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THE POSSE COMITATUS CALL.

The latest phase of the Homestead affair is the acute issue between the Governor of the Commonwealth and the Sheriff of the county. Peace reigns at Homestead, with the men in possession; the Pinkertons have gone and the rash experiment of bringing mercenary foreigners with guns in their hands to assert property rights for the Carnegie or any other company is pretty certain not to be repeated for a long time to come.

The Governor says, in effect, that it has to be done, if at all, by the posse comitatus, summoned and directed by the Sheriff. The Sheriff has twice or often told the Governor of the trial of the posse comitatus on Tuesday and of its failure, and insists that only the State troops will be equal to the occasion.

Behind the point of issue between the Governor and the Sheriff there may be a question as to whether the Sheriff and the posse comitatus procedure is the proper one by which the Carnegie Company should regain possession of its property. Whether in the absence of visible riot and disturbance at the time of the Sheriff's visit, prior procedure in Court might not be needed, is a question for lawyers rather than laymen.

In a word, the posse comitatus, an old common law relic, has in our times, and in circumstances like the present, become a pure fiction. It arose and existed when each county had its own military organization, where every man between the age of 21 and 45 was obliged to respond to the county for military duty, and was compelled to go into training at least for one day each year.

The Dispatch urges and hopes that after the terrible and tragic events of Wednesday the men at Homestead will see and avoid the inevitable disastrous results of persisting in an attitude of resistance to the law and to the civil authorities, to which they will commit themselves if they obstruct any due legal process for the restoration to the Carnegie Company of possession of its property.

forth to the country by its accredited convention at Chicago. It expressed itself against the free coinage of silver, and its Senators straightway passed a free silver bill, which appears likely to be indorsed by the majority of its Representatives in the House.

Such utter disregard of precedent in practice is clear evidence of the unreliability of the Democratic party, and demonstrates its irresponsibility. It could not indicate in any more emphatic manner that the members of its party are for the most part mere seekers after the spoils of office than workers on behalf of principles.

As far as the situation can be judged from the returns of the British elections up to date, it appears that Mr. Gladstone's chances of success are not so great as was believed at an earlier stage. When so moderate a Gladstonian organ as the Daily News indorses the expressions of its hopes so that it speaks of "an adequate if not substantial outlook" for the Home Rule bill, it is regarded as doubtful indeed.

Though there are many Liberal strongholds to be heard from, the gains so far have been much smaller than expected. There probably has been an actual falling off in the Home Rule strength to correspond in some degree to the difference between estimates and results. Lord Salisbury's incendiary language and his appeal to religious prejudices have doubtless acted in some quarters. And a still greater factor in weakening the Liberal strength has been the failure of the Irish leaders to come to terms and make a show of solidity.

The majority on either side is likely to be too small for practical working, and the life of the still unborn parliament will therefore be short. Mr. Gladstone's great age makes any delay in the passage of a Home Rule measure the more serious, as his followers have no leader that can compare with him in magnetism, mental power or statesmanship.

Professor R. L. Garner started to Europe yesterday on his way to Africa with a complete outfit of phonographs, telephones and electric appliances in general in order that he may continue his study of the simian tongue, which has hitherto been confined to the opportunities offered by zoological gardens. His idea is to spend most of his time in a properly prepared cage, while he listens to and records on his phonographs the conversations overheard by telephone concealed in the surrounding trees.

The imaginary picture of the professor shut up in his cage, and two or three dozen monkeys inspecting him and doing slack rope performances on his wires, is not without its humorous aspect. That he will give the aboriginal simians a good deal to think about and provide a large fund of amusement for them goes without saying.

The Adjutant General's Report Shows its Condition to be Very Good. HARRISBURG, July 7.—There will be issued from the Adjutant General's Department this week General Order No. 17, containing the report of the spring inspections of the National Guard, the purpose being to get the ratings into the hands of the commanding officers of the several regiments. This has never been done.

Can Take Care of Himself. Boston Globe. The foregoing gentleman, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, foresees all sorts of trouble for Mr. Gladstone if he comes into office on the question of an Irish tariff. There is no occasion for worry. The "grand old man" will be abundantly able to take care of all the issues that may claim his thought and attention.

Has the Wrong Ball. Chicago Mail. Groves Cleveland went fishing on the Fourth of July, as he did on Memorial day when he was President. He will undoubtedly go fishing on election day when November comes around. But what will he catch?

course, and a great deal is done in this way by promoting opportunities for wholesome moral associations. There is a modesty about the name of the movement which covers an immense power for good. This vast organization dealing with the rising generation will have a large influence on the future of the world, and there is reason to believe that members of the societies realize the responsibilities which go with their collective power, and that the men and women of the world will be the better for the influence of this convention.

KICKS on the weather are less frequent now than they were. One can get used to most things, and the changes have been slight enough this week to give one chance to adapt oneself to the circumstances.

The Democratic party fails to appreciate the fact it is on trial and that the disregard of its platform by its individuals is working havoc in a reputation that can ill afford it.

CONSIDERING that there are four non-nominal candidates in the field, with as many different platforms, the state of trade is wonderful good.

Just about now the country roads are assuming their summer aspect of knee deep mud, except as far as so much to the ease and comfort of traffic.

FREE silver's fate in the House is very much in the balance, and there is no excuse at all for absenteeism while so serious a matter is at stake.

Our ball team still hangs around the middle of the list, but it is not near enough to the bottom to be considered safe yet.

A WITTY CHINAMAN. He Attempts to Smuggle Opium Into Prison in Fig's Heads. SAN FRANCISCO, July 7.—The real cause that prompted Fong Ah Chung, the Chinese burglar, to make three desperate attempts to smuggle opium into the city prison county jail came to light yesterday morning.

It was, not excepting the Anarchist demonstration in Haymarket, Chicago, some years ago, the most horrible, hideous and deplorable act of duress and oppression that has occurred in our country. Full details are narrated in other columns, and it is not necessary here to specify the outrages committed. To one proposition of the inalienable rights of man, and that is that the Carnegie people could not be allowed to use the force of the law to break down the lawless and lawless.

A Most Deplorable Event. Cincinnati Commercial Gazette. It was, not excepting the Anarchist demonstration in Haymarket, Chicago, some years ago, the most horrible, hideous and deplorable act of duress and oppression that has occurred in our country.

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AS THE WORLD SEES IT.

The Responsibility Divided. Philadelphia Public Ledger. While the responsibility for yesterday's dreadful tragedy rests so heavily upon the Sheriff, neither the Carnegie Steel Company nor the Pinkerton men would do all this and it was bad policy to give them the opportunity to do just what many of them really want to do.

Philadelphia Determined. Mr. Carnegie has apparently made up his mind that he will not employ organized labor. The locked-out men are organized into a trade union. They believe that he intends to fill their places with non-union men.

The River a Public Highway. New York Press. The chief officers of the police, whether governor, sheriff or constable, are the persons to look to for the enforcement of law.

A Blunder or a Crime. Cleveland Leader. A serious blunder, if not a crime against the highest interests of mankind, was committed when an attempt was made to force the Carnegie Steel Company to employ the Pinkerton men.

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FASHION DECREES

That Flowers Must Not Adorn Dead Friends —Epitaphs and Funeral Decorations —Flats to Land Not Found on the Map —Paraphernalia. FLOWER men are in a predicament somewhat since the death blow has been administered to "funeral work." It is no longer good form to smother all that is left of our dear ones with flowers and carnations, the correct thing being never to exceed a small spray or a tiny handful of the blooms best loved in life by the one, now cold in death.

Mr. William Johnston, of Main street, who has been traveling in Europe for the past three months, is expected to land in New York City on Monday next. Mr. Johnston, who remained with her mother during her father's absence in Europe, is taking up her own law studies at New York City, and is expected to go to work on Forty-third street this week.

The continued illness of Mrs. Paul Zimmerman has caused the date of the Midsummer concert at the Kenmore to be deferred again, this time to the 16th. The postponement is being generally known, but the friends of the hotel, a good many people suffered from the delay, and are angry with the management for not being more prompt in making the change.

The Misses Jessie and Genevieve Emerson leave to-day for Atlantic City, where they will spend a few days, and then extend their summer sojourn at Kenka Lake.

ALREADY the date of the chrysanthemum show in the city has been decided as the 15th. The place will be at the Auditorium.

The Misses George and Jennie McKown, of the world, who are to spend a few days in Indian River, Mich., to spend July and August at the Argonaut Club grounds, Burt's Bay, Fla.

The coming social season will be late, necessarily so, and as a logical sequence, the season will be shorter, not important. This is the dire prediction made by thoughtful society women.

TO-DAY if the weather god gets out from the right side of his cloud, a garden party will be given by the Ladies' Aid of the Southside Hospital in the old Knox house in Kenka Lake.

Mrs. GEORGE MILLIKEN, with Miss Milliken and the other small members of the family, are sojourning in the country beyond the city, and will be at the guest of Mrs. Milliken's father.

PEOPLE with the Cincinnati by boat been in their business should not hesitate, as the trip is somewhat uninteresting, but the trip will render the making of the passage impossible later than the middle of August.

GEORGE A. LAMM, Esq., with ten companions, will leave for the city on Monday, July 12th, in the main party of the Argonaut Club, which will leave on August 1st, and will be at the arrival of the club.

FRANK FALLS and New Brighton boast of a lot of extremely pretty and smartly frocked girls, who ride bicycles and play tennis, and who are as fashionable and chic as though they were the very wives of the great.

THE managers of the Newsboys' Home held their final meeting yesterday, and will not be in session again until September. Mrs. Christopher L. Mott, who is appointed member of the Building Commission, taking the place of Mr. E. B. Smith, and with Mr. Keen and Mr. Kerr forming the committee of three.

THE Hammond family, of Bellevue, are permanently established in the city, and have taken up their abode in a new house on the corner of Fifth and Duquesne streets. Mr. Hammond has been disposed of to Dr. Wylie, who has adapted it for the purposes of a private sanitarium, and will be at the residence of Dr. Wylie, who has adapted it for the purposes of a private sanitarium, and will be at the residence of Dr. Wylie, who has adapted it for the purposes of a private sanitarium.

STARTING FOR AFRICA. Mr. Garner Leaves to Study the Monkeys in the Dark Continent. NEW YORK, July 7.—The man who speaks the language of the monkeys starts for Africa to-day. Mr. Garner, who has been in the city for some time, will probably be on the western coast of Africa ready to undertake his journey into the abode of the large gorillas and chimpanzees.

NO TEETH FOR 55 YEARS. A Lady at Ninety-Eight Secures a New Dental Outfit. COLUMBUS, July 7.—A case of remarkable age, vitality and attendant promise of good health for many days to come, is that of a lady who has lived for 55 years in this city in the past few days. A lady, 98 years of age, in the enjoyment of good health, came to the dental rooms of Robinson & Lentz and had a full set of upper and lower teeth made. Her name is Mary Ann Plister, and she reached the advanced age named May 29. Mrs. Plister came to this country with her husband, John U. Plister, from Canton, Ohio, in 1825, and lived in this city for many years.

WAR AGAINST SMOKE. Sixty Suits to be Brought in Chicago for Its Prevention. CHICAGO, July 7.—Sixty suits against violators of the smoke ordinance will be brought next week by Secretary Phelps, of the Society for the Prevention of Smoke. For awhile after the formation of the society the smoke nuisance was mitigated. Since the opening of the Masonic Temple, the Great Northern Hotel, the Ashland building and several other skyscrapers the nuisance has grown until now it is said to be worse than ever. The officers of the society have spent a good deal of time laboring with the proprietors of smoky chimneys and have urged the use of various devices. In some instances an improvement has been effected, in many others, however, a deaf ear has been turned to the society's appeals, and the nuisance in which suits will be entered.

THE English estimate of the Captain Borup affair seems to be that the sin of it was in being caught. That is about the size of it, diplomatically speaking.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

—There are 250,000 words in the English language. —The largest pyramid in Egypt is 146 yards high. —Europe at present is passing through a cold period.

—The canal system of New York is now a century old. —In Japan for every 100 men there are only 97.92 women. —In the first three weeks in June Montana had five stages held up.

—Since 1870 the two-thirds rule has governed Democratic conventions. —Fully 500,000 persons were killed in the Punjab last year by snake bites. —There are nearly 2,000,000 more men than women in the United States.

—There is only one sudden death among women to every eight among men. —The railways of the world are worth quite a lot of money—\$4,000,000,000. —The only kind of fruit which appears not to flourish in California is the apple.

—The gambling tables at Monte Carlo last year netted their proprietors over \$5,000,000. —A Maine woman conducts a large foundry and engine works at Dunkirk, N. Y. —While there are now 1,000,000 Hebrews in the United States, there are over 5,000,000 in Russia.

—The maintenance of the Sultan's harem costs Turkey 30,000,000 gold roubles yearly or \$15,000,000. —If the streets of London were put end to end they would reach from that city to St. Petersburg. —The tallest lighthouse tower is 159 feet from its base to the center of the lantern, at Cape Hatteras.

—In Australia they recently erected a fence of wire netting 500 miles long to keep the rabbits out. —A Squire in Aberdeen, O., is dying who has had to have visited more than 4,000 sloping corners. —The total gifts to Yale during the past year have been \$600,000, while Harvard received but \$300,000.

—A man down in Georgia has built a number of houses which are occupied by widows. —The Presbyterians are about to establish a college in Salt Lake City, and have purchased a site of 100 acres. —There are 24 Methodist, 50 Congregationalist and about 25 Unitarian churches for the city of New York. —New York City on June 17 consumed 78,900 gallons of water, the largest amount ever used in a single day in the city.

—A Boston writer has figured up that heaven contains 1,800,000,000 souls, against a population of only 175,000,000. —The British ship Berceus, which recently rounded Cape Horn, experienced the phenomenon of a heavy cloud of dust at sea. —In England there are 30,000 miles of telegraph lines. The number of messages received in London last year was 6,000,000.

—There are said to be 8,000 children in Chicago, and 100,000 in New York. —A school account is really etymologically considered only a "thumb nail," the original thimbles having been worn on the thumb. —The Indian exhibit at the World's Fair will include representatives of every tribe from the extreme North to Terra del Fuego. —The well that prompted Samuel Woodworth to write "The Old Oaken Bucket," is still kept in good condition at Seitzau, Mass.

—One million three hundred thousand pounds worth of pickles and sauces are exported from England to other countries yearly. —The Chinese razor has the shape of a triangle. It is made of rude iron, and is used as a pointed up worn out horseshoe. —The State of New York has found into the business of a landlord. It damps fees of five acres each in the camps of the State for a year. —A list of medals and decorations won by women from 1875 to 1888 includes 100 medals, 33 comic operas and two oratorios, besides a few cantatas, ballads, etc.

—M. Rechevitch-Matloff, the Russian Czar's chamberlain, who is one of the wealthiest men in the world, has purchased a piano from Paris which is to cost \$5,000. —One of the flourishing industries in Cairo, Egypt, is the manufacture of pains from mummies. The mummies are ground to powder and then mixed with oil. —Recent improvements in photographic plates have been so great as to make it possible to take accurate photographs of a rifle ball traveling at the rate of 3,000 feet a second.

—The fine salmon that used to tempt the angler in New England streams have about entirely disappeared, and there are but two or three rivers in Maine where any may still be found. —The annual salary of the President of the United States was \$25,000 up to 1873, when it was doubled, taking effect on March 4 of that year, at the beginning of Grant's second term. —On July 21, 1832, Hiram Lusk entered the Doylestown Intelligence office as an apprentice, and he has set type in the same office during the 60 years that have passed.

—A cynical observer of human nature says that a woman will give 25 cents for a 50-cent article that she doesn't want, and a man will give 50 cents for a 25-cent article that he does want. —In the ancient cathedral of Aix-la-Chapelle (Aachen), Germany, there is a crown of wonderful historic interest which has been preserved for more than 1,000 years. Near its place of custody is a tomb which is also worthy a visit. "Carlo Magno" reads the inscription. —The postal telegraph system of Great Britain and Ireland is now the most gigantic and complete organization for the transmission of messages in the world. The staff numbers 3,000, the annual amount expended in salaries and wages is \$22,950, and the total number of telegrams passing through the office per annum is 23,587,773.

MISCELLANEOUS MERRIMENT. Bumkin—I tell you when Smythers is wound up he can make a first-class political speech. Teazel—Maybe he can, but he seems to be built on the Wausery plan. —Chicago Inter-Ocean. —Tomson—What a ridiculously high price are given for this bit of fare. —Johnson—Yes. It would be better named if it called it a bill of unfair. —New York Herald. —"Where are you going, my pretty maid?" "I am going a milkin'." "I see." "May I go with you, my pretty maid?" "Yes; you can work the pump," she said. —Washington Star. —"I don't think my hair would stand up and if it were to stand up, it would be like Mrs. Elder's." —After several tales had been related. —"Of course not," replied Miss Pippy. "False hair is never affected that way." —Detroit Free Press. —He called her miss, and she called him mister; and they both called her miss. —New York Herald. —"How do you like your new flannel shirt, Wigwag?" "Oh, they're great! Had 'em washed a couple of times and I'm 'empting them to wear for wrinkles in the waist." —Chicago News Herald. —Don't wonder if the poker sharp. Who monkeys with the deck. Should sometimes overreach the mark. And get it in the neck. —New York Herald. —Boy at the Door—Want some strawberries, mum? Lady of the House—I would like some berries, but wouldn't you enter my name? —Boston Courier. —Tommy—Said you could lick me with one hand tied behind you, didn't you? Let's see you do it. —New York Herald. —Jimmy—Yes, I guess I did say that, but I got one hand tied behind me just now. —Boston Journal.