

It is estimated that Europe will need 300,000,000 bushels of American grain during the current year to make good her deficient crops. This means business for the American farmer.

There is fast assuming a position of great magnitude among our exports of export. Last week the shipment of these from this country averaged one million pounds a day, and for the first time exceeded the exports of hain.

The all absorbing issue before the country is "honest suffrage," which means fair elections and an honest count, without shot guns, bulldozing, revolvers or ballot-box stuffing.

Let these suggested rules be examined with an eye to their amendment, adoption, or rejection, in part or in whole, and when the people come together to select their delegates to the convention, they will be prepared to intelligently instruct them as to their wishes.

The negro exodus from Mississippi has opened up a lively discussion between the bulldozers and planters. The bulldozers encourage the exodus, believing that white people will fill the places of those who leave, while the farmers plainly see that with the loss of their laborers their interests must suffer.

Here are a few facts worthy of attention by all citizens: In 1865 the interest bearing debt of the country was \$2,811,530,294, and it is now \$1,797,643,700. In 1865 the annual interest of the debt was \$150,977,697, now it is \$83,773,778.

We heard much during the late session of Congress, and are daily encountering paragraphs in Democratic papers about "a fair and free election." Just what is meant by fair and free elections in the South is exemplified by a late transaction in Mississippi, where it seems but one candidate, and a Democrat, is allowed to run.

An armed mob from all portions of the county gathered in front of the county clerk's office, and sent a committee of six to the dwelling of Mr. Dixon with instructions to demand on behalf of the mob that he should immediately quit his canvass and leave the county or die.

The mob were for a while appalled at the determined and unexpected action of Mr. Dixon, but the greater courage and determination spread throughout the town. Mr. Dixon's wife and six small children were in the house at the time.

A party of six hours was indulged, the mob continuing to increase, when finally Mr. Dixon went out the card which is included in the following partisan report of the affair in an extra issue of the Yazoo City Herald.

The following is the extract in full: "Herald Extra." Yazoo City, Miss., July 29, 1879.—The last night of the month of July, the right to secede is as much a doctrine now as it ever was, and is as openly advocated as it was before 1861.

It is singular how an erroneous statement will travel through the press and escape detection or contradiction from the most wide-awake and best informed journalists.

We have seen it stated in the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and intermediate country newspapers, that the proposed extension of the Reading road to Pittsburgh, is to be by way of the Cumberland Valley Railway to Chambersburg, thence through Bedford and Somerset.

Now, there is not one of these journalists who does not know that the Cumberland Valley road is owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad, and as the proposed new line would be a formidable rival to the latter road, it is sheer nonsense to talk of the Cumberland Valley road being used as a link in the extension of the Reading road to Pittsburgh.

Some years since there was a survey made by Col. James Worrel, of Harrisburg, of a route from that city, through "Sherman's Valley," Bedford and Somerset to Pittsburgh, and this doubtless is the route known as the "Sherman's Valley route," which these inaccurate and careless journalists mean.

We publish in another part of this paper a set of rules, suggested for the conduct of future Republican primary elections in this country.

In laying these rules before the Republicans of this county, we distinctly state that they are merely suggestions. The gentleman who furnished them for publication, or we in publishing them, do not intend to urge their adoption in toto.

They are submitted to you for scrutiny, for reflection, amendment, and not for adoption by the committee called to revise the method of making future nominations.

It will be difficult to procure the assembling of a Convention that will take the requisite time, and labor to devise, deliberate upon, discuss and adopt such a set of rules and regulations as we should have, and that will be generally acceptable to our party friends.

We call attention to and invite a careful study of them with a view to their amendment and better adaptation to the theories and wishes of the Republicans, whose representatives will assemble in convention.

Two Fatal Encounters. CINCINNATI, July 30.—A duel with revolvers, between two brothers, at the breakfast table, occurred 9 o'clock from Columbus, Ind., this morning. Both men were killed. The victims were Henry and Alexander Covert, sons of Luke Covert, and were living with their father. Henry had been married, but had separated from his wife some time ago. It was in Columbus yesterday on business connected with the divorce. A compromise was reached, and it was settled that his wife should go back and live with him. Temporarily, however, she went back to her father's house, and her husband returned home. This morning, at the breakfast table, the two brothers sat on opposite sides. The subject of the compromise came up in conversation, when Alexander denounced the wife of Henry as a common prostitute. The wife of Henry drew a revolver. His brother drew another, and both fired at the same time across the table. Both shots took effect. One brother died in 40 minutes and the other lingered until the afternoon, when he died.

The streets of Frankfort, Ky., near the spot where the duel took place, were the scene of another bloody tragedy to-day. John Cole and Burnett Gordon, farmers, neighbors, and brothers-in-law, living on Flat Creek, near Frankfort, went to town in the morning, and meeting later in the afternoon in front of Hall's saloon, began a dispute about a standing difficulty between them in regard to dealing in stock. Angry words followed, when both men suddenly drew pocket-knives and rushed at each other. Gordon, who was wearing a coat, was the aggressor. His antagonist, who was intoxicated, the duel lasted several minutes, both men backing away at each other with fearful effort. Suddenly Cole staggered inside of the saloon, fell upon the floor and in five minutes was dead. A blow from Gordon's knife had severed the carotid artery, and he bled to death. There were half a dozen other frightful gashes in his neck and breast. Gordon fought with a cheap, double-bladed knife, and Cole with a common single-bladed knife. The blade of Gordon's weapon broke short off in the wound which severed the artery. Gordon says that, knowing Cole's desperate character when under the influence of liquor, he knew he had to fight for his life, and cut away with all his might. Cole killed him several years ago in the mountains of Breathitt county. Four other personal encounters took place in or near Frankfort during the day.

Caught on East. CLEVELAND, W. Va., July 31.—"Doc" Middleton, a notorious horse and cattle thief, for whose capture a large reward has been offered, was captured in his camp on the Niobrara river, about 200 miles northwest of Columbus, Nebraska, on Sunday morning last, and taken to that town this evening. On Sunday morning detectives and soldiers from Columbus and Grand Island surrounded the father-in-law, and captured Richardson and five members of Middleton's gang. Richardson was compelled by threats of lynching to lead the party to Middleton's camp, which was found in a deep canyon near the river. The camp was surrounded, surprised, Middleton, his wife and two of his gang captured. Middleton was found to be severely wounded, the result of his fight with detectives last week. It is supposed that the greater part of the gang were away looking a new camp, as no stock was found with Middleton.

Havages of an Unknown Disease. DUBUQUE, Iowa, July 30.—A disease akin to cholera is ravaging Centre Point, Lin county, this State. Fully twenty persons have died from its effects during the last thirteen days and an equal number are prostrated by it. It is also raging in Walker, a little town seven miles from Centre Point, several deaths having occurred there. An order for forty coffins was received from the Point on Friday afternoon. The physicians of Centre Point are worn out and residents are fleeing from the place.

A Shocking Homicide. LOUISVILLE, July 30.—Two young sons of Dr. A. H. Boyd, in Livingston county, being ill, their father determined to give them medicine, but through mistake gave them some poison. In half an hour they had spasms, and one died in half and the other in three-quarters of an hour.

An Extraordinary Affair. ST. PAUL, July 29.—John Krueg, of East Farmington, Polk county, Wis., drove into the lake with six horses and a buggy. The horses became frightened ran into deep water, the wagon was upset, and Krueg and five of the children were drowned. One boy escaped by swimming. The eldest child was a girl of seventeen.

Murderer Captured. ATLANTA, Ga., July 28.—Officers had just returned from a blood hunt after a negro, one of the murderers of DeFor and his wife on Friday night. They captured him, and he confessed to the murder being done by himself, a white man and another negro. Asa Morgan, the captured man, was held in the lamp while the white man killed the old people. Two officers are after the other two. Morgan is in jail. He says a large amount of money was obtained by the murderers.

Washington Revenue Official. WASHINGTON, July 28.—James Shepler, alias John Brown, was arrested on the 24th by a secret service operative at Danville, Ill., charged with personating a revenue officer. As much as \$100,000 of money from various persons in Ill., was quietly surreptitiously sent to him from Danville, Ill. He was arrested and sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and to imprisonment for two years.

Assassination at Cairo, Illinois. CAIRO, Ill., July 30.—John Hogan, county constable, this afternoon shot and killed Charles D. Arter, ex-chief of police. Arter was seated reading a newspaper when Hogan approached him from behind, and fired a shot. He then quietly surrendered to an officer, who took him to jail. Hogan recently separated from his wife, since which time he has appeared very despondent, and his friends think his mind is unsettled. Various rumors are in circulation, but Hogan gives no explanation, except that he considers his action justifiable.

Wounding a Widow with a Pistol. COLUMBUS, July 30.—Orna Barrette, a grass widow, has been receiving the attentions of Ezra Ping in opposition to the wishes of her father. Home came constipated to her, she left for Jas. Constance's house, where she was joined by her admirer. Ping placed his arms around her neck, and playfully remarked that he was going to shoot her, at the time producing a revolver, which he placed to her breast and pulled the trigger, the ball taking effect just below the left nipple. Ping was once arrested and lodged in jail. He says that he was only joking, and did not know it was loaded. The woman is in a critical condition, but will probably recover. She is also geographically accused of believing the shooting was accidental.

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Acton made no attempt to escape. He surrendered himself to the authorities, stating that he had killed Dickson for ruining his daughter, and that he did not regret the act. He was held in jail for a few days, and then released. Both men are advanced in years and have hitherto been of good character. Acton, like Dickson, has a large family. The young woman who is the cause of the terrible tragedy and the wreck of two families is said to be a very pretty and intelligent, and about 18 years of age. Dickson was a large land owner and Acton was one of his tenants.

Murder at Camp Meeting. SAN ANTONIO, TEX., July 30.—Last fall John Baker, a young man of high standing, was indicted by the grand jury of Guadalupe county for the murder of a young man named Exum Hoffmann. After examination Baker was released on bail, and has since been in the city. The murder being exceedingly atrocious, Baker's release on bond aroused the people, who talked of lynching him, and the consequence was a division of the community (Seguin) in which Baker lived. Bitter feeling was exhibited on both sides. The evidence was purely circumstantial, but rather strong. Last night Baker attended a Methodist camp meeting near Seguin, and while the minister was delivering the first prayer a loud pistol report was heard, Baker falling dead. A man raised a rifle and fired through the throng to where Baker stood beside a post supporting the arbor under which the services were being conducted, and placed his pistol against his right ear. The ball passed entirely through Baker's head.

Illicit Distilling. NASHVILLE, July 30.—The revenue man raiding the mountain counties report several captures of illicit distilleries. There seems to be a considerable increase in moonshining, and a report prevails generally among them that the Government has refused to pay Deputies for raiding distilleries, and that the law is now more numerous and ply their wiles to get more openly. Several weeks ago some 800 moonshiners accepted Government pardon for past offenses and promised to live honest and better lives. There was much good feeling on the part of the revenue men, and moonshining was at an end in Tennessee; but among the recent arrests illicit stills in full operation were some who were most prominent in receiving pardon. Revenue men are pretty thoroughly convinced that the only way to deal with this growing and effectual system of raiding. The profits of the business are so great that unless extremely closely watched, distilleries will be revived almost as fast as destroyed.

An Unhappy Farmer Hangs Himself. CLEARFIELD, Penn., July 29.—A few mornings ago Arthur Reece, a well-to-do farmer, living near this place, left the house and went to the barn to do some work as his custom. He was subsequently seen in the barn, and when he was found he was hanging by his neck. When dinner was ready, he was called, but no response coming the servant girl went to the barn to find him. On opening the stable door, she discovered his body suspended by a short rope which was attached to a cross-beam in the barn. His body was almost black from strangulation, and he was dead. On examination it was found that he had stood upon a manger, adjusted the rope about his neck and then deliberately jumped off. Near by was found a pine shingle on which he had written his will, in which he charged his wife with being the cause of the trouble that led him to end his existence. He was living with his second wife, and it is known that their matrimonial relations were not of the most pleasant kind.

The Elements After Ohio Men. CINCINNATI, July 30.—A special dispatch from Wooster, Ohio, says a terrible rain storm burst upon that city last evening, the water coming down in a perfect flood, submerging whole streets, rising water high in a number of houses in the lower part of the town. The inmates of some of the houses were obliged to be removed by means of ladders. The water flooded the gas house to the depth of five feet. Cows and smaller animals were carried away. The telegraph lines and railroad tracks east of the town were washed away.

A Pleasure Steamer and a Dwelling Burned—Two Lives Lost. DETROIT, Mich., July 31.—A special despatch from Battle Creek reports the loss of the steamer Lake Wallace at Gogouak Lake, two miles south of that place this morning; also the dwelling of James Cleveland and his family. Mr. Cleveland and his infant perished in the flames, and two more of her children are so badly injured that they are not expected to live. Mr. Cleveland saved his own and the life of one of his children by jumping from the second story window. His burning house into the lake. The fire originated in the engine room of the steamer.

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