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Jay Gould has sailed for Europe to spend the winter.

There are eight or ten candidates in the field for governor of this state. Francis, Dockery and Norton seem to be in the lead so far.

Jasper county has just voted for the building of a new court house. The Carthage people did all they could to secure it, but alas they did not. The majority in the county was 1870, but it requires a two-thirds majority, hence Jasper county, like Henry, must do without a court house until the people change their minds.

It is stated that work on the Colorado road will be commenced at Ft. Scott at once and pushed this way as fast as possible. There are two surveys of this road through this county, one of which passes through this city and the other through the east part of the county and on to Clinton. As to which survey the company will build on is not stated.

We had the pleasure of the company of Congressman Stone and Judge Parkinson, of Butler, from Clinton to Osceola, last Friday. The last named gentleman is the coming Lieut. Gov. of our state.—Creighton Free Press.

Truly one has to go away from home to get the news. We had looked upon Judge Parkinson as a possible candidate for judge of the court of appeals. + Kansas City.

The Fort Scott Daily Tribune reports an interview with Major Peck, a contractor on the St. Louis, K. C. & Colorado, who is now at work this side of Ft. Scott on that line. He says the committee to condemn right-of way in that vicinity will meet in Ft. Scott on the 7th of November.

He says the understanding is the road from Chanute, Ft. Scott and to St. Louis, will be a double track, to accommodate the immense Texas, California, Arizona and New Mexico business.

There are but four states in the Union that have a greater population than Missouri. They are in order named: New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois. Missouri at the last census had 176,972 more than twice as many inhabitants as Kansas, and to-day is assessed at nearly five times as much. How many people have stopped to think of that, even in Missouri? Missouri always gets there in fine shape, but this year she surprised all her sisters in wheat growing. The latest figures show an average yield per acre of twenty and one-half bushels, while the other states vary between the maximum yield of fifteen bushels in Kansas to the minimum of ten in Kentucky.

A man who has been a close observer of the weather for many years, ventures this prediction in the Atchison Champion: "The character of equinoctial storms indicates the character of the seasons following. This year the equinoctial perturbations occurred later than usual, hence the winter will be late setting in. These storms being warm and wet, indicates an open winter. In other words, the winter will set in two or three weeks later than usual, and will be characterized by frequent warm rains. Of course there will be some cold weather, but this winter will be less rigorous than the last."

Austin, Tex., Oct. 28.—J. E. Smith, the express messenger who recently killed two train robbers near El Paso, was paid $2,000 yesterday by order of Governor Ross as a reward for his act. He will probably get $2,000 more from the express company and $1,000 from the railroad company, making a total of $5,000.

IS IT TREASON?

A great outrage has been perpetrated by old rebel soldiers at Macon, Ga., the torch of treason has been lighted and the loyal men of the north stand aghast. Old bullet-riddled, war begrimed rebel flags were displayed at the reunion of ex confederates, at least a dozen of them, and Jeff Davis, the ex rebel chief, was actually cheered. Think of it, they actually cheered the rebel chief until they were hoarse and struggled with one another to grasp the hand of their beloved chieftain. Is this not treason? What if Jeff Davis be old and feeble, broken in health and suffering from old wounds gained in the defense of the Union from a foreign enemy. Was he not the President of the southern confederacy and might he not yet raise a mighty army and come prancing upon us and devour the whole "caboodle." Should not this poor, old, broken down man, who left the union when he had honors heaped upon him, turned his back upon all the dazzling splendors that wealth and political honors could give and cast his lot among the people he loved, his own people, now be shunned and hated by those he loved and fought for and with. He linked his fortunes with those of the south, and no man has ever heard him lament so doing, and now since he has become old and decrepit and can no longer be of any service he should be forsaken? What matters it if there were 50,000 flags bearing the stars and stripes displayed in this parade, the horses hitched to the ex-presidents carriage being bedecked with them from headstall to crouper and the house wherein he was entertained covered all over with union flags. There were about twelve confederate flags, dear to the old soldiers for the memories they revived, and therefore this was treason. To be loyal to the north you must hate the south with all her sacred memories. Do you believe that? And yet it is what the radical bloody shirt means. We would suggest that Jeff Davis be banished to a St. Helena and there surrounded by a strong G. A. R. guard, kept in close confinement the balance of his days.

Economy.

Judge John H. Sullens, of this township, has written a letter to the presiding judge of the supreme court of the state, asking the said court to advance the appeal case on that docket in regard to the constitutionality of the Woods Local Option Law, which has been appealed to that tribunal from Linn county.

It is generally understood that a petition asking the submission of the question in Bates county will be presented to the county court at the November term, and if signed by one tenth of the legal voters that body will be compelled to call an election within forty days.

The election will cost not less than $500, and inasmuch as the validity of the law is in question and an appeal case is now pending in the supreme court, the News is of the opinion that the proper and most economical way would be to defer the presentation of the petition asking the submission of the question until the case in the supreme court is decided, provided Judge Sullens' request is not granted and the case decided at once.—Foster News.

The above is a common sense view of the matter and will be readily appreciated by everyone interested in taking the vote in Bates county. If the supreme court decides the matter unconstitutional, then a large sum of money is saved to Bates county, besides the worry and excitement which will necessarily follow an election; and if the court takes the view that it is constitutional, only a short time is lost and the people will know just what to expect if they are successful in carrying the county for local option.

Hundreds Murdered.

Vienna, Oct. 28.—A ferryman has been arrested at a point on the lower Danube for wholesale murder. It is charged that while ferrying workmen returning from Roumania he took them to a small island in the river on the pretense of aiding them in avoiding the production of certificates that they had paid taxes in Roumania and then murdered and robbed them. It is said that his victims numbered hundreds.

FIERCE THREATS.

Holland Wretches Seek to Coerce the President.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 29.—The following letter was received at the White house yesterday, addressed to President Cleveland:

To the President of the United States:

The Hague, Holland, Oct. 15.—The council general of the social democratic federation of Holland, feeling indignant at the infamous judgment of the Illinois supreme court in the case of the Chicago anarchists, holds that the throwing of a bomb in the meeting held May 4, 1886, was provoked by the outrageous assault of the police upon the people's right of free speech. Furthermore, as the thrower of the bomb is not known, the charging of the seven anarchists with the guilt of this act is essentially arbitrary and the outgrowth of class hatred.

Therefore, the social democratic federation of Holland, in the name of humanity, liberty and justice, protest against the sentence of death passed upon the Chicago anarchists, and despising the ruling class for making themselves a party to this murder, shall hold the president of the United States personally responsible if the lives are taken.

THE COUNCIL GENERAL.
C. CROLL, Secretary.

Death in the Midst of Gaiety.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 28.—On the Panhandle limited from Cincinnati, a beautiful and refined young lady, traveling alone to her home at Xenia, O., seemed to be having a gay time last night when, in a moment, she threw up her arms, gave a slight shudder, and was dead. The train sped on at the rate of thirty miles an hour and the body of the young lady was not cold when it arrived at Xenia. The young lady's father was at the station to meet her and when told of his loss was so paralyzed with grief that he had to be assisted into the station. The body was removed and the train pulled out.

Baltimore, Md., Democratic.

The vote polled aggregated 65,075, of which Latrobe, democrat, got 34,640, and Bartlett, republican, 30,345, giving Latrobe a majority of 4,205, a democratic gain of nearly 2,000 since the election for mayor two years ago. The newly elected city council will consist of twelve democrats and eight republicans in the first branch and seven democrats and three republicans in the second.

The result of the election was a great surprise to the republicans, who counted largely on the reformers' aid and were confident of victory and already cries of fraud are heard.

William Ogden, the labor candidate for mayor, received 98 votes.

Probably Stolen.

On Tuesday evening, October 18, 1887, a man lotted in the stock yard at the Gulf depot, Lamar, twenty-two head of steers, two and three-year olds. Some of them branded with letter "O" on horns. Two white steers, one red muley steer, and one has the letters "J. B." on left hip. Some of them are red and roan and some pided. The man left on Wednesday, Oct. 19, and has not been heard of since. He gave his name as J. Honley. Cattle supposed to have been stolen. Said cattle are in the care of the sheriff of Barton county and the marshal of Lamar. Address all communications to them. —Lamar Democrat.

There lives in Troy, Mo., a little girl, about eight years old, whose head is almost an iron gray, and it is steadily perceptibly growing grayer, and the present indications are that long before she reaches womanhood her once raven black locks will have become snow white. Some three years ago the child was frightened almost into convulsions by a fire which broke out in the part of town in which she lived. The morning after the fire the mother noticed the change in the child's hair. It has been cut off many times in the vain hope that the new hair would come in black. The gray hairs increase all the time, and she will soon have a venerable looking head on a pair of very young shoulders.

State vs. United States.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 28.—United States District Attorney Carey has received a telegram from the sheriff of Mendocino county informing him that he was gathering a posse to capture Captain Shaw, whom General Howard had sent in command of United States troops to eject sheep herders and others from the Round valley Indian reservation in this state. The telegram also states that the state court had issued a writ of injunction ordering Captain Shaw to desist from removing the trespassers. District Attorney Carey advised General Howard to order Captain Shaw to surrender to the sheriff, which General Howard declined to do without an order from the president or the secretary of war. Thereupon Carey sent a dispatch to the attorney general at Washington in which he stated that if the sheriff should persist and General Howard continue to refuse it would probably result in bloodshed.

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