



ISSUED EVERY SATURDAY.

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WHEN a police court attorney stole some bolts of cloth and was detected, he tried to have the matter regarded as a joke.

A TURBULENT gentleman in Madrid was surprised in the act of making a bomb designed for social reformation.

WHATEVER wrecks of reputation may be strewn along the course of the Panama canal scandal it is evident that the French people do not propose to open the doors to sedition, anarchy or despotism because of the proved dereliction of a few public men.

LONDON afternoon newspaper publishers are experimenting on a tint of paper which shall be best adapted to the eyes of their readers in smoky London, where in the dark atmosphere of the great city, under artificial light, white always looks like a dirty gray.

An idea of the cost of sending the boys to college can be gathered from a canvass recently made of more than 200 students of Wesleyan university at Middletown, Conn.

The monkey language enthusiast, Garner, claims that he has a chimpanzee that can say in a Maori dialect "Good day, stranger; a gorilla that can repeat about twenty Fijian words, and an orang that can say "donner and blitzen."

The meekness with which the passengers in a crowded street car will allow themselves to be shut up tightly in a car without chance of ventilation except the occasional opening of a door is one of the marvels of public travel.

THE invention of methods of making paper from wood pulp has perhaps done more than any other one thing to cheapen newspapers, and thus diffuse popular information.

WHEN an American city undertakes to raise a fund for any purpose it is not long about it. The Bostonians have been obliged to request the people to quit sending in money for the Phillips Brooks fund, it having already reached \$80,000.

THE city of Washington is supposed to have taken in \$2,500,000 from visitors to the inauguration. And this does not include doctors' bills and the cost of cough medicines.

THE DUTIES OF THE POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR EXPLAINED.

The Famous Officer in Charge of the Philadelphia Division—How Mail Robberies Great and Small Are Unraveled.

(Philadelphia Correspondence.)

NINE DAYS when the immortal "Yuba Bill" drove his stage, which always contained the mysterious female, the loquacious Judge and the gentlemanly gambler, over the California trails, mail robbing was one of the most flourishing industries in the West.

The highwaymen were in many cases numbered among the prominent citizens and were often the most-sought-after men in the community. They were painted in glowing colors clothed in romance by the writers of the day, whose readers could not but sympathize with the daring bandits, those brave men who risked their lives in their illegal games for big stakes.

The number of stage robberies that took place before railroad communication was established with the East is almost incredible. The bandits were everywhere, and the cry of "hands up" echoed from every mountain pass. So daring did their depredations become that armed messengers had to accompany the mail stages. Hot fights ensued, and many a brave man gave up his life in their defense.

They usually boarded a train at some lonely water station and, after capturing the engine, proceeded to rifle the mail pouches and possess themselves of the jewelry and money of the passengers. The most noted train robbers were the James boys, who, on one occasion, held up the Iron Mountain express at Godd's Hill, Mo., unassisted and stole a fortune.

But it is not generally known that the money lost each year by stage and train robberies did not equal by many thousands the total sum stolen from the government by petty thieves. These, unlike the outlaws, resort to stealth rather than force, and many of them are so clever that they defy detection.

Men who have been detectives and successful in other walks of life have failed utterly as inspectors, for it requires peculiar ability almost amounting to genius, quick intelligence and great perseverance. They have to battle with the most perplexing conditions, for it is no easy task to single out a dishonest employe from a force of hundreds of honest men.

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Florida sent a registered letter to her son in this city, who on receiving it declared that it had been opened and \$40 taken out. His mother backed him up in his statements.

When asked if he found many very honest clerks in the Philadelphia Postoffice Gen. Edgarton replied: "No; out of 1,200 clerks and carriers we do not detect more than one a month, but there are black sheep in every flock. When a robbery occurs we must suspect everyone, but by careful watching we can get it down to four or five men and then marked money and letters do the rest."

"Many of the Italians cannot write and get some friend to write for them, and often in the letter the friend writes the epistle, registers it and puts the money in his pocket. We are also greatly troubled by cranks who use the service for unlawful purposes. Many of them are vicious and circulate obscene postal cards that in many cases damage the character of the receiver."

Inspector H. B. Griggs, whose portrait is also given, is considered one of the cleverest postal detectives in the service. It was through his instrumentality that the prodigious frauds of the Quaker City Lumber Company were exposed and the sharpers brought to justice.

Life at Economy is Puritanical in its regularity and severity. Over four hundred men and women are employed by the society and compelled to give strict observance to its rules. The men and women live apart and are never permitted to mingle, even at work, but so generous is the treatment they receive that few of them desire to leave except to marry.

How the People of the Pennsylvania Community Employ Themselves. Life at Economy is Puritanical in its regularity and severity. Over four hundred men and women are employed by the society and compelled to give strict observance to its rules.

Here is luxury described on the top of the Andes, the little town of Bucananga. The house apartments are built to open into a square or garden, generally cooled by a splashing fountain and planted with innumerable sweet-smelling flowering shrubs and gorgeous orchids.

The cultivation must begin as soon as the weeds start up. One of the essentials is giving clean cultivation, and the best way of doing this economically is to commence early.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

SOME ADJUNCTS TO THE POULTRY BUSINESS.

Bee-Keeping and Fruit Growing—Growing Onions—The Draft Horse—Sheep Shearings and Household Helps.

Adjuncts to the Poultry Business.

Poultry is a specialty that must demand a great deal of our time, but it is possible to conduct along with it in a highly successful manner some adjuncts to the business that will be profitable.

My advice is to set out young trees, plum, pear, peach or some other small fruit trees. Give them a good start in the chicken range, and all the care which you administer to them will be to the fowls. For instance, the trees will do well to have the soil stirred around their bases and between the rows in the summer, and this is just what a poultry range requires.

If one has time and inclination there is another farm industry that could be introduced in the poultry range, says the American Cultivator. That is bee-keeping. If the hives are set just outside of the range fence, so that the inquisitive fowls cannot approach too close to the entrance of the hives, no trouble will follow.

This is one crop that must be planted at the first opportunity in the spring, if the best results are secured. The seed should be secured, the manure applied and everything as far as possible be made ready so that as soon as the soil is in a condition to work, the planting can be done.

Grain feeding early in the morning is not advisable. Only keep strong vigorous ewes for breeders; plan to market the rest. If feed is ground at all for sheep, take pains to have it ground very fine.

It would soon that so long as there is not sufficient wool or choice mutton grown to supply the demand, sheep raising ought to be made profitable.

Southdown rams are good for crossing on the small native ewes for mutton sheep. The ewes for this cross should be bred to Oxford or Shropshire rams to secure a good size.

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The draft horse is the best horse for the farmer for several reasons, says the National Stockman. He does the work on the farm most satisfactorily and with less expense and worry. He sells for a higher average price than any other breed and sells more readily.

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OTISVILLE.

Mrs. Sterling left town this week. She expects to live with her daughter at Belle River, Ont.

WEST VIENNA.

Wm. Francisco is living in part of David Barre's house until he gets a residence ready on the old Foot farm which he recently purchased.

COUNTY LINE.

W. L. Rose was in Saginaw Saturday on business. H. K. Rose of Montrose spent Sunday with his parents.

NORTHWEST THETFORD.

Willard VanPatton is building a house. Mr. Cooper from Flint has moved on his farm here.

MONTROSE.

The result of the town election will be found on another page. Mr. and Mrs. John Grady visited his parents at West Bay City recently.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

There will be a maple sugar social on Friday evening, April 14, at Birch Run, under the auspices of the Young People's society.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Guy D. Morrison, stallion Starling. Claims notice, Chas. Elder estate. DuBois & DuBois, patents.

A BUSINESS YOUNG WOMAN.

From the Slaughter (Wash.) Sun of March 30 we clip the following: "Last Thursday Miss Mattie Garland purchased the stock of drugs and notions belonging to her brother, C. J., and known as the Pioneer drug store."

LICENSED TO MARRY.

William L. Rannels and Jessie Young, Birch Run. Bert Smith, Montrose, and Ethie Bowdon, Flushing.

DEEDS RECORDED.

Lucy A. Wright to Joseph Carter, land on Pine street, Olio, \$400. Wm. B. Woolfitt to Peter McNulty, land on section 8 Thetford, \$560.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Ellen M. Bramen, Flint, aged 60 years. Mrs. James Masterson, Grand Blanc, 70 years. Erastus, son of W. J. Simpson, Flint, aged 6 years.

Echoes From Monday's Ballot Battle. The total vote cast for Judge Durand in Genesee county on Monday was 3,914 and his plurality over Judge Hooker was 752, the latter's vote being 3,162.

Overseers of Highways. The following persons were named overseers of highways in their respective districts at town meeting: Road district No. 1, Wm. H. Sargent; 2, John Lock;

Have You a Building? You want moved? I am right in the business of house and barn moving this season, and have added to my equipment a set of trucks for moving light buildings long distances.

Twice Elected by One Vote. Only one man was ever twice elected governor of an American state by a single vote, and he was Marcus Morton. The Boston Herald recalls the fact that he was not only elected by the people in 1830 by one vote, as is generally remembered, but that he was also elected by the legislature in 1813 by a single vote.

History from Bones. The limestone caves of Malta contain the bones of various extinct species of elephant, hippopotamus, stag, tortoise and other animals. From the fact that many of these bones were gnawed it was inferred that some carnivorous brutes were contemporaries.

In Fine Fettle. DeGarry—I'm going to have a little game of draw with Tom. Merrit—Don't you do it. It must be one of the most expert players in town by this time. You see, his wife was away in the country all summer—Judge.

Try Dullam's Great German 25 cent Cough Cure. For sale by E. E. Huyck. Try Dullam's Great German 15 cent Liver Pills, 40 in each package. At E. E. Huyck's.

IN THE COUNTY.

A postoffice has been established at Belsay. It has cost Genesee county \$791.94 to support its insane inmates of the Pontiac asylum.

The Flint Congregational society have engaged Rev. A. M. Hyde of Oberlin, O., to preach for them for six months. Loren E. Case pleaded guilty to the charge of forgery, preferred by H. C. Spencer, in the circuit court Tuesday.

Tommy Foster was arrested at Flint Tuesday charged with entering Bassett's hide and leather store the previous night and stealing \$110 in cash and notes. When searched nearly \$60 was found secreted about his person.

Durand is to have a \$5,000 elevator. Vassar township is free of debt and has over \$500 in the contingent fund.

Phoebe Fuller, Taymouth, asks a divorce from Frank Fuller in the Saginaw circuit court. At Trinity church, Bay City, the Easter offering was \$1,500, and at the Sunday school \$275.

Chalk Kilgus' grocery store at Holly burned Friday morning at 6 o'clock. Loss \$10,000, insurance \$6,500. The fire was caused by the explosion of the night lamp, it is supposed.

THE MARKETS.

Wheat brings 64@65c, oats 33@35c, rye 45@50c, buckwheat 40@45c, clover seed \$5@7.50, beans 80c@\$1.60, potatoes 40@45c, hay \$7@10 for loose and \$9.50@11.50 for baled, corn 40@45c shelled, 20@22c in ear.

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