

## Democratic Sentinel

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### MONON ROUTE, RENSSELAER TIME TABLE

**SOUTH BOUND.**  
No. 5—Mail and Ex., Daily, 10:57 A. M.  
No. 37—Milk & Noces, " 6:17 P. M.  
No. 21—Vestibule, daily, 12:35 P. M.  
No. 3—Night Express, " 10:47 P. M.  
No. 45—Way Freight, " 2:47 P. M.  
**NORTH BOUND.**  
No. 38—Milk account, Daily, 7:36 A. M.  
No. 74—Freight " 8:15 P. M.  
No. 4—Mail and Ex., " 5:58 A. M.  
No. 32—Vestibule, " 2:47 P. M.  
No. 46—Way Freight, " 9:20 A. M.

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### A BAD COUNTRY.

Noted for Being the Birthplace of Four  
Robber Gangs.

All is not quiet as yet in Coffeyville, Kan., and vicinity, where the famous Dalton gang was exterminated recently. The locality is surrounded by toughs, who seem to be seeking revenge for the killing of the robbers. The end of this desperate gang recalls the famous raid of the James and Younger boys into Northfield, Minn., years ago. Then the people were surprised and the robbers defeated, but the bloodshed was not so great.

The "Cracker-Neck" region, which lies on the north side of the Missouri River in Missouri, near the Kansas line, is notorious for having been the birthplace of the Jameses, Youngers, and Daltons, all of whom were related to one another. From this region, too, came the Ford boys, who finally compassed the death of Jesse James. The "Cracker-Neck" region is beautiful enough by nature. It is one of those regions where "every prospect pleases, and only man is vile." It has been long settled, though not cultivated with much skill, and is a land pink with peach-blossoms in the season. But the people, at least a great proportion of them, have not changed much since they came from the Carolinas. They are not much addicted to railroading, hate Northerners, and like a good horse ridden by a desperado.

After Jesse James had been killed by Bob Ford and his body lay in state in St. Joseph, Mo., the "Cracker-Neck" people came to view the body. They gazed sullenly at all that was mortal of the famous desperado, and as sullenly turned away. They did not believe in killing train and bank robbers.

Frank James is in Kansas City, and his eldest son—if he have more than one is not now born in mind—is a decent young fellow enough. The skulking, murderous lot who were protected for so long by one class in Missouri and portions of the South are practically exterminated.

**Was It De Soto's Skeleton?**

I believe that I helped to bury Don Fernando de Soto, says a native Louisianian. In 1853 I was living in Baton Rouge, and in company with a couple of other young men, named Davis and Hurin, went up the river on a hunting expedition. We went up above the present site of Port Hudson, when the river makes a sharp bend to the west. There had been a big rise in the river a month before—one of the greatest ever known.

We landed on a lot of rubbish that had been swept down by the river, and used some of it to cook our supper. Hurin sat down on an old log that appeared to have been washed up from the bottom of the stream, and tapped on it with a hatchet. It gave out a hollow sound, and he began to chip at it. The wood was soft and spongy, and he soon cut through the outer crust, and, putting his hand inside, drew forth a rusty sword. We quickly demolished the log and found it to contain a helmet, badly corroded, and a human skeleton, that of a man, apparently six feet tall. On one of the bony fingers was a large seal ring, and about the neck was a small chain to which was suspended a bronze crucifix.

We carried the skeleton inland a quarter of a mile and buried it on a little knoll between two large live oak trees. Hurin kept the sword and Davis appropriated the crucifix. It is said that De Soto's body was incased in a hollow tree and sunk in the Mississippi River in 1542. Whether the skeleton we found was his or not I do not know, but it had every appearance of having lain in the river for centuries.

**Barbecues of Early Days.**  
The barbecue of to-day bears little resemblance to the outdoor love-feast of half a century ago. In those days they were not such monster gatherings, were more orderly and had a distinct political end. There were no side-shows to distract the attention of the crowd, no noisy fakirs to disturb the speakers, and no such confusion and general cussedness as distinguished the general character of to-day's gatherings. In early days it was much different. Then the barbecues were given by both parties in every county in the South. They were great affairs, for there were no railroads to bring them. The farmers drove in with their families, for miles around, and in those days a crowd of 1,500 or 2,000 was a big one. The farmers chipped in and contributed the beves, the sheep and the hard cider; the county committee took charge of the arrangements, and when the feast was on there was nothing thought of or discussed but politics. After the provender had disappeared came the speaking. There was only one stand and usually only one or two distinguished speakers from abroad. Home talent supplied the rest. Everything was quiet and orderly, and by sunset the grounds were deserted and the happy farmers were driving home filled with enthusiasm and hard cider.

### A Curious Business.

A curious yet profitable business in the exportation and reimportation of quicksilver has sprung up in California. Quicksilver for export is sold at \$5 less per flask, of 764 pounds, than for home consumption, and shrewd dealers have not been slow to take advantage of this rebate of over six cents per pound. They have cheerfully paid the freight to Australia and back again, and have cleared nearly five cents per pound on the transaction.

### Russia Is Very Poor.

Russia is supposed to be the richest country in the world. Its Emperor has an income of more than \$10,000,000 a year, and the annual revenues of the government are almost half a billion dollars. In its natural resources there is no country which compares with it, and it could, if it developed these, be more independent of the outside world than China is to-day. The truth is, however, that Russia is land poor. It has more country than it knows what to do with, and its finances are administered in such a shiftless way that it runs behind millions of dollars every year, and its government debt constantly increases. It already owes more than \$2,000,000,000, or more than 5,000,000,000 roubles, and its paper money is worth par value of 75 cents.

### Always the Same Answer.

A witty individual one morning wagered that he would ask the same question of fifty different persons and receive the same answer from each. The wit went to the first one, then to another, until he had reached the number of fifty. And this is how he won the bet. He whispered, half-audibly, to each, "I say, have you heard that Smith has failed?"

"What Smith?" queried the whole fifty, one after another, and it was decided that the bet had been fairly won.

### Wonderful, Wonderful Salve.

The boss liar now lives in Jerseyville, Ill., and here is his latest effort, which he told to an admiring crowd the other day: "There was a man in Southern Illinois," said he, "who invented a salve which he claimed was just the thing for cuts. If you cut your finger off, apply the salve and the finger would soon grow out to its normal length. One of the residents of the town was somewhat skeptical, so he thought he would try it on his dog's tail. He cut off the tail and applied the salve, when almost spontaneously it commenced growing, and in a few minutes was as long as ever. In the meantime his little boy had picked up the end of the tail and put on some salve, and both the boy and the man were very much surprised to see a full-sized dog grow out from the end of the tail. The father and his boy are now dead."

**NOTICE.**—Owing to the liability of fires I feel compelled to prohibit all hunting on my lands in Jasper county, and notice is hereby given that any person trespassing on such lands with a gun will be prosecuted. B. J. GIFFORD. October 14, 1892—50.

### TRUSTEE'S NOTICE.

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