# The Somerset Herald.

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Now, boys, what'll you take?

So near, and yet so far—the spoils.

To our hungry Democratic friends—wait till the clouds roll by.

THE motto of Davy Crockett—Be sure you're right, then go ahead—has been adopted by Mr. Cleveland.

OWING to the Jeffersonian simplicity observed at the late inauguration, the cost was only $45,000.

THAT 81,000 majority for Blaine stands like a great wall in the road of Pennsylvania applicants for positions under the present Administration.

MR. BLAINE called upon President Cleveland one day last week, whereupon the political seers immediately fancied there were signs and portents in the air.

THE coal miners' strike in the valley of the Monongahela is now said to involve over 10,000 workmen. There will probably be much suffering and distress before it is ended.

THE trains from Washington are crowded with disgusted Democratic office seekers, on their way home, who are swearing mad, and determined to stir up rebellion against Cleveland.

DON'T crowd the mourners, boys; give the old man a good chance; he'll get there yet in great shape. There aren't enough offices to go around, but it will all come out right eventually.

IT is alleged that Postmaster General Vilas decided last week, not to fill post offices until the term of the present incumbents expires. There is wailing and gnashing of teeth among the disappointed and hungry applicants.

DURING the administration of President Hayes, the Ohio men wanted the earth, and they met with pretty good success. Now it is New York's turn, and President Cleveland seems disposed to take care of his friends.

THE bill to compel the study of physiology and hygiene in our public schools is being bitterly opposed and denounced by its enemies as a job. It looks as if it will pass the Legislature, but it will have a hard tuesle before it gets through.

THERE are threatening signs of war between Great Britain and Russia, and much uneasiness is felt throughout continental Europe. The trouble arises over the boundary line between the possessions of these two powers in Afghanistan.

SECRETARY BAYARD has announced in the most positive manner that he will strictly adhere to the Civil Service law, and has assured the clerks that no removals will be made except for neglect of duty. Our Democratic brethren are simply appalled.

THE pressure on Democratic State Senators at Harrisburg, for endorsement of applicants for office, has become so terrific that they were compelled to hold a caucus and resolved to refuse further endorsements, except to persons of State reputation.

THE new Administration moves slowly in the way of making appointments, and the hungry Democratic office seekers are fighting mad. They should comfort themselves with the reflection that though the mills of the gods grind slowly, they grind exceeding small.

THE Democratic members of Congress who were elected to stay at home last fall, are nearly all now at Washington clamoring for positions. It would be an insult to their constituents, who, knowing them best, retired them, for Mr. Cleveland to recall them from their tombs.

THE Independents have the innings. It was to secure their votes that Mr. Cleveland pledged himself to civil service reform, and Democrats should not begrudge them this little boon in repayment for their support. Where would Cleveland be to day had he not received their votes?

ONE of the last acts of the late Congress was the passage of a law cheapening postage. After the first day of July next postage on letters will be two cents for each ounce or fraction thereof, instead of two cents for every half-ounce, and the postage on newspapers from the office where printed is also decreased one-half.

POSTMASTER GENERAL VILAS is reported to have said to an interviewer: "The programme of the whole Cabinet is to select officials for their worth and value to the Government; that the policy of the Administration is to bear out the Civil Service rules to the full extent in the management of the various departments. I shall enforce the rules here."

THE Harrisburg *Patriot* says: "Secretary Manning proposes to lop off unnecessary officials as one way of improving the civil service," and then it pathetically remarks: "If the Secretary will fill the necessary offices with Democrats and leave the others vacant, the people will approve his course." How true that hope deferred maketh the heart sick.

IT is said that President Cleveland has had a large number of copies of the Civil Service Reform law, and the Tenure of Office act printed and has a copy of each handed to every applicant for office. This is a very good way of informing aspirants as to the law, but is the refinement of cruelty towards the hungry and thirsty souls who are famishing for the spoils.

ONE-HALF of the time usually consumed by a Legislative session has expired, and as yet there is very little to show for it. Of course, a vast deal of crude legislation has been licked into shape, and numerous bills are pending in both Houses, in a more or less forward state. Still, but little progress has been made with the really important business of the session. The Apportionment bills, particularly, are lying in the hands of the various committees, when by this time they ought to have been pushed well to the front. Time enough has elapsed in which to reconcile all differences, if they can be reconciled in advance, and if they can not, and there is to be a struggle on the floor of the chamber among party friends, then too much time has been wasted. Any apportionment bills that are satisfactory to the majority party will, in all probability, encounter an Executive veto, and a second attempt have to be made to arrive at a conclusion satisfactory all around. If our friends will at once agree upon bills and push them through, the question will be settled; or they can at once arrive at a conclusion as to the probability of their being proper apportionments made this session, and then shape their action so as to close the session within the ordinary time. Action, action, gentlemen! the time for dawdling has passed.

THERE could be nothing more absurd than the paroxysm of mingled rage and fear into which many of our Democratic friends have fallen over the non-action of Mr. Cleveland in the matter of distributing the spoils. Of course, they are very hungry and very dry, after their long exclusion from the official crib, and their impatience is natural; but, added to the pangs of a ravenous appetite, whetted by absolute possession of the long promised land, comes the dreadful fear that perhaps, after all, they may not be invited to partake of the feast of fat things, of which they have continuously dreamed, lo! these many years. Luxuriant fancy had painted immediate, uncontrolled, unstinted possession, on and after the fourth day of March, and behold, two precious weeks of time, reckoned minute by minute, have rolled by, and the master has not yet invited them to partake, nay, they have an ever-haunting dread that they may not even be bidden to the feast. It is this wearing, worrying, killing uncertainty, this horrible fear that after all there may not be a full and general re-distribution of the offices, that civil service reform may not be a myth, and the tenure of office law a snare, that has caused this agonizing, but amusing, commotion among our friends of the Democratic faith.

Let these hungry and thirsty aspirants possess their souls in patience; in good time their opportunity will arrive. Let them remember that the President is pledged to civil service reform, and that a decent regard for public opinion, as well as for himself, requires, at least a seeming observance of it. They need not fear that he will appoint any but Democrats to office, but he cannot, at one fell swoop, displace all Republican incumbents without bringing the necessary routine work of all the departments of the government to a stand; and, moreover, he must ascertain to a certain extent, at least, the qualifications of those who propose to take their places. This may not, and evidently it does not, suit the impetuous, headlong member of the party who took it for granted that Cleveland's election meant that there was a rose in the garden for him, and immediately rushed off to Washington to pluck it, but to his dismay found that amid the pressure of absolute business and the selection and induction of his Cabinet into their positions, the President had neither time nor inclination to consider his claims. Thousands of these precipitate and boisterous applicants for days haunted the corridors of the White House and of the departments, importuning the President and his Cabinet for speedy action, and, failing in their efforts, sadly and madly turned their faces homeward, howling with rage and ripe for treason against the new administration that has not yet become accustomed to the fit of its new clothes.

Dearly beloved: this government machine is a ponderous one, and grinds slowly. In good time your turn will come, and you may or may not enter upon your reward; but fail not to remember that the race is not always to the swift. Watch and pray. The day of small things will arrive in due season. In the mean time don't make fools of yourselves.

### Anti Discrimination.

If any turnpike or bridge company would charge one man a greater amount of toll than another for traveling the same distance, or if they would charge more for ten miles travel than for twenty and more for twenty than fifty, everybody would at once demand that the law be enforced against them, if there was a law in existence to meet the case, or if there were no law that one be forthwith passed.

And yet this same principle is constantly disregarded by the railroad companies. People of certain cities and towns are thus placed at a disadvantage, and are virtually taxed to sustain the business of other and more favored places by corporations which have only a right to exist so long as they conform to the principle of treating all parties on an equality.

The attempt now being made at Harrisburg to compel the railroad companies to treat all parties who ship freight over their roads in a spirit of fairness, and not discriminate against one locality and one customer in favor of another, ought to succeed without any difficulty, and would so succeed if our law makers had as much regard for the weltare of the public as some of them have for the influence of railroad magnates. The constitution of the state imperatively requires that such laws be passed; but this requirement has been utterly disregarded. The very first legislature which met under the new constitution of this state should have given effect to this constitutional provision, but with a strange disregard for its sworn duty it neglected to take such action, and every subsequent legislature has followed faithfully in its footsteps. It is a disgrace to the state that some well considered law on this subject has not been passed.

There can be no valid objection to a reasonable enactment on this subject. It is not to be expected that railroads should be compelled to carry freight ten miles for the same rate per mile that they carry the same kind and amount of freight one thousand miles; but they should be prevented from outraging justice and common sense in their rates. They should not be allowed, as they do now, to charge more for freight from Pittsburgh to Lancaster than they do from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, or more from Chicago to Pittsburgh than from Chicago to New York. It is such things as these that outrage public feeling and demand a speedy and sure remedy.

The railroad companies are not above the law; it is time this point was definitely settled. They are invaluable to the country; but if they are to be above the constitution and the laws it were better if they had never existed.—*Lancaster Inquirer.*

## A TEST CASE.

### Editor Dana Thinks Cleveland's Intentions Will be Known in a Week.

New York Sun.

In a little more than a week the country will have an opportunity to judge from the case of an important Federal office in New York whether the gradual substitution for Republicans of Democrats is to be expected from the Administration. The commission of Mr. Henry G. Pearson, Postmaster of this town, expires on March 21. Mr. Pearson is a Republican. He has the reputation of being an efficient postmaster. The office was put in excellent condition by his predecessor, and he has not suffered it to deteriorate. He may be said to have served the public well. Democrats of sufficient energy and intelligence to run the New York Postoffice just as well are not wanting. Will Mr. Cleveland reappoint Mr. Pearson, or will he appoint some Democrat in his place.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Boston *Herald*, says that the President intends to re-appoint Mr. Pearson "on the ground that Pearson is an excellent Postmaster, wholly nonpartisan, and who fills his office better than any new man could." The Utica *Observer* recommends Mr. Pearson's re-appointment for a reason which seems a little singular on the part of an influential Democratic journal: "The Independent Republicans of New York city desire his re-appointment. They ask it as the vindication of their support for Cleveland and devotion to civil service reform."

It will hardly occur to most Democrats that it is the business of a Democratic Administration to vindicate the Independent Republicans. If Mr. Cleveland determines to re-appoint Mr. Pearson, doubtless it will be pleasing to the independent Republicans; but it may fail to please a good many Democrats, who at the same time do not disparage Mr. Pearson's qualifications. The President's decision will be watched with great interest by the party. Mr. Pearson's case will be regarded as a test case.

### Anxious Bourbons.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Virginia Democrats have been anxiously interviewing Postmaster-General Vilas to learn whether or not there is any prospect for the immediate removal of postmasters in the Old Dominion appointed by the last administration through the influence of Senator Mahone. There are about 1,500 postmasters in Virginia who owe their appointment to the Readjuster leader. The Bourbons want these men removed, and they want them to go immediately. There is no prospect that their desire will be granted.

Postmaster General Vilas has informed representative Democrats from Virginia that changes will be made in the post-offices of that state as rapidly as the commissions of the present incumbents expire, but that there is no prospects of wholesale removals among officers of this class simply because their politics are objectionable to the party in power in that state.

### The Rush for Office.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The Democratic ex-members of the Forty-eighth Congress have become such an intolerable nuisance to the members of the new Cabinet, in their importunities for office, that a notice has been issued by the heads of the different departments that only members of the forty-ninth Congress will be admitted after 12 o'clock. This places the ex-members of the Forty-eighth Congress on the same footing as reputable citizens in the scuffle for office. The freezing-out process, commenced by the President, works well. The crowd of office hunters who have been hanging around the departments since inauguration day is gradually thinning out. The result is considerable "cussing," but the Administration is happy, all the same.

### General Grant Not So Well.

NEW YORK, March 12.—General Grant was not so well to-day as he was yesterday. He did not sleep well last night and suffered considerable during the day from pains in his ear and head. His appetite, too failed him and altogether the day was unfavorable for him. Wallace Brown, of North Adams, Mass., who calls himself a specialist in cancers and tumors, came to see the General, but was not admitted, although sent by Steve Elkins, who has great confidence in his skill. Brown is not a regular practitioner and has no diploma, and General Grant's physicians objected to his seeing their patient.

### The Kentucky Shooter Not to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Secretary Manning is opposed to the appointment of Phil Thompson to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and the President does not look upon the ex-member from Kentucky with any great favor; at least it is said, when a delegation called upon him in Thompson's behalf some time ago, Mr. Cleveland asked if the gentleman whom they named was the one who killed a man in Kentucky a few months ago. The fact was admitted, and Senator Blackburn, with all his eloquence, explained the unfortunate circumstances that led to the murder.

It is said that Mr. Randall is opposing Thompson's appointment on the ground that the position should not go to Kentucky, which is a state very largely interested in the manufacture of whisky. Carlisle, Beck and Blackburn have been to see the President several times in Thompson's behalf, and he has, besides the entire Kentucky delegation, a great number of members of the House from other states, Representative Morrison is reported to have telegraphed from Springfield, Ill., to a friend here, last night, to say to the President that he (Morrison) would not ask for anything else of the Administration but Thompson's appointment. A number of liquor men in New York, representing a capital of $15,000,000, have petitioned Secretary Manning to give Mr. Thompson the place.

### Serious Effects of a Hog Bite.

WESTFIELD, Mass., March 12.—Jared Ward, a farmer living near this town, was bitten several years ago by a rabid hog, leaving a deep wound which the physicians could not heal. Two years ago Ward went into a cold creek, in the early spring, to wash his sheep. The injured leg pained him intensely for several days afterward and then it healed up, though it has ached at times ever since. He was in his orchard on Monday trimming his apple trees, and when near the top of a tall tree lost his balance and fell to the ground, a distance of about thirty feet, striking heavily upon his feet. He heard a noise under him like the breaking of ice and then fell flat to the ground. He attempted to rise, but the pain in the leg which the hog had bitten was so severe that he became unconscious. As soon as possible he was carried home and it was discovered that the leg was completely shattered, being broken in more than twenty places. The leg will have to be amputated, and even then it is doubtful if Ward's life can be saved.


### Cure for Piles.

Piles are frequently preceded by a sense of weight in the back, loins and lower part of the abdomen, causing the patient to suppose he has some affection of the kidneys or neighboring organs. At times, symptons of indigestion are present, as flatulency, uneasiness of the stomach, ect. A moisture, like perspiration, producing a very disagreeable itching, after getting warm, is a common attendant. Blind, Bleeding and Itching Piles yield at once to the application of Dr. Bosanko's Pile Remedy, which acts directly upon the parts affected, absorbing the Tumors, allaying the intense itching, and effecting a permanent cure. Price 50 cents. Address, The Dr. Bosanko Medicine Co., Piqua, O. Sold by C. N. BOYD, Druggist, Somerset, Pa. dec.3-1y.


### Four Feet of Water on the Prairie.

SALT RIVER, Mo., March 11.—The prairie about here is inundated to the depth of four feet, and there are apprehensions of a still greater rise, and the people in the neighborhood are preparing to vacate their dwelling Wood choppers have abandoned all work and gone over to the Illinois side. All the land for a couple of miles East of the St Louis, Keokuk and Northwestern bridge is out of sight, while below the bridge an impregnable gorge exists. The Mississippi North of the Chicago and Alton crossing shows no signs of a disturbance yet, notwithstanding fears are entertained that sooner or later trouble will ensue when the ice from above comes tumbling down.

### The Hungry Office Seekers.

WASHINGTON, March 12—The proportion of ladies in the Senate galleries to day, compared with the number of gentlemen, has not been so small at any time before during the special session. Democratic Senators say that three-fourths of the people at the capital are office seekers. They meet the Senators on their way to the capitol, lounge about the corridors and besiege the committee rooms. At one time yesterday, it is said, there were upwards of 70 office seekers in and about the committee room of Senator Voorhees, of Indiana, while those who called upon Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, were almost as numerous.

### A Lunatic of Recognized Standing.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Elias Bray, who represents himself as a preacher from Wilkesbarre, and who on inauguration day announced his intention of removing President Cleveland, was sent to-day to the Flatbush Insane Asylum, where it was found that he was an old patient. He became crazy on religion, and in 1881 was sent to the asylum. He escaped the same year and nothing has been known of him since. He is an Englishman, and his wife and children have returned to England, where he will probably be sent.

### A Destructive Hurricane.

WHEELING, W. Va., March 15.—Grant county was visited Friday night by a terrific wind storm. The residences of Adam Carr, Isaac Smith A. J. Parker and James Dougherty were unroofed and Smith was seriously and it is feared fatally hurt by falling timbers. Several barns and outhouses were demoralized and one horse and three cows killed. The wind raged so fiercely that people were afraid to go to bed and gathered in a substantially built church to wait for morning.

### A Crank at the Capitol

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—A man giving his name as Winfield Scott Hancock was arraigned in the Police Court to-day, and was committed to the workhouse for three months as a suspicious character. He says that he walked from North Carolina to Washington for the purpose of showing the President a patent he had invented to run the Government. He asserts that he was elected President on the Union ticket, but was kept out of the office.

### Armies and Navies.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The deep interest manifested the other day by Mr. DeStruve, the Russian Minister, in the trial of dynamite projectiles near Lear, excited considerable comment because it shows that the representatives of the Czar are awake to the latest inventions in the art of war. The strained relations between England and Russia doubtless added to the watchfulness of Mr. DeStruve. He took copious notes, and in every way showed that matters pertaining to war and its implements are of especial importance to him and his nation at this time.

A war between England and Russia would be a struggle of great magnitude. Russia's regular army is the largest in the world, and her navy has more vessels than that of any other natian. Her standing army consists of 780,000 men; and her navy of 373 vessels. She pays for the maintenance of her army $125,000,000 a year, which is several millions greater than is paid by any other nation for that purpose. Great Britain's standing army is only 182,000 men, and when on a war footing 642,000, against Russia's 2,300,000.

England pays $90,000,000 a year for her army, which costs $2 37 for each of her population, while Russia's costs but $1.27. Even if Great Britain takes into account her India contingent—which is 190,000, and on the war footing 380,000—the total would be in either case less than half of Russia's force. Italy's standing army numbers 750,000; France's 530,000; Germany's, 445,000; China's, 300,000; Austria-Hungary's, 283,000. The French navy has 302 vessels; Great Britain's, 246, though it is proper to add that Great Britain's costs about three times as much as Russia's.

### A Change for the Worse.

NEW YORK, March 13.—General Grant is not so well to-day. He passed a somewhat restless night and more anxiety was depicted on the faces of the members of the household this morning when your correspondent called than has been noticed for several days. Everything was quiet about the house and attendants spoke in subdued tones, as though fearful lest any sound should reach the sick room.

Col. Grant greeted the reporter with a subdued smile, and in answer to his inquiries stated that the Genral had not rested near so well as on the preceeding nights of the week.

"He was very restless," said the Colonel, "and I could tell by his occasional gulps that his tongue still pained him greatly, but when he arose he seemed to be somewhat refreshed and ate his breakfast with more show of appetite that we expected."

### The Mistress of the White House.

NEW YORK, March 13—On the eve of the convention that nominated Cleveland, the national Women's Christian Temperance Union met in national court of prayer, asking for spiritual guidance in the deliberations of the Presidential convention. The woman who then directed and led that solemn meeting, which prayed that whoever should be the mistress of the White House "might be endowed with heavenly grace and divine strength to stand in the Nation's highest home its true, priestess and its safe exsample," was Miss Cleveland, who to-day is mistress of the President's home—a Christian woman and a wise and active member of the N. W. C. T. U. The temperance women of the country are delighted.

### A Local Famine.

WHEELING, March 15.—In the vicinity of Statt's mills, Jackson county, W. Va., great destitution is said to exist, owing to the long and severe winter. Grain is so scarce that much stock has died of starvation. It is now reported that a league has been formed by the small farmers to compel those fortunate enough to have anything in their barns or granaries to divide with their less fortunate neighbors. Whether this is true or not, the storehouse of not, the storehouse of Statt's large mill was visited Friday night by a party as yet unknown, with ehree wagons, and between 400 and 500 bushels of wheat and nearly as much corn—all there was in the mill—was hauled away.

### Taking Grover at His Word.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12—Controller of Currency Cannon says that he does not propose to resign his position. He states that he is in hearty accord with the new administration on the question of suspension of silver coinage and other financial matters. His appointment, he holds, was in no sense a political one, and he says if the President means to conduct the Government on business principles he is confident that he will not be disturbed. The salary of Controller of the Currency is $6,000 per annum.

### Fatal Mistake.

JONESBORO, Me, March 12.—Colby Pert saw a huge wildcat prowling around his lumber camp, and seizing his gun pursued it. The animal eluded him for some time. At last Pert, as he supposed, saw the creature's head, partly covered by underbrush. Quickly leveling his rifle, he fired. A deep groan followed the report, and to his dismay Pert discovered that he had killed his father-in-law, John W. Feeney. The dying man was conveyed to the nearest village, but life was extinct before his arrival.

### Rendered Homeless.

YOUNGSTWN, O. March 13.—At 2 o'clock this morning a barn owned by Richard Hughes was discovered on fire. The flames communicated to six houses owned by Mr. Hughes, and all were totally destroyed. All the families in the six houses lost their furniture and clothing, the inmates escaping in their nightclothes. Three horses were burned to death The total loss will reach $9000; covered by insurance. The fire, it is suspected, was the work of an incendiary.


### This Idea of Going West

to Colorado or New Mexico, for pure air to relieve Consumption, is all a mistake. Any reasonable man would use Dr. Bosanko's Cough and Lung Syrup for Consumption in all its first stages. It never fails to give relief in all its first stages. It never fails to give relief in all cases of Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Pains in the Chest and all affections primary to Consumption. Price, 50 cents and $1.00 Sold by C. N. Boyd.


### A Deacon's Good Luck.

BUFFALO, March 11.—The wife of Deacon Sidney S. Brown, of Gowanda, has brought him good fortune, as she has been acknowledged by the Court of Queen's Bench as the heiress to the Lawrence-Townley estate in England, valued at $100,000,000, her share being $40,000,000. Lord Townley, before the opening of the present century, was the parent of a wilful daughter, Mary, who was disowned for engaging herself to John Lawrence, a man of good family, but poor. They came to America, and were married by a priest at Springfield, Mass. Lord Townley died, and his family was extinct, save the daughter, and for half a century the property was held by the Crown.

Colonel James Jacques, at the close of the late war, went to Springfield as a minister, and there discovered the record of the Townley-Lawrence marriage. Knowing of the estate in England, he traced the heirs to Gowanda, and there found Mrs. Brown, who was a daughter of Judge Wilders, Colonel Jacques was sent to England, and he got a decision that the claim was valid, and last week, by giving two members of the House of Lords an interest they procured a transfer of the proceeds of the estate to the United States Treasury. Colonel Jacques claims that the money will be transferred within a month or two. He gets one-third for his trouble.

### A Great Explosion.

CLEVELAND, O., March 10.—The citizens of Bradford, Pa., were startled to day by a terrific explosion which shook the houses in all parts of the town. Inquiry revealed the fact that the nitroglycerine company, located at Howard Junction, three miles away, had been the scene of a terrible casualty. A magazine containing 6000 pounds of glycerine had exploded, and W. H. Herrington, one of the proprietors, and H. V. Pratt, an employe were killed. The factory, twenty-five feet away, was blown into fragments. Pratt's body was found 200 feet away. All his bones were broken, but the skin was intact. Mr. Herrington weigh 190 pounds. One or two pieces of flesh were the only trace that could be found of him. Trees were torn up by the roots, and great holes were made in the earth. Loss, $5,000.

### Wife Murder.

FORT SMITH, Ark., March 10.—A bloody wife murder occurred at Scullyville, in the Choctaw Nation, yesterday morning Joseph Jackson entered his house where his wife was washing dishes and shot her twice in the breast with a double-barreled shotgun, killing her instantly. Jackson immediately shouldered his gun and walked three miles for a woman to attend his wife, whom he said was very ill. Upon reaching the house where his wife lay dead, Jackson appeared startled and reported that his wife had been murdered in his absence. Suspicion pointed so strongly toward him as her murderer that he was arrested and brought to Fort Smith for trial. Jackson recently became enamored of another woman, and wanted to get his wife out of the way, hence the motive for the tragedy.

### Low Lands Flooded.

CARROLLTON, Mo., March 12—The distress and loss of property consequent upon the high water south of this place have increased mat rially. The ice gorges in the Missouri River have not broken, and the water is being forced all over the adjacent lowlands. John Austin is reported to have lost all his stock but two head of mules. W. Heston lost twenty-one head of cattle and Dr. P Austin a large amount of wheat. Fences and all kinds of movable property is scattered, and much of it floated away beyond any hope of recovery. Yesterday guns were heard firing in the timbered part of the inundated district, which were interpreted to be signals of distress, and men went with boats to the rescue. It is feared that some lives have been lost.

### Worse than Firearms.

The editor of an Omaha paper, in commenting on several cases in that city where children died from the effect of taking cough syrup containing morphia, remarks that opiates, poisons and narcotics are more dangerous than firearms. Mothers should note this and furthermore that different Boards of Health, after making careful analyses have certified that the only purely vegetable preparation of this kind, and one that is in every way harmless, prompt and effective, is Red Star Cough Cure. Mayor Latrobe of Baltimore, and the Commissioner of Health, have publicly endorsed this valuable discovery.

### Fatal Stabbing Affray.

TORONTO, ONT., March 15.—Robert and William Duplex, two brothers, went to McCraig's tavern to-night, where they demanded drinks. They were refused, and two Italians, Relosi and Feole attempted to help the proprietor put them out. A fight ensued, during which Relosi stabbed Robert sixteen times and William three times. McCraig had his head severely cut. Constable Hart hearing the disturbance went to the scene of the fight and was knocked senseless with an ax. The Italians were afterward arrested. Robert Duplex will die, but the others will probably recover.

### A Wild Man Captured.

WHEELING, March 12.—A special says the mystery of the wild man which created such consternation around Brown's Station, Ohio, for some time has been somewhat cleared up. After a desperate fight the wild man was caught. He presented a fearful sight. Hair covered his body and he was filthy and savage beyond description. He lived in a cave in the hills and subsisted wholly on raw food. He talked a gibberish which could not be understood and nothing regarding his history could be learned. He was committed to the poorhouse at Steubenville.


That old established cough remedy, Downs' Elixir, still more than holds its own in the public estimation, despite sharp and active competition. It is a "home remedy," and in this locality needs no words of praise from us, so well and favorably known is it. It is the standard remedy for coughs, colds and all throat troubles, with great numbers of our people, and their continued use and unsolicited recommendation of it speaks volumes in its favor.—*Burlington, Vt. Free Press, January 26, 1882.* For Sale by C. N. BOYD, Druggist, Somerset, Pa.


### Death of a Strange Woman.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 14.—Last Tuesday afternoon a woman of genteel appearance applied for accommodations at a boarding house in this city, saying she was from Washington and wished to stop here for a short time. She was admitted and paid a week's board in advance. In conversation she said she was the wife of an office-holder in Washington and had left home to avoid being sent by her husband to an insane asylum. She was restless in manner and created the impression that she was addicted to the use of liquor. Yesterday efforts to awaken her were without avail, and this afternoon she died, showing evidence of having taken an overdose of morphia, a bottle of which was found concealed in her bosom. An examination showed that she had been badly used a number of bruises being found on her body and arms. It was ascertained to-night that she was the wife of William H. Bean, who is thought to be a yeoman in the United States Navy. Nothing is known of her antecedents, and an investigation will probably be made by the authority.

### Shooting His Rival.

LOUISVILLE, March 11 [*Special*].—A party of young people recently assembled at the house of Reuben Arnett, in Magoffin County, among whom were Garret Arnett and William Josephs. They were in love with the same girl and had a quarrel about her. Arnette was the favored one and Josephs became furious. He called Arnett out into the hall and shot him through the heart. A hundred men pursued the murderer and captured him the next day in Breathitt County. He was rescued by the Sheriff and was placed in jail, but it is feared that the mob will take him out and hang him.


### Best in the World.

William M. Singerly's Holstein "heifer Constance S." beat the world on Monday as a two-year-old, giving eighty-one pounds of milk in one day. "Constance S". calved on the 18th of February, 1885, with her first calf. "Constance S." was calved May 17th 1882 She is by Crown Prince III (No. 625) out of imported Kathrin (No. 510). Crown Prince III was by Crown Prince, full brother to the famous cow Echo, which died a few days since. Echo had given 23 775 pounds of milk in one year.—*North American.*


### All for a Dog.

NORRISTOWN, March 12.—Thomas Horner, Jr., of Limerick, who was accused of maliciously shooting a large and valuable dog belonging ing to a neighbor, Jacob Trinley, was this morning acquitted by the jury, but directed to pay two thirds of the cost of prosecution and Trinley one third. The actual costs are $355. The defendant will be required to pay altogether about $1000. Seventy-two witnesses were examined in the case and it created intense excitement here and in Limerick. The jury deliberated thirteen hours.

### Blown Up With Powder.

ZANESVILLE, O., March 12.—The little village of Rossville, ten miles west of Zanesville, was thrown into a state of excitement last night by the destruction of a saloon owned by Henry Burton. The powder magazine of Brown & Ownes was entered by force, a keg of blasting powder taken out and removed to the saloon. About 10 o'clock a terrific explosion aroused the inhabitants to discover that the building was a complete wreck. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

### Three Negroes Lynched.

TROY, Tenn., March 12.—Three negroes named Young, Latham and Freeman were arrested yesterday charged with being implicated in the murder of Montgomery, near the State line last December, and while under guard at Union City, last night, a mob of about 100 persons overpowered the guards, took the prisoners and hanged them just outside the city. Their lifeless bodies were found this morning suspended to a tree. Union City is greatly excited over the matter.

### An Old War Relic Destroyed.

PETERSBURG, VA., March 11.—The tower or observatory on the farm of William L. Poebles, Dinwiddie county, which was built for and used by General Grant during the siege of Petersburg by the federal army, was destroyed by fire a few days ago. The tower was 160 feet in height and occupies a site opposite fort Fisher, one of the largest forts on the line.

### The President Issues a Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—President Cleveland issued a proclamation warning the people against entering the Oklahoma land, and notifying them that they will neither be permitted to enter upon said territory, or if already there to remain. The military force of the uninted States will be invoked to abate all such unauthorized possession.

### Cleveland's Withdrawal of the Treaties.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—A written message from the President was sent to the Capitol this afternoon for the purpose of withdrawing from the Senate the Nicaraguan treaty and the Spanish treaty. The Senate had adjourned, however, before the message reached its destination.

### Miss Cleveland's Reception.

WASHINGTON, March 14—Miss Cleveland held her weekly reception at the White House this afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. She was assisted by her sister, Mrs Hoyt. There were a large number of callers, among whom were Mrs. James G Blaine and her son. They were cordially received and had quite a pleasant chat.

### Illinois Still Without a Senator.

SPRINGFIELD, March 13.—In the joint convention to-day only the Democrats answered to the roll call. The first ballot stood: Morrison, 98; Black, 1; Ward, 1. The second and third ballots showed no change, and the convention adjourned.

### Force of a Texas Cyclone.

VAN ALSTYNE, Tex., March 11.—At 8 o'clock to-night a cyclone struck a North-bound freight on the Texas Central Railroad six miles south of Van Alstyne. Five cars were blown completely off the track, including the caboose. No one is reported injured.


# The New Administration

The excitement at the Capital on Inauguration Day will be long remembered, and many and varied are the changes that are expected to follow the Inauguration of the New Administration. In our own case we do not propose to change the Old Administration, but follow on the paths of Honesty and Truthfulness that have led us to the success and popularity that we have attained.

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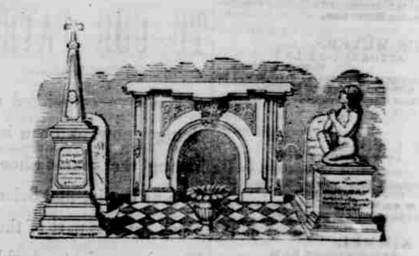

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