

out as colonists to the Argentine Republic.

THERE is a very lively meat war going on in Minnesota. Beef is now being sold to the wholesalers at less than four cents per pound, while the retailers have reduced prices until the consumers are getting three pounds of good meat for 25 cents. The fight threatens to last all winter.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 15. — United States government officers have seized the distillery of Freiberg & Workum at Lynchburg, upon a charge of defrauding the United States by equalizing shortages from shrinkage before the gauger measured the packages. The whisky seized amounts to more than 1,000,000 gallons.

A FEW days ago a lady who left Lincoln, Ill., for a short journey had her purse and ticket stolen as she got on the car, and the conductor dropped her on the track between stations because she couldn't raise 30 cents. There were twenty-two men in the coach, and not one of them offered her the insignificant amount.

JUDGE A. A. CHAPLIN, of the Supreme Court, residing in Fort Wayne, is the victim of a peculiar mistake. The judge is the owner of a lot, and recently he decided to build a handsome residence. Plans were made and in due course of time the house was finished and ready for occupation, when it was discovered that it had been built on the wrong lot. The judge is now negotiating with a house mover.

A MONKEY recently brought a criminal to justice at Singapore. A native with a little boy, a bear, and a monkey, traveled through the Straits settlements and made a goodly sum of money by his animals' tricks. One day he was found with his throat cut, the boy and the bear lying dead close by, while the monkey had escaped up a tree. The bodies, with the monkey, were being taken to the police station, when the monkey suddenly rushed at a man in the crowd, seized his leg, and would not let go. The man proved to be one of the murderers.

HENRY LABOUCHERE, editor of the London *Truth* and M. P. for Northampton, was, for years, a rover in the wilds of the far west. Finally he settled down and through family interest managed to secure an attachship to the British legation at Washington, but at the end of two years he was dismissed for enlisting American citizens for the Crimean war at the same time with Crampton, the British minister. He then turned his attention to journalism, and after serving on the editorial staff of several London papers he started his own successful journal, which now yields him an income of upward of \$50,000 per annum.

THERE is one Lansing young man who wishes that death would

come to his relief, says a Lansing, (Mich.) paper. A week ago he loaned a gold ring to a young lady friend. Two or three days later the absent-minded young man noticed that the ring was missing from his finger, and he walked straight down to police headquarters and notified Marshal Bates that it had been stolen, carefully describing the property. When the young lady returned the ring to its owner you could have knocked him down with a feather duster. The innocent young woman had been liable to arrest every moment of the week while wearing the borrowed ring, owing to his careful description.

LONDON *Society Times*: Fruit salad has been a great institution all the season, and neither afternoon or evening parties have been complete without the appearance of this favorite sweet. Fruit salad is made of every description of fruit mixed up together in a sweet syrup, in which pineapple juice and a dash of curacao form important component parts. Bananas, strawberries, grapes, quarters of orange and peaches, all appear at intervals in this delicious dish. It is served either in a flat silver dish or in an old china bowl, and helped with a silver ladle; it is eaten off dessert plates, not served in glasses like its predecessor, the fruit sourbet. Fruit salad is said to be an American importation, but it has become very popular indeed over here.

A CORRESPONDENT who has met Boulanger in London writes: "The General's manner is, for a Frenchman, sedate, composed, tranquil; with the self-possession of one long used to intercourse with his fellow-men and with women. As to the latter, the most skeptical never hinted a doubt. It is a good manner, without being remarkable for distinction. Unknown, he might pass unobserved in a drawing room, nor is there much in his bearing to suggest the notion of greatness. A good soldier, a good war office administrator, he possesses a certain frankness and popularity of address, an easy command of conventional civilities, and an extremely pliable temper to those rather adventurous politicians who use his name."

DR. SMYTHE in *Globe-Democrat*. A few days ago a man called on me and asked me to pull one of his teeth. When I told him to open his mouth and show me which was the aching tooth, he replied that he never had the toothache in his life but that he was sick and had been advised to consult a dentist. There was something so original in this that I pressed him for an explanation, and finally learned that he had consulted a faith healer, who had seriously advised him to have a sound tooth extracted to cure some disease, which I should imagine was malaria, aggravated by an unlimited indulgence in bad beer.

I tried to argue the fellow into sense, but failed, and he went away in search of some dentist who, as he politely put it, "would take his money and not use his mouth quite so freely."

GENERAL CROOK says to a Baltimore *American* reporter: "It is a wonder to me how so great a fraud as Sitting Bull could be made such a hero of. Why, a white woman from the east actually went out to the reservation and proposed marriage to him, which he discreetly declined, as he had already had several squaws, who would probably have made it uncomfortable for her. She is not the only woman, however, who has given the fellow cause for his conceit," said General Crook, "for many orders come for his photograph." "But did he not display great bravery in the Custer fight?" "No," said the general, "he showed the white feather, ran away, and afterward got all the glory among the white men east—probably through some prejudiced parties; but with the Indians Sitting Bull has no reputation as a brave. By them he is considered only a medicine man."

EDINBURGH *Scotsman*, September 10th: The district quarterly conference of the Scottish Mission of the Latter-day Saints was held yesterday in Neilson's Hall, Ingram Street, Glasgow. There were present: Mr. George Teasdale, president of the European Mission; Mr. S. T. Whitaker, president of the Scottish Mission; and Messrs. D. Murray, James B. Jardine, Ralph Maxwell, E. G. Gowan, John McKellar, John Jenkins, E. B. K. Ferguson, James R. Smith, and W. L. Stewart, all Scotsmen. In the morning the business meeting was held, at which reports were submitted, describing the work of the missionaries throughout Scotland. In the afternoon the strangers were addressed by President Teasdale, who explained the tenets of the Church. In the evening Mr. Whitaker was released from his office as president of the Scottish Mission, and Mr. W. L. Stewart was appointed his successor. Mr. Whitaker stated that during twenty-two months he had baptized about forty persons.

BOOMS in the value of land are by no means confined to this country, if reports recently received from Australia are to be depended upon. Apparently, in the last two or three years land in the vicinity of Melbourne and Sydney, both for farming, residential and business purposes, has advanced enormously in price. An illustration of this is given by the English owner of an estate twenty-six miles from Melbourne, comprising 500 acres of not overgood soil, with a nice cottage on it. This he sold for \$250,000, and within a few days after the receipt of the purchase money the former owner was offered in England a magnificent estate of 1550 acres with a really grand old mansion built by an eminent historical personage, a deer park, walled gardens, lawns, terraces, cedars, six park lodges, one and a half miles from a station, thirty miles from London, for exactly the same price that he obtained for his 500 acres and cottage in Australia. This, of course, is an exceptional comparison, and the