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CURRENT TOPICS:

PHILADELPHIA is being entertained with a novel newspaper war. The Times and Press, two leading papers, have each deposited $10,000 with Mr. Childs, editor of the Ledger, to hold until a committee shall decide which has the larger circulation.

THE parents of a fair Parisienne sent for a physician to attend their daughter who appeared to be ill. He said she was suffering from the effect of aesthetics. They were indignant and recalled in another doctor, who said the same thing. Then they sent the young lady and discovered that she was in the habit of drinking the contents of her eau-de-cologne bottle in her dressing room. It has since been found necessary to send her to an asylum.

It is a pretty cold season when the California Indians get left on a crop of some sort. When the grasshopper comes and gobbles up the grass crop, they proceed to harvest the grasshopper. This plan is to make what is called a "drive," surrounding a flock of 'hoppers and drive them into a pond where they are drowned. They are then taken out in basketfuls, spread out to dry, their wings rubbed off, and then stowed away for winter use. The 'hoppers are very numerous in Lincoln and Reseville counties this year and the Indians are now engaged in harvesting them.

TRAVELERS who have ranted indignantly about the slavish treatment of women in Continental Europe will be interested in the following picture of women in the coke region of Pennsylvania by ex-Mayor Powderly of Scranton: The woman stood in the doorway and was dressed in a rough, nondescript outer garment and upon her person was not the waist up was except. When she stooped over to handle the coke, she caught her hair between her teeth in order to keep it out of her way. Her feet were incased in a pair of heavy shoes, and her legs were exposed from the knee down. Her babe, which she brought to the works with her, was in front of the car, with scarcely any covering except the sunbeams and the barrow, which was turned up in order to protect the child from the rays of the sun.

PREVENTION is safer than cure in the care and training of the youth, as in everything else. If the boys are allowed to read indiscriminately what their fancy; if they are allowed to roam at will untramelled by the interposition of parents or guardians; if the girls are allowed to find enjoyment in a mixed company and beyond the sacred precincts of home; if they are left to order that so many lives are blighted on the threshold of their usefulness, and so many homes are made dark and desolate? Some one is to blame for the wreck of these young lives, and where does the blame rest if not with those to whom are entrusted by the Creator the care and training of a human child being. Parents should be cognizant of every movement of their boys and girls, at least until they have reached an age when their knowledge of the ways of the world is sufficiently matured to allow them to use their own discretionary powers.

SOME observer thinks that whatever may be said of the attractions of farm life and the happiness of a farmer, there are no such down-trodden, hard worked and unfortunate beings as farmer's wives. Their troubles mainly lie in the want of conveniences. Their work at an immense disadvantage. The enterprising farmer keeps up with all the improvements Mowing machines horse-rakes, sulky plows, etc., are bought to save his own arms and back, but the wife has to put up with the meanest kind of pump, and to use it herself, an old-fashioned stove, utensils and furniture, carry in wet wood and try to burn it, and in the summer cook for gangs of men with few labor saving machines or much help from the "men folks." In a recent address by a Massachusetts farmer to his fellow-workers he urges them to provide more for the comforts of their wives, consult their tastes and make home as attractive as possible. He told a story of a smart farmer's wife who kept the account of the number of miles traveled by her husband in a year going a long distance to water his horses. When he heard the figures he had water conveniently near, and also, like a sensible man, took the hint and put many conveniences in the house to save his wife's steps.

THE farmers in Stroudsburg, Pa., are greatly excited and for several weeks have been killing dogs right and left and wide. About four weeks ago a strange dog visited Monroe county and bit quite a number of dogs on Chestnut hill and and in Polk township before he could be killed. Those known to have been bitten were instantly shot, but some escaped the vigilance of the people and in turn bit other dogs as well as cattle. The canines were slaughtered by the wholesale and about ten days ago it seemed as if there would be a rest, but on the fourth it broke out anew and on the morning of that day a cow belonging to Lyman Everett acted strangely. Suspecting the cause, her owner at once tied her in the stable. In a few hours she became raving mad. Her bellowing was heard by distant neighbors. She was finally killed to end her suffering, which beggared description. Soon after this a hog acted in the same way and had to be killed. A few days later a calf owned by James Everett was taken suddenly ill and bawled, rolled around and bit itself in several places. This continued for half an hour when it died. Several horses and cows in the same neighborhood showed signs of hydrophobia and they were promptly dispatched. The rabid canine is said to have come from Windgap, Northampton county.

The other day an old, sun-burned farmer was asleep on the cars, with his head thrown back and his hat drawn over his eyes. The conductor who happened to be near-sighted, came along and saw the red face, and thought it was the man's ticket stuck in his hat. So not wishing to awaken the dreaming agriculturist, he bent softly down and drove a hole through the bucolic ear with his punch. In an instant the farmer let off a screech that caused the engineer to stop the train under the impression that something serious had happened. Then he attempted to maul the conductor, but concluded to let him off the train for disturbing the peace. The moral of this fable teaches us that if we have ears that look like railroad tickets, we should have them where they cannot be punched and that we should do our sleeping at home, and not in the cars. It also teaches us that if we are railroad conductors, we should not be courteous and punch tickets without disturbing passengers, but should politely wake them up with a slap on the back every time. Puck.

Emin's Rascality.

We are permitted to quote the following from a private letter received in this city from New York, which throws a flood of light on the inside history of young Emin's financial management of the affairs of the Emin and Nelson bank:

YOUNG EMIN must be had wrecked the bank, and made a clean breast of the matter to his father on Sunday. The week before he left for Africa he had his daughter know no bounds. He consulted with several of the directors and finally induced the sensible old gentleman to let him have the money. He had some $8,000 on deposit in the Wall street house, with which he made a fine show. He had a mansion and a half in Westchester, deposited in the bank by his mother and sisters, and even his little brother had $1,000 in the bank. Young Emin's father, Ahmed Effendi, died last Tuesday, and he complicated matters by his death. The young man had gambled away the money in Africa, and had purchased an immense quantity of jewelry for his sisters, which he had sent home by express. Nearly all the money he had left for his sisters, mother and little brother was in the bank and had gone to pay for the jewelry. The young man had gambled away $1,000,000, but this was supposed to be safely in the bank. Odious are divided. He had been sick with spinal disability and had threatened to kill herself, and he had left a letter to her, which she read after the funeral, and it was very much in the nature of a confession and a farewell.

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DETROIT MARKETS.

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WHEAT—Quotations are as follows: No. 1 White, $1.06@$1.07½; No. 2 White, 97c; No. 3 White, 92c.

FLOUR—Prices are without quotable change.

Michigan white wheat.....4 75@5 00
Michigan white wheat roller process 5 00
Michigan white wheat patents.....6 00@6 25
Minnesota, bakers'.....5 75@
Minnesota, patents.....6 50@7 00
RYE—.....37@38 55
CORN—The market is very quiet, but prices are well sustained, 53 to 54 cents being the range

OATS—Rather inclined at prices ranging from 36@38½ cents.

HAY—The market is so inactive that no quotable change can be made. Brokers would give about $13 and possibly for the best, in the city, but they say that it is not worth while to pay attention. Corn meal is quiet at $22 for coarse and $23 for fine.

PROVISIONS—For all products the market is quiet but pickers continue to inquire at old rates. Mess pork, $16 for old and $16 50@17 for new. Lard, 7½@7½c. Dry salted shoulders, 5½@6c; long clear, 7½@7½c; clear ribs, 7½@7½c; extra mess, 12@12½c.

POTATOES—Are in active demand and desirable varieties are selling at 50@55 cents. Inferior and small sized potatoes are being let go at 32@35.

BUTTER—Receivers report a scarcity of fine table butter and find it difficult to satisfy the demand of their trade, particularly in the matter of fine dairy. Dairymen are holding out for extreme terms could be secured, viz: 15@16c. Most of the arrivals are packed in more or less undesirable quality and drags.

EGGS—The demand and the supply are both limited. Prices are steady at 16@17c.

HAY—Baled hay is in fair demand at prices ranging between $13@18.

CHEESE—The market is very dull and the interest is still much depressed; good quotations are offered for fine cheese, but for even lower rates; offerings are free and the market is well stocked.

DRIED FRUIT—The demand is very limited but fully supplied.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—There has been a fair supply of stock in the yards and a moderately active demand. Prices on Monday morning cattle declined 10c from last week's quotations. Shipping cattle are fully up to the rates of one week ago. Following is the range: Extra steers, $5 50@5 60; good to choice, $5 30@5 5 50; medium, $4 75@5 25; fair to good steers, $4 5 50; medium, $4 75@5 25; common, $3 50@4.00.

HOGS—Market unsettled; rough packing, $4.90@3 25; packing and shipping, $5 25@5 65; light, $5 50@5 85; skips, $3@4 50.

SHEEP—Market dull; inferior to fair, $2 50@3 50; medium, $3 50@4 25; choice extra, $4 50@5 50.

MICHIGAN MATTERS.

A Census Fight.

A petty fight over the census is raging along the Saginaw river. The intense rivalry and jealousy of the three towns is again brought into great prominence. Some 10 days ago it was given out by the Bay City papers that the census showed them to have 24,970 population, and the population of Saginaw, up to the state, was loudly proclaimed. East Saginaw remained silent, and it was not until the last day allowed by the law that East Saginaw came in the race. There we then stated at 19,141, and "the city of East Saginaw stands entirely upon the ground of honest and fair dealing, and the entire liability is to be placed on reports and possibly mistakes made under such circumstances. On other fact also East Saginaw is placed in this same connection. From the state census of 1874 to the United States census of 1880, the figures show an increase of not quite 2,000 for East Saginaw. The state census of 1884 shows an increase of almost 7,000. This was in two years. Now according to the returns East Saginaw has gained in four years 4,171; over 10,000, as against 2,000 for seven years. Bay City has gained in four years 9,000 as against 7,000 in seven years. Saginaw has gone up there on the Saginaw. Growing towns.

A Jealous Man's Deed.

Six months ago Mrs. Lorcher of St. Joseph went to Montague and engaged as a cook in the family of Frank Ellis. Ellis has been for years of age and yet she is said to have left four children at her St. Joseph home. She had had trouble with her husband, Paul Lorcher, and came to Montague. There was another man named Hugh Parmenter, and Lorcher declared that this man had seduced the wife, and that he went to Montague to find him, and for the purpose of killing the man if he could. He was not successful in his search, but, that he induced his wife to walk with him and talk with Parmenter. Saturday night, Mrs. Lorcher, of the school house Lorcher, who had been visiting relatives in Ohio, came to Montague and drove a rowboat with a lightning like motion of his hand, quite a ways out in the lake, and she dropped dead. Mare deliberately he put the matter in his own hands and again pulled the trigger. He is now in custody, but it is not thought fatally injured.

STATE ITEMS.

Mrs. George B. VanFleet died at Ionia a few days ago, due to a fit of jealousy on the desertion of her husband. She was drained out of the house by her husband, and fell down. Powerful anesthetics were used to keep her from breaking a raving maniac, and under their influence she gave up her life in a peaceful sleep. Her husband gave to coroner a false story of her death, and that objection to a letter left they could not live together, and that she left for Ohio. The coroner of Ionia County was deceived. He had been sick with spinal disability and had threatened to kill her, and now thinks he was a fool for not doing it sooner. Powerful sympathies were used to keep her from becoming a raving maniac, and under their influence she gave up her life in a peaceful sleep. Her husband gave to coroner a false story of her death, and that objection to a letter left they could not live together, and that she left for Ohio. The coroner of Ionia County was deceived. He had been sick with spinal disability and had threatened to kill her, and now thinks he was a fool for not doing it sooner.

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CLEVELAND THE CHIEF

The National Democratic Convention Chooses the New York Governor For First Place.

He is Nominated on Second Ballot!

OR VAN CLEVELAND.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9.

The convention was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Fallows, of the diocese of Chicago. He prayed that the proceedings might be conducted in the spirit of the teachings of the future, so that future generations might look back upon the proceedings of this national convention for three centuries of a high standard of the eternal laws of God. He prayed that the deliberations of the Democracy of the Republic in the convention, and that all things might be done to the honor and glory of God and the glory of God.

Mr. Pendleton of Wisconsin sent up a communication from the committee on resolutions saying that the work of the committee would be ready to report in a few minutes. Senator Mr. Taylor of Arkansas, chairman of the committee on credentials, reported the list of delegates with an amendment giving the territorial delegates the right to seats in the convention. Mr. Randolph of New Jersey moved to amend so that the territorial delegates be not allowed to vote. The amendment was adopted by a majority of the committee. The amendment was rejected and the report adopted.

A block of resolutions from all parts of the Union were then laid on the desk to be read and referred to the committee on resolutions. They touched upon all conceivable subjects, and set forth the views of the Democrats on the tariff. Some of them were not even read. Objections were made that the resolution of organization was then taken up, and Senator Jones of Nevada, Senator Vilas of Wisconsin, Senator Bayard, Senator Eustis of Louisiana, Senator Pendleton, ex-Senator Hendricks, and ex-Senator Bayard, ex-Senator Eustis, and ex-