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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Patrick Fox has been arrested as a Crown suspect. He admits that he is "Coney, the Fox," and says that he will make a confession revealing all the secrets of the Crookmurder. The conspirators are greatly alarmed at the news.

There are two men in the United States Senate whom the people of the United States especially wish should be left at home after their present terms are out. One is Payne, of Ohio, and the other is Voorhees, of Indiana. And they will probably stay at home. —Chicago Journal.

Rates! Rates!!!

The school book suit, as first given to the public Wednesday by The Sun, is the last spasmodic kick of the most disreputable ring that ever controlled the educational affairs of a great state. Let it kick and let it die. — Indianapolis Star.

Die? Let it die the death that knows no resurrection!

AMERICAN farm products to the amount of \$226,500,000 were sent to Great Britain during the past year; and it is not at all likely that this would have been increased if we had been doing business under a free trade policy. Other nations buy from us to the extent that they need our products, regardless of the fact that they can not be induced to do any more than that. —Petersburg Press.

Where is that boasted "home market"? Your law of a high tax on what the farmer has to buy, and compelling him to buy in the highest markets in the world is, to use a slang phrase, "dairy."

Noah Miller, while blasting a large rock on his farm, found, when the rock was removed, the entrance to a cave, which promises to rival the famous Mammoth Cave of Kentucky. Mr. Miller explored the cave over one hundred yards and found chambers of different sizes. In one was found a skeleton, supposed to be that of an Indian chief, as bows, arrows and other implements of war were scattered around. By the side of the skeleton was found a gold watch of a strange and curious pattern.

In Ohio, where these relics were found, are many other evidences of a once civilized race.

Dr. Brown-Sequard's Elixer of Life is receiving a thorough test at the hands of numerous physicians. Some praise, others denounce it. The future alone will tell. But the most interesting of all experiments is the Democratic party. —Petersburg Press.

Does the Press know what that expectation is? Well, the Republicans are taking great stock in the "elixir," and when they are thoroughly inoculated they will die, thus securing the supremacy of the Democratic party and praiseworthy courage in this instance, but when negro is laid low by a bruiser nothing is said. Give the majority a chance at justice. —Petersburg Press.

The above is a feeble attempt to wave the bloody shirt. Bless your dear life, Bro Evans, that has about played out as an argument! Still it is occasionally revived, as is now the case in Ohio in that wool district where the Republicans lost so heavily by a fair argument on the Tariff in the last campaign. They are resorting to waving the bloody shirt in order to save Foraker from defeat by that gallant Democrat, James E. Campbell. That the souther people are sometimes guilty of unfairness in elections, as is the case in the North, there can be no doubt; but those "niggers," as you are pleased to call them, are not always worked for the benefit of the Democrats, as is clearly shown by the dressing of wenches in men's clothing in West Virginia last election and voting them for Harrison and the whole Republican ticket. The "blocks of fives" method in Indiana is another sample of holiness by the g. o. p. that has made it so dangerous that Dudley has not dared to poke his head into Indiana since the election of 1860.

This is the time for a Democratic success in that State. Although there is nothing in this coincident, yet Ohio may go Democratic this time. Foraker forced his nomination on the Republicans by an ingenious political management of the distribution of the spoils—disregarding everything except politics. It is a plan that is not likely to be popular even with the votes of his own party; and as Campbell is a popular and good man, it will be no surprise if Foraker is beaten. —Broughton to be.

Mrs. S. S. Cox, who accompanied her husband on his tour of the northwest, tells a story which the disgruntled colored Republicans are passing along with great relish. Mrs. Cox said that while visiting the Yellow-stone park they employed a colored man named William Allen to guide them around the park. William was the professor of a mule of extraordinary frankness, and a great part of his time was spent in remounting the mule, which threw him from the saddle at frequent recurring intervals. William would jerk the mule's head on each occasion and advise the animal with "Whoa, whoa, Ben Harrison."

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Down you do 'tak dat any mo, Ben Harrison." This was repeated so often that Mrs. Cox asked William why he had called the mule Ben Harrison. "I hab call'd him mewi Ben Harrison ever since de fo'th of March last," said William, "because he's allers throwin' de colored people." —Indianapolis Sun.

TALKING of fleas reminds me of a poker story, says the St. Paul Pioneer Press. One day in the summer of eighteen seventy-something—I've forgotten the exact date, but the story goes just the same—a party of five army officers, just the right number, were having a quiet, gentlemanly game of D. P. in the club-room attached to Harry Douglas' trade store, Fort Yattooak, Dak. The limit was \$10, with \$20 on jack-pot, and everything was serene and pleasant. Captain C. of the Twentieth Infantry, a gentleman who was particularly susceptible to bites from mosquitoes, fleas and all kindred beasts, was in the game, and during the shank of the sitting opened a good-sized joker with a XX of crispness and seductiveness. Two or three came in and the pot was worth a good deal—not enough, however, to account for C's nervousness, for the Captain was a veteran and did not give vent to his feeling as a usual thing. So uneasy were his competitors, however, that he must have had a "phenomenal" deal him—he had drawn three cards. Finally Lieut. B. called and C. roared out: "I've got in my hand three big ladies, (queens) and a pair of Kavannahs (fours) and on my leg the damedest collection of fleas in this infernal country. If you'll take the pot, I'll give you the ladies, but the electoral vote that a gerrymander garrison, show how the endorsement stands—which?

Let us ought to have a treaty of reciprocity with other countries as often as they take advantage of a law in this country for the good of the people. With both, we are all right; but with high taxes which the government does not need, and a part of which the government never gets, we are ruined under any circumstances, treaties or what not.

Annual Jubilee.

The harvest is over, the summer most ended, bringing abundant crops, thus rewarding skill and industry.

The Fair season is here, and the agricultural community will gratefully acknowledge the blessings of a kind Providence in bestowing good health and a fruitful season by attending the annual festival, and showing the improvements resulting from intelligent culture.

Successful County Fairs insure a good State exhibition, and indications point to an excellent Fair season. Being an "off year" from political disturbance, prompts the management to extra exertions in making the forthcoming Indiana State Fair, September 23d to 28th, excel in every respect. The Board of Agriculture can make a better showing financially than any other institution of the kind in this country, thus proving the solid basis on which the business management operates.

The Agricultural Fair is an American institution, and came to stay, not only as a mart of trade, but the social features predominate in a way no other character of gathering can equal, and is recognized as the "Harvest Jubilee" in more sense than one. Indiana is the center of the breeding grounds of improved live stock, and the State Fair the nucleus where will concentrate the competitors in the "battle of the breeds."

Superior accommodations for exhibitors and visitors. An increased list of premiums, including Lady Equestrianism.

More favorable railroad rates are applied for, to give those at a distance the opportunity of visiting the best Agricultural Fair on the continent, and the Capital City with its many attractions.

Minutes of The County Teacher's Institute, Held at Pigeonburg, Ind., Aug. 19 to 23, Inclusive.

The teachers of Pike county met in annual session, at the court house in Petersburg, Aug. 19, 1880. The institute was called to order by Supt. Thomas.

The "Superintendent" appointed J. D. Grimes "F. F. Hostetter, and W. J. Royalty as a committee on resolutions.

The first exercise was a paper on the objects of Institutes by Prof. Royalty.

Prof. O. J. Craig, of Purdue University, gave an introductory talk on School Economy, giving an outline of the work that he would use. He showed the teachers of the present that as they differ from those of the past.

Prof. Grimes gave a lesson on the subjects of Mottos.

1. Tea Preparation.

2. Cultivation of correct Expression.

3. Correction of Errors.

4. Form Habits of Attention.

5. To Awaken the Mind.

6. Reach the Capacity of the Child.

7. Give Pupils Much to Do.

Prof. Grimes gave an interesting lesson in Elementary Science.

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