

EASTERN NOTES.

At Wilmington, Ill., horses that were supposed to be sound and well of the epizooty are now either dying or becoming useless from the effects of the disease.

The Atlantic disaster does not stop them. Ten thousand emigrants from Liverpool for New York in one day. And therein lies one solution of the Indian question.—*Ex.*

Peddlers have been reaping a golden harvest in Kendall County, Ill., by selling a non-explosive powder for use in coal oil lamps. The powder proves, on analysis, to be common salt—colored.

The salt well near Leavenworth, Crawford County, Ind., which is 1,065 feet deep, and has for several years yielded paying brine, has suddenly ceased to be salty, but is pouring forth coal oil in strange abundance.

A company of bird fanciers is about to be formed in Sandusky for the purpose of sending a man to Europe to bring to this country a number of different varieties of birds, which are native to that climate, but seldom met with here.

A German in Buffalo fell into a beer vat the other day and was drowned. He drank as hard as he could to save himself, and would have succeeded had not a floating cork choked him.

The postoffices which give the Department most trouble are those in which the salary is \$12 per annum. The appointees generally hold office until they draw their first quarterly salary of \$3, and then resign. There are about 8,000 of them.—*Ex.*

A fair exchange is no robbery. In return for Froude, and Emily Faithfull, and Ludwig Buechner, and George Macdonald, and other transcontinental bores, we send abroad this summer 23,000 sojourners of the sort which we can worry along, somehow, without.

There have been, during the past month, an average of from ten to thirteen deaths weekly in Boston from cerebro-spinal meningitis. A Michigan correspondent of an Illinois journal pronounces the disease, which also prevails in that State as well as in Massachusetts, the same epidemic which raged in Michigan about twenty-five years ago to such an extent that it actually broke up the Legislature, and carried every one to the grave whom it attacked, until the "old-fashioned hemlock sweats were adopted," after which every case was saved.

Dr. Newman, Bishop Harrison, Rev. W. A. Spencer, and a number of other gentlemen, prominently identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, will sail from San Francisco about the first of June, on a trip around the world, in the special interest of that church in the work of church extension. They will land at Yokohama, and spend some time in establishing missions in Japan, after which they will visit the stations in China and hold a conference. Thence they will proceed westward through India. The recent decree of the Mikado in favor of religious liberty makes this mission very opportune.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

At last we hear something definite of the plan and purposes of the mysterious "Order of Husbandry" that has so suddenly become a power in the West. It is a secret, co-operative, industrial, beneficent and literary institution, with various rites borrowed from the secret societies. Apparently it has nothing to do with politics. Men and women are alike admitted, but the latter are limited to the fourth degree. The members of the first degree are designated respectively as Laborer and Maid; in the second degree as Cultivator and Shepherdess; in the third degree as Harvester and Gleaner, and in the fourth degree as Husbandman and Matron. The membership of the organization at this time is estimated at 450,000, and if it does go into politics, it will certainly be a powerful influence.—*N. Y. Herald.*

A remarkable breach of promise case was tried in a Pittsburg court, recently. In this case the forlorn and broken-hearted damsel commenced suit, several months ago, against the man who refused to fulfill his promise of marrying her, and during its progress married another man. The curious incident

was, therefore, witnessed of a married woman bringing suit against a man, who was by this time also married, for refusing to marry her. The jury found it difficult to decide what amount would fitly heal her lacerated heart.

Many gentlemen allow their wives stated weekly allowances of pocket money, and we think this a good idea. A gentleman of this city made an arrangement with his better half to allow her five dollars a week for spending money, but put in a proviso that, for each absent button from his linen, each poor cup of coffee, and each caudle lecture there should be docked from the pocket money the sum of ten cents. This arrangement has been going on for two years, and although not a button has been missed, and not a complaint made about the coffee, yet that poor man claims his wife to be his debtor by nearly one hundred and fifty dollars.—*Lawrence American.*

The Chicago *Inter-Ocean* of April 18 says:

It is a year, six months and nine days since the fire of October 9, 1871, and yet, strange to relate, two gentlemen claim that the champion blaze of creation has not subsided yet. While a party of gentlemen, yesterday, were passing the ruins of the Catholic Brothers' School, on Van Buren street, east of Clark, their attention was attracted by the escape of smoke, and out of curiosity they instituted an investigation. After making an excavation a small pile of glowing coals was reached, and when the air came in contact with it a vigorous flame burst forth. The discoverers resolved to make the fact memorable, and obtaining some potatoes, roasted them by the fire, ate a lunch, then lit some cigars at the blaze, covered the coals over with brick and then departed. The gentlemen who vouch for the above are J. S. Hewson, carpenter and builder, Van Burch street, and J. B. Bailey.

The prize-package boy is doomed. No one who has traveled on an American railway has failed to meet him, or to be tempted to murder him by his shrill voice and persistent impudence. His packages, consisting of unwholesome candy and occasional bits of brass jewelry, are revolting to any properly constituted mind; while the boy himself, with his objectionable voice and his exasperating habit of perpetually slamming the car-doors, is loathsome in the last degree. The Assembly has passed a bill suppressing him upon all the railways of this State, and other Legislatures will have to follow this example, unless they are willing to see our railways built up at the expense of their own. There is but one effect of the bill which can prove anything but an unalloyed blessing. Heretofore the first thought of any one upon reading of a railway collision has been the wild hope that a prize package boy had been killed. With his suppression will vanish the only possible consolation which can ever be drawn from a railway accident in this State.—*New York Times.*

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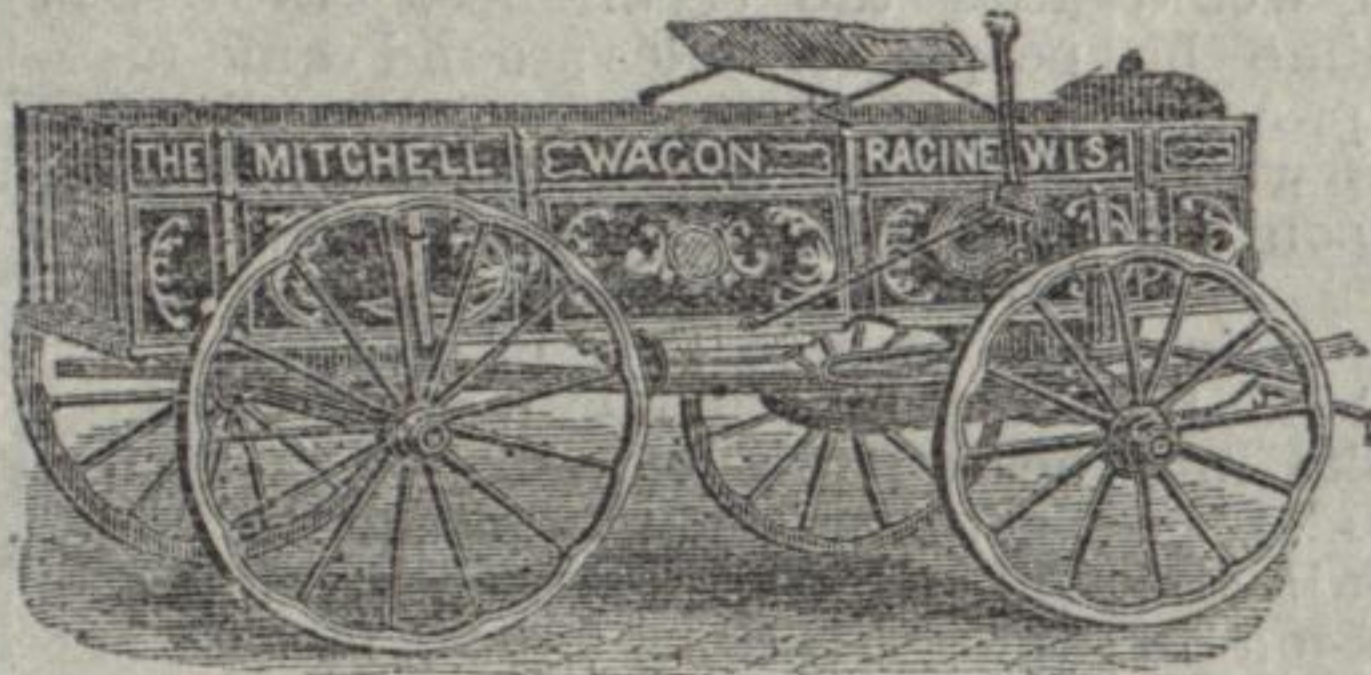
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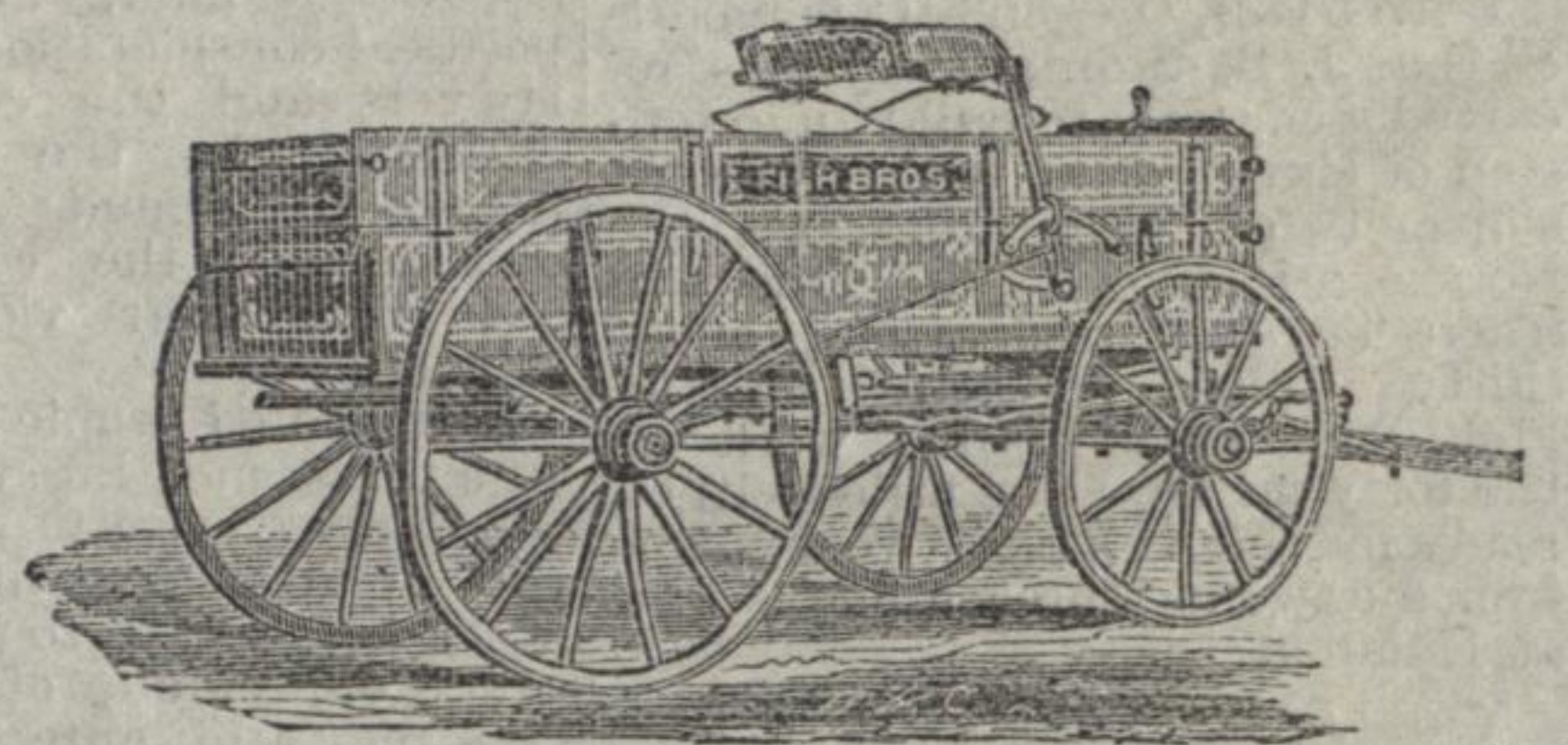
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