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The Colorado State Board of Agriculture has sold the big Gallo- way steer Jumbo to the Denver Packing Company for \$250, the hide to go to Mr. Mathews, of Kansas City, who presented the animal to the International Range Association. Jumbo was turned over to the Agricultural College, and efforts have been made by Professor Blount to add more weight to the mountain of flesh, but it was found that very little could be done in that direction. Last June Jumbo weighed 2402. On the 30th of November he weighed 2452. Most of this gain was in September and October, the gain in November being only two pounds. During the five months the animal consumed 1630 pounds of chop, 1783 pounds of hay, 3424 pounds of roots, a total of 6837 pounds.

One of the greatest swindles in existence in the United States is the Louisiana lottery, that pulls the weak and rakes in the skeevels of the unwary regularly every day in the year, in defiance of the law.

The lottery scheme is carried on openly, and thousands of men and women are induced to invest their means on the almost impossible chance of getting something for nothing. It has always been surprising that Bessegard, Early and others have permitted their names to be used in connection with this lottery in order to give it tone. What is still a greater surprise is that some of the newspapers publish these advertisements, which is unlawful in this State. It is a monster swindle, and ought to be broken up. It is questionable if papers published in other states have a legal right to circulate their papers here containing the lottery advertisements.

Under any and in all circumstances life becomes monotonous. People think, say and do precisely the same things. Fashion sends forth a decree and there is a change in garments, in surroundings, in amusements and the very food whereby health and strength are maintained. But it is only temporary, for there is, inevitably, a return to the customs and the fashions of a former period, which, although modified somewhat, are, intrinsically the same.

There is no barbarian who does not seek to vary the routine of his existence in some way; and his endeavor is imitated in civilization where the opportunities for change and variety are, seemingly greater. But after all, life remains the same, and is comprehended in enduring, hoping, failing, succeeding, hating and finally, in the "old, old fashion of dying." With the beginning of each year, there is, with all, a hope that it will have in store something better and more satisfactory than has yet been granted. But the reckoning, twelve months hence, will not show that many have advanced perceptibly in their pursuit of happiness or in their attainment of content. It will show the same defeat, the same triumphs, the same partings and meetings that have brought pain and joy in the past, and promises both through all the future. A few may grow in wisdom and in strength, overcoming evil habits and tendencies, but the vast majority will still be amenable to the influence of preacher and reformer.

The recent decision of the Supreme Court that a State has no authority to impose a tax or license upon commercial travelers, besides its interest as a legal proposition, is of much greater importance to business than is generally supposed. There are now twenty-one States and territories which impose a tax of some kind on this class of business men, and under this decision all these laws become void.

—Dr. T. C. Smith, writing in the Med. and Surg. Reporter, June 12, 1886, mentions the fact of his having cured a case of chronic diarrhea, which had lasted for nearly forty years, by the administration of a saturated solution of salt and cider vinegar, a drachm being taken three or four times a day. He also states that since the first instance where he recommended this homely remedy, without supposing that it would actually do any good, he has employed it several times in more or less severe cases of chronic diarrhea, in which it produced great improvement, and, in some cases, cure. Where relapses followed the suspension of the remedy, its renewed administration was again followed by improvement.

—One day recently the following amusing incident occurred in one of our district schools unfortunately at the teacher's expense. A class in the second reader, unapt in orthonotology, was reading about the golden robins and their peculiar habits. After they had finished reading the teacher asked the class if any one could tell her the color of the golden robin. All were silent. Thinking to enlighten them, the teacher said: "What does this look like?" Up jumped a precocious youth of 7 years and shouted: "Brass!"

Mackey Abandons Columbus.

[Special to Indianapolis News.]

Globe Democrat: Kansas is just now enjoying a decided boom, and large amounts of capital are being invested in all parts of the state by men who pass directly across Missouri in order to get there. And yet in a fair comparison, Missouri surpasses Kansas as to all material advantages, and offers better natural inducements to all classes of investors. Why, then, does Kansas have preference? The answer is easy to give. She is inspired by republican principles and methods of civilization, whereas Missouri clings obstinately to Bourbonism and gropes when she ought to be asserting herself in an energetic and progressive manner.

—If you see a man come into the office of a hotel and step up timidly to the counter and ask the clerk if there are "any letters for me, please," you may know that he's a humble private citizen and a plain guest.

If you see a fellow bang open the door, stride in and leave it open behind him, go and hang his coat on a peg and jam his vase on the floor, walk behind the counter, take out all the letters and read the addresses from every box, open the drawer and look in, then you'll know it's a drummer—good for one night's lodging and several drinks.

He generally lets everybody know he's sold a lot of stuff, and he talks very loud about the fun he's had sometimes.

Original Indiana Odd Fellow Living.

"It is not generally known, even among Odd Fellows, that the founder of the order in Indiana is still living," said Mr. John W. McQuaid.

Hill unquestionably has the Presidential bee in his bonnet, and the insect buzzes more distinctly every day, owing to the increasing proofs that he is stronger in the State, if not also in the country at large, than his distinguished competitor.

Perhaps if the convention were to be held this summer, Cleveland

would capture the delegation; but

with a whole year and more yet

remaining for blunders and offenses,

and a wily antagonist watching ev-

ery chance to profit by them, he

may well feel very doubtful, as

is said to do, of the propriety of

being a candidate for renomination.

A CARLOAD.—The following is published for the benefit of shippers:

Nominally a carload is 20,000 lbs.

It is also 70 barrels of salt, 70 of lime, 80 of flour, 6 cords of soft wood, 18 or 20 head of cattle, 30 or 60 head of hogs, 90 or 100 head of sheep, 9,000 feet of boards, 17,000 feet of siding, 13,000 feet of flooring, 40,000 shingles, one-half green lumber, one-tenth less of joist, scantling and other large timbers, 350 bushels of wheat, 500 of barley, 400 of corn, 680 of oats, 300 of flaxseed, 360 of apples, 340 of Irish potatoes, 300 of sweet potatoes, 1,000 of bran, 60 barrels of whisky, 200 sacks of flour.

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