

Birmingham Eccentric

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A philanthropic plan that, ought to be all means successful, being organized by Jackson, viz: the establishment of homes for discharged convicts, where they can go at the expiration of their sentences and be provided with a fire and a home until they can secure employment elsewhere. Such a plan and homes if rightly managed, can have but one effect—to aid in the reformation for the purpose of which the prison is primarily imposed. It is to be noted in the case, any, is almost invariably so, that when the released convict leaves the prison walls he is thrown upon his own resources, without a friend, penniless, and in just the frame of mind to yield to the temptations which surround him on every hand. And the result? He has again entered into the life of crime for which he might have been saved had there been such a place as is proposed by the charitable disposed people interested in the establishment of this home. If the timely aid of this home were given to the prison, feeling that every man's hand against them may regain their place in society and become respected citizens. A subscription has been started, and an appeal will be made to the citizens of the state to take it all in this noble work.

At the convention of charities and corrections in Battle Creek, Mr. John J. Wheeler of East Saginaw, in a paper on "The Recommendations of the board of corrections and charities on Legislation" asserted that the criminal classes were increasing much more rapidly than the population. In a neighborhood of 20,000 persons are incarcerated in our county jails every year made up principally of drunkards, disorderlies, etc. Some who have committed no crime, but are confined awaiting examination, came in contact with the criminal classes. In England in 1877, the state took possession of the management of jails. Crime has since decreased over 70 per cent. Another good result was the classification and separation of prisoners. He favored all jails under one control. He also favored indeterminate sentences and thought the entire management, classification, and determination of sentences should be under the control of one board.

President Hinds of the state short-horn breeders' association says it is probable that the business of short-horned cattle breeding will be paralyzed by the pleuro-pneumonia. The national congress last spring proposed the country will suffer as large a loss as has the world from this plague. He advises a strict quarantine of all infected districts and farms by the federal authorities in place of a state quarantine as the only hope of wiping it out.

When in charge of the question-naire at Chattanooga, Rev. M. Buckley, D. D. was asked, "Do you think the church is profiting the coming of Christ?" His reply, which was followed by prolonged applause, was, "I answer with the speculation of a man who found a host on the shores of the Mediterranean named J. and concluded that it belonged to Jonah, and was cast off by him in his struggles when he got on the shore."

Chief Justice Waino is 70 years old. Having been on the Supreme Court bench continuously since 1874, he is now eligible now for retirement upon a pension of \$10,000 a year. But the Chief Justice has not thought of retiring or throwing off his sliken gown. His mind is as active and his intellect is as vigorous as in the days when he won fame and fortune as counsel for the government before the Granite Tribunal. Meritorious named J. and concluded that it belonged to Jonah, and was cast off by him in his struggles when he got on the shore.

At the Battle Creek convention of Corrections and Charities, an interesting paper on "Tramps," by a "Vag" was read by Commissioner Barbour. He announced that his author was a veritable vag, who was at one time one of the most promising law students of the state. The "vag" recommended as a remedy for tramps, industrial schools and a bureau to give them employment.

Russia and Australia have both been shipping much less wheat than in 1885, and the European demand is greater than last year. These facts afford something of a solid foundation for the improved time of the wheat market in the United States.

Miss Jennie Collins, who is now at the head of "Boffin & Bower," one of the most notable charities of Boston, is, by the assistance of young girls, was fifteen years ago a poor seamstress, who had to fight hard to keep body and soul together.

John S. Staples, who was President Lincoln's substitute in the army during the war, is still living at Stroudsburg, Pa. He is a carpenter by trade, and an industrious, thrifty citizen.

Andrew Carnegie has abandoned his Scottish cattle project on the mountain of Johnsons, Pa., on account of the death of his mother; to please whom he conceived the project.

George McNally was drowned in Fort George Creek, the other day. He left home in an intoxicated condition.

The Colchester outer company has commenced the manufacture of tobaccos.

A number of black walnut logs have been shipped from Heron Center to Germany.

Herbert Hines's brother, Heron Gustave Hines, just dead at Vienna, left a fortune of many million dollars for his four children.

Postmaster General Villis takes his weekly lunch at a dairy restaurant where he gets a meal of milk and a piece of pie for 15 cents.

A cat with six young kittens was removed from Milton, Massachusetts, to a place of 16 miles. She was not at all alarmed at the journey, but she left her family all the way back.

David Jones, a resident of the New York office, lives at Lake, Me., and works in the mines of Idaho, so he does the New York travel.

The Queen Isabella of Spain, still holds her title in Paris, and is a very interesting personage at her magnificent residences, the Hotel de Castille.

Laura Brinkman, the wonderful blind deaf and dumb, has extended her tour and returned to the institute for the blind at Hartford, Conn., to see nearly 25 years of her life.

STATE NEWS

MICHIGAN'S CENTRAL GOVERNOR

A Chief Magistrate, Smith of Ex-Governor Crowell's life. Ex-Gov. Charles M. Crowell died at his home in Adrian on the 23rd inst., after a ten day illness. Crowell was born in Newburg, Orange Co., N. Y., October 11, 1826. His father was John A. Crowell, a Scotch-Irish farmer, and his mother, Mrs. Mary (Hick) Crowell. His father was Scotch-Irish and his ancestors on his mother's side were of Knickerbocker descent. He was seven years of age his father was accidentally drowned in the Hudson river, and within three months following that event his mother and only surviving member of the family, without fortune or means. Upon the death of his father he went to live with an uncle, who was a farmer, and continued to live with him for four years, maintaining himself and devoting his spare time to reading and the acquisition of knowledge. In 1847 he began the study of law, and was appointed deputy clerk of Lenawee county in 1848, which office he performed for two years, when he was elected register of deeds, and was re-elected in 1850. In 1851 he took part in the first movement for the formation of the republican party, and was a member and secretary of the convention of the party in Jackson, in that year, which put in the field the first republican ticket in Michigan.

In 1852 he formed a law partnership with Judge Cook, which continued till the latter's removal to Ann Arbor. In 1853 he was appointed city attorney of Adrian, and was also elected mayor of the city in the spring of the same year. In the fall of 1854 he was chosen to represent Lenawee county in the state senate, where the assignment of the chairman of the committee on judicial reform. He was re-elected to the senate in 1856, in 1858, in 1860, in 1862, in 1864, in 1866, in 1868, in 1870, in 1872, in 1874, in 1876, in 1878, in 1880, in 1882, in 1884, in 1886, in 1888, in 1890, in 1892, in 1894, in 1896, in 1898, in 1900, in 1902, in 1904, in 1906, in 1908, in 1910, in 1912, in 1914, in 1916, in 1918, in 1920, in 1922, in 1924, in 1926, in 1928, in 1930, in 1932, in 1934, in 1936, in 1938, in 1940, in 1942, in 1944, in 1946, in 1948, in 1950, in 1952, in 1954, in 1956, in 1958, in 1960, in 1962, in 1964, in 1966, in 1968, in 1970, in 1972, in 1974, in 1976, in 1978, in 1980, in 1982, in 1984, in 1986, in 1988, in 1990, in 1992, in 1994, in 1996, in 1998, in 2000, in 2002, in 2004, in 2006, in 2008, in 2010, in 2012, in 2014, in 2016, in 2018, in 2020, in 2022, in 2024, in 2026, in 2028, in 2030, in 2032, in 2034, in 2036, in 2038, in 2040, in 2042, in 2044, in 2046, in 2048, in 2050, in 2052, in 2054, in 2056, in 2058, in 2060, in 2062, in 2064, in 2066, in 2068, in 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