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A church in Bavaria accommodating 1,000 people is built almost entirely of paper-mache, which can be supplied at a cost little above that of plaster. It can be made to imitate the finest marble, as it takes a polish superior to slate.

A special dispatch from Mitchell, dated June 3, states that Ben. Wright was killed by a freight train near his home, a mile east of Orleans, on the L. N. A. & C. railway, Saturday night. He was asleep on the track, and was run over by the freight train going south. His head was entirely severed from his body. He leaves a large family in destitute circumstances.

A man told his friend the other day he had joined the army. "What regiment?" his friend asked. "Oh, I don't mean that I mean the army of the Lord." "Ah! what church then?" "The Baptist." "Why," was the reply, "that's not the army; it's the navy."

The worthless cur have been getting in their work lately, and have been slaughtering sheep by wholesale. Some 35 or 40 head of sheep were killed last week on Judge Franklin's farm. The new law protects the dog more than the sheep. No one can kill a suspected dog without subjecting himself to a heavy fine until he can prove the dog guilty, or kills him in the act. This is the good Democratic law that the Democracy are so proud of, and was passed last winter.

In a cave in the mountains of Virginia resides a hermit of immense size, with long white hair and beard. He is over 90 years of age and for forty years has not spoken. When he wants anything of civilization he indicates it by signs, but for months at a time he secretes himself and communicates with no one. It is said that he has lost the power of speech by disease.

A case of dropsy in Franklin, Delaware county, N. Y., is attracting much attention in that vicinity, and is probably one of the most remarkable on record. The afflicted person is Mrs. C. W. Lawton, and up to Jan. 20th last, the local papers say, she has been tapped 190 times, and 4,969 pounds of water taken from her.

A merchant, sitting in his office in South Street, New York, recently received an answer to his dispatch sent to Shanghai, six hours previously. Thirty thousand miles in six hours is good time, even for telegraph. The charge to Shanghai is \$3.80 per word, to Yokohama, \$3.05, but the code or cipher, is so well systematized by certain mercantile houses, that a single word serves for a dozen when transcribed.

Frederick Douglass, in a letter to the men who placed his bust in the University of Rochester, says that it is the depth from which he has come that amazes him. He adds: "It seems only a little while ago, I might have been seen fighting with old Nep, my mother's dog, for a small share of the few crumbs that fell from the kitchen table; when I slept on the hearth, covering my feet from the cold with warm ashes, and my head with a corn bag; only a little while ago dragged to prison to be sold to the highest bidder, exposed for sale like a beast of burden; later on put out to live with Covey, the negro-breaker; beaten and almost broken in spirit, having little hope either for myself or my race; yet here I am, alive and active, and with my race enjoying citizenship in the freest and prospectively the most powerful nation of the globe."

It has been said that Florida has two crops a year, one for oranges and the other of Yankee boarders. It is the possibilities of a third crop, however, namely, sugar, using that term in its literal sense, that seem to have attracted the at-

tention of the English capitalists who are investing heavily in the peninsula state. The region is one of enormous transactions in real estate. To one drainage company the State sold, a few years ago, four million acres in a lump; and this company in turn sold two million acres to some English and Dutch capitalists. By canalling, in which the Amsterdam party are probably experts, these two companies have already made dry and susceptible of cultivation vast tracts in the region of Lakes Tohopekaiga and Kissimine which were once regularly flooded from the lake drains during the rainy season. The two companies, it is reported, may eventually control, partly by purchase, and partly by contracts with the state giving them a specified share of all lands drained, more than ten million acres in the southern part of the peninsula. The preparation of much of this land for sugar culture will go on, and meanwhile colonization from England has begun. Florida is looking for a great agricultural future.

Newly ground flour which has never been packed is very superior to barrel flour.

Every closet and room in a house should be thoroughly inspected once a week.

In roasting meat do not salt before putting in the oven, as salt extracts the juice.

A true test for eggs is to drop them in water, and if the large end comes up they are not fresh.

In warm weather put your eggs in cold water some time before you are ready to use them.

Hams wrapped in thick brown paper and packed in a barrel of wood ash in the cellar will keep all summer.

To test nutmegs pick them with a pin and if they are good the oil will instantly spread around the punctures.

A piece of heavy canton flannel put on smoothly under the table-cloth prevents hot dishes from injuring the table, besides improving the appearance of the linen.

A new way of dressing wounds, which was discovered by accident, has been introduced in the clinic of Prof. Eschbach at Kiel by Dr. Neuberg. Two years ago there appeared at the clinic a laborer who had sustained a compound fracture of the forearm eight or ten days before, with considerable laceration. He had got a comrade to surround the whole forearm at once with a thick paste of peat mould, or which was laid a rough splint of wood. When he came to the clinic he was in good general health, and on clearing off the mould the Doctor found the wound to be healing beautifully, without any sign of suppuration. Dr. Neuberg was led by this experience to investigate the properties of peat mould, and his conclusion is that it is peculiarly valuable for dressing wounds, chiefly because of its great power of absorbing the products of decomposition.

The fifteen forts that now surround the city of Rome have an extent of about 25 miles, so that the vanguard of a besieging party would have to occupy no less a circuit than 32 miles, and the main force a circuit of 28 miles. On the most modest computation the besieging army would therefore employ six or seven army corps—that is, from 150,000 to 180,000 men. The forts of Rome, if furnished with heavy artillery, are capable of a tenacious resistance, without reckoning that a garrison even inferior to the enemy in numbers would be able to embarrass and retard his movements from the very first.

The man with a bad breath was at the depot, in this city the other day. It wasn't the bad tooth breath, nor the disordered stomach breath, nor the catarrh breath, nor the navy plug breath, nor the fine-cat breath, nor the garlic breath, nor the "stinker" cigar breath, but it was a fully-developed, rank, noisome, exterminating whisky breath, of the most uncompromising character. The breath took a seat near the warm stove to await the departure of the train, and idly surveyed, with a pair of eyes to match, the railroad maps and posters on the walls, and speculated on the number of fly specks required to fresco the ceiling. The breath soon began to take, from the effect of the stove, under whose genial warmth it came out, expanded and gradually monopolized the room. Once by one the people in the waiting room sniffed the tainted breeze, got up and walked out until the breath was left in the solitude of his own originality. He seemed to enjoy it; but the end came soon. The atmosphere became so dense in the waiting room and the pressure so great that the breath exhaled his jurisdiction to

Excursion tickets to Louisville will be sold \$2.50, round trip, on Thursday, June 7th, by the 3:46 p.m. train, good to return the 8th. There will be six races on Thursday, including the great turf stake.

First-class organs at prices lower than you can buy shoddy ones. S. C. DODDS & CO.

Death of R. W. Houston.

On Tuesday evening, May 29th, Richard W. Houston was in Ellettsville in his usual health. On his road home that evening he had two very hard chills, and on arriving home was taken very ill. The family physician, Dr. R. C. Harris, was called, as also was Dr. McPhee of Bloomington. Despite all that could be done Richard died Monday night, at 13 o'clock of congestive pneumonitis. Dick, as he was familiarly called, had many friends at this place and at Bloomington, all of whom received the news of his death with sad hearts. The deceased was an energetic, honorable, good hearted young man, of about 28 years of age, and the vacancy his death causes in his family circle, as well as his large circle of friends, will be long and sadly felt. Yesterday the remains were interred in the Maple Grove cemetery, near the family residence, and scores of friends from Bloomington and Ellettsville swelled the large crowd which attended from the community in which his happy boyhood days and most of his life was spent. Revs. Philpott and Great conducted the funeral services. All of his brothers were at his side during his illness, except Bradley, who did not arrive from Nebraska, until Tuesday morning. The passenger. The family has the heartfelt condolence of all their acquaintances.—Ellettsville Citizen.

New Style of Beauty.

London Court Journal.—There is to be an entirely new style of beauty. The girls with the ruddy locks or the golden hair and the Saxon skin that have held their sway so long will have to abdicate their throne to their dark-haired sisters. So fashion has decreed, and when fashion does decree a thing the result is unalterable as a general election. To be in the fashion to-day you must have dark hair, dark blue eyes, not a particle of color, and the lips as red as a cherry. These rather varied requirements are to be met with art.

Mormonism in Its Purity.

Salt Lake Tribune.—A person who went to the meeting in the Twenty-first Ward school-house, last Sunday evening, returned home with such a big disgust that he was not happy until a partial report was given to the Tribune of what transpired. He reports that he went through curiosity and was compelled to remain to the end and listen to the harangue of a polygamous city official. The entire discourse was on the subjects of polygamy, payment of tithing and obeying the priesthood. Part of his talk was too disgusting to publish. He talked one and a half hours, during which he urged all to go into the celestial nastiness. Among other choice bits, he is reported to have said: "The more wives we have the better; one rooster can crow for a dozen hens as well as for one. This is the only salvation the Saints can enjoy now: if anything will save them, celestial marriage will."

THE REGULAR WEEKLY SENTINEL.

L. E. MCKINNEY CAN MAKE A REPORT, BUT CANNOT SUPPLY THE CASH.

An Average Deficit of \$4,000 per Annum on a Salary of less than \$1,500.

Old Debts and Election Expenses the Alleged Cause.

A BAD STATE OF AFFAIRS.

The sensation of the past week has been the reported shortage of County Treasurer McKinney, who is now on his second term. Lawson E. McKinney has been four times elected Sheriff of Monroe county, and in September would have completed four years' service as Treasurer—twelve years as a county officer.

McKinney was one of the most popular men that ever made a county canvass—was social, liberal and generous, to a fault. While on his last term as Sheriff, he rented a farm in Knox county, and undertook to raise corn on an extensive scale. Floods one year, and bad management the second year, placed a heavy debt upon his shoulders.

Other business ventures were equally disastrous, and when he was elected to the office of

County Treasurer the first time, his old debts and election expenses had perhaps handicapped him with a total of six or seven thousand dollars.

So soon as he took possession of his office he began to pay installments on his old debts, in the way of taxes and cash.

Just how much he paid out in this way, we very much doubt if he himself knows.

He remodeled, at considerable expense, a house on a farm that was already mortgaged for as much or more than it was worth.

He made an extended visit to Florida. Made several trips to Texas

and back. Took his family out to

Texas, and invested several thou-

sands in sheep, and in farm

supplies and implements. Some

of this, of course, had to come out of

the county treasury, as the salary

of the office is less than \$1,500.

The county commissioners were

in session, last week, and on Tues-

day Mr. McKinney went to the 1st

National Bank on some business,

when Cashier Woodburn told him

that his account was overdrawn

some \$300. This he promptly

made good, but afterwards asked

the Vice-President, Nat. U. Hill,

if the Bank could loan him some

money. The money was not sup-

plied, and next day, Mr. Hill, who

is one of McKinney's bondsmen,

was sent for by the latter. In

the interview that followed, the Treas-

urer stated that he was short in his

accounts some two thousand dollars.

The shortage has been placed as

high as sixteen thousand dollars by

some, and in course of a conversa-

tion with a gentleman who has

been making out the reports, the

Progress learns that the actual

amount of the shortage is now be-

tween ten and twelve thousand dol-

lars.

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amount, but a controversy has now

arisen among them as to the liabili-

ty of the first and second bonds.

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