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WITH the advent of warm weather, attention of the borough authorities should be given to the muzzling of dogs.

THE members of the Columbia Hose company of town enjoyed a well deserved day's pleasure at Lakeside. During the twenty-three years of its existence the company has made a record in which it may take pride. It has always been willing, prompt and vigilant. Here's to the Columbus!

A BILLION LOST.

The New York Press claims, and with official figures, proves that a billion has been lost in the shrinkage of values since Grover Cleveland was elected President. The figures, colossal as they are, barely indicate the appalling proportions of the disaster which has fallen upon the commerce and industries of the country. The shrinkage in personal property, limited companies and real values, other than stocks and bonds, probably exceeds in amount the loss which is reflected in the Stock Exchange quotations. The total depreciation therefore in the wealth of the country within seven months is nearer two billion dollars than one.

Three-fourths of this unparalleled fall in prices has occurred in 111 days since Mr. Cleveland's inauguration. Such is the cost of his "object lesson" to the country. Such is the penalty of electing a Congress overwhelming Democratic and strongly in favor of a debased currency, and free silver. "Want of confidence" is the sole cause of the disaster. The Sherman Silver law was enacted two years and seven months before the last national election, and had been in full operation without causing disturbance to the finances or creating alarm. Secretary Carlisle in his public statement of June 11, just a month ago, stated that there had been paid for silver bullion under that law \$114,290,920, worth to-day at the market price of silver \$108,411,850, thus showing a loss of \$10,888,330. This considerable loss when considered in relation to the whole amount of our currency was nevertheless foreseen by the majority of Republicans in Congress and would have been partly or wholly saved to the people if a solid phalanx of free silver Democrats had not barred the way.

It is that phalanx of "cheap" money Democrats whose conversion is the purpose of Mr. Cleveland's "object lesson"—the most costly a country was ever called upon to pay, the most wanton a President of the United States ever inflicted.

No one could have predicted a sudden and so dire a realization of the cost of Democratic success in the last election as has come upon the country. Whether it be attributed partly to the finances and partly to the tariff, or to both, either horn of the dilemma is an appalling responsibility which the Democratic party must assume alone. If the Silver Purchase act is deemed a contributory cause the following vote of the House in June, 1893, shows the record of both parties:

Democrats for free coinage	101
Republicans for free coinage	14
Farmers' Alliance for free coinage	1
Total	116
Democrats against free coinage	127
Republicans against free coinage	15
Total	142
Democrats for repeal	104
Republicans for repeal	38
Total	142
Democrats against repeal	107
Republicans against repeal	35
Farmers' Alliance against repeal	10
Total	152

Some of the Republicans voted against repeal, not because they favored continuing the present law, but because they deemed it best to leave the question to the incoming Administration.

The entire cost of all the silver purchased under the so-called Sherman law is less than the amount of the national debt paid off by President Harrison. There was, therefore, no shock to confidence, no impairment of national credit, no shrinkage in values during thirty-one months of the Sherman law administered under a Republican President and Republican Secretary of the Treasury. Three months of hesitancy, doubt and weakness under President Cleveland, with the shadow of a free silver Democratic Congress over the land, brought commercial panic and financial disaster over the whole country. Has the Democratic Congress learned its "object lesson?"

LYNCHERS AFTER BOMBERGER.

The fearful punishment intended for the Wholesale Murderer.
DREYER'S LAW, N. D., July 13.—Sheriff Fadden, of Grand Forks, wired Sheriff McCune, of Canada, as follows: "Come and take Bomberger. People are getting excited and I cannot protect the prisoner much longer." Many reports here from Canada confirm the reports that in the meantime he has been taken to the preliminary hearing, have him committed to jail and the mob will carry out the rest of the program, which is to take the prisoner from the jail to the house where the crime was committed, tie him fast inside, have the building well saturated with kerosene, fire it and let the fiend expiate his crime. It is now accepted as a foregone conclusion that the extraordinary punishment will be meted out to the murderer. Canada men went to Grand Forks to bring back Bomberger, but the sheriff had heard of their coming and had spirited the prisoner away.

CHICKASAW, Minn., July 13.—Bomberger, the Canada murderer, was brought here by Sheriff Fadden, of Grand Forks, last night on the Northern Pacific railway, to get him away from the mob, but on arrival he learned that the mob was still in pursuit, and would be over on the Great Northern, which comes in one hour later, so he left on the same train. The party left Grand Forks in a hack and arrived here a few miles out of the city. It is not known where the murderer is to be taken, but Bismarck is the reported destination.

NO PRESBYTERIAN SPLIT.

Professor Briggs' Friends Do Not Intend to Leave the Church.
WASHINGTON, July 13.—I think I am well informed as any man in the country respecting the intentions of what are known as the Liberals, and I know there will be no split in the Presbyterian church. The speaker was the Rev. Tomlinson Hamilton, D. D., pastor of the Church of the Covenant in this city, and he was discussing the published report of a meeting of Professor Briggs' friends and adherents to organize a new church. Dr. Hamilton had read the account while in Montreal last week, where he was in attendance upon the convention of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. He said:

"There is no truth whatever in the story, as I firmly believe. It is one of the many falsehoods which originate from a well known source, and which are intended to reflect on him and those who believe in the General Assembly did not act wisely in his case. But they will fall of their own accord. I know it is not the intention of any of the Liberals to leave the church. There is room enough in it for us, and we shall remain unless forced out."

Justice Barlan's Father Dead.
BALTIMORE, July 13.—Dr. David Barlan, father of Hon. Henry D. Barlan, chief justice of the supreme bench of Maryland, died yesterday, aged 84. In 1853 Dr. Barlan was commissioned as the surgeon of the navy, and was promoted to the rank of medical director in 1871. He was a member of the board of visitors to the naval academy at Annapolis, and of the board of surgeons to examine candidates for admission to the academy.

London's Lord Mayor Enlightened.
LONDON, July 13.—Her majesty has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the great seal of the United Kingdom granting the dignity of a baronet unto the Right Hon. Stuart Knill, lord mayor of London. It is believed that the election of Lord Mayor Knill is due in part, if not entirely, to the prominent part taken by the city of London in the celebrations on the occasion of the recent royal wedding.

Protection for Legal Pensioners.
WASHINGTON, July 13.—In an interview Commissioner of Pensions Lechner said that the pension bureau is not dropping the names of any pensioners from the rolls simply because the proof of their right to draw pensions is deemed insufficient. If it seems that a pension has been improperly granted the person is notified and given sixty days to the additional proof of the justice of his claim.

Destructive Fire in Indiana.
PRINCETON, Ind., July 13.—A very destructive fire broke out here yesterday afternoon and raged beyond control for many hours. The Methodist and Presbyterian churches, Baker's hotel and the Farmers' bank were consumed and also Mayor Zeller's residence. The loss will run beyond \$300,000. Many persons were seriously burned, but no fatalities have been reported.

Breckenridge Versus Horr.
ATLANTA, July 13.—At the Atlanta Chautauque last night Hon. W. C. P. Breckenridge, of Kentucky, and Hon. Roswell G. Horr, of Michigan, debated on the tariff question. Breckenridge advocated a tariff for revenue only, while Horr spoke for a tariff for protection. Both made eloquent speeches and strong arguments. A large crowd was present.

Asiatic Cholera in Hungary.
BUDAPEST, July 13.—The cholera now existing in Hungary is pronounced to be of the Asiatic type. Prompt measures have prevented the spreading of the disease. There has been an average of two cases daily. The number of deaths, if there have been any, has not been reported.

Italy's Corrupt Statesmen.
ROME, July 13.—Out of the 129 members constituting the senate 120 are charged with complicity, either direct or indirect, in the bank scandals. About 100 of the members of the chamber of deputies are similarly implicated. It is proposed that the senate sitting as a high court of justice, demand that the accused senators resign.

A Family of Five Poisoned.
CHALLENGE, N. C., July 13.—Mr. Isaac Mitchell and his entire family, consisting of five persons, were poisoned on Tuesday. Mitchell and his daughter Ada both died yesterday, and the others are critically ill. The physicians who made the post mortem agree that the victims died from arsenical poison.

Death of Arthur Curtis.
DUNDAS, Conn., July 13.—Calvin Curtis, the noted artist, died in his native place, Stratford, aged 71 years. The immediate cause of death was inflammation of the bowels, although he had been an invalid for over thirty years. He leaves one son and two daughters.

Secretary Herbert's Tour.
WASHINGTON, July 13.—Commander Ruef, Ingham, commanding the Dolphin, has been ordered to proceed from New York to Washington. Secretary Herbert will board her tomorrow and start on his tour of inspection of navy yards on the Atlantic coast.

Suicide of a Judge.
FORT SMITH, Ark., July 13.—Judge R. T. Kerr committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a shotgun. Judge Kerr was prominent in his profession, but recent illness affected his mind.

An Exceptional Pensioner.
BALTIMORE, July 13.—Salmon Keeper Joseph B. Clark has voluntarily surrendered his pension of \$13 a month. He said he had recovered from the disability for which the pension had been granted.

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How a Well Known Expression Originated.
Perhaps every human being who speaks or understands the English language, has frequently heard the expression, "playing possum," but also perhaps not one in a hundred knows how it originated or what it has a special reference to. It is a natural freak of the opossum, or "possum," a night-prowling little animal very common in this country, and seems to be its principal weapon of defense when danger approaches and it cannot get away. It defends itself by becoming entirely motionless, as if neither lights nor runs away, but drops dead in its tracks to all appearances, and remains as still as death until the last enemy disappears, when it comes suddenly to life and gets a lively move on it—for a possum. Not long since some children, acquaintances of the writer, were visiting at a neighbor's, and returning after nightfall through a place of wood with their dogs, came across a possum so suddenly as to give him no chance to get away, and he therefore, dropped, as they thought, dead. However, they carried it home and shot it under the light of a lantern. It had ceased to play dead but was playing the afflicted possum to perfection, so much so that the folks concluded he was badly hurt or really sick and with but little life left in it, and having compassion on it, concluded to give it the freedom of the yard for the benefit of its health. This change was beneficial—immediately, for, just as soon as Mr. Possum found himself free, and all eyes turned away from him, it became at once the healthiest, most animated, and liveliest of its kind, and before any one was aware of it was skipping away at such a rate that he could not be overtaken, and made good its escape. They seem to have no disposition to bite, although well fixed for it. The writer once found one in a square which had been set for catching rabbits. The snare pole was too slender to raise it off the ground, and so it was resting in a half-reclining position, with the string around its neck, to all appearances dead, when I approached it. Supposing it dead I proceeded to unloop the string from around its neck without care. After getting it out it was discovered that it was not dead, nor even hurt, but had been engaged in cutting the string above the loop, and if I had been a few minutes later would have been free, or if it had been aggressive and bit me while taking it out of the trap I would probably have given it its freedom without further parley, as it would have taken me by surprise. Although playing dead it will be observed that they watch you very closely through their half-closed, keen little eyes. In carrying them by the tail of course they keep a rigid hoodlike curl on the end of the tail, evidently to sustain or catch themselves by in case of a fall. They also raise their heads and keep their noses between their fore legs, seemingly to avoid the bad effects of the blood running to the head. These manifestations are proof of life and not death, but the "possum" seems not to understand that, and so furnishes the evidence of life while feigning death.—Mechanical News.

FIRST DISTILLING APPARATUS.
It Appeared in the Early Centuries of the Present Era.
The decisive step in the knowledge of distillation was taken in Egypt. There were invented the first real distilling apparatus during the first centuries of the Christian era. They are described precisely in the works of Zosimus, an author of the third century, from the technical treatises of two women chemists named Cleopatra and Mary. In the margin of a Greek text of St. Mary are the drawings of the apparatus, and they agree exactly with the author's descriptions. The apparatus consists of a bell-shaped receiver, in which the liquid was put; but the cover was replaced by a large tube topped the balloon, and ending above in a cap shaped like an inverted balloon, to serve as a condenser. The cap was furnished with lateral conical tubes inclined downward, which were intended to collect the condensed liquid and allow it to flow into small bottles. All the essential parts of a distilling apparatus are here defined. These lateral tubes and their recipients constitute the "condenser," and are what constitute the "condenser." Among the distinctive characteristics of the primitive alembic described by Zosimus is the multiplicity of the alembic tubes. He distinguishes between two-headed and three-headed alembics. The flow of vapor was simultaneous, though there were several heads, and condensation took place in two or three receivers at once. A further figure represents an alembic with a single neck, which a large paper tube was attached.—P. E. M. Berthelot, in Popular Science Monthly.

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