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NEWS NOTES.

Col. A. J. Barr has been appointed county attorney of Bernalillo county. The decrease of the public debt for the month of February was \$75,000,000.

Senator Tabor, of Colorado, was married to Mrs. Elizabeth M. McCourt, of Oshkosh, Wis., on the evening of March 1st.

Dr. H. J. Glenn, the wealthiest wheat-grower in California, was fatally shot recently by H. Miller, a book-keeper whom he had discharged.

Two more papers are to make their appearance in the territory soon, the Magdalena Miner at Socorro, and Pen and Pencil at Las Vegas.

The New Mexico and Illinois mining and manufacturing company have ordered a smelter of thirty ton capacity to be erected at Copper City during this month.

Extensive preparations are to be made for the tercio-millennial exhibition at Santa Fe, to commence on the 2nd day of July. The exhibition will continue thirty days.

The retail drygoods house of Charles Gossage & Co. Chicago, has been sold to Carson Pirie, Scott & Co., of the same place, for \$1,000,000. Charles Gossage, the founder of the firm, died recently.

James Campbell, of Liberty, N. M., the successful cattle raiser, who yesterday refused \$100,000 spot cash for his stock on a thousand hills, came to the territory twelve years ago with only \$800 in his weasel skin.

The most industrious man known of in New Mexico is the man who ran the ferry at Socorro last summer. He was continually at work digging out the bed of the river to make it deep enough to run his boat.—Prospector.

The Boston Transcript says the subscription of \$50,000,000 called for by the Mexican Central railroad some weeks ago, is completed, the public taking \$3,000,000 and arrangements are being made for placing the remainder.

Geo. F. Canis, formerly editor of what used to be the News and Press at Raton, and who was also chased out of that place last spring, has been appointed post-master at Deming. Being a total stranger there, the people are much dissatisfied.

Mullen of the Silver City New Southwest, and Grant County Herald, retires from the journalistic field. His paper has been purchased by the proprietors of the Grant County Sentinel, and the two papers have been consolidated under the head of Southwest-Sentinel.

The recent parochial school disaster in New York, where fifteen girls lost their lives, has stirred the Chicago authorities to an examination of their public school buildings, and at last reports, every one so far examined was found faulty in construction and dangerous.

Major Fountain, commander of the military expedition which has been after the rustlers in the southern part of the territory, says the worst bands have been dispersed. John Kinney has left the country, and the militia has been withdrawn. Nine rustlers were captured and jailed, and two killed.

Late news from Denver says great excitement prevails at Grand Junction over an alleged discovery of oil about ten miles northwest of that place. It was struck at a depth of forty-four feet in digging a well on the ranch of Charles Taylor. Hundreds are flocking to the scene and claims are being staked throughout the vicinity.

A paper bomb charged with powder was thrown into the court yard of the residence of the Austrian ambassador and two similar petards were thrown at the same time, one before the Austrian embassy to the vatican, and the other in front of the royal palace. A priest, who is supposed to be the offender has been arrested. No one was injured.

There are many properties scattered throughout New Mexico which will ere long become richly paying mines. Capital is needed here with which to develop the mines and build reduction works. Railroads are needed for transportation of ores. The wealth and energy are both there now and the others must follow soon. We look for great things from New Mexico.—R. M. Mining Review.

News from Shawneetown, Ill., in regard to the recent floods, says: Awful scenes of destruction are visible. Great gaps are left by houses swept away, and in one addition four solid blocks of dwellings have entirely disappeared. Several mills and business houses are entirely gone. The villages of Blackburn and Raleigh, Ky., have both been nearly swept out. Over one hundred houses in these places have gone.

Carver defeated Bogardus at shooting pigeons on the 27th ult. at Louisville. Out of one hundred birds Carver killed eighty-three and Bogardus eighty-two, making the former victor by one bird.

Thomas Calligan, a prospector, was murdered by a Mexican sheep herder and a Doc Warner, who keeps a saloon at Rito Quamado, Valencia county, on the 20th ult. Calligan while in Warner's saloon, exhibited considerable money and a watch, and on leaving was followed by his murderers, who overtook him about twelve miles from that place.

A trotting race for \$2,000 a side between George Corning's mare, Ada Paul, and Wm. Bush's famous trotter, Happy, will take place at Pueblo, Colorado, on the 25th of next month. The sporting meeting of the Pueblo jockey club occurs in May, and a big stud of horses from Salt Lake, Kansas City and Denver will participate. The track is being placed in fine condition.

The new depot now being built at San Marcial to supply the place of the one recently destroyed by fire, will be the finest one in New Mexico without any exception. It will cost when completed not less than \$20,000. The officers of the road who now have quarters at San Marcial will be furnished with handsome offices in the new building.—Albuquerque Journal.

On the 28th ult. thirteen of the twenty convicts who were working on the levee three miles north of Helena, Ark., disarmed their two guards, and made a break for liberty. Major James Gant, who had leased them, rode after them calling upon them to stop, whereupon one of them shot and killed him with a needle gun which they had taken from the guards. A large detachment of the Helena rifles are after them.

The mines of New Mexico are being developed with all the energy and with as great success as could be desired. There is no doubt but that New Mexico is rich in minerals, and with the aid of the capital that is now beginning to pour into that territory, her mines will begin to produce bullion in larger quantities. We have confidence in New Mexico, and expect much from her at present but partially developed mines.—Mining Review.

A magnificent strike has been made in the Black Hawk, in Bullard's Peak, sixteen miles west of Silver City. "At a depth of eighty feet a vein of twenty-seven inches of rubysilver was struck, which is as red as blood. The company have also uncovered immense bodies of ore carrying almost exclusively horn silver. We saw in their office one chunk weighing about 100 pounds that will yield more than \$25,000 per ton. A great deal of the ore carries flakes of native silver, often as large as an 8-penny nail. The mine is absolutely one of the richest discovered in the United States. Several reliable gentlemen and experienced miners unhesitatingly told the editor of this paper, that nowhere throughout the whole world is there a mine that has shown such a large mass of ore so immensely rich."—Silver City Sentinel.

The following point, which has perplexed locators of mining claims for some time, and on which there has been a difference of opinion among claim owners, has been settled by the United States Land Commissioner at Washington, and confirms our oft repeated view of the case. The question asked was this: "Is a location made on a quartz ledge or lode on the first day of January 1882, subject to relocation on the first day of January 1883, provided the required assessment work has not been done for the calendar year of 1882?" To which commissioner McFarland replied: "It is not. The locator of a claim initiated on the first day of January, 1882, has until January first, 1884, to complete the first assessment work; which work, when done, would hold the claim until January 1, 1885."—La Cruces Republican.

Hillsboro Prospector: After a run of sixty-eight tons of the Hobtail ore during which run assays were made and tests taken proving very satisfactory. Ten dollars of free gold to the ton was taken from the plates. The pulp was found to be worth \$20 per ton, and the tailings only \$2.... Work is still being pushed on the Copper King, and the accumulation of rich ore on the dump continues. And, although there is nothing certain yet, we predict the erection of reduction works before long. There is such an abundance of ore and it is so easily mined that it would pay to work it if it was less rich than it is.... The excitement about new placer finds continues. From day to day small quantities of the shining metal is being brought in and disposed

of to our merchants, and it is not an unusual thing to see a miner starting out with his pan in search of pay dirt. One great drawback is the dryness of the season. No rain and very little snow has fallen this winter, if there should fall a good rain, prospecting for placers would be lively.

Lake Valley Herald: The Free Vanners are the desideratum at Hillsboro. But a mere trifle of the value contained in the ore escapes in the tailings.... A good many miners have passed through here during the past week enroute to the camps further up in the mountains, while a number of others have stopped at Lake Valley, believing that this town is good enough for them. The fame of the mines of this section of the country is bringing them in.... Jack Wilson, of Wilson Bros., returned from Denver on Friday last. He stated that he received very satisfactory returns for the five tons of Black, or Solitaire ore, which he took there and sold to Argo. He declined to state the exact figures. The elegant specimen which he took with him he sold at the mint for its silver value, nearly \$150. We may safely say that the much talked of sale to the Studebaker Bros. is not consummated. Other parties are showing some anxiety to secure the property and there is a disposition among the owners to get as much advantage as possible from the competition of it.

All Out of Oil.

On Euclid avenue, in Cleveland, is being erected, what, when finished, will be the finest house in America. It stands in what is perhaps a ten-acre lot, on a slight eminence, about two hundred feet from the avenue. The exterior is of gray granite, and it has turrets and towers, and looks something like an English castle. It contains over eighty rooms and is five stories in height. Each room is finished in a different kind of wood which is handsomely and expensively carved. Thirty or forty carvers are at work in the house continually. Every room is beautifully frescoed by Italian artists expressly imported for the purpose. All of the appointments of the house are in keeping and are of the most elaborate and expensive character. A gentleman who went through the house with the writer, some weeks ago, and who has visited all the principal palaces of Europe, said that the interior of none of them, not even the far-famed Winter Palace of Moscow, was more finely finished than the interior of this private residence. The owner of this splendid mansion, the cost of which will be way up in the millions, is Sam Andrews. Ten or fifteen years ago he was worth as many thousands as he is now worth millions. One of the original partners of the Standard Oil Company, in fact the practical man of the refinery, he drew out of the company two or three years ago, with money enough to build the finest house in America, and have money enough left to live like a prince on the income of it.—Rochester Herald.

The other day a small-sized colored man was roundly abusing a brother of color on Antoine street, large enough to eat him up. After the abuse had continued for a long time without results, a white man said to the party of the second part. "Why don't you pick him up and mop the snow with his legs?" "I could do it boss." "Then, why don't you?" "I was considerin'. If we had a bout I shall probably be 'rested' I'm 'rested my name will be in the papers. If I get in de papers de on Calhoun street who owns de dat I moved out of in de n know what to find me an' gade de information dat I four months back rent."—Press.

The first Indian Mexico was

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GENERAL LOCALS.

The boys on the Palomas have "histed" the American flag. It's plain to be seen.

The stage route shows increased travel, and the hotel registers attest the fact.

Why is there not more prospecting done for gold in this range. It is thought by experienced mining men that gold leads must exist in these hills.

The rain and snow of Friday, Saturday and Sunday, had millions in it. Grass will start, our streams will hold out for camps, and ranching will be a success.

Mr. Alexander, of Hermosa, is reported to have fallen a distance of thirty-five feet in the Antelope shaft, on the Palomas. He called for his meals on time, and sent to Dr. Driscoll for some sort of a salve for a skinned hand. Good stuff in Alexander.

The boys down on the Palomas are getting city ideas in their head, and Hermosa is the name of it. Go it Hermosa. It is far away enough from Chloride not to excite our envy, and the truth is it won't take many more American flags to make Rome howl.

Tom Butler received a letter this week from Miners' Delight, Wyoming, about 110 miles north of Green River City, on the U. P. railway, in which the writer describes the coldest weather ever experienced in that locality. The severe storm of which he speaks extended from the Big Horn mountains to the Wasatch range, and the thermometer was below zero for a whole month, going down to 57° below at the signal station at Washakie, and the common thermometers all froze up.

The driver and one passenger on the coach from Green River to Miners' Delight were frozen to death, and the superintendent of the line was so badly frozen that he was not expected to live. On the down coach from Miners' Delight to Big Sandy, the driver and a lady passenger were frozen to death, and on the coach from Big Sandy to Green River, the driver was so badly frozen that he lost both legs and arms. Two and a half feet of snow was on the ground, and the cattle and sheep were perishing by the thousands. In that vicinity, the writer estimated that over 12,000 sheep had already perished. Of this number one man alone, a Mr. Havens, lost one-half. Estimates of the loss of cattle was impossible until a round up could be made.

This is a strong contrast with the climate here. Most of us know what cold weather is, but our knowledge was gained outside of the territory. With the exception of an occasional blow or a few cold days, the past winter here has been very agreeable if not delightful, and while the loss of life and property has been great in the north and east from heavy snow and rain, the portion that fell here on the third and fourth instants, was hailed with delight by one and all as the one thing needful, and it has given brighter hopes for the growing season which has already commenced.

CHLORIDE.

Two weeks married. Smith says he isn't sorry.

Charles Canfield is having his residence enlarged.

The work on the Adirondack fails to prove any weakness in the ore body.

Several persons complained of the trouble they had of stopping water holes during Friday night's rain. Moral: cover with shingles.

In the cross-cut tunnel on the Colossal, a connection was made on Friday last. The tunnel is 280 feet long, and the shaft is 150 feet deep.

Drake climbed the White Signal hill Saturday morning. He was whistling up his jade. The last word he uttered in town was—"Palomas."

The prospectors all through the camp seem to take delight in expressing themselves as "glad" that Moody and Kittrell have struck it rich on the Palomas.

Dr. Haskell has had to have another mineral case put up in his office. This makes the fourth. He will soon have one of the finest cabinets in the United States.

We never take to those strangers who come into town and in about two days get to calling every body by their given names, and speaks to the crowd as "toys."

Farmer Stone talks of going down to the Palomas to prospect and dig. He's all business when he gets started, and he understands the Black Range about as well as any of them.

The understanding is that Westerman and Von Wendt have a five months bond on the Highland Chief, and they will at once set men to work developing the property and taking out ore.

Blackmailers, dead-beats and sharp practice men must steer clear of Chloride. The square-toed miners of the Apache district are "fermint all sich." Square dealing is the motto of the miners of our district.

George Turner has received his papers from Washington appointing him postmaster.

The Sunrise claim promises big. Glad of it. Keep on adding to the list. Apache district, true to its Indian name, will prove to be a scrapper in mining circles. Carry the news.

Mrs. Olsen was unfortunate in having most of her bedding and some clothes destroyed by fire last Sunday evening, from being too close to the fire place. The generous-minded citizens made up a purse for her, which we understand was sufficient to repair the loss.

J. H. Wagner came down from the Black Knight this week. He says he is still in "a pinch" on his lead, but there is no let up on his part. He has the grit, and is going down till he catches it again. He will find it.

Mrs. Annie Olsen tenders thanks to the citizens of Chloride for their timely aid at the fire on last Sunday night, and also for the purse of money so generously contributed, assuring them that their kindness will not soon be forgotten.

Tom Yates says he wants to go back to Missouri, and take a farm. Hold on Tom. Don't be so sure. Put a few more shots in the Copper Belt. We heard a mining man say the other day it was there. A few more shots in a lot of these idle claims would prove them to have copper bottoms. Dig for it.

Fred W. Stevens has come from the ranch out of winter quarters, and says he is going back on his claims. He also talks Palomas. Says he is not much of a prospector, but all the same he has "way up property." He talks Mexican touches.

Henry Westerman was out of town for two or three days of the past week. No one knows where he went, but it is supposed he has a "hen on." We hope so, and that he will make a cool million. We never envy a good fellow good luck.

We understand that some parties are talking of erecting a hotel here this summer, with twenty to thirty rooms. It would be a good scheme. Our friend Rickert is doing nobly but he will not be able to accommodate a tenth of the traveling public that will pour in here before the next fall.

And now the talk in some quarters is a church and a school house. Good. Nothing would do more to help our town than the promotion of both these interests. It would lead twenty families into the camp in less than three months. It would be the sure harbinger of a settled civilization. Pass around the subscription. Newspaper men are not supposed to have large bank accounts, but you count us in our quota. Pass around the hat.

H. E. Patrick says he has a contract for 40,000 adobes. That looks like business. Adobe houses are good. What's more, they are handsome when plastered out side and in. A lime-kiln would be a good business here. If some man would start a lime-kiln, and one neat house was built and plastered, every adobe in town would soon take on the grayish coat which would help the appearance wonderfully. Fire up the lime-kiln.

Capt. C. R. Bryant returned from the east last Friday evening, accompanied by S. W. Bivens, F. Bivens, A. Dunlap and Chas. Mook, of Tecumseh, Nebraska, at which place the Captain succeeded in organizing a company, called the Chloride Mining Company, of which the gentlemen mentioned are members, and C. A. Holmes, brother of E. F. is president. The company takes a half interest in the properties of Bryant and Holmes, and has put up \$5,000 for development.

If ever a man knew how to take good fortune with easy grace, that man is George Turner, Esq. The Adirondack one week, the American Flag next, and yet he is not "stuck up," or excited, or anything of that sort. Right down to solid facts, there isn't a man in the range that the prospectors would take greater pleasure in seeing step into a fortune than Geo. Turner. He has been the prospector's friend.

The Kingston miners held a meeting a short time ago and resolved to prepare a descriptive pamphlet of their district. They raised the money, and propose to get out an edition of 10,000 copies. The pamphlet proposes to name every mining claim in the district of any promise, giving its exact status. A good idea. Shall Chloride be behind? Let us do the same thing. Dr. Haskell would be a good man to set to work on that job. Let us wake up. Why not call a meeting to consider that subject and the exposition at the same time. What we want is plain, solid facts before the people. Printer's ink will get them there.

Why don't some good, industrious, long-headed Yankee start a cow ranch here? Milk and butter would sell like hot waffles. A man could find a market from the product of fifty cows in this camp, and a demand that will continually increase always furnishing a good cash market at high prices. All these valley lands are good, and the hue and cry about water to irrigate is nonsense. Put down a well twenty feet and a \$150 wind mill and you can get water for one hundred and fifty acres. With all these grazing lands about here, and condensed milk thinned with water for cream in coffee, makes (as a Dutch doctor in Kansas City used to say) "makes me so disgusting." Think of it. We mean, think how disgusting you are.

The New Strikes.

The BLACK RANGE has no disposition to encourage so-called "looms," or to indulge in a hue and cry about our great prospects as a mining camp, but the discoveries of the past three weeks are worthy of more than passing note and can afford to be commended to the public for examination in a testation of the great resources of the Black Range. We allude to the Adirondack just above town, and the American Flag at the Palomas twenty miles south of here. We have already spoken of the Adirondack, and shall say nothing further of it at present than that as depth increases it still holds its eighteen inches of solid, high grade ore—sulphides and antimonial silver.

The American Flag we visited last week, and we pronounce it a most wonderful cropping prospect—even more remarkable than the Adirondack. The ore was opened by an adit, and when we saw it the face of the ore from the surface down was about six feet deep, and the width of the streak was about five feet, three feet of which was solid mineral. The other two feet was also mineral in quartz, and of high grade. By speaking of three feet solid, we mean mineral which indignantly refused to make use of quartz as a vehicle of conveyance. It was simply a solid mass of cohesive mineral particles, sulphides, antimonial silver, with bunches of crystallized lead, and chloride. The harder ore in taking it down exposes pockets of the softer material, and occasional bunches of carbonized matter. To say just what the true characteristics of the ore were would be difficult without an analysis of the same. Even had not assays been made it would be clear that the ore was of high grade. The veriest mining tyro could see that.

The ore body may be said to fairly crop to the surface, as there was but a four-inch strata of lime capping it, and that was left to show how slight the cap was. The ore is in the lime, but near the porphyry, in the lime and porphyry contact. The body of ore in all likelihood is on the contact, where it is found, simply having broken through the lime. The pitch of the contact we took to be to the west, while the ore formation seemed to be pitching to the east. This, however, was but apparent, and may be accounted for in the force which was used in projecting it through the lime. Of course it is but a prospect, but the size of the ore body, the formation and all lead us to think it is permanent. If so, it will make one of the great mines of the country. We shall look with a great deal of interest for the further development of the lead or deposit, whichever it may prove. The lead is traceable for several hundred feet, with occasional ore croppings. The Silver Brick is an extension, and the croppings show good ore.

The Pelican on the Palomas we also examined. It shows an enormous body of galena ore which has good claims made for it in the way of assays. The galena is too coarse to look rich in silver; yet it is, above all minerals, the most hazardous to venture a guess upon, as to grade.

The Palomas Chief, and Antelope, are also claims in this camp well spoken of, but we did not get time to examine them.

The Palomas strikes will clearly be heard from, and from the formation we have great hopes for other important strikes in that camp.

GRAFTON.

Mr. Kingsbury, who has been east for several months, returned on last Friday's stage.

There has been considerable life in town for the past week, there being a large number of ranchers in for a good time.

Mr. Farish, who was in the range about a year ago stopping with Judge Adams, is reported killed by the Indians in Old Mexico.

Fifteen hundred feet of lumber was sent to the Royal Arch mine to timber the shaft. Work on the mine is progressing with good results.

The Missouri Exchange closed its doors a few days ago. The proprietors will go to ranching and earn their bread by the sweat of their brow.

J. W. Nash, formerly of this place, writes from San Francisco that he will start from there about the tenth inst. for Washington territory, and from thence to Alaska.

The Occidental mill is running in good shape. A new amalgamator has taken charge. A clean up will be made in a few days, the results of which are awaited with a great deal of interest.

Some Mexicans arrested four ranchers on the Gila last week and took them before an alcalde at San Francisco on the charge of stealing cattle. The boys proved themselves innocent of the charge and were set at liberty, greatly to their relief, not knowing what their fate might be while in the toils of the greasers. H. L. Lake was shot at several times but escaped unharmed. The alcalde still holds his gun and says he will keep it until Mr. Lake stands his trial and proves himself innocent.

FAIRVIEW.

Everything is in readiness at the smelter to start up as soon as flux can be delivered, and about the middle of

next week it is expected to blow in. The preliminary tests designated iron and calcite as the necessary flux, both of which are easily obtainable. Success is confidently expected.

Major Day is about to resume work on the German.

Iron for flux at the smelter will be obtained at the White claim, about six miles north of Fairview, owned by Judge Nickerson and W. C. White.

In the search for flux, iron ore was discovered in the neighborhood of Edwards' camp that carries sixty-seven per cent of the metal. This section will undoubtedly be opened up at some time for the iron that it contains, as there are immense bodies of it.

G. W. Fogg, of the Pacific Iron Works, arrived in the range again last Wednesday, and yesterday made the trip to the Occidental, accompanied by Jacob Blum and Col. Nulton. Mr. Fogg was accompanied in his visit to the range by Mr. Hank Lowry, who has charge of the Viola mine in the Pyramid district.

Last week's snow storm demonstrated the superior protection of shingles over mud roofs, and convinced the most enthusiastic advocate of the latter that the best of them will look. One claimed erected his tent in his house soon after the storm commenced, and kept it up for forty-eight hours after it ceased.

ROBINSON.

Judge Russell is making garden. He expects to be able to supply the Robinson market with potatoes in a short time.

Ben Cook and E. Payne have finished the contract on the Forsaken in the north Cuchillos, making the shaft now forty feet deep. It is proposed to sink ten feet further and then cross-cut. The vein carries some pretty galena and copper glance ore in crystallized quartz.

Ben Cook has broken ground on his premises which he will fence and plant with vegetables. He will also further improve his property by sinking a well.

Reber is pushing his residence and soda factory to completion, and when finished he will have things arranged in good shape for manufacturing soda. A driven well under cover will make the supply of water convenient.

The town pump no longer furnishes the cooling draught to thirsty man or beast. It served its purpose well and faithfully for a year, but wear will affect the best of servants, animate or inanimate, and it refuses to do further duty without repairs.

Smoky Maxfield is out of luck. Five times has he attempted to train a team to stay by him, and as many times has fortune failed him. Not long since the gray horse of his last venture laid down and died from sore feet, and now its mate is missing. Any body giving information of the whereabouts of a large brown horse weighing about eleven hundred, about eight years old and answering to the name of Prince, will be positively rewarded by the owner.

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Withdrew the Suit.

"Why do you object to your daughter's marriage?" asked an Arkansas man of a well-known planter.

"I don't object to her marriage. She may marry all she wants to, but I don't want her to marry you. It's you I object to, understand, and not the marriage. The Bible approves of marriage, but I don't think that the Bible would approve of you."

"Why do you object to me as a son-in-law?"

"You haven't got but one leg. This may be no fault of yours, and of course I can't blame you, but understand me when I make this declaration, that I don't want you for a son-in-law."

"My friend, Shakespeare had one leg, yet no one objected to him on that account."

"But you only have one eye."

"That's very true, but Napoleon had one eye."

"You haven't got but one ear."

"That's nothing; Charles the First had one ear."

"But, with all your other ailments, you are a fool."

"Yes, and so are you, yet you don't object to yourself on this account."

"All right, then, as you have produced so much history you may marry the girl."

About a week after the ceremony was performed, the planter instituted proceedings for divorce, declaring that the marriage was effected by false pretenses. In his statement the old man said: "He told me that Shakespeare had only one leg, Napoleon one eye and Charles the First one ear. I have looked up this matter and I find that my son-in-law is a liar."

"Your honor," said the son-in-law, "I said Shakespeare had one leg; he had two of them. Napoleon had one eye; by George, he had more than one. Charles the First had one ear. I didn't say he had only one, and now as to the last proposition affirming that my father-in-law is a fool, I am willing to go into a discussion of the question, as it is this upon which his suit now depends."

"Never mind," said the planter. "It would only put the state to heavy expenses. I'll withdraw the suit for divorce."—Ark. Traveler.

The Fox and the Hare.

A fox who was being pursued by the hounds came upon a hare sitting in the bushes and called out:

"If anybody inquires for me please say that you haven't seen me for a month past."

"Oh, I couldn't do that," replied the hare—"that would be lying."

"Very well, then, suppose you take a run across yonder fence and back and tell me if there is any snow on the other side?"

"With pleasure," answered the hare, and away she sailed.

The hounds got sight of her as she sped along, and directly the whole pack were hard at her heels.

"That comes of being too good," chuckled the fox as he saw her finally overtaken. "The skin of a hare who died for truth isn't half as valuable as the pelt of a fox who lives to lie."—Detroit Free Press.

She Had Him There.

A Brooklyn girl, says the Eagle, received a present of a diamond cluster ring from her sweetheart. She took it to a jeweler and ascertained that the gems were Rhinestones worth about \$1.75. During his visit the following evening no illusion was made of her folly, but having inclosed the ring in a note she managed to slip it into his coat pocket surreptitiously. On reaching home the very first thing he detected was her missive, which read as follows:

"I have no right to this costly gift. The cold weather is coming on and you may need it. Call and see me seven-teen years from next Sunday night."

"AMELIA."

Sustaining His Character.

was proceeding up Shaw- arday after noon, and of precious human ing men, all irre- a to their own- sional ap- ner, also, on

kape it from yez after offering it to the other leddy, the folks aboard the car moight think I was a masher, and I've got a character to sustain.

He took his old clothes and a kit of tools that he had fished out from under the seat to the front platform, and all the youths looked at him and gazed at one another, and knew not what to say, and there was a silence for the space of a block and a half.—Boston Journal.

WITTICISMS.

It is always "put up or shut up" with the umbrella.

The man of great wait—the creditor.—N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

Joseph enjoyed the seven-year rich, but it made everybody else scratch.

Presents of mind—having a mind to give something, but never giving it.—Boston Post.

"Father," said Johnny Fizzletop, "can't you spare money enough to get me a gun?" "My son, when I can spare my boy I will get you a gun."

It was a suburban boy who ran to his mother with the joyful information, "We will soon have skating. The pond has got a scab on it already."

Six hundred criminals were pardoned from the Chicago Bridewell last year. It means something when a Chicago man says, "beg pardon."—Boston Transcript.

Harry, w. he looking on when his new little sister was being washed, turned away, saying, "If she screamed like that in heaven, I don't wonder they sent her off down here."

Alabama is an Indian word signifying "here we rest." Statetreasurer Vincent looked into the cash-box and said: "I'll take what's here, and leave the rest to the wicked."—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Baby has just told a fib. "Oh, how naughty it is to tell a lie!" said the mother, "God will be much troubled." The child, after some reflection: I won't tell him, mamma; I won't say my prayer to-night!"

Prof. Brewer says: "The trotting horse is a modern and American invention." Thank heaven, there is one thing that wasn't invented by Chinese 30,000 years ago! Later returns, may rob us of this honor.—New York Herald.

"Good morning, Mother Muldoon, an' how are ye this mornin'?" "Oho mighty well, I thank ye, Misther O'Dowd, barrin' the nooralegy that's nigh dislocatin' my wife's jaw, and the hoives that's worryin' the pigs sure."—Yonkers Gazette.

A minister made an interminable call upon a lady of his acquaintance. Her daughter, who was present, grew weary of his conversation, and at last whispered in an audible key: "Didn't he bring his Amen, with him?"—Detroit Post.

A young lady made a narrow escape at a fire in New York a few nights since. About half of her hair was burned. Fortunately she was not in the building at the time, having put on her other hair and left the house only half an hour before the fire broke out.

They are now telling a story about a Chicago girl who insisted on throwing her shoe after a newly married couple. The carriage is a total wreck, a doctor has the bride, and the horses are under treatment, and a large number of men are searching the ruins for the groom.

Anecdote from the "quarters." At the marriage of an Alabama widower one of the servants was asked if his master would take a bridal tour. "Dunno, sah; when ole missis' was alive he took a paddle to her; dunno if he take a trille to the new one or not."—Arkansas Traveller.

The cable brings the gratifying intelligence that the "Boers have been repulsed by Mapoch." Mapoch, we presume, is an editor, but the man at the other end of the cable doesn't seem to know how to spell bores—though the words may have slipped a cog in coming over.

An excellent liniment for neuralgia is made of sassafras, oil of origanum and a half-ounce of tincture of capsicum, with half a pint of alcohol. Soak nine yards of flannel in this mixture, wrap it around the head and then insert the head in a haystack till death comes to your relief.—Laramie Boom- ing.

ne genius has invented a machine "pianos. There will be a large d for it. In the morning the ma- be set to playing the piano in of the daughter, and the lat- the mother get breakfast e owner can start the au- evening and then go llet the next door neigh- wearing. It no doubt v other advantages.— rerald.

ably attired young man in ork street car saw a stray and the instep of his toothpick shoes and immediately proceeded to remove it. He kept on putting until one of his pantaloons was unstitched from the ankle to the waist. Assuming his best agnostic expression, he buttoned his overcoat tightly around him, borrowed two hair-pins from the conductor and struck out for the nearest seclusion.—N. Y. Mail.

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