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Few editors can point to a political career like that of Editor Rauch's, of the Mauch Chunk Democrat. Fifty-two years ago he started as an active participant in campaigns, and never missed one since then.

About the only consolation our Republican brethren has these days is constructing cabinets for Grover, then devoting a column or two of criticism to their work.

LOCAL newspaper are often accused of bias in regard to giving notices, of mentioning the coming and going of some and omitting others. The fault is with the people not with the editor.

The Philadelphia Press is certain the new county question will come before the legislature at its next session, inasmuch as Kline was elected on that issue.

UNEASY lies the head that wears a crown applies forcibly to Hon. W. H. Hines. His election to congress is all well enough if it did not carry with it the right and privilege to dispense the patronage that comes through the Cleveland administration.

The K. of L. Journal, in an able article last Thursday, arrived at the conclusion that the Republican party, so far as national politics are concerned, will never be heard of again.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

FEUD AND VENDETTA.

FAMILY WARS THAT HAVE CONTINUED FOR GENERATIONS.

Conflicts in Kentucky Which Involved Whole Counties—They Are Rapidly Dying Out Before Civilization's Advance. Records of Some Families.

Relics of antiquity are always highly prized, and it is doubtless for that reason that we cherish an interest in the feud family feuds that linger on in civilization's track as reminders of the barbarism of our distant forefathers.

The lurid glory of the Kentucky feud has departed. The last echoes of the old quarrels are dying away in the haunts of the survivors, and a new order of things has come in eastern Kentucky.

The unsympathetic law and the ungenial touch of civilization, with its railroads, and its land syndicates, and its town builders have dispelled the old conditions that nurtured the feud.

Ten years ago Governor Knott treated the feudsmen of Rowan county as belligerent nations, and invited the leaders down to Louisville to make a treaty of peace under his benign auspices.

There have been almost innumerable feuds in Kentucky, but those which lasted longest, involved the greatest number of people and claimed most victims, becoming remarkable as anomalous outbreaks of crime for this period of civilization, were eight in number.

When the lawless spirit in the Kentucky mountains had its beginning and how would be difficult to say. Thousands of square miles of mountain region; with no settlements larger than mere hamlets; and with the nearest railroad sometimes more than a hundred miles away.

Nor have we any distinct perception of that subsequent age when the ice melted or receded to the pole, or dense tropical jungle grew up in the morasses it had left, swamps steaming with tropical heat swarmed with uncouth batrachian and reptile life.

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Within three years the United States have bought from the Indians about 30,000,000 acres of land, yet there remains about five times that area.

BUILDING SPIDERS' WEBS.

Method of Two Pet Insects That Did Not Mind Being Observed.

As the webs which my spiders—Lucy and Eliza—spun were several times broken or mutilated during the year, either by accident or the gardener, we had plenty of chances for seeing how they proceeded in making them.

The house itself consisted merely of a silken cell, built out from the rose leaf, and connected with the snare by a single stout cord of very solid construction.

In building their webs, as in many other small points, Lucy and Eliza showed from the first no inconsiderable personal differences. Lucy began her's by spinning a long line from her spinnerets, and letting the wind carry it wherever it would; while Eliza, more architectural in character, preferred to take her lines personally from point to point, and see herself to their proper fastening.

As soon as this radiating framework or scaffolding was finished, like the roof on a loom, the industrious craftsman started in the middle and began the task of putting in the crosspieces or weft which were to complete and bind together the circular pattern.

My impression is, however, that she gummed them together, letting them harden into one as they dried, for the thread itself is always semiliquid when first exuded.—Grant Allen in Longman's Magazine.

At all times the rose has enjoyed peculiar favor as a sacred flower. Mohammedan tradition says that when Saladin captured Jerusalem he refused to enter the shrine of the temple which had been converted into a church by the Crusaders till the walls had been thoroughly cleansed and purified with rosewater.

The followers of Zoroaster have a theory that prior to the existence of sin in the world the rose was a thornless flower. In the east it is a tradition to this day that the burning bush in which the angel of the Lord appeared to Moses was a rosebush, while in the Roman Catholic church the rose still retains no little element of the sacred character which it would appear to have enjoyed in all religions.—New York News.

Kidnaping in Australia. The Sydney Truth tells of doings in western Australia which seem very like the "blackbirding" that has been going on among the Gilbert islands lately.

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AGE OF THE EARTH.

A FASCINATING STUDY THAT IS ELUCIDATING A GREAT MYSTERY.

The Science of Geology Shows That the Age of the World Varies Between 73,000,000 and 680,000,000 Years—How These Computations Are Made.

At the recent meeting of the British association a discourse was delivered by the president, Sir Archibald Geikie, on one of the most interesting problems in modern science—the age of the world.

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Little by little the geologist is lifting the veil which covers the prehistoric record of our planet. The era which preceded the age of civilized man, with its vast rivers carrying down diluvial floods to the ocean, and the bursting forth of mountain ranges from contractions of the earth's crust has been painted to the life.

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