

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTRY

Many tales are told of the high-handed action of county courts, but none equals the story of the court of Maury county, Tenn., which abolished the Chancery court of the district at the instance of the county clerk, Carmack himself was once a member of the Maury county court, and very farmer, no matter how far in the backwoods he may live, knows Carmack, and calls him "Ned."

While visiting Columbia, the capital of the country, during a recess of Congress, Carmack, in a representative, strolled into the county court room, where the quarterly court was in session. He took a seat in a corner and listened to the ordinary orators. A bill was presented for window shades for the Chancery court room. Instantly an exclamation burst from Carmack: "Why not window shades?"

"Darra the Chancery clerk, let 'em pay for their own window shades. The law ain't nothin' but an expense nohow."

During his torrent of invective against the offending body, Carmack carried a new list in a notebook, and gravely handed the sheet of paper to one of the Solons sitting near him. When the orator finished Carmack's neighbor arose and presented the following resolution:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this court that the Chancery court is a nuisance, and that the judges of the county. Therefore be it resolved that it be declared and it hereby abolished."

One of two of the justices looked at Carmack suspiciously, but the resolution was put to vote and carried with enthusiasm by an overwhelming majority.

Thomas F. Somers brings a tale from his old home in New England and says that in the days of the temptation of buying from peddlers, Her grandson has been studying the history of Luther, and the naughty youngster hurried to the village with the news that John Tetzel was in the kitchen and wanted to sell her some indulgences.

"Don't let 'em sell 'em to me," said the old dame, who she dropped her knitting. "I'm sure I need some more."

"The other day my boy Dave, who is very fond of pets, came into my possession of a small turtle, perhaps six or seven inches in diameter," said a woman in a German community who lives in New York.

When she had taken the piece of Sweeney at the League Island, New York, Sweeney was a cat, and the young ensign by his sweetheart, who lives in Annapolis. Woe is what it is to a young ensign's heart as a result of a visitation of cats at the navy yard.

When the young ensign was assigned to service his sweetheart, he took a nice cat with a mellow voice and a pink ribbon around its neck. The cat made friends and every night about thirty of them gathered on the training ship Lancaster at the navy yard.

It struck the sailors on board. An expedition was launched and every cat was captured before sunrise, placed in a bag and thrown into the water. The young ensign heard the row and rushed upon deck, but too late to save the felines.

Poor Man's Rare Art Treasures. A remarkable collection of prints is owned by a Welshman, who carries a modest living by selling milk and butter in the west end of London.

For years this humble vendor has deeded his little spare capital to the purchase of colored engravings, which he has one of the finest collections in London. His treasures are said to be worth over \$250,000, and include two specimens of Morland's "Cods and the Pigs," signed by the artist, and works by Joshua Reynolds, Bartolozzi, Buck and Baxter, which have been constantly reproduced him for spending money on pictures, but now that she realizes their value, she exclaims, "Why did he waste all his time selling 'horths of milk'?"

Saved at Last Moment. At Allotting, in Bavaria, there has just taken place the almost unique event of the death penalty being reprieved at the very hour fixed for its execution.

The person was a man named Allmänner, convicted of the murder of an old woman and a boy, who had on the day preceding that fixed for execution lodged an appeal, naming as the real murderer another person named Bohner, who, he said, had been convicted of another offense at the same place and station. The appeal court having verified this fact, sent an order to suspend the execution, and the order was received at a few minutes before the hour.

Valuable Fossil Found. A valuable Ichthyosaurian fossil, recently discovered in the middle Triassic limestone of Nevada, is described in a geological bulletin from the University press. It shows the anterior half of the vertebral column, one side of the pectoral arch, the first two segments of the pectoral limb and nearly the entire skull.

It is said that the type of limb in the present specimen is "more primitive than any yet discovered, which makes the discovery one of the greatest interest."

Seed Sprouted in Her Throat. A tomato seed lodged in the throat of a woman at Winsted, Conn., requiring three or four days without her knowledge. After a time it began to cause her pain which led to an examination. The seed had become embedded in the flesh after it was removed by a physician a tiny specimen was plainly visible.

Painless Natural Death. According to a scientist the immediate cause of death, in all but very exceptional cases, such as accident, is the poisoning of the blood by carbonic acid, which accumulates in the blood, owing to the failure of the arrangements for its removal. This was the case in a case which occurred in a plain, "and has, indeed, been employed as such, both locally and otherwise. This property of carbonic acid makes it so fatal to life by its accumulation in the blood. The accumulation of this merciful gas induces muscular contraction or spasm, which, as we have seen, is the termination of life, but which may be suggested to uncharitable observers that their meribund subject was in agony."

Just So. "There was a Hungarian band, but it was a very poor one."

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vicious to trial of a cause had reached a question of law which was highly satisfactory to himself. He refused to entertain an argument by the opposing counsel.

"It is your honor's pleasure," counsel pleaded, "I should like to cite a few authorities upon the point." But counsel was sharply interrupted by the judge, who said:

"The court knows the law and is thoroughly advised in the premises; it has given its opinion and that settles it."

"It was not," continued counsel, "with an idea of convincing your honor, but of showing you what I did see so much to show you what I thought the law was."

The Rev. Fisher Howe Booth of Teasdale, N. J., tells the following story of one of New York's prominent clergymen who is noted as a reformer:

Recently stopping at a certain West-ern city where Sunday is not very rigidly observed, the New York divine was called upon to address the congregation of the church of a brother ministerial friend.

The New York clergyman was justified by several intoxicated individuals on his way to church Sunday morning; the theater box offices were selling seats for widely advertised Sunday afternoon and evening performances; the saloons were full; bowling alleys and shooting galleries and stores were open and doing a large business, one saloon in particular being unusually well patronized by the male inhabitants, in the window of which the visiting minister was shocked to see a large sign, prominently displaying, in large letters, the words:

"We Need No Mother Here."

When he rose to address the congregation his face was very long and very sad, and in the most guarded manner he had been greatly pained to note how the inhabitants of the city and the visiting Western cities had desecrated the Sabbath day.

"And," he continued severely, "I am grieved to state that for all I have said to you, I see that you are in a very bad way. It has remained for me to receive my greatest shock for this beautiful Sunday morning in this town, where the Sabbath law is being so flagrantly violated."

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Jack, the pet crow, which Prof. Wood of the Smithsonian Institution had for a constant roommate for the last eight years, is dead. Prof. Wood has always asserted that Jack could reason as well as talk.

SOY BEANS. A very strange case has come before the German courts. A woman taking dinner in a restaurant found in one of the eyeglasses a large pearl, which had been variously valued at from \$500 to \$750.

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