

associated with other British worthies, intends erecting a tower 2000 feet high, in London. Thus modern Babylon proposes to imitate ancient Babel. The ancients, however, proposed to climb until they could peep into the heavens, while in this day the tower builders merely design to afford a more comprehensive birds-eye view of the earth, to which they are fixedly wedded. Unless some sort of an elevator can be constructed in connection with the proposed Loudon structure, it will involve a tremendous "getting up stairs." Consequently only the more robust would undertake the ascent, unless intermediate camping places were provided for the more feeble folks.

A CASE similar in many respects to that of Mrs. Maybrick has developed in Kansas. On Thursday last Governor Humphrey pardoned Mrs. Henrietta Cook, who has been confined in the penitentiary for thirteen years for poisoning her husband. It has transpired that Mr. Cook was in the habit of taking arsenic, and an investigation convinced Gov. Humphrey that Mrs. Cook was innocent. If Mrs. Maybrick killed her husband she should have been hanged. If she did not she should be now basking in the warm sunlight of freedom. The fact that she is now held in durance vile for the insane reason that "perhaps she did and perhaps she didn't" illustrates the puerility of the law of circumstantial evidence. In cases of capital crimes why not furnish the jury with a dice box?

THAT farming land in England still has a marketable value, and even a very high one, was demonstrated at a recent sale of farms situated between Blackburn and Preston, in Lancashire. Here are the prices brought by different parcels of land. One lot of thirty acres of grass land sold for \$6,800, or at the rate of \$226 per acre. Another lot of thirty-six acres of grass land with a farmhouse and a cottage brought \$11,800 or \$327 per acre. A third farm of sixty-four acres sold for \$12,675, or \$198 per acre. A fourth farm, containing 161 acres of arable and grass land with three cottages changed owners at \$34,300, or \$213 per acre. Altogether seven farms, comprising exactly 500 acres, were disposed of for \$113,475, an average of \$226 per acre. These prices would seem to show a very prosperous condition of agriculture in Lancashire.

A GENTLEMAN who was on the South Park passenger train which was wrecked up the Platte Canyon, Col., a few days ago relates an amusing incident which occurred in connection with the accident. He had observed upon the train a dudish-looking fellow with a light suit of clothes cut in the latest fashion, and a cane and other accessories of neckties, collars and similar paraphernalia of the most fashionable guild. After crawling out of the overturned car he found himself with a slight cut on the back of his head, which bled somewhat and

spotted his light suit. He immediately sought his carpet bag and took to the brush, and when he emerged he was gorgeously arrayed in another immaculate suit, clean collar and necktie to match. Returning to the train he began a hasty and vigorous search for his cane, but whether he found it or not, or what he would have done in case his carpet bag had been lost, is not recorded.

ACCORDING to published reports, the money lenders of Roumania are just now experiencing what may be termed a profitable time. Thousands of Roumanians have even, it appears, mortgaged their real estate, while many of the women have placed their jewels in the hands of their "avuncular relatives" in order to visit Paris. There seems, in fact, to be quite a general exodus from Roumania, Bosnia, Serbia, and Bulgaria.

JULIAN HAWTHORNE gives this picture of a lodging house for poor workingmen in Manchester, England: "After seeing the homes of vice and crime, we visited a lodging house for poor workingmen, owned by a rich Manchester merchant and managed by a tall, athletic Englishman, an ex-police man. It contained 450 beds, let at threepence a night, this price including all the use of the house for twenty four hours. There was a kitchen where the lodgers cooked their own food, after buying it at the store in the building at cost price. The average price of a hearty meal prepared in this way was twopence. A corps of men was kept to do the work of keeping the place clean—and very clean it was. The linen on the beds is changed twice a week. The cost per day of running the house is £5, the receipts showing a small daily profit. I wish it were possible to relate a tenth part of the curious and interesting sights that we saw on this stroll about the city, but it would take a month to describe what may be seen in an hour."

#### TANNER DEPOSED.

CORPORAL TANNER is virtually deposed, and will step down and out as soon as his successor is appointed and qualified. A man more headstrong and rash probably never occupied an important State position in the republic. He is a dangerous person to entrust with power, for the reason that his head is capacitated to carry but one idea at a time. In pursuing it practically he never takes into consideration the consequences, and only to a limited degree the equities of his acts. The reason for this is that he keeps his eyes fixed on the absorbing thought, gazing in a direct line. Consequently he fails to take in the connections on either side the line leading to the point of view.

His thoughts and consideration were centered upon one class—the soldiers who fought to save the country from going to pieces and their connections. He took for granted as correct nearly every claim presented and advanced many special ones. The cases were hastily disposed of, the requisite time and attention not being given to analyze them and treat them on their merits. Hence the public money was frequently lavished upon numbers of persons who had no right to it. The mistakes of the commissioner have been so glaring as to be damaging to the administration. Hence his deposition, that the place might be filled by a man capable of carrying more than one idea in his head at a time.

Corporal Tanner is known here, where he exhibited himself as a first class fanatic. Many of our citizens will remember the meetings that were held by active "Liberal" politicians on the occasion of the stop-over in this city of the Grand Army veterans on their way to the encampment held in San Francisco. The Corporal was among the most windy of the visitors who let off vocal gas at these gatherings. Not being able, through limited capacity, to take in the situation for himself upon easily accessible evidence, he swallowed the hobgoblin stories of the "Liberal" wireworkers, who manipulated some of the Veterans to induce them to become anti-"Mormon" misrepresentation-distributors throughout the country. As a result the man of one idea at a time was filled to the neck with prejudice and fury. Without attempting to analyze the situation by weighing facts from each side, he indulged in a series of oratorical explosions, which were highly absurd, being utterly devoid of reason. He went so far as to state his readiness to come on with an organized force of G. A. R. men and use up the "Mormon" people.

A man who will make such a sorry spectacle in one way is apt to do it in another; for fanatics are not a class upon whom dependence can be placed. Men who think and reason, seeking to act upon the basis of justice, which is an eternal principle, constitute the only class capable of being entrusted with the management of men, and the manipulation of affairs of importance. We weighed Corporal Tanner on the occasion of his making himself a sorry spectacle here, and found him wanting; as a consequence we would have been surprised if he had acquitted himself as a discreet and sensible commissioner of pensions.