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F. X. GOULET, County Auditor and CITY RECORDER. THE PAYING OF TAXES A SPECIALTY. Any business entrusted to my care will receive prompt attention. Office, on Sixth Street, next door to Pioneer Meat Market, BRainerd, MINN.

BRainerd AND LITTLE FALLS STAGE LINE. LEAVES the Leland House, Brainerd, at 6 o'clock a. m., and arrives at 7 p. m. every Tuesday and Friday at 7 o'clock a. m. Furlies wishing to connect with N. P. R. R. train at Wadena, either way, will be accommodated by notifying the Proprietor.

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P. A. GATCHELL, LAWYER, Wadena, Wadena Co., Minn. Collections promptly attended to. Taxes Paid for Non-Residents, and Conveyancing done in a legal and neat manner, also, Real Estate Agent. Lands Sold on Commission.

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LAND FOR STOCK FARM—500 Acres in Todd county, 1 1/2 miles from Aldrich Station, N. P. R. R. Clay sublet. Good land, abounding in nutritive grasses, partly timbered. Will be sold very cheap, on easy terms.

TIMBERED LANDS—1,500 Acres in Wadena and Todd counties, in the vicinity of Aldrich Station, N. P. R. R. Timber consists of oak and maple for the most part. 1,242 ACRES of Land near the Half-Way House on State road from Wadena to Parker's Prairie. Heavily timbered for the most part with oak, sugar maple, ash, basswood, etc. Sold at low figures, and on easy terms.

I HAVE also several hundred acres of good farm lands for sale in Wadena, Todd, and other Todd counties, situated in the vicinity of Wadena Station on the N. P. R. R.

Parties desiring good farming lands, near to market and susceptible of easy cultivation, will find it to their interest to call on me before purchasing elsewhere.

Business done at the St. Cloud and Alexandria Land offices, for modernized farms. Homestead and Pre-emption Claims bought and sold on reasonable commissions. Money loaned on mortgages for parties on improved real estate security.

Parties desiring any information in regard to lands in this vicinity will please call at my office or write me, and it will be promptly and freely given.

P. A. GATCHELL, Attorney-at-Law, Wadena, Minn.

Railroad Commissioners. The Republican State Central Committee, Gov. W. R. Marshall, chairman, met at St. Paul Wednesday, pursuant to call of Gov. E. W. Marshall, and accepted the resignation of C. A. Gillman as a candidate for Railroad Commissioner—and nominated Gov. W. R. Marshall to fill the vacancy.

This, we must say, is about as complete an exhibition of a want of modesty upon the part of Gov. Marshall, and sycophancy upon the part of the other members of the committee, as could well be made. The first informal ballot stood nine for W. R. Marshall and two for his brother-in-law, J. W. Taylor, which goes to show that Mr. Marshall either voted for himself or his brother-in-law, and it is of course to be presumed that he voted for the former, thinking perhaps the committee would be more split up and it would not be known. We are not a little surprised that the Governor should so far forget his sense of propriety, and that such a total disregard for the public weal should so completely govern the other members of the committee.

Gov. Marshall may be fully competent to fill the position, but others exist outside the committee equally competent, to say the least, and his nomination is very distasteful to every one of an independent cast.

A Mistake. Mr. Russell, we understand, will return to his old stomping ground and resume the proprietorship of the Brainerd Tribune.—Perham News.

This is news to the proprietor of the Tribune and to Mr. Russell, and is probably a mistake. However, we would say that Bro. Russell and ourselves would like to know something about the change when it takes place, and we call for particulars. Bro. Russell proposes to open a first class job office in Brainerd, and give his attention exclusively to job printing, in all its phases, and is heartily welcomed by the Tribune, as we have no job office, and did not intend to engage in that branch of the business at all.

The Duluth Herald, of last week, contains an announcement of the withdrawal of Mr. M. C. Russell from that paper, upon the ground that the enterprise was a total failure on account of a lack of support, and that the people of Duluth who induced Bro. Russell to come there were not candid when they said they wanted a newspaper of the character they promised to support. The fact appears to be that it was thought by a certain faction, in need of proping up, to get Bro. Russell in there and get him fixed by making him fair promises which they never intended to redeem, and that once settled—there he could not get away, and their ends would be effected; but they misquoted their man, for Bro. Russell, like the Hall Springs Snake, no sooner found he was trapped than he burst the cage and strode forth, leaving the only vestige of his presence in that quarter of the globe the demolished cage and his "mark in the sand" while there, and his would-be captors stand aghast, like those of the fabled giant Vaporifer, when the cork flew from the bottle they had caged him in and he escaped, only regretting the fact that their trap was insufficient.

The Brainerd Tribune, in its undue excitement, says the Dispatch endorsed the Brainerd telegraph operator because he did not neglect his regular business and sent us the news of the railroad accident at that point. The Dispatch knew the operator had no time to attend to such matters, and that he was forbidden from doing so, even if he had the leisure. The Dispatch simply sent a private telegram to the editor of the Tribune asking for the news, and would have been very glad to have paid him liberally for the service. The editor of the Tribune knows whether that message reached him promptly or not. If it did, then our information was incorrect, and the censure was unjustly bestowed under a misapprehension of facts. If it was not promptly delivered, as we now believe, then the remarks were correct. We asked nothing of the operator at Brainerd, save the discharge of his duties in delivering a private message. The editor of the Tribune may be perfectly satisfied to have telegraphic messages addressed to him, held at the will or whim of the operators, but the Dispatch regards telegraph operators as public servants, bound to transmit and deliver whatever is sent them. We pay for telegraphic service, and don't propose to allow a common carrier to regulate our business.—[St. Paul Dispatch.]

The message referred to did not reach us promptly, but we think the operator entirely excusable under the circumstances, as he had no carrier, and could not leave the office himself to deliver messages on that day, and in any event we think the attack of the Dispatch called for and ungentlemanly in the extreme.

If we had received the message, we would have been very glad to have attended to the wants of the Dispatch, and do not ask or accept pay for such services, and shall consider it a pleasure to report news at any time to any of the dailies, when desired. At this time the thought occurred to us to send an account of the accident to the St. Paul and Minneapolis papers, but we then supposed, we know not why, that it was a duty of the operator, by virtue of his office, to send an account.

The Brainerd Branch Bubble. The report last week that the Brainerd and St. Vincent Branches of the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad were to be built at once, has, like similar reports heretofore, proved a mere newspaper bubble. While in St. Paul we endeavored to get at the facts in the case, and as near as we can learn the only truth to the report this time is that the company has made a proposition to its bondholders to sell them the road and its franchises, which it is thought they will accept for the reasons that the foreclosure of their mortgage would thus be dispensed with, which is a big item, as the selling of the lands under the mortgage would submit the whole thing to taxation, which would be avoided by this transfer, and hence the statement of the Dispatch that, "The result of the meeting was an agreement upon a basis of settlement of all pending litigation and differences" but it omitted to state that this proposition has yet to be submitted to the Dutch bondholders in Europe, and that under the most favorable circumstances work could not possibly be commenced on these branches this fall, much less to have them completed, while if they were on the ground and ready to begin work on them to-day the time is too short for their completion before winter. The one item of iron alone renders the feat impracticable, for there is not so much iron in the State to complete the amount of road promised by the Dispatch, and it cannot be procured in time under any circumstances to complete them before the expiration of the grant on the 4th of March next. So that it can readily be seen that additional legislation will be necessary first.

It has, we believe, been held by the Supreme Court of the United States that the land under a similar grant did not revert to the United States government in case of non-fulfillment of its provisions, but that it falls to the State government for the completion of the road for which it was originally granted. In that case it will be seen that the consent of our legislature will also be a necessary adjunct to the "amicable settlement and immediate completion" of these branches" reported by the Dispatch.

Of course there is little room for doubt that this proposition will be accepted, and that if required the necessary legislation will be had; but we will never again place any dependence upon a report that the Brainerd Branch is to be completed until we see the last rail laid and properly spiked.

THEY HAVE COME! THEY HAVE COME!! Those nice New Goods at MARSHALL & CAMPBELL'S.

PERSONALS. Col. Lounsbury, of the Bismarck Tribune, stopped over a day in Brainerd this week and smiled upon ya, editor in his sanctum sanctorum occasionally to keep his spirits up, like. He proposes to run a daily at Bismarck this winter for the benefit, if he can raise the necessary "spoons."

Maj. Jas. Whitehead is in the city. Bro. M. C. Russell and family returned to Brainerd yesterday from Duluth, satisfied that Brainerd is the best place in the Northwest yet, not excepting the Zenith.

Harry Robinson came to Brainerd to locate permanently this week, and gave the Tribune a call.

Hutchinson, with a population of six hundred, has fifty-nine mothers with babes at this time.

A NEW MEAT MARKET has been opened at the old stand of Lafond & Goulet, by C. HENCKE.

D. M. Pyle, editor of the Hutchinson Enquirer, determined to commit suicide on Sunday morning last, but got discouraged and gave it up, and has left Hutchinson for parts unknown. The case is not stated. Whether his girl went back to him, or he could not stand the racket the editor of the Enterprise has been giving him is left to the conjectures of the public.

N. P. Editorial Convention. Brother quill-drivers, don't forget the meeting at Fargo, on Tuesday, Sept. 7th. Bring your will with you, and get there Monday evening. Grand chicken hunt Tuesday, with a dance in the evening. Warm meals—bread and mustard—with crockets, at all hours, and if don't cost you a red, come all, and let us have a feast of reason and a flow of wit, whatever you choose.—[Fargo Times.]

As near as we can learn M. McMahon is acting in the capacity of policeman while the City Council refuses to recognize him or pay for his services. McMahon proposes to sue the City in due time and think he can recover as McKay did. We do not know whether his claims are binding, in law, or not, but we think the Council should be satisfied beyond a doubt in the matter, and if they are pay him, and stop their additional expense in another law suit. In this connection another law suit. In this connection another law suit. In this connection another law suit.

Another Train Through a Bridge. —Conductor, Engineer and Fireman Killed on the M. C. & P. R. R. The express train from Omaha, on the Sioux City & Pacific Railroad left Sioux City soon after a very heavy rain storm on Tuesday evening last, and at a point some four miles West of Sioux City there is a small span spanned by a bridge, which had been carried away by the rapidly rising waters, a fact that was not noticed in time to stop the train, the engine, tender and baggage car plunging into the vortex, killing the conductor, engineer and fireman. The passenger coach that came next was thrown from the track and turned over on its side, while the forward truck of the sleeper was thrown from the track and broken, but so far as is known none of the occupants of the car were injured.

A Congressional Wit. Speaker Blaine met Sam Cox at Saratoga, the other day, and said: "I tell you what, Sam, they had a close escape down there at the Branch, didn't they?" "Who what?" asked Sam. "Why Nellie Grant and Saratoris—just escaped by the skin of their teeth." "Escaped what, Blaine?" "Why, they just escaped having twins." "You don't say so, Blaine! How near'd they come to it?" exclaimed Cox. "Why, they got within one of it, Sam," replied the speaker in the most impressive manner. "One more boy would have done it."

Trying to Do Like Conductors. Two young ladies of Rice's Point, thought as the evening was very wet and muddy they would just ride up on the caboose of the freight train, and put a letter in the postoffice, or something. As the train came near the foot of Lake Avenue, and didn't seem to be running very fast, no how, they just thought they'd jump off, like the conductor's dog. One lit square on her number seven, and after one or two graceful little leaps, struck her centers, and brought 'em right. The other one held on to the railing a little too long, and as her board foot touched the ground, she thought she'd turn a "summer's" and she did; she turned two summers and a half, before she quit, and then set down in an adjacent mud-puddle; the chances of her being drowned wasn't great, because the water, as she sat there in the soft mud, only came up to her shoulders. A gentleman near by assisted the young lady out of her delirium, or the mud-hole, when she concluded to send her letter to the office by her companion, while she would run right back home and get supper ready—in fact, she was sort of homesick. Young ladies should never try to do like the conductors do, 'cause it ain't nat'ral like.—[Duluth Herald.]

The editor of the Pine City Post is inclined to be technical. His correction of the Tribune is a distinction without a difference—that, and nothing more.

That Brainerd Man. That Brainerd man who came down to Minneapolis for some of the New Hampshire money was rather vigorous and got some. He "meant business." Eh, Pills! —[Dispatch.]

Who is that Brainerd man? The Henderson (Ky.) Reporter says: "A man named Louis Barke, who lived at Burkville, in this county, indulged in very blasphemous language because his crops had been destroyed by the high water. He cursed God for having his crops destroyed last year by heat and drought, and concluded his blasphemy of the Creator with the expression, 'God-d-n Him.' His tongue dove to the roof of his mouth, and he died the next night, never uttering another word."

A one-armed man named Martin, of Moorhead, stole three cows from a half-breed near Fargo, sold the same, then stole a watch from a soldier, and lit out. He was captured at Perham. A search resulted in the finding of a roll of greenbacks bandaged to the end of his arm stump, and the watch in his boot.—[Red River Star.]

A Mrs. Tacha, of the town of Hart, while standing in front of a reaper, was caught by the leg just above the ankle by the machine which the horses had started. She was helping her husband at the time to hitch the horses, and came very near having her leg entirely severed.—[St. Charles Times.]

Bargains! Bargains! In Boots and Shoes for the next Thirty Days.—Making room for an immense stock of new goods at MARSHALL & CAMPBELL'S.

REWARD OFFERED. The pocket-book of Jas. Peterkin, the engineer killed in the bridge disaster here in June last, was by some means lost at the time of the wreck, and contained some valuable papers and some money. If the finder will leave the book and papers with the editor of this paper, he will be entirely welcome to the money, and liberally rewarded besides, and positively no questions will be asked.

"Tis sweet to wait, but oh how bitter. To wait for a girl and then not get her."

The St. Paul Dispatch has "pimp and parasite" on the brain. The largest packets find much difficulty in even coming up as far as Wadena. It has been observed that "the more girls are pinned back, the more forward they appear."

Adjutant General Mark D. Flower has resigned, and the Red River Star is consequently happy. ("Zeb Crummett") says vice is never so odious, and to rational eyes, never so contemptible, as when it usurps the natural place of virtue.

A few "notes by the way," on our trip to Duluth, Superior City, and St. Paul, this week, are unavoidably crowded out. N. H. Knappner is again the "head centre" of the Perham News. "Though often defeated, never vanquished," is his motto, and Perham can congratulate herself upon having an independent journalist.

L. C. CURRIER has removed his grocery from Laurel-st. to the Todd building on Fifth street, which he purchased of Van Loon, who won it in the St. Cloud Enterprise. Currier is well fixed now.

We are glad to learn that notwithstanding the very inclement weather yesterday evening, the Baptist Rally and ice-cream Festival at Bly's Hall was very successful. The net proceeds being twenty-five dollars. It is the intention of the Church to give an oyster supper as soon as fresh oysters can be obtained.

We are in receipt of a complimentary to Col. Wood's Museum, Chicago, which we will gladly avail ourselves of when opportunity affords. Col. Wood's Museum is Chicago's best, over half a million curiously specimens from all parts of the world are there to be seen, rendering a visit to his rooms both pleasing and instructive in the highest degree.

A whole dollar. It is stated that the new post office money order system between Canada and the United States was inaugurated by the Superintendent at Washington, sending to the official at the head of the money order department in Ottawa, a remittance of one dollar, with a request that he would spend it as he thought fit.—[St. John, N. B., Intelligence.]

We overheard a lady who was reading the St. Paul Dispatch on the train the other day ask her husband what "pimp and parasite" meant. He replied in a low tone, that "it was a new discovery for killing potato bugs," and then diverted her by calling her attention to the scenery along the dale of the St. Louis they were just passing, and showing that Dispatch into his pocket he strode into the smoking car.

Quite a flattering was created in the vicinity of the post office, on Tuesday evening, by the arrival of our old fellow townsman, Major J. L. Smith, now of Brainerd. The Major called by the post office with a sashel in one hand and his coat tails fluffing in the air, as though the very "Old Harry" were after him. He murmured that it had come down to get a double extra suit of clothes in which to get married, but this is only a rumour, and may be a mistake. As a matter of some interest, however, we would say that the Major has been at work in the machine shops in Brainerd, ever since he left Duluth, and we hear that he has stuck right to business.—[Duluth Tribune.]

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THE NEWS.

Eighty negroes were arrested in Washington and Jefferson counties, Georgia, the 18th...

The Times has a special from Augusta, Ga., about the reported inscription of negroes. It says: "Two days since a letter was found at Williamson's store, in Washington county, the place where the colored militia company drills...

A company has been organized to build a narrow gauge railroad from Omaha to the Black Hills. A dispatch from Washington says the Georgia negro race is "put up" for political effect...

Exp-Representative J. M. Wilson has been appointed assistant U. S. attorney for the District of Columbia, for the prosecution of the treasury thieves. H. T. Helmholz, the Buchu man, lately returned to America with the intention of again going into business...

At Reading, Pa., a woman named Be Stinger, who had lived unhappily with her husband, leaped into the canal with her two children, and all were drowned. At the funeral children, and all were drowned. At the funeral children, and all were drowned...

Black Hills Gordon, who has been at large on his parole, lately proceeded to Omaha and surrendered his parole to Gen. Ruggles, then tried to run away. He was re-arrested, and after some difficulty, and imprisonment, but has since brought suit against Gen. R. for false imprisonment, and against the guards who arrested him, for assault and battery...

Chas. Clinton, the Minneapolis forger, who escaped from the Minnesota State prison a year ago, has been recaptured. A lumber merchant near Detroit, named Miller, and his clerk, were shot dead while at their desks on the night of the 23d. The shots were fired through a window by a discharged laborer...

The Alton Mills at Conshohocken, Pa., were burned to the ground on the 21st. Loss a quarter of a million. The entire family of Thurlow Weed was lately poisoned by using a copper tea-kettle which had been cleaned with oxalic acid. Mr. Weed had a very narrow escape from death...

The Turkish insurrection daily assumes more grave proportions. Servia threatens to join the insurgents. General Cortina, the noted bandit of the Rio Grande border, has arrived in the city of Mexico, and has been incarcerated in prison there to await his trial on the charge of disobedience of orders...

A steam yacht carrying the Queen of England and the royal family, collided the 18th with and sunk a schooner yacht carrying a party of ladies and gentlemen, several of whom were drowned. The English markets are quite buoyant under the influence of the warlike news from Turkey...

Russia is moving for a general intervention in Turkish affairs. The czar says it is not his wish to intervene to break the peace of Europe. Patrick Fitzgerald, a real estate broker of Springfield, Mass., has failed for \$150,000. The "sea-serpent" is spending the summer of Cape Cod, and the stories brought into Boston and Marblehead by sailors who have lately seen it are marvelous...

Official reports show that the wheat crop of Austria and Hungary is far below the average. A congress of journalists in Germany has adopted resolutions asking imperial legislation in behalf of the liberty of the press. Commodore James Goodenough of the English navy was lately shot with a poisoned arrow by a native Australian, and has since died...

On the arrival of the U. S. war vessel at Tripoli, to demand satisfaction of that government for insults to the American minister, the officers were also grossly insulted. An apology was afterward made to them, but refused in the case of the minister. A dispatch from Bismarck gives glowing reports from the miners driven from the Black Hills. They report gold in the gulches in large quantities, and gold-bearing quartz extending through the hills...

All the gold-bearing lodes have been staked off and claimed, and the miners have left to remain away until the treaty with the Indians is completed. The Bismarck party was attacked by Indians near Bear Butte, but no lives were lost. Prof. Jenney, government explorer in the Black Hills, is said to have found a nugget weighing 850. D. M. Key has been appointed by Gov. Porter of Tennessee, to succeed ex-President Johnson in the United States Senate...

Further danger from the rise on the lower Mississippi is past. After having stood for three days exactly at the "danger line," the river has fallen one inch at Memphis. The floating horse traction has been purchased by Robert Bonner for \$200,000. His best time is 2:15. Gov. Allen has determined to withdraw from the political canvass in Ohio. His friends regard his defeat as certain, should he go to the polls as a candidate. His friends advise the move on account of the health of the old man...

Prof. Jenney, the government geologist in the Black Hills, has himself washed out \$10,500 worth of gold in ten hours labor, and says that skillful and economical labor will yield a fair remuneration. Gov. Davis has accepted an invitation to deliver an address before the Knox county agricultural society, in Illinois. Immigration to the United States, for the year ending June 15th, was 25,000 less than the previous year...

The lower Mississippi flood is at an end. The damage to cotton is estimated at \$5,000 to \$20,000 bales, and that to corn equally great. The insurgent negroes in Georgia implicate Prince Rivers—a Major General in the Confederate Army. The American rifle team met with a grand reception on their arrival in New York, on the 21st. The population of Louisiana has increased 126,115 in the last five years...

The London Times says it is probable that the present price of wheat will be maintained, as the English and European wheat is not only below an average yield, but is poor in quality. The Indiana of some of the Upper Missouri agencies are reported to be already disarmed, and will not send delegates to the Black Hills council. At Standing Rock, particularly, the Indians have unanimously resolved not to dispose of their rights in the Hills nor to have anything to do with the making of a new treaty...

A company has been organized to build a narrow gauge railroad from Omaha to the Black Hills. A dispatch from Washington says the Georgia negro race is "put up" for political effect. During the past year the Chicago & North-western railway has had 116 miles of steel track laid. The net earnings of the roads were \$1,000,000. Ex-Representative J. M. Wilson has been appointed assistant U. S. attorney for the District of Columbia, for the prosecution of the treasury thieves...

H. T. Helmholz, the Buchu man, lately returned to America with the intention of again going into business. His reception by "particular friends" was so warm, however, that he has been taken to an insane asylum. The failure of Dunson, Sherman & Co. has been traced to riotous living. It cost the senior member \$75,000 a year for personal and family expenses. In ten years the firm has spent \$2,000,000 for "board and clothes"...

The Democratic majority in the Alabama constitutional convention will be sixty-three. Revised census returns of Wisconsin show the population of the State to be 1,246,690. A boiler has been poked up at Port Hope, Mich. containing a message from Donaldson, written when 3,000 feet in the air and the storm coming on. The balloon was getting out of order and the gas escaping fast. The last words are "fearful storm"...

The Secretary of the Treasury has appointed another commission to examine the Chicago custom house, and if possible to tell what should be done with the white elephant. The "Swimming match" between Coyle of Chester and Johnson of England took place in the Potomac river on the 24th. Coyle was taken from the water at the end of the sixth mile. Johnson was more than a mile in advance, and continued to the end of the course—ten miles—and came out looking quite fresh...

Commercial Matters. St. Paul, August 24. About 600 bushels of new wheat were received at the new elevator to-day from farmer's wagons, all grading No. 1, for which the price paid was \$1.10 per bushel. Corn—We report fair trade the past week at 70¢ on track; 75¢ on farm. Old 50¢ on track; 55¢ on farm. Flour—Demand is good, and straight grades of xxx are in active request at \$5.50; \$5.75; \$5.80; \$5.90; \$6.00. Oat meal \$5.50...

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New York, Aug. 24.—Cotton steady at 14¢ for middling uplands. Flour dull and heavy; receipts 9,000 bbls.; sales 20,000; quotations unchanged. Wheat quiet and steady; receipts 51,000 bus.; sales 28,000 at \$1.28; \$1.29 for No. 3 Chicago; \$1.34; \$1.35 for No. 1 Spring. Bye quiet. Corn very firm; receipts 28,000 bus.; sales 27,000 at 80¢.82 for steam western mixed, and 84¢.85 for all do. Barley dull. Oats quiet; receipts 11,000 bus.; sales 21,000 at 55¢.56 for mixed, western and 56¢.57 for white do. Pork firm at 91¢.75. Cut meats firm. Beef quiet. Lard quiet at 13¢ for steam. Whisky \$1.94. Sugar unchanged. Petroleum, crude, 51¢; preferred 51¢.

A most soft, comfortable, and wholesome lining for beds or for mattresses can be procured in most country places by getting a farmer to allow oat chaff to be saved. It is soft, light, elastic, and very sweet. The cost is very little. Oat chaff is so very light that a lighter kind of filling is than is necessary for other kinds of filling is that the chaff can be changed with so little cost that it can be changed every one. For children's beds it is perfectly satisfactory. It is only necessary to keep a sack or two stuffed full of oat chaff in a dry place, and thus new and fresh filling is at hand to make good beds, whenever accident may have befallen the cot mattress.

A prominent New Orleans lawyer represented frequent insults from a mulatto woman of bad character by giving her a hundred and one lashes with a rawhide the other day, on a public street.

The Baltimore American a few weeks ago gave an account of a large snake which has been seen several times near Hall's Springs, Md., and recently it contained a statement of an attempt to capture the reptile. It says: Several parties have been organized in the city for the purpose of hunting his snake, but most of them, on going out to Hall's Springs and hearing the marvelous stories told about the serpent, concluded that discretion was the better part of valor, and that they would let him severely alone. They were told that the snake was fully 16 feet long, and that he could swallow a calf several weeks old; that a four-year-old child would only make half a meal for him; and that he could travel faster than the fastest horse in the country, and that when in pursuit of an object he could soar over an ordinary country fence or stone wall with as much ease as he could make his own way through the grass. In fact, the most wonderful stories are told about this snake, and it is said to say that in a month's time his size will have increased in the minds of many of the excited denizens of Hartford road to at least 30 feet in length, and that he will be fully able to swallow a whole ox, horns and all, without any choking...

On Saturday there were rumors in Baltimore that the snake had been caught and had afterwards made his escape. The rumors were tracked to the Baltimore corn and flour exchange, of which Mr. Lee, of Messrs. Lee & Shaw, is a member. Mr. Lee is the owner of the Olive mill, situated a short distance beyond Hall's Springs. This gentleman received a letter, lately, from a reporter for The American, in which the reporter stated the purpose of ascertaining the very latest concerning the snake. Mr. Lee stated that the snake had been captured in a trap on Friday night or Saturday morning, and had freed himself from the trap on account of his great size and strength by breaking a portion of the top off. He accompanied the reporter to where the snake was kept, and showed him the trap set. On Saturday morning the escape of the snake, the trap was reconstructed. It is now about 12 feet in length. The sides are made of boards 1-1/4 inches in thickness, while the top and bottom are made of strips of the same material and thickness. These strips, which are about 6 inches in width, are held firmly on, and around the whole have been placed a piece of flat hoop-iron. The opening of the trap is about 18 inches square, being sufficiently large to admit the snake, which is supposed to be about eight inches in diameter and two feet in circumference. In one end of the trap there is a door sliding up and down in grooves. This door is kept open by means of a lever which works on a pivot and is attached to a trigger. In passing down the trap to cure the chicken, the snake will touch the trigger, when down comes the door and he is a prisoner. It was in this manner that he was caught on Saturday morning, but finding himself imprisoned, he got his back up, so to speak, and three or four of the snake composing the top flew off, and the snake was once more free...

Mr. Lee says he visited the trap about 5:30 Saturday morning, when he was at once convinced that from its condition the snake had been in it during the night or morning. Besides the fact of the top being up, and the snake being in the trap, there were two distinct tracks along the top, marking the ingress and egress of the snake. At about eight o'clock the next morning a colored man walking down the path on Mr. Lee's place encountered the snake, which was lying coiled on the road bank. The colored man did not stay long enough to get an accurate idea of the size of the snake, which will account for the reports that the body of the snake was as thick as a flour barrel and 20 feet in length. The snake had not been seen before that morning for two weeks. He is supposed to reside on a small island, which is covered with a dense undergrowth, and is situated about a stone's throw above the Olive mill, on the east side of the river. He has been seen going to the mill, and Mr. Linhardt, Mr. Lee's miller, it is alleged, has seen the snake several times. A laborer named Thomas Rickert, who was fishing on the dam several days ago, also encountered his snake, which he had seen and stuck out his forked tongue. Rickert says he was unable to work for two weeks afterward...

Mr. Lee considers the snake harmless until attacked. He is very desirous of capturing him alive, and would give \$500, or even more, to any one who would bring about this result. The new trap is like the old one, with the exception that it is bound with hoop-iron. The talk of the reports by the reporter, that the flat snake has determined to live in Hall's Springs woods, a well known place for holding picnics. There is no danger whatever of a visit of the snake to any part of these woods, as he does not go but a short distance from his island home. Passengers on the cars yesterday at Hall's Springs talked of little else save the snake, and some of the stories told about him throw the tales of Baron Munchausen completely in the shade...

Up in a Balloon! From the earliest days of childhood I have always had a presentiment, that some time the trap I set for the snake would be sprung, and that some people who make good presentiments, but after all, a presentiment is but a feeling to be heeded. Where would I have been had I had not a presentiment in accordance with my presentiment I have given, as it were, to "a point of order," a great many politicians, 1-1/4 by means of a lever...

Next of interest to the above was the following bit of poetry, which has not been published, and which displays somewhat the poetical skill of the compiler. It is a flower, though it is a flower. From a true friend who has no earthly power. Whose affection and friendship will last to the end...

Below Knife Fight in Nevada. (White Pine News.) A frightful and fatal affair occurred at Eberhardt City recently between two men by the names of Jackson and Beck. The former was a resident of Reno, and the latter has been a resident of Eberhardt City for the past few months, engaged in keeping a saloon. The two had a quarrel a short time before the fatal meeting, in which Jackson made an assault upon Beck with a knife, but was driven off by Beck with a fire shovel. Some three or four hours after this Beck returned to Beck's saloon, and while the latter was standing in the doorway plunged an eight inch bowie knife to the hilt in Beck's side, and the two clinched, and a very fierce encounter ensued, Jackson using his knife and fatally stabbing Beck, who, however, succeeded in freeing himself from Jackson, and ran off by the name of Jackson, a distance of sixty yards, when he was pursued by Jackson, who he was overpowered by his victim with a bloody and fiendish intent. Beck at this place called for protection, but before the antonahed by bystanders could render him assistance the human fiend had done his work—he had given poor Beck five fatal stabs. At this meeting a party by the name of Brown, seeing what was going on, knocked Jackson off from the porch into the street with a chair, and while he was down, Beck, while actually dying, crawled to Jackson, and taking the knife which had been used on him, he plunged it into Jackson's breast, giving him a fatal wound. Beck died almost immediately after being separated from Jackson, and the latter was brought to the county jail, where he lingered until Wednesday last...

A St. Louis Journalist. A scandal case, says a St. Louis correspondent of the 19th in to-day's printing more interest in St. Louis than anything of that character here for years. J. W. Parsons, a gentleman heretofore of the highest respectability, and president of the St. Louis Cotton Company, was arrested a few days since in London, at a fashionable resort in the southwest part of the city, and in company with a young lady companion, taken to the Park police station, and charged with indecent conduct. Parsons was unknown to the officer, and gave the name of Lee Shryock, that was given by the senior partner of the house of Shryock & Rowland, leading commission merchants. He gave for his companion the name of Yvonne Bruno. Every effort has been made to keep the quiet, but to-day it was the chief topic of conversation in the city. Parsons' name is steadily asserted that he was only rumormongering, and had just been taken when he saw the patrolman. By implication he accused the officer of blackmail. The latter resented the charge, and took Parsons and his companion to the station and lodged the charge against him. His story is said to differ considerably from that of the accused. At any rate, Parsons' friends have very much to do to get him out of the hands of the law. Parsons, whose name had been taken in such a scandalous manner, has interposed for Parsons. When the matter first came up in the police court, the name of Lee Shryock appeared on the docket. Judge Cullen declared his intention of making an example of "the vagabond" if he had assumed the names of leading citizens when arrested, and declined to let the case be dismissed, although the prosecuting attorney told him the chief of police had expressed a willingness to that effect. The judge began to make inquiries, and finding that his supposed vagabond was none other than Parsons, he refused to be so far from Parsons, and the case was called to-day, and the sensation created by it was still further increased by the discovery that Parsons, who had made the charge, had been a member of the same firm as the man who had been arrested. Parsons, who had been a member of the same firm as the man who had been arrested, had been a member of the same firm as the man who had been arrested. Parsons, who had been a member of the same firm as the man who had been arrested, had been a member of the same firm as the man who had been arrested...

The Illinois Vendetta. (St. Louis Globe-Democrat.) The following account of the Franklin county fight is further corroborated by a Deputy Sheriff who participated in it. The posse, consisting of twenty men, arrived at the residence of Mr. Maddox at 10 o'clock, and were secreted in the lane leading to the house, and in the garden adjoining the yard. They were armed with double-barreled shot-guns. After waiting patiently for two hours, a party of horsemen were seen passing through a lane a half mile from where they were located, but passed on, and were soon out of hearing. Supposing that they had got wind of the fact that the residence of Mr. Maddox was guarded, half the posse concluded to get out their horses and give them chase. While so engaged, the posse were startled by the alarm given that the posse was coming. They dismounted hastily, fastened their horses, and by the time they were secreted, a party of men, completely disguised, wearing masks and white coats, and numbering fourteen men, rode directly in front of Mr. Maddox's residence. When within a few feet of the gate they were ordered by the sheriff, who had made a temporary halt, but seeing no one, again advanced. The sheriff, stepping out, called to them, in the name of the people of the State of Illinois, as sheriff of Franklin county, to surrender. They replied, "No, sir, we'll not," and immediately fired at the sheriff, who had luckily stepped behind a fence corner. The posse commenced firing at them, whereupon they fled, leaving one of their number mortally wounded and badly demoralized. Had the posse followed up their advantage by pursuing them, they would doubtless have captured several of them. As shown next morning by going over the ground, there were many bloodstains and coats as they ran. Thirteen masks were found within a mile of the engagement, six badly riddled with bullets and bloody, showing that the shots effected something. One of their horses was found dead in the road, about a mile from the scene of the fight. Four other horses had been found slightly wounded. The wounded Kl-Klux, who had been a member of the posse, was taken to the hospital, and has given the names of several of the party. The sheriff and posse are now out in search of them. One of the men, Aaron Neal, supposed to be the leader of the band, has been arrested, and is now in jail. Our usually quiet town is a blaze with excitement.

Our country is in a deplorable state of affairs. Sufficient evidence has been obtained to warrant the statement that there are not less than one hundred of these men banding together. (Correspondence St. Louis Republican.) Mr. J. B. Maddox is a well-to-do landowner of the county, who employs quite a number of tenants to cultivate his farms. Between these and himself there has of late arisen some causes of dissatisfaction. It is believed that some of these employees were engaged in the raid on his premises, night before last, if they were not the prime movers in the attempt. There is another report about which may explain still further the motives of those who visited the place. Mr. Maddox lately initiated legal proceedings against a well-known citizen of this county for the seduction of his daughter. As this matter created considerable comment in the country, it is believed the person against whom the charge was pending, with his friends, had fanned the flames and widened the breach between Maddox and his tenants, and induced them to join in a raid on that gentleman's residence.

D. M. Key, the successor of ex-President Johnson in the U. S. Senate, was serenaded at his home on the night of the 19th by a large crowd of citizens. In his speech acknowledging the compliment he said that though Democrats he was no more partisan. He should regard himself not merely the representative of a section, but as bound to work for the best interests of the whole country. General satisfaction is expressed at his appointment.

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Darr, of Cannon City, Rice county, from a crop of barley taken from six acres, aggregating 224 bushels, received \$213 in cash. The yield averaged over 44 bushels to the acre, making a net income of \$32.16 per acre. The runaway of a team belonging to a man named Carlson, of Whitefield, which was attached to a wagon loaded with a harvester resulted in the upsetting of the wagon and the breaking of one of the horses legs and a pretty general smash-up of the harvester. Frank Laffelmacher was drowned on the 13th inst., while attempting to cross the Minnesota River near Golden Gate, Brown county, with team of horses, one of which was drowned and the other succeeded in getting ashore. Laffelmacher lived in West Newton, Nicollet county, was 30 years old, and leaves a wife and three children. Progress of the Cherokee Nation. Secretary Lyons, of the executive department of the Cherokee Nation, who arrived at St. Louis a few days ago, says it will be impossible to tell whether Ross or Thompson is elected chief until after the official count of the ballots, the contest having been so close as to leave the matter in doubt. Ross appears, however, now to have a majority of 500. The ballot boxes are in the executive department and will not be opened until the Council meets in November. Lyons says that if it shall turn out that Thompson is elected, he will be placed in charge of affairs without any opposition. Lyons pays a high tribute to Ross' administration and says the reports of lawlessness have been to a considerable extent corrected and misrepresentations of corrupt ponds, and not the results of political excitement. Through the exertions of Ross, the Cherokee orphan asylum has been founded, a female seminary has been established at Park Hill, seminary schools have been opened for poor children, and the nation is in a flourishing condition in every respect. Lyons says that an emergency session of the Cherokee national code of laws for the government of the nation goes into effect the 1st of November. The new code follows closely those of the States in providing for the punishment of crime, and is much more stringent and comprehensive than the old code. Under the latter, if an Indian shot but did not kill another, there was no punishment for him. The new code makes this a crime, and makes necessary a jail, something heretofore unknown in this nation, which has just been finished at a cost of \$7,000, at Tahlequah, in anticipation of the new law. In a population of 75,000 the Cherokees have 75 schools, the seminary and the asylum already mentioned, and an asylum for the deaf, dumb, and blind also, in course of erection. The fund of the nation in the United States treasury is rapidly increasing, and the interest from it is applied to the maintenance of the executive department, the schools, and the asylums. A middle aged woman fell as she was descending a pair of stairs on Jefferson avenue, and the first man to help her reach her feet was a banker who happened to be passing. "Did you fall, madam?" he inquired as he helped her up. "Fall! Of course I fall, you fool, you! You don't suppose I'd sit down here to see you?" she snapped. He didn't say a word.

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