

BOB TAYLOR TO THE BOYS.

"ROBIN'S ROOST,"
JOHNSON CITY, TENN., Feb. 9.

To the boys:

My dear Chums: The happiest period of human life is youth; and the happiest specimen of youth is a big, healthy, awkward, water-jointed, rollicking, frolicking boy with his heart full of dreams, and his head full of schemes, and pockets full of apples and things. He is a bouncing laugh and a bounding yell. He is the beloved child of every mother's heart and the delightful outlaw of every old daddy's love.

What cares he for painted walls, and garlanded rooms, and velvet rugs, and pictured tapestries, and pastels, and water colors, and crayons in frames of guilt and gold? What cares he for frescoed halls and polished floors, and stairways of mahogany? What cares he for all the chandeliers that shine, so he has the liberty to romp on the green carpets of the meadows and hills, under heaven's flaming chandelier, and a place to sleep in the lumber room, among the cobwebs and old, dusty trunks, where his rest is as sweet as though he were pillowed on the couch of a king, with all the curtains drawn about him? What cares he for champagne and sherry, if he can lie down and drink from the bubbling spring, or hear the corks of laughter pop, and listen to the wild melodies of nature's songs that sparkle in his soul? What cares he for "consomme," so he can get plenty of soup? What cares he for "sirloin," so he has beef to eat? What cares he for "roast praline chicken," so he gets chicken? What cares he for all the "a la's" and "de la's" and "au jus's" of the up-to-date menu? They are "vanity and vexation of spirit" to him in comparison with a good old-fashioned, well-cooked, big dish home dinner, steaming like an engine, and tempting his appetite with the mingling aromas of boiled cabbage, and stewed turnips, and mashed potatoes, and smoking biscuits, and corn dodgers, dodging behind the golden battlements of fresh country butter, with big white pitchers sweating on the outside of cold buttermilk, and pumpkin pies laughing all over the table.

If I want to find a sure enough boy, I do not need to search for him in the parlor, but in the pantry. I do not expect to find him in the drawing room, but in the dining room. He does not lurk in the library, but in the back yard with his game chickens, and white rabbits and Billy goats, or in the fields, shouting and shooting in the glorious company of his faithful dogs. The reason is that a boy loves his stomach better than poems and pictures; he loves nature better than art. The truth is, he is nature's child; and the child loves to play close to the warm, throbbing heart of his mother.

Nature furnishes him mud puddles to wade in, and swimming holes to swim in, and stones to throw, and birds to throw at, and hills to coast on, and streams to fish in, and sunshine to warm in, and shade to cool in, and fruits and berries of every kind to eat and "Molly cotton-tails" to hunt, and a thousand other joys which bless his life.

But soon the hour comes when nature must wean her boys, and lead him out of her nursery into the sweet gardens of fancy and the green fields of poetry, which lie on the frontier of cold facts—the border land reality. To prepare him for his future career, she first touches his vocal chords and changes his voice from the tone of the life to the mellifluous of a bass viol, and puts a little hair on his upper lip, and whispers one word in his heart, which, in the twinkling of an eye, changes his destiny. That word is "love." What a world of beauty it unfolds to him! And how sudden is his transition from the mud puddle to the bath tub; from the "Molly cotton-tails" to the "Molly Curly-heads;" from frolics in the haymow to meditations among the buttercups and clover blossoms; from yells to love songs; from unstained laughter to sickly

rouged comrades; and amid the protestations and appeals of the young ladies to remain longer, we made a rush for the street and vanished for evermore.

The years rolled on, and we all found congenial spirits closer home, who made our hearts Elms and our friends paradises.

One of my cronies became a splendid business man and private secretary to the governor of a great state; the other became a judge; while the city swells who laughed in the faces of the innocent country lads were long since lost in the shuffle, and have never been heard of among those who have succeeded in the world.

I leave you to read the moral of this story between the lines. I would not say naught to discourage the boys who dwell in the cities and towns, for they have ten thousand advantages which a country boy never dreams of. The cities and towns are the emporiums of art and science, and the great schools of polytechnics and mechanical training; but the country is the nursery of poets and statesmen. I have seen something of life in both, and my observation has been that the country is the place to raise a boy, where the green hills and beautiful land scapes broaden his views, and where the great mountains point upward toward God.

The sweethearts of our childhood, like little birds, had long since flown from the mountains to live in a neighborhood city, and the report came to us like an echo from paradise that they still remembered us, and loved us, and wished that we might come so, with butternut suits and ransacking boots, and our wool hats with brims pushed up in front, we boarded the cars; and soon we were primping and blacking, and brushing, and perspiring in the hotel, within five squares of the dour and powdered enemy. At length an immense bull's eye watch in the trembling hand of one of my comrades announced that the hour of action had arrived, and we reconnoitered the crowded streets, "wooden, fearing, doubting, dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared to dream before." Far out in the country from whence we had come there was no such thing as a door bell, and suddenly there was a tapping, as of some one loudly rapping, rapping hard upon the door; and the "silken, sad, uncertain rustling" of our sweethearts' skirts within "thrilled us, filled us with fantastic terrors" we had never felt before. Our hearts leaped to our throats when the heavy paneled oak door swung back on noiseless hinges, and the "century reeled" when we paused in the hall under the brilliant chandelier, where we put into execution our studied and practiced bows. Then there was a rush for three chairs in the farthest corner of the parlor, into which we dropped with a thud, blushing, and perspiring in front of three sofas in the opposite corner, which were half occupied by three little slippered and skirted dream of beauty who beckoned and pursued and coaxed us to come across; but we answered the challenge with more blushes and more grins and more perspiration. The cause of our dreadful embarrassment was our appalling discovery that our sweethearts had evolved into cultured and refined young society ladies, with not a single trace of the country girls we used to know left, either in dress, conversation, or appearance; while we had grown up green and unsophisticated, and, if possible, more awkward than ever. In the midst of our struggle to regain our equilibrium the doors opened again, and in stepped three elegantly dressed young gentlemen, who were evidently the beaux of our erstwhile sweethearts. The city swell always has supreme contempt for a country boy, especially in the game of love. These young men laughed in our faces when we again put into execution our studied and practiced bows, and they gracefully sat down by the girls and began to pour out great sluices of nonsense. They were kind enough, however to fire a few questions at us, to which we replied in monosyllables and more perspiration, which ran down our cheeks like rain, until the paper collar of one of my cronies came in two; and he instantly sprang to his feet and broke for the door, closely followed by his two demoralized and complete.

ILOILO LETTER.

ILOILO, P. I. March 17.

The insurgents showed a disposition to fight yesterday, and our company was sent out to aid the 18th in a little fight, and they got into firing line just at dark. The boys say that it was the hottest scrap they have been into, the bullets flew thicker and faster around them than ever before. I was on duty at the barracks, and after the boys returned and reported I was glad that I was not with them, for they wasted water from knee to chin deep and were the muddest fellows you ever saw.

The insurgents are getting so they can shoot better and use what guns they have a good deal better than they could when the fun began.

Capt. Clark came in a while ago asked our boys if we had a blacking brush; he had it, but it is the first time we have needed that kind of a machine since we have been here; we are not putting on much style at Iloilo. The boys are lying around tonight resting. Tudor is deeply immersed in a magazine four months old.

March 20—We received mail today, and I got your letter of January 24, and I assure you it was a most welcome arrival.

We are just holding what we have taken and are waiting for more troops; we can hold what we have all right, but we can't hold this place and go out to the mountains, but if they don't surrender soon, there will be troops here from Manila and then —

We are enjoying life well to be right in firing distance of the enemy; they slip up close to our outposts and fire, and then we fire, and they retreat. In the battle mentioned two men were killed in the 18th infantry and twelve wounded, while the enemy lost about 500. Dead insurgents were hauled off the field in carts next day.

A private in Co. F., preached last night and I suppose it was the first Protestant service held here for some time, it was a lonesome affair, as there was not a "piece of calico" large enough for a pocket handkerchief in or around the barracks, and you know that it takes "calico" to make a fellow interested in church.

When we are out on post our meals are brought to us, we have biscuit every meal now. My little stripes keep me out of a good deal of extra work, and I don't have to go on duty near so often. We have not been paid since January 1, and don't expect to be until May. We are anticipating a good time when we get out into the country. We are better satisfied since the insurgents got to fighting, although we did not enlist to fight insurgents, it would have been too bad to come 11,000 miles to fight and then get no scrap.

Your son,
B. B. STOUT.
Co. M, 1st Reg. Tenn. Vol.

The anti-trust banquet at St. Louis last week was participated in by 1445 people and witnessed by 5,000 spectators. Speeches were made by W. J. Bryan, Champ Clark, M. C. Westmore, D. A. DeArmond and others.

MORE TRUSTS.

Bryan Discusses the Growth of Monopolies and Their Effect

UPON THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE

In his speech at the anti-trust banquet at St. Louis, Hon. W. J. Bryan said:

"More trusts have been formed during the last two years than existed at the beginning of the present administration and the nominal capitalization of the trusts now in existence approaches, if it does not equal, in amount, the world's total supply of gold and silver. The influence of these trusts has become so enormous that the people, without respect to party, are asking themselves how the evil can be remedied. The purpose of the trusts is to control the production of some article of merchandise and the methods employed are:

"1. The union of all individual factories under one management, or in one corporation, and

"2. The crushing out of new rivals.

"A monopoly, when once complete, not only dictates terms to those who buy the product, but it also dictates terms to those who sell the raw material and to those who furnish the labor. If the trusts are permitted to continue, we shall find an industrial aristocracy growing up in the United States which will prove as destructive of our ideals as a landed aristocracy would."

"The principle of monopoly is incompatible with our institutions. Man's necessities compel him to become a purchaser and where there is but one seller the purchaser is completely at the mercy of the seller. Where there is competition between producers the purchaser is sure to obtain what he wants at a reasonable price. When competition is eliminated the price is controlled not by reason but by the greed of the one who possesses the monopoly."

"It has been said that the power to tax is the power to destroy. A monopoly possesses the power to tax; it can levy such assessments as it will upon the purchaser and we can no more afford to permit such a power to be exercised by private individuals than we can afford to authorize a private individual to use the machinery of taxation in order to enrich himself at the expense of his fellows."

"The government would be guilty of gross neglect if it permitted an individual to secure a monopoly even without legislative assistance, but it is still more culpable, if by legislative act it furnishes the means by which a monopoly is secured. The corporation is the means now employed by those who seek to secure a monopoly. Since the corporation is a fictitious person, created by law, the power that creates can regulate, restrain, or annihilate. To say that the government is impotent to prevent the organization of trusts, is to say that it has called into existence a fictitious person and that the latter has become greater than the creator (Applause)."

"One of the difficulties which has been encountered in opposing trusts is that the trust hides behind the Federal constitution when attacked by state legislation, and shields itself behind its state charter when attacked in the Federal courts. No remedy will be complete that is not co-extensive with the Federal government. If the extinguishment of the trust is left to state legislation, the public at large will be victimized as long as a single state will furnish a robbers' roost, where spoils collected in other states can be divided."

"Just now people are startled by the principle of monopoly as it manifests itself in the industrial trust, and well they may be startled. The principle, however, is the same as that which manifests itself in the efforts of the national bankers to secure a monopoly of the issue of paper money."

"The greenback is a rival of the bank note, and its principle is a constant menace to the banks of issue. Some who recognize the evils that flow from a soap trust seem indifferent to the dangers that attend the formation of a paper money trust. The principle of monopoly not only lies at the foundation of the attempt to destroy the greenbacks, but it is the controlling principle that underlies the crusade against silver as a standard of money."

"Between 1850 and 1860, when the production of gold was increasing and the production of silver was small, three nations demonetized gold and gave to silver a monopoly of mint privileges. Early in the '70s the financiers became alarmed at the increase in the production of silver and conspired to destroy silver as a standard money and give monopoly to gold, the production of which at that time was stationary. The standard money trust is not only the parent trust, but it is in the hands of foreigners."

TEACHERS SALARY.

A Young Teacher Believes There Should Be Competition.

MR. EDITOR:—A week or two ago we had in the columns of your paper, a valuable article from the active pen of a Sturgis friend. In this he tells in most fluent rhetoric, and especially vigorous style of the duties of the teacher (aided by the State,) that will put our school on a basis to compare with other states in the union. Allow a pupil to say a few words in defense of my Arkansas friend who has been assailed by the scribe from Sturgis.

Everyone will agree most heartily that the public school needs to be placed on a higher basis. But will higher salaries for teachers do it, is the question. And judging from the majority of them we must say: "Nay, verily, if the soul of the teacher remains as it now is, it is the almighty dollar he is after, and he has sympathy with the child." He is glad when school is out and he can get away from their noise, and get a chance to pursue more congenial occupations, or in some cases professions, such as baseball playing, and bicycle riding. This is not the case with every teacher I am glad to say, but yet it fits some of them; and this is the reason they want as short a term as the law will allow.

Many are now raising a great "hu and cry" about the trusts that are being formed here in this land of ours. For a combination of capital to be able to steal away the hard earned dollar of the poor man is a deplorable state of affairs, to be sure. But, for a set of men, or rather bipeds, to be able to keep away knowledge and truth from the growing and starving minds of thousands of children is a condition of affairs that is a "stench in the nostrils of heaven." And why not call this a "school teachers' trust?" He who would dare bring down the price of teaching is educationally ostracized, and is a branded traitor to the cause of education. Heaven, save the mark! This is the most remarkable trust yet found, because it is chartered, not with an amount of capital but with a license of fraud.

The man who will not cut, holds or contends for a few dollars, and cheats the child of untold wealth. They teach five months and lose seven. You close your school in January, when neither you nor your pupils can do anything else, although you may have the best interest at that time that you have ever had. Where is the teacher with his heart in his work that would care for teaching two weeks longer in January? Such teachers, however, are very scarce, and no wonder they go to Arkansas, Texas or some more congenial clime.

The teacher who really loves and estimates the value of his work should be willing to teach for a bare living. Teaching is as golly a calling as preaching, and the true minister often times does not know from whence shall come his salary. But who ever heard of a Kentucky teacher instructing children simply because they had no other means of securing it? On the contrary, they are always striving for the largest schools, and the question with teachers when they meet is not, "How are you progressing this term?" but, "How many pupils does your district number?"

Why will higher salaries secure better teachers? They will not prepare for better teaching unless the law compels it. He will jog along in the same channel just doing what the law demands, and no more. He never, under any circumstances, teaches when the law allows a holiday.

Let us not have selfish mortals to keep school, but give us true teachers, with live throbbing souls; give us men and women who have chosen it as a life work, not to acquire wealth, but to be of some benefit to the poor, neglected child, because he loves humanity. His reward will not be dollars and cents in this world, but crowns and blessings in the world to come. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

A PUPIL.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs—she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from the first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was.—Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at J. H. Orme's Drug Store. Only 50 cents and \$1.00, every bottle guaranteed.

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OFFICIAL CALL

State Convention June 21 County Convention June 17.

At a meeting held by the Democratic state executive committee in the city of Lexington, March 8, 1899, it was ordered that a state convention be held in the city of Louisville, on Wednesday, June 21, 1899, for the purpose of nominating Democratic candidates for state offices, to be voted for on November 7, 1899. Said convention shall be called to order at 11 o'clock a. m.

Delegates to said convention shall be chosen at county mass conventions, to be held at the various county court-houses in counties having but one legislative district, of which due notice shall be given by the various county chairmen. In counties having more than one legislative district there shall be a convention for each legislative district, to be held at some convenient point, to be indicated by the chairman of the legislative district committee, who shall advertise in the local papers the location of said convention at least ten days prior to the date fixed by this committee. Said county and legislative district conventions shall be held at 2 o'clock p. m., standard time, on June 17, 1899. Said conventions shall be called together by the chairman of the respective county or legislative district committees. The basis of representation of each county to the said state convention shall be one delegate for each 200 votes and fraction consisting of one hundred or more votes cast for the head of the Democratic electoral ticket at the presidential election in 1896; provided that each county shall have at least one delegate vote.

All known Democrats and others who supported W. J. Bryan for president, and those who pledge themselves to support the nominees of said convention shall be entitled to participate in the county or legislative district conventions.

P. P. Johnston, Chairman. Owen Cochran, Secretary.

In Memory

Biddie Jane Daniel, who was born March 20, 1869, and died December 9, 1898. She was married to Robt. Belt, Nov. 24, 1892. She was the daughter of Mr. J. A. and Josephine Daniel. She was an earnest, consistent christian, having professed religion at the age of 12 years, and died in the hope of a happier world beyond. She leaves a husband, father, mother, and a host of friends to mourn her suddenly taking away.

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The Press.

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R. C. WALKER, Publisher.

ONE YEAR ONE DOLLAR

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

We are authorized to announce T. J. NICKEL

a candidate to represent Crittenden and Livingston counties in the next General Assembly of Kentucky. His candidacy is subject to the action of the Democratic party. Election November 1899.

Might seems to be right, even in christening the Philippines.

How big the world is, yet men jostle each other for standing room.

The Cubans are accepting their \$75, turning their guns over to Uncle Sam.

Chunks of harmony do not bedeck the pathway of the "still-hunt" in politics every time.

Our Republican friends are not giving us so much about the three-cornered hot fight for the nomination for governor just now. They have troubles of their own.

We have all along been mistaken about the courts permitting rascals to escape punishment occasionally. They have been sending the innocent to the prisons, if Lieut. Gov. Worthington is right about it.

The Republicans of Marion county, the home of Hon. Lucas Moore, Commissioner of Agriculture, passed resolutions at their convention plastering the name of that official over with a string of epithets as comprehensive as the dictionary. Moore threatens a libel suit.

The State Commercial Convention was a roaring success. Josh Powers' plea for the corporations, the much oppressed, the meek and lowly institutions, whose missions are those of mercy, was worth the price of admission several times over.

President McKinley has issued an amendment to the civil service rules which releases from the operation of the civil service laws about 4,000 officers. In other words he uncovers a pie counter with 4,000 big slices of good pie thereupon, and will invite his partisans to the feast. That's a better method of popularizing an administration than killing Filipinos.

The papers report a big discovery of gold in Crittenden county. We consider this a personal affront to Ollie James, the big silver man.—Murray Ledger.

You overlooked the fact that the reports showed plenty of silver along with the gold.

The editor acknowledges an invitation to the Bryan banquet at Louisville, but a \$3 a plate dinner is entirely out of our class. Pass the cheese and crackers, please.—Murray Ledger.

The crackers are all right, but who ever heard of an editor with cheese on his menu. Don't put on airs, brother.

Politics have not entirely engrossed public attention. Rev. Carter Helm Jones came in Sunday with a sermon at his church in Louisville that will cause "crack talk." He exposed the cause of Dr. Whitsett, who was recently turned down by the trustees of the Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Jones refers to Whitsett as his "guide, philosopher and friend," and says he is the victim of "combined malice and ignorance." During the sermon, men applauded and women sobbed.

The Commercial Convention at Louisville discussed the road question, but took no definite steps towards reaching the ends desired. Local taxation seems to be the prevailing idea. There will have to be a great change in public sentiment before the taxation system is adopted, the labor provided for under the old system is lost, and to compensate for that a good sound tax would be necessary. If both systems could be blended

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We might have more work, but the amount of taxes that can be levied and collected under the law would give no more labor than we have under the present system.

Senator Deboe, of Kentucky, appears to be "waking up." He has had the reputation of being an easy-going gentleman, without much regard for the practical politics of his position, and not good to tie in the procuring of Federal appointments. He is now, though, reported to be championing the cause of the Postmaster at Bowling Green, and to be "kicking" with considerable vim against the division of the Kentucky patronage in connection with the census office with Senator Lindsay. It is presumed that Mr. Lindsey is recognized by the Administration because he was not an earnest Democratic partisan in the last Presidential campaign. Mr. Deboe is not in favor of going over the party line, even nominally, in the distribution of patronage. And in the course of a day's travel Mr. Deboe will find a great many people in sympathy with him.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

If the Enquirer will drop over in Kentucky just now, it will find other evidence that the junior Senator is not the "easy going" man it reads about.

According to a Washington dispatch the authorities at Washington have been requested to send no more paper money to the Philippines. In a recent shipment of money to pay troops \$1,000,000 in paper money was sent and it took the greatest of care to prevent the ants from destroying it. They have an ant in that country that is particularly fond of paper and nothing of that nature escapes it.

A surprise was sprung on the Presbyterian General Assembly in the shape of a resolution proposing a conference of all Evangelistic Christian bodies, including Catholics, on the subject of foreign missions.

In a recent interview, Admiral Dewey stated that he was glad to leave Manila, on account of his health; he also added that "It is the responsibility that kills."

The rapid increase of Japanese immigration into Hawaii has attracted the serious attention of the authorities at Washington. Since the island was annexed 12,000 have arrived at Honolulu.

"Spring Unlocks The Flowers"

"To Paint the Laughing Soil."

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PRIMARY ELECTION.

Pursuant to the action of the Democratic County Committee of Crittenden and Livingston counties, the following manner of selecting a Democratic candidate for Representative in Crittenden and Livingston counties, was decided upon: A primary election is hereby called and ordered to be held on Saturday, July 22, 1899, for the purpose of nominating a Democratic candidate for Representative in the next Legislature of Kentucky, for Crittenden and Livingston counties, to be voted for at the November election, 1899.

Said primary shall be held by opening a poll at each voting place in the counties of Crittenden and Livingston, except in Marion where one poll may be opened for the four voting precincts of Marion.

The County Chairman of each county shall appoint two Judges and one Clerk for each precinct in his county.

Said polls shall be opened at eight o'clock a. m., and closed at six p. m. The voting shall be by a ballot in the following manner: The Clerk of the election shall record the name of the voter and furnish to him a ballot with the name of each candidate printed thereon, with a square at the right of his name and one blank line under same. The said ballot shall be of white paper six inches. The voter shall indicate his choice by making a cross in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom he desires to vote. He shall then fold his ballot and return it to the Judges who shall deposit it in the ballot box. Any one who may desire may have the clerk to mark his ballot in the presence of the judges.

At the close of the polls the officers shall count the vote and certify the result in the poll book; such certificate to be signed by all of said officers; the poll book to be delivered to the County Chairman of each county at the county seat on or before the first Tuesday following the date of said election; and the County Chairman shall meet on the Thursday following at Salem, Ky., and canvass the returns from each county and declare the candidate receiving the largest number of votes to be the nominee of said primary and give proper certificate of such nomination.

All voters who supported the Bryan electors in 1896; all voters who have since affiliated with the Democratic party; all persons who have not heretofore voted and who will be entitled to vote at the November election, 1899, and who in good faith promise to support the nominee of this primary, shall be permitted to vote in said election.

Each County Chairman shall prepare and furnish to the clerk of each voting precinct in his county, poll books and ballots to be paid for by the candidates.

RID REED, Chmn. Liv. Co. Dem. Com. L. W. CRUCE, Chmn. Crit. Co. Dem. Com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Program for the District Convention to be held at Lola, Sunday June 11.

2:00—Song by Dittney class. Prayer by Rev. Brannon. 2:15—Song by Dittney class. 2:30—Welcome address, R. S. Paris. 2:45—Report from different schools. 3:00—Song by Cranford school. 3:10—Necessary aims of our Sunday school work, Venia Tolly. 3:20—Song by Eli class. 3:30—Progress of our Sunday school work, Everett Gillis. 3:40—Recitation. 3:45—Suggestions for making your Sunday school larger and better, T. E. Butler, county president. 4:40—Talks from Superintendents. 5:00—Duty of parents to Sunday schools, Rev. Brannon. 5:10—Destiny of the young man and woman who attend the Sunday school, Rev. Eli Eaton. 5:45—Report from County Secretary. Closing address, Rev. Brannon. Everybody is especially invited to attend and see what we are doing in the work as your county officers.

Committee.

The Local News from all Sections

CALDWELL SPRINGS.

Donie Brinkley has been dangerously ill with phthisis the past week. Sam Day has moved from Livingston county to W. M. Lockett. John Mabry and wife were visiting his son, Tom, of Lyon county, Sunday.

Rev J S Henry, of Marion, was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Ira Bennett, Saturday night.

F. N. Dalton attended the State encampment of the G. A. R. at Glasgow last week.

Several of our people went to Glenns Chapel Sunday, it being Childrens Day there.

A good deal of tobacco set; some are through setting, but very few are through planting corn.

Robt. Gibbs is having lumber cut for a bridge across Caldwell Springs branch near John Guess.

Homer Butler, of the Emmaus vicinity was in this neighborhood Saturday evening and Sunday.

Miss Ellen Casey, of Golden City, Mo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sue Grimes and other relatives and friends in this vicinity.

The hour for Sunday school at this place has been changed from three o'clock to four o'clock in the afternoon, as it appears that it is impossible for all to be present on time. It was also earnestly requested that all persons having books that belong to the church to please return same.

SALEM.

Dr. J. D. Threlkeld and wife attended services at the Marion Christian church Sunday.

Misses Ada Franks and Leila Carter, of Crittenden county, were with friends in town Sunday.

Miss Ora Steel, of the Dyers Bill community, was the guest of friends in town Saturday and Sunday.

N. R. Farris and Loyd Moore made flying trip here from Smithland Sunday to visit friends here.

A goodly number of the excellent Pinckneyville people attended church services here Sunday and Sunday night.

Rev Wise came down Wednesday of last week and preached a series of sermons till Sunday. Sunday afternoon he baptized five persons.

J. Oscar Pierce has recently come back to the "Old Kentucky Home" from Liberty, Mo., where he has been in college this spring. He was greeting friends here Saturday.

Our people are fully responsive to the charms of the "fiddle and the bow," so much so that "twas a healthy-sized crowd which went from here to the Fiddlers Contest at Paducah. They tell of a tiresome, crowded, laughable, pleasurable experience. Uncle Dick Dameron bore off two prizes.

LEVIAS.

J B Carter bought a nice drove of cattle last week.

Jesse Manley lost his twin boys last week.

Samuel Davidson and family will spend the summer in Princeton.

There has been several mad dogs in this vicinity lately.

G W Eaton has found spar on his place.

Misses Kate Yandell and Mollie Clark were visiting in this vicinity last week.

Mrs Ella Eaton and son Roy were visiting in the Salem neighborhood Sunday.

Henry Franklin has moved home from the Yandell spar mines.

Adj. Gen. Curtiss's statement says that there has been 6,209 deaths in the army since the beginning of the war with Spain.

BYCUSBURG.

Miss Georgie Boaz, of Kelsey, is visiting friends here.

T. F. Newcom and family are the guests of J. H. Clifton.

There were only nineteen drummers in town last Friday.

Lewis Clifton, of Marion, was here a few days last week.

Dr. W. S. Graves has gone to Paducah to see his son, Dr. Will.

Fred Nelson and wife, of Luka, were visiting relatives here last week.

The Baptists have called a new pastor, Rev. J. L. Peirman, of Fulton, Ky.

Miss Edmonia Bennett, of Gilbertsville, is visiting relatives here this week.

There was a baptizing at Gordon pond Sunday evening; it was performed by Deacon Hill.

S. W. Burke and family, Mrs. C. L. Burke, Miss Georgie Boaz and Lewis Clifton went to Paducah last week.

C. T. Glenn and wife and M. B. Charles and wife attended the Childrens Day exercises at Glenns Chapel Sunday.

Some body went to Bennetts saw mill Saturday night and raised steam and did the whistle down and it her go.

Mrs. Nona Dew left last Wednesday for her home in Mallin, Texas. She has been here for the past six weeks, visiting friends and relatives.

CHAPEL HILL.

Miss Flora Walker is on the sick list.

Wm Fowler, of Marion, was out Sunday.

J P Swaney has sold his farm to Albert Hughes.

Mrs. Duke Hill, of Sturgis, is visiting in this neighborhood.

Carsie Franklin, of Levisa, was in this vicinity Sunday.

Joe Parr and wife, of Caldwell county was out at church Sunday.

Bro. Thompson filled his regular appointment here the 3rd Sunday.

Miss Murtie Patmor, of Marion, is visiting relatives in this neighborhood.

Bob Hughes and wife, of Midway, were visiting in this neighborhood Sunday.

B. F. Walker cut a fine bee tree on the 23rd and got a fine lot of honey.

Henry Walker wife visited Joe Parr, of Caldwell county, Saturday and Sunday.

Those that have sold hogs this week are: Charlie Clement, T M Hill, S H Hill, Ezra Bigham and J C Long.

The farmers of Chapel Hill are all through planting corn, and tobacco ground prepared for transplanting and some have their corn plowed over, and some have tobacco set out, so you see we are coming to the front.

Queen Victoria was 80 years old May 24.

Cuba's blue and white provisional flag will soon be seen on his sea.

J E Moss killed his wife and three children near Joplin, Mo., and then killed himself.

The New York Legislature appropriated \$75,000 for the expense of welcoming Admiral Dewey.

Congressman Sherman, of New York has announced his candidacy for Speaker of the next House.

Thirty eight firms have filed bids for furnishing school books in Tennessee under the uniform text-book law.

Former President Harrison is in Paris. Ambassador Porter is arranging for interview between President Loubet and Mr. Harrison.

BAKER.

Aunt Lillie Nunn is dangerously ill.

Sam Asher went to Dawson last Sunday.

Simon King spent Sunday with Dr. Franklin.

Good meeting at Rosebud church last Sunday.

'Squire J H Stanley was in our midst last Saturday.

J P Samuel was in the Crooked Creek country Sunday.

Miss Bessie Nunn was the guest of Miss Rita Nunn last Sunday.

Wm Newcom, of Flatwood, was at N. J. O'Neal's last Sunday.

Mrs. Dora White, of Marion, is spending this week in our midst.

Sumpter Newcom, of Sullivan, attended Sunday school at Baker last Sunday.

John Q Burton and wife were the guest of T W Walker's family last Sunday.

P H O'Neal and wife were visiting Justine Brown and family last Sunday.

L C O'Neal and Ed White, of Webster, spent Saturday and Sunday with us.

Miss Winnie Wilcox, of Marion, is spending this week with her many friends here.

Mrs. Lula Asher's funeral will be preached at Mt. Zion on the second Sunday in June.

Judge T J Nunn, of Madisonville, was called to attend the funeral of his father, John Nunn.

Miss Bessie Franklin, of Clay came over to see her uncle, Ben Franklin last Saturday.

Oscar Todd and wife, of Clay, were the guests of Mrs. Nancy O'Neal's family last Saturday and Sunday.

Lilas Phelps came over from Providence and spent a few days with his father, of this place, returning on Sunday.

Those who will be to meet at the Nunn grave yard on poor house farm next Friday, June 2, for the purpose of cleaning off and fencing same, also on Saturday to decorate the graves. All invited to come and bring flowers on Saturday.

TOLU.

Ed Weldon will quit the hotel business and go on the road.

W B Wilborn, of Ford's Ferry, was on our streets last week.

J. W. Guess and son, Eugene, made a trip to Caseyville last week.

J W Guess attended the Harney meetings at E'town and reports favorable.

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CARRSVILLE.

Wm Bridges went to Tola Sunday to take his sister, Mrs. Mantz, home.

Several Republicans attended the convention in Smithland Saturday.

Mail carrier Davis had a nail to pierce his foot the other day and he now uses crutches.

Drummers have been here this week in number far surpassing any time recent.

Our town will have numerous nice treats in the way of public meetings in June. We are to have a district Sunday school convention, district conference, and the dedicatory exercises of two churches. We shall write more fully when these events come to pass.

The gold fever in Crittenden county has excited some interest and investigation among our farmers and land owners. On his farm about four miles South of this place, W H Bradshaw thinks he has struck "pay dirt." At present he is digging to ascertain the certainty of his "find." We only hope that all the recent discoveries will prove valuable as it will increase the value of land and furnish work for many who have nothing to do.

WESTON.

Mr. Cousier of this place died Friday after a few days illness.

The congregation of the C P church was disappointed Sunday by the absence of our pastor.

Quite a number attended the singing at Joe Hughes Sunday evening; it was enjoyed by all.

Robert Gahagan is all smile; he got to see his widow again.

The fourth Sunday in June will be children's day.

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LOCAL BREVITIES

The jail is empty.
Miss Clara Taylor returned from Dixon Tuesday.
Mrs. M. D. Roney is occupying her new home.
Milk coolers very cheap at McMeekin & Box's.
Ken Hammond is visiting in Evansville this week.
J. M. Waggoner has moved to the Loving property.
Miss Mand Roney returned from Henderson Friday.
A boarding house will be opened at Crittenden Springs.
Prof. Evans will hold several county institutes this year.
J. W. Wilson's family has moved to Crittenden Springs.
We need that dollar you owe the Press on subscription.
Mrs. Mattie Woods spent last week with friends at Providence.
Will H. Clark will open a law office over Haynes' drugstore.
The new city ordinances will keep the dogs off of the street.
Mr. Isaac Lindley and wife of Salem, were in town Tuesday.
Percy Roney attended the Fiddlers Contest in Paducah last week.
Mrs. Maggie Peters is visiting friends in Livingston county.
Mrs. Annie Orme, of Uniontown, is visiting friends in Marion.
Miss Mary Koon returned Thursday from a visit to friends near Tolu.
Ex-Sheriff John T. Franks spent Monday and Tuesday in Marion.
Hon. O. M. James is attending the big silver gathering at Louisville.
The meeting at the Baptist church continues with increasing interest.
Mr. Albert Cannon, of Corydon, spent Sunday with friends in Marion.
What is it? Go and see Woods & Fowler.
Miss Jimmie Brooks, of Fredonia, is the guest of Mrs. Sue Frazier, this week.
Mr. Harry Bourland and wife, of Madisonville, are guest of friends in Marion.
Mrs. J. B. Gill and son, Harry, returned from a visit in Beaton, Mo., last week.
Messrs. S. L. Shelby and T. C. Grissom, of Livingston county, were in town Sunday.
How is it we are growing in population and the number of school children are decreasing?
The school census shows only 326 children in Marion. There are 24 more boys than girls.
If you want your groceries quick and cheap, order by Phone 88. All orders promptly delivered.

J. B. Kevil went to Princeton yesterday on business.
Mr. H. A. Haynes and little daughter, and H. K. Woods were in Louisville the first of the week.
Mrs. J. W. Waggoner returned from Elizabethtown, Ill., Thursday where she been visiting friends.
If you want groceries, we have them—good, clean, fresh and cheap. McFee & Hill.
If you want first class work, save your laundry for Creed Taylor, agent for the Eclipse Laundry. Phone 28.
Go to McMeekin & Box's and get a package of good dice and a fine bowl and pitcher before they are all gone.
If you want a coal oil or gasoline stove, remember you can get a bargain in either at McMeekin & Box's.
Rev. J. F. Price will hold services at the M. E. church, (formerly the C. P. church) next Sunday at 11 o'clock.
John Flannery, of Hebron, was in town Sunday. He said that he was done planting corn, except a 75 acre patch.
Clark & Kevil's elevator will soon be completed. They will have a storage capacity of 30,000 bushels of grain.
Bring us your produce and get the highest market price.
Hearin & Son.
Mr. Carl Henderson who is at present in a law school at Bowling Green expects to move to Marion in a few weeks.
R. W. Wilson has opened a sparmines on the Crittenden Springs and is hauling the product to the mill at this place.
L. H. James is at Dawson this week. He hopes the waters will relieve him, temporarily at least, of the rheumatism.
See the advertisement of Ruchter's paint. If you are going to paint your house, it will pay you to buy their paint.
Otho Pickens receives his laundry a day before the other agents, and he guarantees his work.
J. Frank Loyd was the first man to pay his taxes this year. He got his receipt Monday, and "was as proud of it as he was of his first boy."
Our old friend Ben Rankin brought us in a couple of ears of corn Tuesday, to convince us that he was done gathering last year's corn crop.
We want your trade in the grocery line. Get our prices. We allow no one to under sell us.
Hearin & Son.
We have the only complete line of bicycle sundries in town, and our prices are right. Taylor & Woods at McFee & Hill grocery.
The new school bonds, fourteen in number, of \$500 each, will be turned over to Mr. W. G. Carnahan today. They draw five per cent interest.
J. A. Guess and Hodge McConnell, of Shady Grove, were in town Monday. They report everything moving along lovely in their neighborhood.
There were fifteen failures in the teachers examination at Henderson, and of the thirty-three applicants only nine secured first class certificates.

Mrs. Allen Lowery and son, of Cambridge, were in town yesterday enroute home from Louisville, where they spent two weeks with relatives.
If you want to look stylish and up-to-date send your shirts, collars and cuffs to the Magnet Laundry.
Otho L. Pickens, Agent.
FOR SALE:—A good mare, nine years old, of good size, works any where, very kind and gentle—for sale cheap.
H. K. Woods.
Miss Dall Kevil returned from Madisonville this week; she took the teachers examination in Hopkins county, and her certificate shows an average of 90.
Rev. Mr. Ford, of the Christian church was unable to fill his appointment Sunday. He came over, but was taken ill and suffered with nervous prostration all day.
I still have the favorite, The White Swan Laundry. My office is at Paris & Hughes' grocery. Phone 88.
Roy Hughes.
If you want good laundry work, now, henceforth and forever, patronize the Magnet Laundry.
Otho Pickens, Agent.
The tobacco season of the past few days has offered a fine opportunity for setting and lots of the week has been put out in this county.
The last examination for certificates to teach resulted in three first-class certificates, fifteen second class, and eight third class. There were ten who failed to get certificates.
The Kentucky Flour Spar Co., is now operating its mines near Crittenden Springs night and day. The miners work in three eight-hour shifts.
WANTED:—We want your wool. Will pay the highest market price in cash or trade. Come to see me before you sell your wool.
Boston Grocery.
We notice that our friend Dick Damron, of Salem, was in the Fiddlers Contest at Paducah last week. He captured two of the premiums, and as a result brought home an armful of prizes.
Tuesday afternoon at the bridge residence near town, Mr. Squire Payne and Mrs. Ada Smith were united in marriage. Rev. B. F. McMeekin officiating. The Press extends congratulations.
The County Judge of Livingston and Squire Harpending met at the Claylick iron bridge a few days ago, and decided that a new pillar is needed at one end of the bridge. It can be put in for about \$350.
Mr. John Denaris, of this place, is arranging to move to California. He expects to leave about the 15th. He has an uncle who was so anxious for him to come, that he purchased the tickets for the family of five.
No cure, no pay, that is the way Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil is sold for Barbed Wire Cuts, Burns, Scratches, Cracked Heel, Saddle Galls, Old Sores and all kinds of inflammations on man or beast. Price, 25 cents.
FOR SALE:—My household goods and house-rolling outfit.
John Damaris, Marion, Ky.



JOHN NUNN.

Mr. John Nunn one of the oldest, best known and most highly respected citizen of Crittenden county, died at his home in the Belle Mines section, Friday May 26, 1899, at 1 p. m. On the Sunday previous he complained about a numbness in one of his legs, on Monday morning when his wife went to his room to call him to breakfast, he was standing by the fire place and told her that he was unable to walk. He was assisted to a chair and began to grow worse, and it was discovered that he was paralyzed. He sank rapidly until the end came, and surrounded by his family of three generations, ripe in all the experiences of life, ready to lay down mortality for immortality, his spirit passed peacefully away, leaving a career of eighty seven years worthy emulation and a name honored of men.
The interment took place at the Nunn graveyard, where the dead of the family for many years have been buried. Rev. Jas. Love, a nephew of the deceased conducted the services; a large crowd of relatives, friends and neighbors gathered to pay the last and tribute of respect to their kinsman, friend and neighbor.
John Nunn was a son of Ira Nunn who came to this county from Georgia early in this century, and who died in 1852. There were eight children, Chapel, Chealey, Otho, Hugh, Samuel, Thomas and John, and the late Mrs. W. B. Clement, all of whom are now dead.
John Shaffer has been bringing to market some of the finest strawberries ever grown in this section; large as hen eggs, perfect in color and form and delicious of flavor, they are in demand at all of both beauty and utility. Mr. Shaffer knows exactly how to cultivate and his success this season in growing and marketing has been to his liking. His crop this year has been his finest since he came to Kentucky.
Our parasols, straw hats and caps, gloves, shirts, fancy collars, handkerchiefs, ties, fans, etc., are great bargains. Come quick with the money. We want your trade.
Woods & Fowler.

John was born March 12, 1812. He was married to Emily H. Love, daughter of Arthur Love, Dec. 20, 1832. To them ten children were born, Harriet, Ira D., Samuel A., Sarah L., Eli L., Felisa D., who married J. R. Clement; T. J. Nunn, our present circuit judge; Ann, now Mrs. P. C. Stephens; Emily C., who married S. C. Haynes, and John Adeline, wife of Dr. I. H. Clement. Mrs. Nunn died in 1864, and in 1867, John Nunn married Mrs. Clarissa Crowell, nee Phillips. To them were born three children, Mrs. Fannie Cook, wife of Mr. Ed. Cook, George and Charles. Of these twelve children all are living except Harriet, and are among the best citizens of this section of the State. Besides his own children, Mr. Nunn raised W. D. Crowell the son of his second wife, and he is loved and regarded by all the family as one of the children. There are thirty-nine grand children and fifteen great grand children.
In early life John Nunn united with Methodist church, and lived and died a member of that church. He settled on the farm where he died sixty five years ago. He was a man of sterling qualities in every respect. His honesty, his integrity and his quiet, peaceful and industrious life has had its influence for good in the community. His marriages both proved to be happy ones.
His second wife who survives him is a woman of estimable virtues, and she is loved by all the children.

Deeds Recorded.
W. L. Hunt to John P. Swansy, exchange of land.
John P. Swansy to Jas. A. Hughes, 77 1/2 acres for \$1415 00.
Marriage License.
May 31—Richard Samuel Paris, age 24, and Miss Allie Woods age 23.
May 30—W. E. Morris, age 27, and Miss Eliza Parrie Floyd, age 20.
May 30—Squire Payne, age 21, and Mrs. Ida Smith, age 26.
Our prices are down no family groceries; our goods are at the top in quality. We will appreciate your trade.
McFee & Hill.

The Highest Grade.

Miss Kate Browning will teach the Irma school this year. This is Miss Kate's first school. She made best grade in the recent teachers examination and lead in arithmetic, making 100 per cent, ranking above many who have been teaching several years.

Home From Cuba

Mr. Geo. Cochran, of Enfield, Ill., was the guest of his father, Mr. T. J. Cochran the first of the week. He recently returned from Cuba where he did service for his country as a volunteer soldier in an Illinois regiment. He is an old Crittenden boy.

Protracted Meeting

Rev. J. W. Mitchell, of Hopkinsville, was in town the first of the week. He preached at the Christian church Tuesday night. He is engaged in the South Kentucky mission work of his church; he expects to assist in a meeting at this place about August 1.

Going to Pennsylvania

Mr. Duke S. Hill, the well known penman and commercial teacher will leave this week for Lebanon, Pa., where he has been engaged to teach in a summer normal, at the close of which he will take charge of the commercial department of the school for the next year. Mr. Hill has built up a reputation as a penman over the county.

A Surgical Operation

For several months Mr. J. P. Reed has been suffering a great deal from pain in the remaining portion of the arm he had to have amputated several years ago. He went to Louisville last week and had an operation performed which consisted in removing a cartilaginous growth from the end of the arm. He returned Saturday, and will probably have to keep his room several days yet.

For Lieutenant Governor

Maj. Thos. H. Hays, of Jefferson county, candidate for Lieut-governor, was in town Saturday. Maj. Hays has served in the State Senate several years, and is well posted in all legislative affairs of the state. He is a man of wide business experience, having been for years connected with some of the large business enterprises of Louisville.

Warm Convention

The Republican county convention Saturday promises now to be one of the warmest gatherings held in this county for many a day. The fight has been on for a week now, and there seems to be no compromise ahead. Attorney General Taylor is developing unexpected strength, while Judge Judge Pratt has an exceedingly strong following, and each side is shaking the bushes long and lustily. Unless there is a truce by Saturday, Marion will have one of the biggest conventions she ever saw and it will be red hot. Ex-Representative E. B. Blackburn and Albert Wilborn and others are lining up the Pratt contingent, while Judge J. A. Moore, W. B. Vandell and others are marshalling the Taylor forces. Senator Deboe is a strong Taylor man; and is so expressing himself to his friends.

DECORATION DAY.

Patriotic Speeches by Senator Deboe and Others—Flowers For the Dead.

Crittenden Post G. A. R., always remembers the sleeping comrades and when decoration day comes around appropriate ceremonies are held at some one of the cemeteries in the county. Tuesday the services were held at the beautiful little cemetery near L. H. Paris'. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, a big crowd was present, and the program was carried out in an impressive manner. The Post was called to order, and a timely welcome address made by J. Frank Conger, one of the leading young men of that section. Commander Walker responded in his inimitable style. The graves of the dead soldiers were then tenderly strewn with lovely flowers. Others addresses were made by Senator Deboe, J. A. Crowell, F. F. Paris, W. H. Walker and John Deboe. There was good music and a bountiful spread. While all of the speeches were appropriate and good in delivery and thought, that of W. H. Walker on American Woman has been especially complimented by those who heard it.

Book Club

Mr. C. Lawrence is here this week introducing his "Lawrence System Book Club." He has introduced the system in a large number of Kentucky towns, and has letters from some of the best people in Morganfield and Sturgis, as well as well as other places, recommending the club to those who desire to read the latest and best books. The system is simple and inexpensive. You simply buy two books of your own selection, they go into the club for a year, and then are returned to you, but during the year you have access to perhaps 100 volumes, not of old books, but of the very latest and best publications. By this means a member of the club may read books without any expense that would otherwise cost from \$60 to \$150. If you are a reader give Mr. Lawrence a hearing when he calls on you.

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Peter Melvin Paralyzed.

Rev. Peter Melvin, probably one of the oldest Baptist preachers in Kentucky, is reported as dying. He resides in Livingston county, about two miles back of Bayou Mills. Last Wednesday morning, he started to the home of a neighbor named Armstrong and as he neared the place fell unconscious from heart failure. At first he was believed to be dead, but later showed signs of life. At last accounts he was still unconscious, and by this time is doubtless dead.

Rev. Melvin was about 80 years of age and has preached in every county in Western Kentucky during the past forty or fifty years. He is well educated and in the prime of manhood was pastor of one of the Baptist churches in Nashville, Tenn. He was always a familiar character at the meetings of the Ohio River Baptist Association and is well known by every man, woman and child in this section of the country. The venerable minister has during the past few years been subject to attacks of heart disease. His age and infirmities a few years ago retired him from active duties as a minister.—Paducah Register.

STAY MULE.—On Saturday May 27, a small bay mare mule, 10 or 12 years old strayed from me at Marion. Will be glad to know of her whereabouts. Will pay for trouble.
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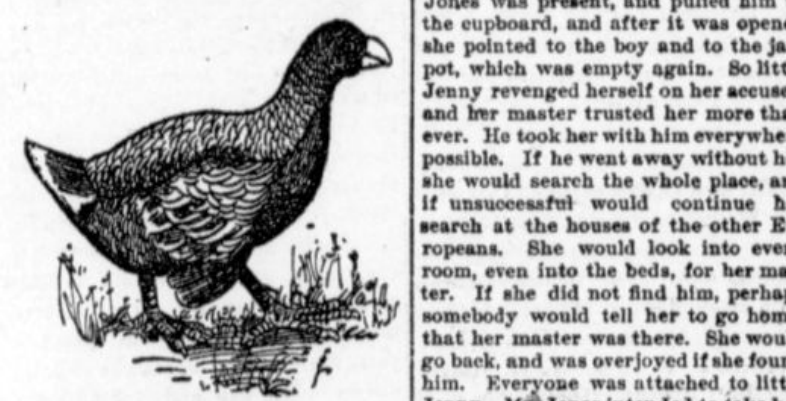
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THE TAKAHE BIRD.

It is a Native of New Zealand and Worth Much More Than Its Weight in Gold.

Possibly the rarest of all feathered creatures is the "takahe" bird of New Zealand. Science knows of no other bird of this size and shape. It was first seen by white eyes in 1848. A second came to white hands in 1861. Like the first, it was tracked over snow and caught with dogs, fighting stoutly and uttering piercing screams of rage until overpowered. Both became the property of the British museum. After that it was not seen again until 1879. That year's specimen went to the Dresden museum, at the cost of a hundred guineas. The fourth, which was captured last year in the fords of Lake Te Anau, in New Zealand, has been offered to the government there for the tidy sum of \$250.

Thus it appears that the bird is precious; worth very much more than its weight in gold. The value, of course, comes from its rarity. The wise men were beginning to set it down as extinct. Scarcity adds, it must be worth looking at—a gorgeous creature, about the size of a big goose, with breast, head and neck of the richest dark blue, growing duller as it reaches the under parts.



THE TAKAHE BIRD.

Back, wings and tail feathers are olive green, and the plumage throughout has a metallic luster. The tail is very short, and has underneath it a thick patch of soft, pure white feathers.

Having wings, the takahe flies not, resembling therein its remote congener, the Diornis. The wings are not rudimentary, but the bird makes no attempt to use them. This is the more wonderful, as it belongs to the family of rulls, which is in the main a family of strong flyers. The legs are longish and very stout, the feet not webbed, and furnished with sharp, powerful claws. Both legs and feet are a rich salmon red in color. The odd feature of all, however, is the bill, an equilateral triangle of hard pink horn. Along the edge, where it joins the head, there is a strip of soft tissue much like the rudimentary comb of a barnyard fowl.

The bird is a wader, but lives on grain, the big book to the contrary notwithstanding. Dissection showed that this latest specimen had a crop full of grass, snipped into bits from a quarter to an inch in length. Its habitat is the colder part of New Zealand, where it finds asylum among glaciers, lakes and fords. Fossil remains show that it was once sparingly distributed over the whole country. If there is still a land where it is plenty it must be mighty close to the south pole.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

RICH MOUSE NEST.

The Rodents Were Particular and Slept on Nothing But Railroad Tickets and Greenbacks.

The other day the station agent in Springfield, Mass., found out where all his railroad tickets and some of his money had been going to. For a long time he had been missing these things, and he was very much worried, and kept a very sharp lookout for the thief.

Closet Shave on Record.

Lumbermen were rolling logs down a bluff into the St. John's river, Canada. Near the foot of the bluff there was a slight ridge, and now and then a log would strike it and bound into the air, landing well out into the river. Sometimes a log went astray and got stuck, and then a man had to go down to dislodge it. Once when this happened a man was trying at a log when two men came to the top of the bluff with another log, and by some mischance it started down. They called to the man below, but there was no chance to seek shelter. Down rolled the log, gaining velocity with every foot, and then it struck the ridge, gave a great bound, and went high over the man's head. The lumbermen call it the closest shave on record.

Abel Sang with Vigor.

John Abel was a celebrated English singer of the last century, who traveled about Europe, acquiring considerable wealth and greater independence of manner, boasting that he was only when he felt like it. While at Warsaw, the king of Poland invited him to sing at court, and Abel sent an excuse. The king sent a file of soldiers. At the palace Abel was placed in a chair in the middle of a spacious hall, and then, with a rope, drawn up to a considerable height, the king and his attendants occupying the gallery. These began to let into the hall below, and Abel had the choice of singing or being let down to the bears, and sang, and with great vigor.

THE "RABBIT WOMAN."

A Familiar and Most Interesting Figure in Broadway, New York's Greatest Street.

A writer in St. Nicholas, Mr. George A. Williams, tells the readers of that popular magazine a good deal about the "Rabbit Woman," whose shop is a part of the sidewalk in Broadway, near Twenty-third street. Frau Zehner, better known in New York city as the "Rabbit Woman," is a native of Saxony. She is of good family, her father having been a physician in Leipzig. She came to this country in 1852, and having met with reverses in fortune, was obliged to earn her living. Renting a place on Twenty-third street, she sold, for a number of years, small trinkets and toys for the children. Frau Zehner has a happy disposition, and readily makes friends among the children, always having a bright smile and a pleasant word for her little customers.

But she was not destined always to deal in toys. One of her street neighbors, an aged woman who sold small live rabbits, one morning did not come as usual, to her stand. The farmer that supplied her with bunnies was on hand with a basketful. When he saw the old woman was not there, he looked around to find some one to sell the load for him, not wishing to take them back home again. At last he asked Frau Zehner to sell the rabbits. At first she hesitated, but finally consented to try; and when noon-hour came she found that the bunnies were indeed salable articles, for she had disposed of all the farmer had brought. He went home promising to bring her more the next day, and was on hand early in the morning with another supply, which, like the first, Frau Zehner sold very quickly. From the time of taking up the business she has been known as the "Rabbit Woman." She finally drew such a crowd with her strange but attractive wares that the authorities ordered her to move her stand to a less conspicuous place than Twenty-third street.

For a time she sold her rabbits in front of one of the best-known confectioners of New York; but upon making

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THE "RABBIT WOMAN."

A second move, she found a new place between Twentieth and Twenty-third streets on the west side of Broadway, where she has been on every pleasant day for the past few years.

The busiest season of the year for the Rabbit Woman is at Easter-time, when her sales are doubled. The idea of the hare in connection with Easter, says Frau Zehner, first found expression in Germany. The children are up early Easter morning to hunt for the "hare's nest." It may be either inside or outside the house. When the hare is found it may be either of sugar or paper-mache, but usually it is a real live bunny—it is in the nest surrounded with eggs, which the old people tell the children were left there for them during the night.

The apron she wears while carrying on her trade has rabbits embroidered along the bottom of it, and one on each of the pockets; when cats are her wares, the pattern of her apron also shows a change, and a long row of graceful and decorative kittens take the place of the embroidered rabbits. Frau Zehner does not raise the rabbits, but obtains her supply from the farmers of the surrounding country. She will try to find a bunny of a color for you, if you wish it. She is a great favorite with the artists who wish to paint or draw from rabbits about the time of the holidays or Easter.

When the weather is stormy, so that it is impossible for her to be at her usual stand, she receives at her home many distinguished customers who come to buy rabbits for their children. She lives in a cozy little tenement on the east side. Her parlor is very tastefully arranged, and although the furniture is not of the most expensive and the carpet is not of the latest design, her apartment has a very cheerful and homelike look.

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The Worst on Record.

What is the most ungrammatical sentence ever spoken? The following would be hard to beat. It was enunciated by a little girl who was driving along a country road with her father. Seeing a flock of sheep in a neighboring meadow, she asked: "Is them sheeps roun?" Four words, and all wrong!

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