

The record of the new House as prepared by the clerk shows 153 Democrats, 141 Republicans, and one Greenback Democrat. Of the Republicans, 84 have been re-elected and 57 are new members; 110 of the Democrats were in the last House, and 73 are new men.

The fourth-class Postmasters are dismissed now at a very rapid rate. The charge is made that a vast number of their successors have been appointed on forged recommendations. This would indicate that as fast as Democrats learn to write they turn their accomplishment to personal, immediate and lasting benefit.

The Frankfort Crescent makes the suggestion that it would be a good idea for farmers, stockmen and others, to hold a monthly or semi-monthly stock sale, when one day in the month or every two weeks horses, cattle and other stock could be bought and sold. The Crescent says the plan has been tried in other county seats and has worked well. In that way, the buyer and seller could be brought readily together. A man having a horse or a cow, or a steer, to sell, could find a buyer at once, and one wanting to buy could find a seller.

It is estimated that annually forty million of sheep are destroyed in this country by dogs. Each sheep so destroyed produces at least a dollar's worth of wool yearly, or the destruction of property amounts to some forty million of dollars annually. This work of destruction comes from worthless curs the country could get along without, and from which not a dollar is received as compensation one way or the other. It is a matter that could be considered with profit, whether it is not the duty of the country to exterminate the curs, and free us from one of the great evils of the day. What practical good is secured to mankind from the army of howling curs that fill the land and kill 40,000,000 sheep annually.

At the late Ohio election a constitutional amendment was passed by a large vote discontaining the October elections. We suppose the day is fixed for the first Tuesday in November, at the same time the Presidential election occurs—a thing that ought to have been done long ago.

It will cut off much of racially voting as well as colonizing,

and also save politicians from a large amount of venal action. We are glad of the change. All the States should vote together on the day we elect a President. Ohio dropping into line, we have now twenty-nine States who hold their elections on the same day in November that the President and members of Congress are chosen.

The remaining nine States hold their elections variously in the spring, summer and early fall. Kentucky for instance in August, but the results of these States exercise no influence over the November elections.

Farmer (to physician)—If you git out my way, doctor, any time, I wish you'd stop and see my wife. She says she ain't feelin' well.

Physician—What are some of her symptoms?

Farmer—I dunno. This mornin' after she had milked the cows, an' fed the stock, an' got breakfast for the hands, an' washed the dishes, an' built a fire under the soft soap kettle in the lane, an' done a few chores 'bout the house, she complain'd o' feelin' kinder tired. I should be surprised if her blood was out of order. I guess she needs a dose of medicine.

A chance to save money. C. H. Sibert is going to make a holiday run on the "Light Running" Domestic sewing machine. If you want the best machine for the least money, don't fail to get one. It will make you happy, and when you stay out a little too late nights she will ask no questions, but go on with her sewing. They are the best machines made. Office, two doors north Wilson's—"Progress Block."

In Indianapolis stews, 1450 lbs., are worth \$4.75, 1200 lbs., \$1. Hogs medium mixed \$3.75 to 3.75; heavy mixed \$3.75 to 3.85; assorted heavy, \$3.85 to 3.90, in Cincinnati stews, good to choice butcher grade, \$3.75 to 4.25; extra good \$4.30 to 4.40. Hogs, select \$3.85 to 3.95, fat, \$3.70 to 3.85; common, \$3 to 3.40.

The fight made against Governor Hill was that he was an apostle of "to the victors belongs the spoils." The result of the election proves that the mass of the people belong to the same church.

Probably a Lie.

Mr. Editor: Old man Potts—you don't know him—told me, a great many years ago, some things that occurred in the state many years before he sold me the land of the Ohio river. Some of his stories of San Francisco paper, that shows how the work is done: "The latest phase of the lottery swindle came out the other day when some victim, depending upon the advertised drawings as published in certain papers in this city, supposed he had drawn a part of a capital prize. His ticket was destroyed or taken from him, and he brought to establish his claim to a certain proportion of the prize. According to the published account the capital prize bore the same figures as those announced on his fractional ticket. These were figures sent by the manager of the concern to this city. It will be noted that at nearly every drawing of this Louisiana lottery swindle a proportion of the prizes are announced as drawn in this city. It has long been known that these declarations were largely falsehoods, employed to induce larger investments in the swindling concern. It was brought to light on the recent investigation that the announcement made here was false. The chief manager of the lottery testifies that the ticket purporting to have drawn the grand prize was not issued by the company at all, but remained uncancelled, another way of stating that the ticket was not sold by the lottery company, but retained by it. This was probably a specimen announcement such as appears in one or more papers of this city after each monthly drawing. The prizes are cut up and apportioned to prominent places, so that they will go round. It is something to have an official declaration from the lottery men themselves that the announcements made by way of advertisements in this city are false. Of course the object of the false statement made from month to month is to draw in fresh victims. That is just the result which is brought about by these false and swindling announcements.

As there are many persons in this city who dream of drawing a fortune out of the Louisiana fraud, we reproduce the following from a San Francisco paper, that shows how the work is done: "The latest phase of the lottery swindle came out the other day when some victim, depending upon the advertised drawings as published in certain papers in this city, supposed he had drawn a part of a capital prize. His ticket was destroyed or taken from him, and he brought to establish his claim to a certain proportion of the prize. According to the published account the capital prize

CHRISTMAS AT TOBE SMITH'S

THIS YEAR WILL EXCITE YOUR SURPRISE
AND ADMIRATION.

4,931 MILLIONS
OF FANCY ARTICLES

ARE INCLUDED IN TOBE'S
NEW HOLIDAY STOCK.

240 FINE VELVET AND PLUSH TOILET CASES,
[PRICES EXTRAORDINARILY LOW.]

A CAR-LOAD of new-style SILVERWARE.

10 CAR LOADS OF TOYS IN ALL STYLES, AND
OF ALL MATERIALS KNOWN.

THREE car-loads Glassware and Tinware.

THERE IS NOTHING SMALL ABOUT TOBE SMITH'S
STOCK BUT HIS PRICES.

The following from the pen of the late J. G. Holland, possesses the essential element of pathos and truth, although at variance with the practice of capitalist and monopolists of the present day:

"Labor is the honorable thing among men. There is not a neatly graded lawn, a pretty garden, or a well-trained train that does not tell of it. It builds magnificent cities, and creates navies, and bridges rivers, and lays the railroad tracks, and infuses every part of the flying locomotive. Wherever steamers plow the waves or the canal bears the nation's inland wealth, wherever wheat fields wave and the mill wheel turns, there Labor is the conqueror and the king. The newspaper, wherever it spreads its wings, bears with it the impress of toiling hands. Should not the laborer be well fed? Should he not be well housed? Should he not have the best wife and the prettiest children in the world? Should not the man who produces all we have to eat and drink and wear be honored? To us there is more poetry about the laborer's life and lot than any other man under heaven. It matters not in what calling a man toils—if he toils manfully, honestly and contentedly. The little tin pail should be a badge of nobility everywhere, and in the good time coming buys, it will be."

It means that all non-political offices should be taken out of politics. The work of a capitalist is not to weigh in a Custom House, or a clerk in the War Department, or a Postmaster or a Light House Inspector. It is non-political as that of a teacher or a Bank Teller, or an army officer, and his politics is nobody's business. But the "spoil system" is first concerned about a man's political opinions, or party work, and afterwards about the kind of service he renders.

It means that every competent citizen of the Republic shall have a fair chance to enter the public service. The "spoil system" applies no such test. It means that working for the party, or party influence, shall not be a better passport to an appointive office than merit. The "spoil system" says it shall be.

It means that a clerk in the Bureau of Engraving may think what he pleases about the tariff. The "spoil system" says he must think with the party or not think at all.

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