

EASTERN NOTES.

The *Arcadian* calls Daniel Wilson, L. L. D., a "Shakespeareolater."

A German woman at Milwaukee has just given birth to three boys and one girl.

A St. Louis woman took the veil recently. She was caught and had to give it up though.

The most unique mass meeting ever held was one of boys in New York, to obtain space on which to play base ball.

There was uninterrupted sleighing over Windsor Hill, Massachusetts, from November 15th till April 28th.

A woman in Meriden, Connecticut, was arrested lately for forcing her five-year old son to drink himself drunk.

A Sedalia, Mo., physician, in his advertisement for a wife, says he has "money enough to burn up a wet mule."

A Baltimorean, who feared hydrophobia, has had a small quantity of his blood analyzed, and been pronounced free from disease.

Minnesota republican state convention will be held at St. Paul July 16, when it is expected the snow drifts of last winter will be thawed out.

A gigantic elm tree in Stratford, Ct., measures over twenty feet in circumference and is 200 years old. Its branches cover an area of a third of an acre.

The railway companies of Illinois are preparing to conform their tariffs and regulations to the requirements of the new law against exorbitant rates and unjust discriminations.

Miss Mink, the woman accused of the murder of Dr. Baker, in Maine, refused to leave the court room at the close of the examination, and the officers were compelled to take her out by force.

The Clergymen's Mutual Insurance League of the Episcopal Church numbers 1,018 members, and pledged to pay \$2 each to the family or heirs of any member who dies. The heirs of the last deceased member, therefore, received \$2,036.

The Little Rock *Gazette* says: "After the adjournment of the house yesterday the republican side of the house started 'John Brown.' On the conclusion of this the Democrats struck out with 'Dixie,' which was sung with a will."

The Memphis *Appeal* says: This close, hot, unoxxygenated atmosphere is productive of grass and weeds and toad-stools and cholera-morbus, and of mephitic vapors, and ruinous to cotton crops.

It is now necessary on the part of all persons acquiring government land to stipulate that at least ten per cent. of it shall be kept as woodland. If it be prairie land, that much of it must be planted with trees, otherwise at the end of three years it will be declared forfeited.—*Ex.*

Of the Connecticut State Senators, 4 are farmers, 5 manufacturers, 4 lawyers, 4 merchants, 1 butcher, 1 auctioneer, 1 surveyor, and 1 carpenter. Of the 241 members of the House, 115 are farmers, 13 are lawyers, 5 clergymen, 21 merchants, 6 physicians, and the rest are divided up among various callings and pursuits.

Considerable amusement was produced at a recent meeting of the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, by a reference to the Darwinian theory, in a paper on bridge building, read by Mr. John M. Murphey. According to this theory, he said, monkeys were our ancestors, and as monkeys were the first to demonstrate how to cross streams by means of suspension bridges, therefore the suspension form, or some modification of it, remains the best to this day.—*Ex.*

The colored population of New Orleans is about one-third of the total population. This is a much larger proportion than existed before emancipation and the war. It has been an unfortunate result of that measure that the negroes from the country districts have flocked to the cities, thereby reducing the productive agricultural force and increasing largely the number of that loose and vagabond class which hang about large towns and pursue modes of life that develop vice, disease, and a large mortality.—*Ex.*

DESTRUCTION OF THE TERRAPIN TOWER.—The Niagara Falls *Gazette* thus notices the destruction of "Terrapin Tower," long one of the most conspicuous objects around the Falls. During the past fifty years millions of people from every inhabitable part of the globe have seen the round, weather-beaten tower, built upon the narrow ledge of rocks upon the extreme brink of the Horseshoe Fall, and have enjoyed from its summit the magnificent view which it afforded of the tumultuous rapids above and the mighty rush of waters below. They will learn with sincere regret that the venerable mass of masonry has been destroyed. The tower was built in 1823, by Judge Porter, was forty-five feet in height and twelve feet in diameter at its base. The masonry was massive and its hardness and durability many have thought to have been abundantly demonstrated. But standing in such an extremely-exposed position, subject at all times to the action of the spray and the fierce beating winds, and in the winter months ice-bound and frost-bitten, the stones and wood have been gradually yielding to the elements and the structure was pronounced unsafe last fall, and has been closed to the public ever since. Last week preparations were made to remove the concern in order to make room for a new iron tower. Large fissures were found to have opened in the masonry and the mast in the center of the pile was found to be only a shell, the core having almost disappeared from a dry rot. The first attempt to blow up the tower was made Saturday noon, but proved abortive—the twenty-five pounds of powder buried in the base of the structure only serving to demolish a portion of the south-western side. The ruins were subsequently mined and the work of demolition completed on Monday, June 2d.

—The Boston man who wrote a splendid book, entitled "Useful Hints for Ugly Girls," wonders why there is no more demand for his work. His publishers says that they have only disposed of one copy, and that was stolen.

—A good natured man was nearly eaten out of house and home by the constant visits of his acquaintances, when, in despair, he began to borrow of the rich ones and lend it to the poor ones, and the result was that he was soon troubled no longer with either class.—*Ex.*

—Conductors, change your ways. See this: "An old lady passenger was so much impressed by the polite attention she received from a railroad conductor, in Connecticut, that she recently left him twenty-five hundred dollars by her will." However, if conductors could only get rich by being polite, we would have to build an almshouse for their especial benefit. The application to hotel clerks is so obvious that the reader has probably made it.—*Chicago Post.*

—In Paris the height of buildings is determined by law according to the width of the streets. Thus the buildings cannot exceed thirty feet in height in streets less than twenty-six feet wide; forty-eight feet in streets from twenty-six to thirty-two feet in width. For boulevards and streets exceeding sixty-five feet in width, the municipal authorities have the power to permit the height to be carried to a maximum of sixty-five feet, provided that in no case the building shall be more than five stories.

—A writer in the *Christian Observer*, of Louisville, discusses the strong proclivity which many Christian young women have for dancing both round and square dances, and in casting about for a remedy to turn their feet from such crooked paths, he warmly suggests that they marry promptly at eighteen. He says: "Let the girls marry at eighteen, and the evil will die out, killed by new affections and by hopes fulfilled. I have seen scores reformed." This is a pretty good idea, for in most cases the young olive branches which usually come budding forth after a wedding, require too much attention to allow a mother to whirl in the voluptuous measures of one of Strauss' waltzes. There are, however, many mothers who will continue to waltz in spite of marriage and babies. They generally have nurses and laundresses to aid them in their excursions to the realms of Terpsichore.—*Ex.*

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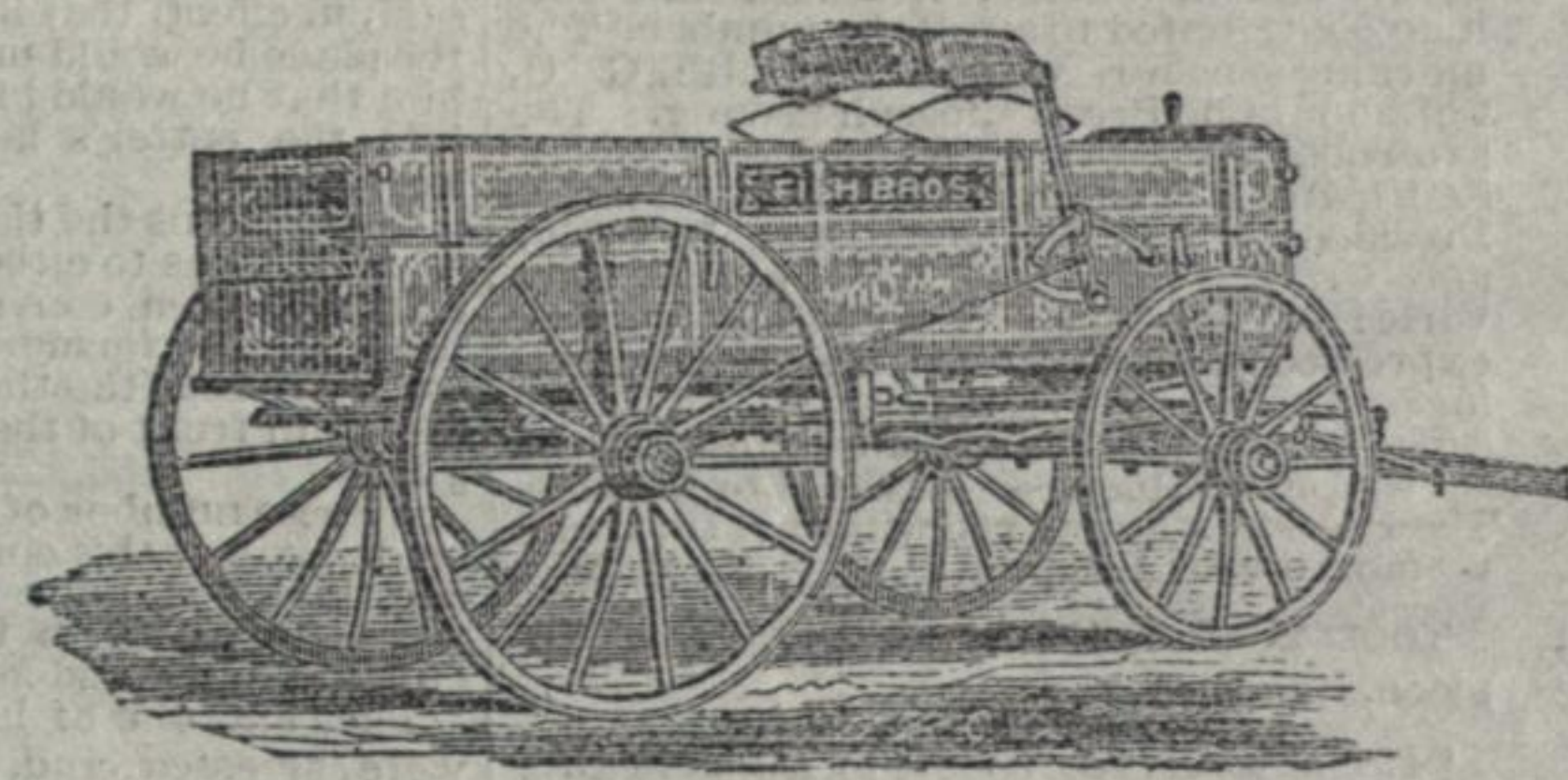
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