The river and harbor "pork" bill as now stands, appropriates \$70,297,439 -more than the entire cost of the national government before the war. The sum would look more shipshape if 30 cents were added.—New York World (Dem.).

Jefferson, the founder of the Democratic party, declared that the only tests to be applied to the fitness of a candidate for public office are: "Is he honest? is he capable?" If his quali-Scations will not bear these tests he is not a fit candidate. According to Jefferson a candidate of immoral character, a man, for example, who makes lying promises which he does act fulfill and never intended to keep, and one who when in office betrayed the trust reposed in him, is not fit to receive the suffrages of Democrats .-Exchange.

We can understand how strict constructionists of moral ethics are bound in honor and candor to oppose Elkin. But they are equally bound to oppose Quay, and as a choice between the two would find Elkin the lesser evil. Those who believe in Quayism and approve the methods of Quay, on the other hand, can't condemn Elkin for prac-Heing Quayism under the direction of Quay, unless they are mortgaged to Quay, morally speaking. A man who pretends to stand for decent politics and supports Quay in preference to Elkin must be a knave or a fool-Harrisburg Star-Independent.

General Jacob H. Smith has finally admitted that he did issue the demoniac order to kill "everything over ten" in Samar, and in reply American sentiment will imperiously demand his punishment without regard to any justification which he may claim. There can be no justification for an order of which a real decent savage would not be guilty. And General Smith has aggravated his offense, if that be possible, by perjuring himself in this connection, for he had previously denied under oath the guilt which he now confesses. Nothing less than his discharge in disgrace from the army will satisfy the conscience of the country as atonement for the blot which this bloodthirsty officer has brought upon the American record in the East.-Inter-Ocean, Chicago.

Probably there never was a more treacherous, blood-thirsty enemy than the American Indian ever fought by the United States army. And yet I do not hesitate to declare that, had Major Waller drawn up 12 unarmed prisoners of the bloodthirsty Apache tribe and ordered them shot without trial, his Hightest punishment under Generals Grant, Sheridan, Crook, Miles, Custer or any of our old-line heroes would have been dismissal from the army in disgrace or imprisonment for life. My own judgment is that Major Waller would have been tried by a drum-head court martial and shot within 24 hours. That a man who has tried to justify the unwarranted killing of Filipinos by the fact that he had ruthlessly shot down the Chinese should be acquitted with honor, and let loose to continue the destruction of human life at his own sweet will, is a matter difficult to realize. If campaigning in the Philipnine Islands has brought the United States army to the point where it justifles this class of warfare, the sooner the troops are brought home the bet ter.-Col. Henry L. Turner.

CURRENT COMMENT

Brief Discussions of Political and Other Matters of Public Interest. ANDREW J. PALM.

The demand for the nomination of good men for the legislature on the part of the Democratic party was never more urgent than at the present time. If all those elected as Democrats to the last two sessions had been faithful to their party trust and true to the principle of honest manhood, the political situation of the state at the present time would be vastly different from what it is. Quay would have been relegated to private life, where he should have gone thirty years ago. The state would have been saved the disgrace of having Marshall as speaker of the house and Garvin as chief clerk. Men, who according to the sworn testimony of their own chief stenographer 'alsified the records to pass some bills and defeat others. There would have been no ripper legislation destroying he rights of citizens, no franchise grabs; and Quayism, which has become a disgrace to the state and a reproach to the nation, would have received its death blow. If there are not mough honest Democrats in every county of the state to select candidates who will not sell their souls for the money or the favors of the enemy, there are certainly enough of them to oin with the Republicans to defeat he rascals who are nominated. Better dect a good Republican or even a bad tepublican than a crooked Democrat, whose vote like some of those at the ast session, will be in the open market or the highest bidder. Every honest Democrat owes it to himself, to his ountry and to the state to see to it hat no man who has once played the party false is again nominated for the egislature, and that no one be named who may not be safely trusted not to perjure himself, at least. Several men tre seeking a renomination who should act be permitted to enter a Democratic aucus. It is not necessary to name them, for their names have repeatedly been held up to the public gaze as worthy only of execration. Hit every such head as soon as it appears, and let the next legislature be free from villains elected under false pretenses as Democrats.

HOME CHEESE MAKING.

Inder Proper Conditions and with Able Management the Industry Can He Made to Pay.

Can home or dairy cheese making be made to pay? It certainly can be unper proper conditions, and if conductte by a person with some previous practical experience. The best place to require this experience is in a regular cheese factory, where one might work as a subordinate for a time. do not think that one should attempt the business on a farm unless the milk of 20 or 25 cows can be depended on. Makeshift facilities and apparatus should not receive recognition, as they will not pay in the end.

Many fastidious consumers prefer dairy-made to factory cheese, but on account of the limited amount manufactured, cannot get their wants supplied. Thus, the field is open for those who can furnish a first-class article in this now neglected line.

One should first possess cows that are copious milkers, yet whose milk will test at least three per cent, of butter fat. This will insure good, rich cheese, a necessary adjunct of quality. A small vat of a capacity suited to your needs should be employed, and a press with hoops to mold cheese of from ten to 15 pounds in weight. Any firstclass dairy supply house ought to be able to furnish a complete set of apparatus for a dairy cheese making

It is best to have a cheese house complete by itself for manufacturing purposes, and the making room is kept sweet and clean, as is essential, can be used for the storage of the night's milk, after it has been aerated. The vat itself is a good place in which to store the night's milking, and running water about it, or ice, can be employed to keep it cool. If you make the mistake of skimming any part of the milk it will be fatal to your success as an amateur cheese maker. What the publie wants is a rich, nutty flavored, reliable quality cheese, and that of small bulk. This can so easily be produced in a home dairy.

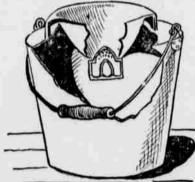
Strive to please the public taste and needs in this direction, and you can secure from one to two cents per pound more for your product than the average factory article. As the making will take one person's time from bali to three-quarters of every day, dairies under 20 or 25 cows would hardly find it profitable.

Remember also that the profitableness all lies in your being thorough and in dead earnest, in pushing your business to a success. Do not offer your cheese for sale until they are thoroughly cured, which takes from 20 to 40 days. Do not launch into the business without some previous experience. If you haven't that experience. get it as an initial step.—George E. Newell, in Orange Judd Farmer.

SAFETY MILK PAIL.

Upsetting Does Not Waste Its Contents and It Also Prevents Gathering of Impurities.

Many a pail of milk has been lost by a kick from the cow just as the task of milking her was about finished and many a stray bit of dirt falls into the open pail if the farmer is not extremely careful in his labors. John Heustis King, of Garrity, Ala., believes that the pail he has just designed will Farmer.



THIS PREVENTS SPILLING.

save the milk in case of an upset pail and also prevent the gathering of impurities.

In the picture the details of construction of this improved pail are shown. The top of the pail has a screw-threaded flange, to which a re ceiving bowl is secured by a similar flange. In the center of this bowl is a strainer, and below the strainer is an open frame in which is placed a loose cone corresponding in shape to the under side of the strainer. As soon as the pail is tipped over the flow of the milk toward the strainer seals the cone and effectually closes the outlet until the pail is righted again.-Chicago Daily News.

Whether cheese-making or butter making be best for a community must depend on the use being made in that community of the products of milk When there is no profitable way of using skimmilk the whole milk can be made into cheese. Where the milk can be fed to calves, pigs or poultry, buttermaking is profitable. Butter-making does not impoverish a farm if the skimmed milk is fed to farm animals, and in that way returned to the land. In cheese-making the nitrogen and phosphorus are sold off the farm.-Farmers' Review.

Cheese or Butter, Which?

Importance of Selection. Experienced dairymen declare that there is oftentimes a vast difference in the amount of butter produced by two cows, when the amount of food consumed is the same. It follows that while one is profitable the other may be unprofitable to keep, at least not as profitable as it should be. Care in breeding, in selection and in testing are the safeguards, and any dairyman who ignores these safeguards is traveling through a rough country with his eyes closed to the dangers .- Midland

OWNS LARGEST FARM.

It Consists of 14 Ranches, Containing Mode of Making It is Simple and Will 22,000 Acres, and Is Owned by a Missonrian.

David Rankin, of Tarkio, Mo., owns the largest cultivated tract of land in at one time or other tried to make a the world, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. To those who have never visfted a large ranch the methods necessary to carry on the vast amount of tery. This is often caused by not havwork would seem a great problem. Mr. Rankin owns 14 ranches, containits 22,000 acres: 700 teams and 220 men are required to operate the daily routine work in the busy season while the crops are under cultivation. Each ranch has an overseer, who is required to make a monthly report and to submit the same to his employer. The records of the past year's work over all the ranches show that a total of 7.539 head of eattle had been sold for \$172,520 and 8,249 head of hogs for \$111,846. The total clearance for the year 1900 amounted to \$100,000. The expenses, including interest, reached the sum of \$91,851.13.

The most profitable ranch is the one looked after by Foreman George Ross, whose yearly report contains the following statements: Number of acres, 7-16 of an inch in 3,280; cattle, 1,328; net proceeds from cattle, \$44,598.90; hogs, 1,232, cash for the same, \$17,954.19; expense per acre, \$4.39; corn bought, 98,720 bushels.

Mr. Rankin is a close observer and soon picks out the good qualities of his men. He is pleasant and accommodating, daring and energetic, which qualities have won for him the wealth he now commands. Resides his farms he has an interest in several banking concerns, but to these latter be gives little attention, and spends most of his time riding over the ranches to see that proper care is being given the stock. Sometimes he lends a helping hand in pulling a steer from the mud; again he will assist in building a shed for the fattened hogs.

NAMING THE FARM.

A Commendable Fashion That Is Growing in Favor in the Rural Districts of the West,

The farm ought to have a name, The boys will love it more, and others will respect it more if given this dignity. After giving the name, mark it in a prominent place. The cut shows a unique way. Haul a picturesque bowlder to one side of the main



NAME PLACED ON STONE.

entrace. With a sledge hammer and cold chisels cut a smooth face upon the front, and either cut out the name of the farm or paint it on the smooth face with black paint. A granite It Resembles That of Human Beings bowlder will work best.-Orange Judd

A Mammoth Hay Farm,

Five thousand acres of swamp land in Oregon, says the Hay Journal, will be reclaimed and made to produce hay, if a project set on foot by a livestock company shall prove successful. This company has built a dredge, with which it proposes to dig a ditch 60 feet wide and nine feet deep through the center of the swamp which covers a large proportion of Molheur county. By means of this ditch it is proposed to drain the swamp and convert it into a great hay field. It is estimated that 100,000 tons of hay can be produced annually, where now nothing but swamp grass flourishes. A San Francisco company has secured a contract to operate the dredge, and it is estimated that two years will be required to complete the ditch.

Culture of Strawberries.

There are three methods now followed by the best growers, known as hill culture, the hedge row and the half-matted row. By the first, plants are set from 12 to 18 inches apart in the row, and all runners kept off so that no other plants can form. The hedge row method consists in having gives a precipitate with all three plants from 6 to 12 inches in the row, with runners kept off; and the half-matted row method is to plant in the usual manner with plants 18 to 36 inches in the row, the first rununtil there is a row about 12 inches in this manner, keep the runners off, as in the hill and hedge row method. -Rural World.

How Weeds Are Scattered. with seeds of grasses, clover and grain on the farm. By live stockcarried in the hair, fleece or feet; or by passing into the excrement. By unground feed stuff purchased in threshing machines, etc. Oftentimes by plows, cultivators and harrows, by squirrels and mice, by water or by the wind, aided by little wings, down or drifting snow. And in countless other ways. 'Tis an enemy that must be fought without quarter, till exterminated "root and branch."-Midland Farmer.

A CHEAP HYDROMETER.

Repay the Experimenter for His Slight Trouble.

There are many amateurs who have storage battery, but have given up in disgust on finding that their plates have sulphated, thus ruining their bating the electrolyte of the proper density, but this fault can be corrected by the use of a hydrometer. Readings should be taken regularly with the hydrometer, and this will also form & valuable guide as to the amount of the charge in the battery; that is, the density of the electroivte after charging will be found to be slightly greater than the limit of discharge. A simple and cheap hydrometer can be made as follows, which will more than repay the maker for his

slight trouble: procure from a druggist or chemical house a testtube (Fig. 1, T) six inches long, and outside diameter. The test-tube should be free from flaws and very thin - about 1-32 of an inch in thickness. Now place some buckshot, S, in the bottom of the tube so as to form a column about a half-inch in height. or until it will float upright in water, the tube projecting a boutom

an inch above the surface of the water. A small wad of cotton, B, should be placed over the shot so as to hold them in place, and also a small strip of paper, P. should be placed inside of the tube on which to mark necessary graduations. Now procure a bottle as long as the tube, and large enough to allow the tube to pass into Fill this bottle full of dilute sulphuric acid having a specific gravity of 1.225 when cold. A druggist will put this up for a small sum, but if you wish to put this up yourself you can carefully add one ounce of good commercial sulphurie acid to four ounces of distilled water, and when this is cold place the tube in it. But before doing this place a small waxed cork in the mouth of the tube to prevent the liquid from accidentally flowing into it. Now mark the point to which the tube sinks into the dilute sulphuric acid, 1.225 specific gravity. If you desire any other granulations you can proceed as above, but you will then have to compare your hydrometer with a standard one. Most makers of storage batteries recommend the use of an electrolyte having a specific gravity of 1.225, so that is the only necessary mark. A small drop of glue on the strip of paper will hold it in place, completing your hydrometer.-Parker S. Simonsen, in Scientific

THE BLOOD OF APES.

and Establishes a Sort of "Blood Relationship."

The recently devised biological tests of blood have given a new significance to the term "blood-relationship." Dr. Friedenthal and others believe that tests of this kind have established a probability of our cousinship with the apes, since transfusion of human blood, which is harmless with them, is always injurious to other animals, operating by dissolution of the blood corpuscles. But it has been found that the serum of an animal may be immunized against human blood by appropriate treatment, and it is called "human anti-serum." Such serum, when mixed with human blood, produces a precipitate. Dr. A. S. F. Grunbaum, lecturer at University college. Liverpool, announces in the Lancet that "human anti-serum" produces precisely the same precipitate with the blood of the apes. He

writes: "Other observers have already pointed out that 'human anti-serum' to a slight extent. Adopting the general mode of application of the test, I find that 'human anti-serum' species of anthropoid apes already named, and to me this precipitate is practically indistinguishable from that obtained with human blood either in quality or quantity. Oceaners that appear just where wanted, sionally it seemed that the blood of the orang gave a more gelatinous wide, with plants not more than six precipitate as compared with the inches apart. After the row is filled granular precipitate of the other bloods, but this may have been due to accidental circumstances. granular precipitates from other bloods are also liable to become sticky when shaken up. But it is not They may be introduced and spread only by the action of human antiserum' or anthropoid blood that this close relationship of the various bloods may be demonstrated. I have prepared gorilla, orang and chimpanzee anti-serum. Tested in the way barnyard manures drawn from town, described, they all react, not only in the packing of trees, crockery, with their own blood but with each baled hay and straw, by wagons, of the others, and also with human blood. Here again, in the absence of definite standards, I am unable to railway trains, or boats, by birds, assert that there is any difference of reaction amongst the many combrooks, rivers and by washing rains, binations of anti-serum and blood which can be made with the four above-mentioned bloods and sera."

There is thus certainly a strong resemblance between man's blood and ape's blood, and so, in one sense at least, a "blood-relationship."

TEARFUL OR CHEERFUL?

Whether a woman is tearful or cheerful depends not on what she has materially, but what she is physically. Many an indulgent husband is driven almost to despair by the tearful outburst of a

wife who has "everything she wants." He wants to what's the matter. But the wife She only knows that she is depressed and despondent. Such a condition is usually lated to

of womanly disease. The mental depression has its corresponding womanly weakness. Doctor Pierce's Payorite Prescription

changes tearful women to cheerful women by curing the diseases which cause physical weakness and depression of spirits. It establishes regularity, dries unhealthy drains, heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness.

Mrs. Alice Adams, of Laboratory. Washington Co., Pa., says.; "With many thanks I write to let you know how I am. I can say by God's help and your help I am well. I have taken six bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and two of his 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and I can do all my work. I can't praise your medicine too highly. I will recommend your medicines as long as I live. If any one doubts this give them my address." "Pavorite Prescription" makes weak

women strong and sick women well. Accept no substitute for the medicine works wonders for Keep the bowels healthy by the use of Doctor Pierce's Pleasant

Reduced Rates to Boston-

Via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account Meeting First Church of Christ, Scientists.

On account of the meeting of the First Church of Christ, Scientists, at Boston, Mass., on June 15-18, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Boston from all points on its lines on June 12, 13, 14, 16, and 17, good going on those dates and good to return until June 25, inclusive, at rate of single fare for the round trip, plus \$1.00.

No More Peaches-

The report comes from the great peach growing sections of the State that peach orchards are being allowed to die out. Few new trees have been planted to replace those found dead this spring.

Pellets.

The crop is going to be large this year, from all accounts, and inquiries are being made of the State Department of Agriculture why the interests of the farmers of the several districts are flagging in peach culture. It is likely that some mention of the condition will be made by Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton in his forth- SAM NOW BETTER QUALIFIED FOR coming report.

The now famed peach growing belt of Pennsylvania enjoys the confruit. It is hardly likely that if peach growing cannot be made to pay in this vicinity it cannot be made profitable elsewhere in Pennsylvania. Therefore, is peach culture to become a lost industry in Pennsylvania? That is the question that is confronting the peach grower in these days.

Bananas Instead of Beef.

"If you want to down the beef trust," said a man who is engaged in the fruit trade, "don't eat meat. Eat bananas instead. I'm not joking: I'm serious. The banana as a staple article of food has been too long neglected by the people of our zone. I traveled across Nicaragua once, and practically lived on bananas prepared in the various ways for which the natives are famous. It may surprise you to know that the banana is the king-pin of the vegetable world, precipitates the lower monkeys' blood so far as nutrition is concerned. It is twenty-five times as nutritious as wheat of the same weight, has fortyfive times the nutriment of potatoes, and thirty times that of rice, the three staple products of the world. These figures are the result of scientific investigation. It is time that we turn our attention to the banana. We might profitably take a few lessons in preparing the fruit for the table from our southern neighbors."-Philadelphia Record.

Licensed to Wed-

The following couples have secured licenses from Clerk of the Courts W. H. Henrie.

P. E. Mahoney of New York City and Miss Edith Herring of Orange-

W. E. Bardo and Miss Laura A Thomas both of Sereno, this county. William Gerrard of Rohrsburg and Miss De la M. Sweeny, of Pine township.

William T. Levens and Miss Clara M. Krah, both of Centralia. Thomas J. Yorks of Elk Grove

and Miss Jennie B. Lemon of Guava. the The Kind You Have Always Bought Signature

HARRISBURG LETTER

Philadelphia's Shameful Corruption. Sam Salter's Acquittal Fits Him for the Legislature Corruption has Struck the Schools - Democratic Candidates for State Office not Stated.

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The recent outrage perpetrated against law, order and decency by the acquittal of the Philadelphia ballot box stuffer, Sam Salter, has aroused anew the indignation of every good citizen of the state against the rotten political condition that permeates even the courts of law and makes justice a hollow mockery. It is evident that to batlot box stuffing the crime of jury box stuffing has been added.

NO HONEST ELECTION IN PHILA-

It has long been notorious that there is no such thing as an honest election in Philadelphia. The election machinery in the Quaker City is in the hands of men who have as little regard for the sanctity of an oath as they have for the rights of citizenship. Many of the polling places are managed by thugs, who would commit trand or perjury, and even murder, at the behest of those whose political tools they are, and Philadelphia has the unenviable notoriety of being governed by the worst gang of political pirates that ever looted an American city.

More than two years and a half ago Sam Salter, with half a dozen others, was arrested on the charge of ballot box stuffing and other kindred crimes. There was no doubt of their guilt, for they were trapped by a clever piece of detective work done by the North American. They were released on bail, but when the time came for trial they had put themselves beyond the reach of the law. One of the number, Scullen, who did not get away, pleaded guilty and was sent to the penitentiary for a year. After Salter had been away more than two and a half years, he suddenly put in an appearance and surrendered to the court. The machine had deliberately planned the means of his acquittal by the rankest sort of perjury and then sent for him to return. It would be highly damaging to the machine to have a gang of repeaters and ballot box stuffers sent to the penitentiary for their crimes, because it might keep men from becoming repeaters, and hence the desperate plan adopted for their acquittal. Though it was proved beyond a doubt that Salter was guilty, though he was entrapped into flatly denying all the witnesses who were trying to swear him innocent, he was acquitted by the jury which was perhaps drawn for the very purpose.

ASSEMBLY.

A fitting sequel to this corrupt and corrupting case is the announcevenience and advantages of the super- ment that Salter is likely to be reior railway facilities, which are so turned to the Legislature, where essential for the prompt and satis- the machine is in need of such as he. factory disposition of large crops of He would now make an ideal member to represent Quayism, the influences of which have corrupted every department of State and municipal government. Even the schools of Philadelphia are contaminated with the slime of political corruption. The stream cannot rise above its source and when millions are spent to bribe the Legislature into passing bills to make fortunes political or otherwise for a few individuals, it is not surprising that rottenness exists in every department of our political system.

Are the business, professional and intelligent laboring men of Philadelphia so lost to all sense of political honor that they are willing to allow this condition to exist indefinitely? One can understand why professional politicians and ward heelers engage in nefarious business of corrupting the channels of State and city government, but it is utterly incomprehensible why every good citizen in Philadelphia, regardless of his party bias, is not up in arms against the corrupt gang that has made the Quaker City a term of reproach in its political relations.

NO DEMOCRATIC SLATE.

Though the time for the Democratic State Convention is drawing near, the leaders are not troubling themselves about candidates. They are determined that the men to lead the party in the coming campaign against Quayism shall be the untrammelled choice of the party with no domination from the organization. This is in striking contrast. with the words of Quay, uttered three or four months ago, "I have not yet decided on a candidate for governor." PALM.

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