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THE 34TH annual convention of the National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, is in session in Washington. Expect for a few addresses on general topics the proceedings of the Grange are secret. Worthy Master Aaron Jones, of Indiana, who presided, announced an attendance of a quorum of States and presented a list of speakers, among whom is Secretary Wilson, of the Agriculture Department. The Grange will remain in session about eight days, Sunday was set apart for memorial services.

POSTMASTER GENERAL SMITH, will ask for an appropriation of \$121,000,000 for the expenses of his Department during the next fiscal year, of which \$3,500,000 is for the rural free delivery service. By the close of this fiscal year 4,300 rural free delivery routes throughout the U. S. will have been established and the general extension contemplated for next year will involve about 4,500 additional routes. The necessity of the service so far instituted has resulted in plans for a very general extension next year.

This campaign in the Philippines is to be pushed with exceptional vigor. In addition to the large military force, over 800 marines who were sent to China have been ordered to Manila for station duty. The navy, also, is prepared for the campaign and has filled up every ship on the station with a full complement of sailors. There are in addition, a large number of seamen available for the auxiliary cruisers, small gunboats and other craft that are to take part in patrol work and in blockading the ports which heretofore have managed to secure arms and ammunition from China and elsewhere.

It is reported, apparently on authority, that Croker really made money out of the election. He lost about \$125,000 in bets but made it up on the rise in stocks that followed the election. When he received the returns of the canvass of the city and was convinced that Bryan's defeat was inevitable, he briefed the public by making large claims, but quietly took care of himself through friends he could trust by buying stocks which he knew would be favorably affected by McKinley's election. This fact, if true, shows that while Mr. Croker's management of the campaign may have been in many respects unwise and impolitic, he has not lost his sense of self-preservation.

A QUORUM of the U. S. Senate could easily be mustered in Washington today. Senators of the dominant party are talking very cautiously of what will be done at this session of Congress, and some of the most influential of them are frowning down at the idea of reducing the representation in Congress and the electoral college of those Southern states which have constitutionally disfranchised some of their voters, and the President is also being voted against the scheme, which now

seems to have next to no chance of going through. Minority Senators are reticent. They say that it depends entirely upon the attitude of the majority whether the session is a business or a political bear garden. Senator Harris, of Kansas, one of the minority said: "We face grave questions that must be solved and they ought to be acted upon with all the wisdom and foresight the nation can summon. It would be folly for the Republicans to prevent harmonious action on these subjects by angering the minority through the passage of a reapportionment bill that would decrease representation from the Southern states. I do not believe the Republicans will try such a thing. They want harmony at this session of Congress."

Read and Reflect.

A pastor looked out over his congregation and saw it dotted with wings—not budding angel wings, but bird wings on hats and bonnets. A visitor down on a Virginia bay saw a hunter out in a boat shooting gulls and terns and kittiwakes. Every discharge of his wide-scattering gun brought down one or more birds. He caught them as they lay maimed and floundering in the sea and simply tore their wings off and then let them die in their agony. He said he had an order for 40,000 wings, and he was filling the order as rapidly and carefully as possible. Is there any connection between these two scenes? They are related as cause and effect. Threads of causation run through those hats and bonnets to that hunter's gun, and every desire for a wing that is gratified pulls the trigger and kills a bird. Did ever womanly heart beat beneath a wing, be it doctored hat or bonnet realize this, would she wear it, or ever buy another. Such an adornment ceases to be beautiful when it is seen to be splattered with the blood of a murdered bird. Our sea coast is being depopulated of our feathered tribes and our forests being rendered songless by their wholesale slaughter. When the statue of President Kruger was being made, Mrs. Kruger asked that the crown of the hat might be made hollow so that after the rain the birds might be able to drink out of it; and now after every shower a little cloud of birds may be fluttering around the Kruger statue drinking and bathing in the top of that hat. Was it not more beautiful in her to use her husband's hat to minister to the birds than to have the birds shot and use them to adorn her own hat? Mr. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister to the U. S., declares himself afraid of the American women with dead birds and animals on her hat. "In China," he says, "we keep our birds not kill them." Shall even the heathen rise up and condemn us?

Good Plays at Johnstown.

J. C. Mishler, lessee and manager of Johnstown's two play houses, is making special efforts to present during the week of Nov. 26th one of the best varied list of attractions ever before offered. Some of these attractions are of particular interest to the people living in the community surrounding Johnstown. Especially is this so of James A. Heran's big scenic production of "Hearts of Oak," which will be presented at the Johnstown Opera House on Friday, Nov. 30th. Also of James H. Wallick's grand pastoral production of "The Dairy Farm," on Saturday afternoon and evening, Dec. 1st. "The Dairy Farm" has been pronounced by press, clergy and literary people, as being one of the grandest exponents of true, healthy and bright life that has ever been presented upon the stage.

Christmas Stories.

In the December Delineator are two Christmas stories by well-known authors. One a negro story by Paul Laurence Dunbar, the colored protégé of William Dean Howells, entitled "One Christmas at Shiloh." It tells of the home-coming of a reformed negro, and is very touching. The other by Benah Marie Dix, who has dated her story in Colonial times and entitles it "In the Reign of Peggy." Kemble illustrates Dunbar's story with some of his famous negro faces, and P. M. Arnold illustrates the Colonial story.

Did Not Forget Her.

President McKinley has sent Eleanor Bridges, a little blind daughter of George Bridges, of Carlisle, Pa., his photograph and autograph. The President had been informed of the great interest the child manifested in his reelection and sent the picture as a mark of his appreciation. The little girl cannot, of course, see the picture or read Mr. McKinley's hand-writing, but nevertheless greatly treasures the gift, coming as it does from the Nation's Executive.

Owl in a Pipe Organ.

For sometime past efforts to locate a squeaking noise in the pipe organ at Bethlehem church at Sheboygan, Wis., have prove fruitless until the other day when the organ was overhauled and the trouble discovered. In one of the large pipes a live owl was found, which is now in the possession of J. W. Piel, the organist. Now that one mystery is cleared up, the problem of explaining how the owl got into the organ is yet to be solved.

WASPS ACT IN A TRAGEDY.

But They Come Very Near Turning It Into a Comedy.

"One of the most laughable scenes I ever witnessed during the representation of one of Shakespeare's tragedies," said a well known theatrical manager to the writer the other day, "happened to the late Tom Keene when he was performing in a northern New York town. The company was playing 'Julius Caesar,' and at the last moment it was found that the property man had failed to send up the regular throne chair used in the scene, and an old rustic chair was hastily procured from the left of the theater and, after being covered with drapery, was pressed into service. In the midst of the scene a large wasp's nest was discovered attached to the chair, and its inhabitants, becoming indignant at the disturbance they had caused, began to swarm about the stage, seeking revenge upon the Romans in their low necked and short sleeved dresses. The wasps seemed to be particularly offended with Caesar, and it is doubtful if Caesar's death scene was ever acted with more feeling for as the moment he was being pierced by the conspirators' daggers the wasps were most industrious in their work.

"In the next scene where Caesar appears to Brutus one might almost have doubted its being the real Caesar. It was the same in form and dress, but the face was no longer the same. In the last act Brutus had one eye closed, Antony a swollen lip, Cassius an enlarged chin, Lucius an inequality in the size of his hands and Octavius Caesar a nose that would have done service as the famous nasal organ of Randolph in 'Henry IV.' The tragedy came very near becoming a roaring comedy when Mr. Keene, as Cassius, said, 'Antony, the posture of your bowels is yet unknown but for your words; they rob the Hybla bees and leave them honeyless;' and the actor who was doing Antony replied, 'Not stingless too.'"—Washington Star.

ELECTION DAY.

How It Came to Be Tuesday After First Monday in November.

The designation of the day for holding the presidential election is left to congress. The first act passed by it relating to that subject was in 1792. It provided that presidential electors should be appointed "within 34 days before the first Wednesday in December." This left each state free to select a day to suit itself within those limits. Pennsylvania chose electors on the last Friday in October. Other states elected theirs on different days between the beginning and middle of November. When Harrison was elected in 1840, the Democrats asserted that his success was due partly to fraudulent voting, which was made possible by the lack of a definite election day. It was alleged that Kentucky and Ohio Whigs had voted in both states, the election being held on different days. So in 1845 the Democrats passed the law now on the statute books making the first Tuesday after the first Monday election day.

At that time but five of the 26 states had their elections in November. In Michigan and Mississippi voting was carried on through two days—the first Monday and the following Tuesday. New York had three election days—the first Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—but had finally confined voting to the middle day, or the first Tuesday after the first Monday. Massachusetts chose state officers on the second Monday in November and Delaware on the second Tuesday. So congress selected the first Tuesday after the first Monday to consult the convenience of three states out of five, one of the three being the important state of New York—Chicago Tribune.

Following Up His Customer.

A French commercial traveler was expecting a large order from a country tradesman, but had the misfortune to arrive in the town on a fete day. Finding the shop closed, he inquired as to the whereabouts of the proprietor and ascertaining that he was attending the fete, about a mile out of town, set out after him. When he arrived there, a tailcoat was on the point of ascending, and he saw his man stepping into the car. Flushing up courage he stepped forward, paid his money and was allowed to take his seat with the other acrobats. Away went the balloon, and it was not until the little party was well above the tree tops that the "commercial" turned toward his customer with the first remark of "And now, sir, what can I do for you in calicoes?"

The Bedroom.

The simplest and most economical plans for purifying the air in bedrooms are as follows: Heat an iron shovel, then pour on it a few drops of vinegar. If possible, have windows and doors open at the time. Again, have some lumps of camphor in an old snuffer, heat the snuffer till very hot but not red, and touch the camphor with it. The smoke that arises will take away all disagreeable odors and leave no oppressive scent behind.—London Advertiser.

Riddle Solved.

First City Boy—Owl saw the cows eating chaffinches.
Second City Boy—I suppose that's how we got clipped beef.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

From criminal statistics a German sociologist has deduced that property rights of all kinds are respected more generally by the married than by the single.

The Saginaw river, in Michigan is 30 miles long and on its banks have been produced 18,000,000,000 feet of pine boards.

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