cured by HUNT'S REMEDY.

OLD TYPE.—Excellent BABBITT METAL, for sale at 12½ cts. per pound at this office. wtf

Correspondence.

Edgar, Nebraska.

EDGAR, CLAY CO., Neb., Apr. 28, '78.

ED. COURIER:—Being one of the many readers of your most interesting and valuable paper I will try and give you a few items from this western flower garden in which we now reside. First, for beauty of landscape this country is second to none in the Union, and for the raising of all kinds of grain it is hard to beat in any country.

Crops look splendid here at present. There is the largest acreage of wheat sown this Spring that has ever been sown in this country, and it all looks well. The corn crop is about one-half planted. If the weather stays fair in a very few days corn planting will all be over here. I have some corn peeping through the ground nicely. This country is settling up very fast. Land ranges in price from $4 to $7 per acre, owing to locality.

A word for our flourishing town of Edgar, which is growing very fast. It is located on the St. Joseph and Denver railroad, with beautiful prairie land surrounding it for miles on either side. It has now a population of between five and six hundred people, I should judge, and the town is not five years old yet.

But I fear I shall make my first letter too long, as I am a farmer and not being accustomed to writing to newspapers, you will please look over blunders. Hoping to see this letter in print and wishing success to the Ottumwa COURIER and a long life to the editor, I remain, yours with respect, NATHAN A. OVERTURF.

Blue Ribbon at Abingdon.

ABINGDON, Jefferson Co., Iowa, May 6th, 1878.

EDITOR COURIER.—According to previous announcement, several of the lady and gentlemen citizens of Batavia, among which we recognized Miss Vade Leeper, Dr. Henderson, Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Nutting, met the citizens of Abingdon and vicinity in the Baptist church last Friday evening, to hear a gentleman from your city lecture on the evils of intemperance.

He failed to come, so his place was filled by Mr. Whitaker, of Batavia, and Mr. Downey, of Missouri. Their addresses to the audience on the temperance question, were well received by the people.

Then the Drew pledge was presented to the audience and sixty-two signed it; this we think is doing well for Abingdon, for a beginning.

We have some here that will drink when they can get it, but they have to go from home to get their whiskey, as we do not allow it sold here. The people are fully aroused to the evils of intemperance, and we hope, will battle for it until the legislature will pass a stringent prohibitory liquor law.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the Baptist church, on Thursday evening May 9th, 1878, to organize a temperance association.

TEMPERANCE.

For the Courier.

DIED

On the morning of May 5th, 1878, at his late residence, near old Ashland, in Wapello Co., Iowa, of typhoid pneumonia after one weeks illness, ENOS MOORE, an old and respected citizen of Wapello county, in the 55th year of his age. He was born in Ross county, Ohio, Feb. 12, 1823, and in 1826, removed with his parents to Warren Co., Indiana, and settled on the head waters of little Pine Creek. In the year 1845 he was married to Jerusha Newell, who, with four sons and one daughter remain to mourn the death of an affectionate husband and father. They do not, however, mourn without hope, they are persuaded that their loss is his gain. In his boyhood days Brother Moore gave his heart to God, and united with the Methodist E. Church, in which he continued an active and efficient worker up to the time of his death; filling with great acceptability the positions of Class Leader, Steward and Sunday School Superintendent. His death was signally triumphant. Those who stood by him on the last Sabbath evening of his life, while he struggled with the last enemy, were assured of the truth of the saying, "The Chamber where the good man meets his fate, is privileged above the common walks of virtuous life, quite on the verge of heaven." All felt like exclaiming with one of old, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." "Thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." The body was in charge of the Brotherhood of Odd Fellows of which he was an honored member, and conveyed to the M. E. Chapel at Ashland, on Tuesday afternoon, followed by a very large concourse of sympathising friends, where appropriate religious services were held, the writer preaching a sermon from the 2d Epistle of Paul to Corinthians, 13, 14 and 15 verses—Rev. J. B. Hill assisting in the services. At the close of which, all that was mortal of Brother Moore was conveyed to the Cemetery, and deposited with the usual forms of the order. May our heavenly Father who has promised to be a husband to the widow, and a father to the fatherless, bless and comfort our friends in their deep sorrow. R. B. ALLENDER.

AGENCY CITY, May 8th, 1878.

The hardware establishment of Messrs. George Haw & Co., is one of the most complete in the Des Moines valley, perhaps, and we are assured have been enjoying a most excellent trade this spring. Their local trade has been excellent, while their jobbing trade has been unusually heavy. In addition to their regular and well assorted stock of shelf and heavy hardware, pistols &c., they carry a large stock of fine pocket cutlery, from the most celebrated manufacturers known to the trade. A good pocket knife is a very handy and useful article to have and nowhere can you find a better article than at the establishment of Geo. Haw & Co.—We have tested the matter to our satisfaction.

The Black Hills *Journal*, published at Rapids City, Dakota, says:

"One day last week Eph. Witcher and another party whose name is unknown, rode into John Bryne's saloon in Crook City, and fired off a pistol. Byrne, who was across the street, went over to his place and ordered them out, whereupon Witcher fired three shots at Byrne, who was unarmed, hitting him twice and wounding him severely. When our informant left no arrest had been made."

Eph. Witcher was formerly a resident of Eddyville, and has turned out to be a pretty tough nut since he has become a resident of the Black Hills.

Infamous Outrage.

The Montezuma *Republican* of the 6th says: "This morning about 7 o'clock, a negro met a lady on the road between Malcolm and Brooklyn about two and one half miles west of the latter place, and committed a rape on her person. She resisted, but was finally clubbed down and made the victim of a horrible outrage. She was found almost dead. Her ravisher made his escape, and up to the present time, 10 p. m., had not been captured. People from the adjoining town are now in hot pursuit, and if the devil is taken there may be another victim added to the long roll of Judge Lynch. The woman's name is Mrs. Martin."

To-day's *Register* says "Intelligence was received in Des Moines, yesterday, that the ravisher had been captured near Sigourney and was on his way to Brooklyn in charge of the Sheriff. Great excitement prevailed, and it appeared that he would have a very speedy trial. It is rumored that Mrs. Martin is dead."

The Iowa Legislature will never have done its entire duty until it makes rape a capital offense, and we hope it will do so. Hanging is too good a punishment for the lecherous fiend who waylays and rapes a defenceless woman.

8 Per Cent. Money.

I can loan in sums of $500 and upwards, to suit borrowers, at 8 per ct., and smaller commission than any person in the city.
s17wtf W. H. C. JAQUES.

MOTT'S MISERY.

Sensation Produced at Memphis By His Exposure.

Special Correspondence Gate City.

MEMPHIS, Mo., May 7.—Many of the citizens are visiting Mott's residence south of the depot, examining the chair in which Mott sits while in trance (?), conversing with his family and friends who regard the work of Pattee as the best test of the reality of spiritual manifestations they have yet seen. They deny that the stains referred to in yesterday's communication as found on back of chair and cushion, are aniline stains, but those who have made close examination after subjecting the spots to the most careful scrutiny, decide that there is no longer any doubt that

MOTT WAS STANDANG UP,

leaving the chair empty at the time the aniline was thrown in his face. Mr. Pattee and party declare that the stains were found to cover Mott's chin, cheeks and neck, while Mott's friends declare that only one side of his face and neck were stained. The shirt which Mott wore, was examined and shows the following conditions: It has a fifteen inch collar band, and is stained, commencing on the left side about two inches from button at back of the neck to within four inches of button hole at back of the neck, so that nine inches are stained and six remain white. This points to the fact that Mott received the dye while

FACING PATTEE.

Besides this the upright back-piece and cushion of the chair would have been covered by his body had Mott occupied the chair, but thirty-three distinct aniline stains are found on the back-piece and at least five on the cushion. One gentleman dampened his white pocket handkerchief to-day and placed it over the cushion of the chair, (which is covered with dark large figured calico) and took an imperfect impression of the stains.—This handkerchief was shown to your correspondent, and there is no doubt that the stains are aniline. The gentleman who made this impression, states that it is his belief that if the cussion cover could be dampened and placed in a letter press at least fifty aniline spots could be detected.

VARIOUS OPINIONS

are expressed by different persons as to what will be the result of the expose. No seances have been held yet but it is thought Mott will continue his medium-ship and that people will continue to visit him as if nothing had happened to mar the "harmony" or disturb the "conditions."

Mrs. Mott, Loami Mott, his brother, and the Pitkin family are very much disturbed over the unhappy occurrence and regard the whole affair as an outrage and attempt of the "churches" to break up Mott's business, by whose influence they say Pattee was hired to create the disturbance. Loami Mott was heard to state to medium Mott, to-day, that he did not want his name mixed up in

THE DOOD BUSINESS.

This same Loami Mott, however, has been holding seances for some time at his own residence and makes some pretensions to mediumship. Mr. E. P. Mott, the father of the medium, who by the way is not a spiritualist, says that if a gun were placed with its muzzle at the cabinet aperture and fired into a spirit's face it is his opinion that materializations would cease forever, so far as Harvey has anything to do with them.

Immigration.

There has not been for several years such a tide of immigration into and through this State as there is this Spring. A continuous caravan of wagons is moving every day. The destination of most of these emigrants is Nebraska, Dakota and Northwestern Iowa, though many go to Kansas, but, if the following letter, written by a former resident of this county, who went to Kansas to improve his condition, is any criterion, that State will not give very good satisfaction. He writes to his uncle as follows:

WAITSBURG, April 22, 1878.

Money is very close here at present, and people are very badly in debt, and the prospect for a good crop here this season is not very flattering; on account of the continued dry weather, wind and cold, the fruit is all killed, this month being a great deal colder than March, freezing ice in some places two inches thick. Some people have already given up all hope of crop and gone to work other ways to make a living. Old settlers say if the dry weather continues two weeks longer there won't be anything raised.

S. H. JESSUP.

There are hundreds of former Hawkeyes now in Kansas who wish they were back in Iowa. It is a fact that no State in the Union is more sure of good crops than Iowa.—Whether it be wet or dry, the harvest is certain. Such a thing as a failure was never known. True, there may be a partial failure of corn or of wheat, but there will be a surplus of something else, and always enough and to spare; and, at the increase of the past ten years, the next decade will show that Iowa can supply the United States. No State in the West presents better inducements to the emigrant than this, and there are millions of acres yet untouched by the plow, which only wait the farmer's hand to bring forth their wealth.—*Des Moines Correspondence Chicago Journal.*

Educational Association.

The State Association of Principals and Superintendents will meet at Des Moines June 25 to 28 inclusive. Subjects for discussion will be taken from the following groups:

1. The examination of schools.—Teacher's meetings.
2. School records and reports:—The practical side of school supervision.
3. How many studies should a pupil pursue at one time? The rights of the taught.
4. The natural method of teaching ancient and modern languages.—What constitutes a complete grammar school course.
5. Industrial education. The high school from a tax-payer's standpoint.

Ample time will be given for a full, free discussion of topics.

New Counterfeits.

Information is given by the secret-service authorities that a counterfeit $100 bill is out. It is on the Merchants' National Bank of New Bedford, Mass., and is well executed.—The following points are given in order to enable persons to detect it: The lower part of the letter "y" in the signature of Colby comes over the "M" in Massachusetts, while in the genuine it comes over the first "ss." In the genuine the lower part of the "p" in the signature of Spinner, with the upper part of the letter "P" looks like "Feby." while in the counterfeit the "n" doesn't touch the "F." Persons should also be on their guard against similar counterfeits on the Revere Bank of Boston. Two or three of these New Bedford notes have come to Chicago from country banks.—*Chicago Journal.*

Dead-Letter-Office Facts.

There are 4,000,000 dead letters received annually at the Dead-Letter Office.

Three hundred thousand without stamps.

Fifty thousand, partially addressed.

Six thousand, no address.

Forty thousand dollars in money, nine-tenths of which is returned, the balance remaining in the Treasury, subject to application, for four years.

One and a half million of money-orders and drafts of money-value.

Forty-five thousand packages containing property.

Fifteen thousand photographs.

European letters are returned unopened,—one-quarter of a million of these.

One-tenth of all letters received contain property.

Ten thousand applications for letters reported lost; the great proportion found and delivered.

Greeley and Indiana Money.

It is related of Horace Greeley that when he was once lecturing in Indiana, when the State banks were in full career and a bank bill could not be carried a hundred miles without a discount on it, the lecture committee paid Mr. Greeley in bank bills of that neighborhood. He looked at them, and then said, "Could not you give me, instead of this stuff, a well executed counterfeit on some Eastern bank?"

Dr. W. H Smith, of Glenwood, who was charged with administering drugs to a Mrs. T. M. Miller, an invalid lady, which destroyed her life, and also of criminal intercourse with her, has been tried and triumphantly vindicated.

Agricultural Items.

It is estimated that over 300,000 trees were planted in Otoe county, Neb., Arbor day and the day previous.

An intelligent farmer in Kentucky devotes the yearly products of one acre of his farm to purchasing reading matter for hisfamily.

It is estimated that the increased wheat average in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Northern Iowa and Dakota, is 25 per cent. over last year, and that south of Wisconsin the increase is still larger.

A statistican, professing to be well informed as to the tide of emigration now starting westward, estimates that Nebraska will gain 50,000, Kansas 75,000, and Texas 200,000 population before the present year is finished.

The people of Wisconsin employ over 50,000 agricultural laborers, and 20,000 domestic servants—the wages of the former varying from $15 to $50 per month, and of the latter from $8 to $20. In the manufacturing, mechanical, and mining establishments of the State, 53,517 people find employment, and receive for their labor upward of $15,000,000 annually.

We often hear, says the *Husbandman*, that such and such a one is a good farmer. How is good farming to be tested? Certainly not by the raising of one or two good crops. He is a good farmer who uniformly increases the aggregate product of his farm from year to year. The surest, truest test of good farming is a constantly increasing production of the soil.

Make your farm so valuable by constant improvement, skillful culture, good fruit, ornamental shrubbery and pleasant surroundings that no money will tempt you to leave it. We think it should be the settled purpose of every young man to put down his stakes for life, to make a permanent home which he will never wish to part with till he is called to the better land.—*Spirit of Kansas.*

Accounts from nearly all parts of the West continue to report fruit trees as progressing favorably. We notice nowhere anticipations of less than half a crop of peaches. Where this is the case the improvement in size will assist greatly in profits. Other fruit is generally reported as favoring a full crop. The late genial rains and warm weather will probably place fruit trees beyond danger, even in the North, since the fruit once formed, there is but little danger that ordinary frost will injure it.—*Prairie Farmer.*

FLANDER'S PUMP

After Soiled Doves, and they Emigrate.

From the Lyndon Union (Vt).

Mother Shephard, of Paddocks village can tell a story about the Flanders pump in proof of its great value as a village purifier. Mrs. Shephard is one of those women for whom the *Union* of last week recommended hot ashes. On Friday night last, at about midnight, she was awakened by a loud noise, which she took to be a shower, of unheard of violence.—Jumping from bed she ran to the front door to investigate the cause, when a stream of water took her amid ships, carried her through the house and lodged her wrong side up in the pantry. It was just an awful shower. Geo. Knapp, in the adjoining tenement, under the same roof, also heard the same deluge and rousing up, said to his wife, "We are having an earthquake." As he wanted to see how an earthquake operated, he ran to the door and—we don't remember just where Knapp did pick himself up. His wife had a curiosity to investigate the course of events, rushed to the door, encountered the tornado, and then she knew how to sympathize with George. There were several boys in the house who were soon descending from the windows and roof almost as soon as the deluge struck the tenement. In two minutes after the stream struck the house, the chimney was knocked down, all the windows on one side were out, several partitions in the house were knocked to pieces, three to six inches of water was on the floor and an unheard of panic had seized the landlady and the patrons of the house who happened to have an engagement there that evening.—Hurrah for the Flanders pump! We do not like to justify mob law or anything irregular in the enforcement of order in society, but there is occasionally a continued offense against everything good and decent in society which law is slow to reach and public sentiment does not affect. In such cases, after patience has ceased to be a virtue, it is found that the Flanders pump can be used to good effect. The "Mothers" on Water street and elsewhere in the village had better get a measure of the length of the village hose, and move their shanties beyond its reach, for hereafter Flanders' pump is liable to break loose upon them at any moment.

Tragic Episode in a Georgia Family.

From the Gainesville (Ga.) Southron.

Mr. John Pore, who lives in the lower part of Lumpkin county, had two little children, aged respectively 3 and 6. They were engaged in their customary play, a few days ago, while the mother was at the well. The oldest child, for what reason it will never be known, picked up a sharp hatchet and struck the baby in the side, leaving the ax in the wound. The child, seeing what he had done, ran and told his mother, who was drawing up a bucket of water at the time. This so frightened her that she let go the windlass, and the revolving crank struck the boy on the head, literally knocking his brains out, killing him instantly.

A dispatch from Pueblo, Col., says contracts have been let by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad for earthwork, tunnelling and track-laying on the first 100 miles of its New Mexico extension. The provisions of the various contracts are that the road is to be completed to Trinidad by August 15, to the summit of Rotten Mountain by November 1, and to Clifton, New Mexico by February 1. The awards let aggregate in value $1,500,000.

The late Presidential contest engendered much "bad blood," which coolness and judgment will correct. The "bad blood" induced by a persistent violation of nature's great but simple laws requires not only coolness and judgment, but obedience to hygienic measures and the proper use of Dr. Bull's Blood Mixture to insure its purification.

The Mexican Dollar.

"DEAR SIR:—Will you please state the exact value of the Mexican dollar? By so doing you will greatly oblige ONE OF YOUR MANY READERS."

The exact *legal* value of the Mexican dollar as officially defined by the Secretary of the Treasury in a circular of Jan. 1, 1878, is 99.8 cents. Its *commercial* value—that is, the price it is selling for in New York—is 96 cts.—*State Register.*

If a Mexican dollar is intrinsically worth within two mills of a legal tender dollar, why shouldn't it pass in all business transactions for a dollar? Its real value is so near that of our own money that in ordinary transactions they should be received and paid out the same as our own currency.

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If there is not a riot somewhere during the coming summer, it will not be the fault of those newspapers, which are engaged in the unholy work of endeavoring to incite a disturbance.—*St Louis Times.*

Exactly so, and those Democratic papers like the *Times*, that are continually harping on the demagogical cry of hard times, oppression of the laborer, and are apologizing for and fostering the tramp system by charging its cause to legislation, are the "newspapers that are engaged in this unholy work." The idea that legislation can remedy the present state of stagnation in business, or by launching out billions of irredeemable paper money, so that these Micawbers may get hold of it without labor or any effort on their part, other than talking, is doing more to produce anarchy and riot in this country than all other things combined. When newspapers all preach to the people that nothing but honest industry will bring bread or competency, then will the danger of riots and blood-shed cease, and not till then.

A Norman girl's hair, seven feet long, is valued at $500.

There are 1,703 convicts at Sing Sing, N. Y., the largest number ever confined there.

The fruit crop for the United States of 1877 amounted in value to $140,000,000, or about one-half of the outcome from cereals.

In Scott County, Ky., the temperance wave has risen so high that even the figure of Justice on the top of the Court house wears a Murphy badge.

A Sunday-school boy, at Maysville, Kentucky, was asked by the superintendent if his father was a christian. "Yes, sir," he replied, "but he is not working at it much."

A gentleman of Atlanta is lecturing on the much discussed subject of dancing. He treats the waltz in a humorous and witty manner, and under the significant title, "Closer to my bosom come."

A boy in town tackled his mamma to let him go to the circus because, he said, he was "perfect" in circus attendance, and if he didn't go he would get a bad mark for absence. He went.—*Glasgow Times.*

"Suppose a person were to be unkind to you, or strike you, what would you do?" A pause ensued, when one little girl, sharper than the rest, made the following laconic reply: "It 'im agin."

Several years ago a young man in New Orleans put a sum of money in a savings bank, and forgot all about it until recently, when, after reckoning up the interest, it was found that—the bank had failed.

The Chicago *Times* appears to think that the pressing need of the hour is a society, one that will act promptly and efficiently, for the relief of registers of bankruptcy to be thrown suddenly upon the cold charities of the world.

"I was not aware that you knew him," said Tom Smith to an Irish friend, the other day. "Know him!" said he in a tone which comprehended the knowledge of more than one life—"I knew him when his father was a boy."

The Canadian Siamese twins, which bid fair to rival their namesakes in notoriety, are now over 2 months old, and thus far in perfect health. They are of the fair sex, are united by their backs above the hips and have but one leg each.

A mild criticism does one good. "What was the sermon about this morning?" asked a mother of her child. "Well," was the reply, "It was about—let me see—it was about twenty minutes too long; that's all I eemember."

A late lecturer remarked that it would not be a very violent stretch of imagination to believe that a "Massachusetts baby six month old sits in his mother's lap eyeing his own cradle, to see if he could not invent a better, or, at least, suggest some improvement."

The milling industry of this country is said to rank next to that of iron. The number of mills is over 25,000, affording employment to over 60,000 men, whose annual wages are about $20,000,000, and turning out yearly about 60,000,000 barrels of flour, of which 4,000,000 are exported to foreign countries.

A barroom sharp has been discussing the Beecher-Tilton business in Austin, Nevada, and the *Reveille* says he reached the following conclusion. "If I were Tilton I would not want to live. I would be like Judas Iscariot, and take a six-shooter and go off to some secluded spot and blow off the top of my head"

"Can you tell me where Washington's Monument is?" asked a rural gentleman in Charles St., Baltimore the other day. "Just lift your eyes off the ground," said the person addressed, rather tartly, "and you'll see it." "Well I have lifted my eyes," said the rural party, looking his informant calmly in the face, "an' I don't see nuthin' but a darned old fool."

In regard to John Chinaman, a San Francisco correspondent of the New York *Times* says that "he will be a great improvement on the ordinary politician, inasmuch as he won't make any speeches or lay his hand on his heart and talk about his dear constituents and fellow-citizens. He won't talk about the dignity of labor, but will go and vote and scud back to his washtub and wash "heap shirt" and, moreover contrary to the habit of the general politician, will wear a clean one himself."

The Knapp-Weaver Swop.

State Register.

The sharp Democrats in the Sixth District are more than one ahead. In their dicker with the Greenbackers, in giving a Knapp for a Weaver, they got their men nominated first, and now Weaver is whistling anxious for the delivery of his goods. Having got Knapp nominated for Supreme Judge by the Greenback State Convention, the Sam. Evans Democrats are comparatively easy, and will take their time in nominating Weaver to Congress. To add to the Widow's nervousness, many sensible Democrats are greatly alarmed at the Commune element in the Greenback party and may refuse positively to go to bed with any such crew. Meantime, the telegraph company is making a good thing out of it between Bloomfield and Ottumwa.

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