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Of this paper are published. The FIRST EDITION, on Friday Evening has a large circulation in the surrounding towns, where it is sold by newsboys and agents.

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Every Week's Issue is, in fact,

TWO NEWSPAPERS,
In which all Advertisements appear for ONE CHARGE.

Until further notice pulpit oratory should be brief and pointed.

CALIFORNIA will swap her wheat this summer for seventy millions of dollars.

The richest young lady in the United States is Miss Celeste Winans—but only one fellow can marry at a time.

NEW YORK papers are suggesting that Governor's Island would be a good place to hold the next world's fair, in 1883.

Now we are told that the greatest part of the sherry which is consumed in the United States is made in the city of New York from tomatoes.

MINNIE WARREN, the sweet little dwarf of the well-known Tom Thumb troupe, died in child-birth at Fall River, Massachusetts, last Tuesday.

A new feature of the next Louisiana, Missouri, fair is a premium for the handsomest unmarried lady. This includes widows. This will draw better than a balloon.

Now that so many pastors are away, editors should put in a few extra licks towards the improvement of the human species—hold the moral standard level, as it were.

THE show of Sells Brothers was at Salem on Tuesday. It cost Mr. Mobley, hardware merchant, \$200 to let his boys see the procession and the seven elephants. While they were in front a thief got out of the rear with \$200 from the money drawer.

The average "life sentence" served by convicted murderers in Illinois is three and a half years. The Chicago Inter-Ocean says that out of 314 murderers sent to the Illinois penitentiary, 162 have escaped after brief imprisonments, through Executive clemency.

The Albany Sunday Press needn't prefix a "perhaps" when it says "one of the most serious hindrances to the return of better times is the vast number of young men adrift in the large cities who can get nothing to do, simply because they can do nothing that anybody wants done."

GEN. GRANT and Prince Bismarck compared notes on the question of capital punishment and found that they were both in favor of it. Bismarck said he resigned the government of Alsace because he was required to commute sentences of a capital nature, which he could not do conscientiously.

At Elmwood, Ills., last Saturday, L. D. Atchinson made a balloon ascension, and when about two hundred feet high, lost his hold of the trapeze bar, fell and was instantly killed. He was a noted aeronaut and acrobat, and was with the Barnum show a while after Prof. Donaldson was lost. Some five years ago his balloon burst, at an elevation of 2,000 feet, but forming a sort of parachute he descended so slowly as to escape with his life.

A large number of the students of Eastern colleges are enjoying the cool breezes of summer resorts, acting as waiters in the different hotels. The New York Times says: "In one hotel a Cambridge man is a waiter, a Dartmouth senior is assistant head waiter, and a freshman from Bates College sells photographs in the corridor. It is said that the collegiate waiters are much more satisfactory to the guests than the old ones, as they keep their thumbs conveniently out of the soup."

From Iowa comes the report that there is a scarcity of harvest hands and the wheat is suffering for want of cutting, while the towns are full of tramps and loafers, who refuse \$2.50 a day for work and are howling "hard times" and "more greenbacks." We doubt not there are other places in this country which present much the same state of affairs. The truth is that while there are some people who are willing to work but can't find employment, there are a good many who don't want employment and will not work when they have a chance. They prefer to be idlers, tramps and blatherskites.

It is not often that preachers are nominated for Congress, but the lightning does strike in the pulpit sometimes. In the Indianapolis district the Rev. De La Maty was put in nomination by the Nationals the other day and has expressed his intention of accepting the nomination. It is generally understood that if he does so the Democrats will endorse him, or at least make no nomination, and in that event the contest will be a close one for the Hon. John Hanna, the present incumbent, although he is very popular. It is not likely, however, that he will "carry the flag to victory by 3,000 majority," as he expressed his belief of being able to do when nominated a couple of weeks ago.

THE Nationals, in convention at Gosport, on Wednesday, nominated for Congress, Henry A. White, editor of the Clinton Indianian, who, as briefly biographed in the Express, is a married man with four children, a farmer till 1864, a lawyer since, once a representative in the legislature, formerly a Republican, and now in moderate circumstances, an experienced speaker, a forcible writer, and forty years of age. We will add that it is a pity to spoil a good editor by attempting to make a congressman of him.

THE report of the secretary of the Iron and Steel Association shows that while the year 1877 was a very unfavorable one for iron producers, more than half the furnaces in the United States having been idle the whole year, yet there was a gain of about 10% per cent. in the production over that of the previous year. Of eight furnaces in this State only one was in blast during the year. The present productive capacity of the blast furnaces of the country is estimated at double the present production but it is believed that in less than ten years the full capacity of the furnaces will be required to supply the demands of business.

AND now it is announced that the communistic strike which was to have taken place on the 15th of June, but was postponed for sufficient reasons, will come off on the 15th of August. This discovery has been made by a manufacturer in Northern Pennsylvania, who says that preparations are being made for a simultaneous strike all over the country, on the railroads, in the mines, and in the manufacturing establishments, at that date, and that the strike of last summer will be entirely thrown in the shade by it. This is probably nothing but a fictitious story, invented and published for the purpose of creating a sensation. A well-posted railroad manager informed a reporter of the Indianapolis News that he had conversed with the men along the line of his road, who are satisfied with their wages and have no notion of striking. They expressed themselves as satisfied with their experience of last year.

AFTER all there is some compensation for being married. When St. Louis was literally on fire and people dropped from sunstroke in the shade and the sunshine, the mortuary record of one week tells us that only fifty-five married men died, while one hundred and four unmarried men were carried to the cemetery. This result is not surprising. Marriage in most cases tones down the most ardent temperament. A husband is generally in a subdued mood when he leaves home in the morning. He usually has enough to keep him from over excitement, such as the necessity of meeting family expenses, and conducting himself in such a manner as to keep him clear of a warm feminine tongue and very sharp finger nails. Two or three years of marriage makes a cool, level head. Young, man, if you are afraid of sunstroke, marry by all means before another hot spell. The chances are vastly in favor of a duck of a husband when the thermometer is trying to reach the sun with the speed of a winged Mercury.

THE Indianapolis Journal puts in a good word for that class of women popularly called "old maids," and says something very much to the point. It holds that it is no disgrace to a woman that she has received no offers of marriage, in the case of most unmarried women there is a deep heart history which is not given to the world to read, a sad romance which vulgar eyes have never seen. Some of them cherish the memory of a dead lover, others of an unrequited affection, and others still have chosen to repel the proffered vows of honorable admirers in order that they might devote their lives to some high duty, to the service of an invalid parent, the support of a dependent family, or some other holy mission. It is a poor sign of manhood in any one to speak sneeringly or disrespectfully of this class of women. A true man will scorn to do it. He respects womanhood too much and will not try to lift the veil that hides the sacred things of a woman's heart. The time ought to come, and probably will, when "old maids" will be respected and honored as much as their supposed more fortunate sisters who have received and accepted offers of marriage.

A New York journalist gives the following illustration of the state of the labor market in that city. A man in an adjoining town wanted to employ a coachman and gardener and accordingly advertised for one. At the appointed time he found forty men waiting for him in the hall. Thinking to send the greater part of them away, he announced that he could only pay \$20 per month wages, and told all that wanted more than that to go away. To his surprise, not a man stirred. He came down to \$18; still they all remained. His next cut was to \$10, but even that figure failed to discourage a soul of them. Presently a decent looking man stepped out and said he was willing to work simply for his board and nothing else, and he was employed on that basis. After a week, however, finding the man's work satisfactory, he was given fair wages. "For every piece of work in New York," continues the writer, "that requires one man's labor, at least forty stand ready to do it." This abnormal condition of things is partially accounted for by the

fact that people from all parts of the world are constantly pouring into New York, and the supply of laborers is thus kept in excess of the demand, and partially, by the suspension of the immense amount of public work which had been carried on under the Tweed ring at a cost of many millions of dollars. These works gave employment to many thousands of laborers who are now idle.

REV. DR. PRIME, of the New York Observer, has been traveling in France, Italy and Germany for ten months and reports that he has seen only one drunk person in that time. He made it a practice to read the police reports in the papers and found his personal impression confirmed, one city of 55,000 inhabitants not reporting a single arrest in 40 days. That certainly speaks well for the people of these countries or else very poorly for the authorities and Dr. Prime's eyes.

NEW HAMPSHIRE evidently doesn't believe in tramps. The other day the lower house of the Legislature passed a bill providing for the punishment of tramps by imprisonment from fifteen months to five years. If instead of being imprisoned they were compelled to work the bill would be all right. But perhaps that is included in the term imprisonment.

HON. D. W. VOORHEES makes his first big speech of the campaign at South Bend to-day. Advanced slips have been furnished and it will appear in the Gazette this afternoon and Express in the morning.

THE HORNY-HANDED ORATOR. Toledo Blade. Richard Trevielle emancipates labor at the rate of \$25 a night. He will speak in the sacred cause of humanity afternoon and evening at \$35, which is certainly reasonable. Cary gets more, but then he has more lung. Dr. Sturgeon takes no fee. He expects the presidency.

BARNUM'S SHOW.

The Veteran Fulfilling His Mission and Delighting the People.

For thirty years Barnum has been producing annually the best show on earth. Every year he claims that his entertainment has reached the perfection of excellence, and every succeeding year he presents something better than he had the year before. This season is no exception to his rule in this regard, and unless he stops living or giving shows, the character of his entertainment will continue on the ascending scale till it goes out of sight. This year the renowned showman is sweeping down upon the silver half dollars of the land in a way that almost reconciles the nation to an unlimited issue of silver coin. As usual, a street parade whets the appetites of people for the show to follow. Last night the great tent, with seating capacity for six thousand persons, was filled with an expectant and highly entertained audience. The tent, which is larger than any ever spread in this city, and being of new canvas, bright and clean, with supporting poles tastefully painted, and illuminated by a flood of gas light, presented a scene of rare brilliancy and aerial splendor. The arrangement of seats is deserving of high commendation. Polite ushers in clasp hammer coats escort the patrons of the show to chairs, which are secured to the holder by coupons. To those who do not have reserved seats the same attention is shown, and ushers see everybody satisfactorily placed, and attend to all reasonable wants of the audience. The menagerie, occupying two tents connecting with the arena tent, is made up of the usual display of ferocious tigers, untamed tigers, savage rhinoceros, fierce hyenas, ravenous wolves, rapacious wildcats and torpid animals, together with chattering monkeys, birds of nearly every description, and seven elephants, who not only draw the band wagon in the procession and perform wonders in the ring, but stand in with the men who have the candy privilege of the show by entitling the dunces of visitors in the hands of the vendor of popcorn or gingerbread, and thus establish a kind of free lunch route, the benefits of which they are not slow to enjoy. The clowns are as usual, highly entertaining and although it is not permitted that any clown should be original, he continues funny in the monotony of his wit, and relays of jokes are elicited by the half dozen of wearers of the motley of which they are not slow to enjoy. 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