

Question of Population.

HOW THE GOOD PEOPLE OF BLAZERVILLE INTENDED SECURING A RAILROAD.

"I understand that you air the boss o' this yere ranch," remarked Cata-mount Calvin, as he entered the private office of the president of the Central Oklahoma Railroad Company, "an I hev been delegated by ther citizens o' ther flourishin city o' Blazerville ter interview yer in regard ter this yere rail-road erbout ter be projected through Calamity county.

"It war announced in Blazerville yisterday thet this yere corporation hev decided ter run its line through ther miserable hamlet uv Hang Dog (which air 18 miles from our own flourishin city), on ther grounds thet ther population uv Hang Dog air 389, an thet uv Blazerville only 362. Now ther citizens o' Blazerville don't perpose ter let a measely 27 head o' population stand between them an their railroad.

"An indignation meetin war convened immedieate, an it war voted ter rekwest this yere corporation fur a stay uv execution, so ter speak, ontill next Saturday night, an then let ther railroad go whar thar's ther largest population.

"It war also voted ter take immedieate steps fer increasin the population uv Blazerville, an especially fer discouragin thet uv Hang Dog. In consekvence, every married man in Blazerville hev set out ter attend ther Metherdist church sociable at Hang Dog this evenin, an when our boys git down ter their discouragin business thar'll be ther purtiest ruction ever witnessed in Calamity county. O' course thar'll be losses on doth sides, but we kalkerlate that ther net results will be in favor o' Blazerville.

"Meanwhile, every onmarried bachelor in town hev been given three days ter rustle roun' ther kentry an git himself hitched, returnin by Saturday night, shore. Yore humble servant hev already made hisself agreeable to a widder with nine children, hev popped ther question, allowed ther widder ter sleep on it, an expects ter git spliced termor-mornin at half past 7, makin an increase o' two an seven tenths per cent in ther population o' Blazerville. Maverick Mike air already hitched ter a divorcee with six, an I hear thet Gopher George air strivin ter rope an old maid with four young sisters, one mother an three grandparents, with ther odds 12 ter 1 on George.

"Now, guv'nor, ef you'll hold off the railroad ez rekwested, me an 64 other able-bodied bachelors 'll guarantee thet by Saturday night ther beautiful an flourishin city o' Blazerville'll be on ther broad road ter ther county seat, thevin population ter burn, so ter speak, while ther miserable hamlet uv Hang Dog, not bein able ter legalize polygamy by a city ordinance, will be clean discouraged, an ready ter wipe itself off ther map."—*Up to Date.*

Comparing Notes.

BUMPLY STARTED THE ARGUMENT, BUT SOON REGRETTED IT.

"Why can't women be natural?" growled Bumpy. "They make me think of a lot of blue jays, with their clatter and their pluming and their efforts to improve on nature. They can think out more crazy plans and develop more unmitigated nonsense than so many inspired imps. Look at your hair, Mrs. Bumpy, plaited and twisted and fluted and banged till it looks no more like what it does in its normal state than a junk pile looks like any of its original elements. And those sleeves and those three story heels and that stiff necked collar! Honestly, if men compelled you to rig up in that barbarous fashion, you'd inveigh against them as brutal savages."

"Oh, I don't know," said Mrs. Bumpy, who is very matter of fact. "Contemplate your own hair. Looks as though it were laundered down on top and moulded over puff combs on the side. The shoulders of your coat are built up as though you were trying to palm yourself off for a prize fighter, and the way that your mnstache is twisted up at the ends makes me think of a French dancing master on a reception night."

Then Bumpy grew very distant in his manner, arranged to go down town at once, told his wife not to sit up for him, and said that if she had one fault above another it lay in her irrepressible disposition to grow personal whenever she entered into debate.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Mrs. Riley—And what trade does your husband follow?

Mrs. O'Shea—Sure, an he follers a barrer at prisint. Whin I married him he said he was a brass finisher, an he soon finished every bit o' brass that I'd saved."

He—Reggy Fitzjames has become recklessly engaged to any number of girls, but he always gets out of it.

She—With decency?

He—Oh, yes; he merely has to ask the father's consent, and it's all over.

How to Cut Glass.

This week we give you a somewhat unique way of utilizing a broken bottle. Even if you do not care to make a practical use of the suggestion, you will find it an interesting experiment in the study of heat. When the neck of a bottle is broken off, a ragged edge is left, which wholly unfits the bottle for any use whatever, except to be thrown on the ash heap. Let us see how we may save it from that melancholy fate. Place the bottom part of the broken bottle on a table and pour oil into it until it reaches the point where you would like to have the bottle cut. Then heat the end of an iron poker redhot and plunge it suddenly into the oil. There will be a little snapping sound, and you will see that the glass has been evenly cut all around on a level with the oil. If you wish to carry your experiment a little further and make a number of glass rings, you have only to remove part of the oil every time and repeat the process above described. Pour out, say, half an inch of the oil each time, and you may easily make several rings half an inch in breadth. You will recognize in this experiment the same principle as in the fracture of a cold glass when hot water or hot coffee is poured into it. Glass is a poor conductor of heat, and the fracture is caused by the expansion of the inside of the vessel before the heat can get to the outside.—*Philadelphia Times.*

It Will Rain Bullets.

A Tynesdale engineer, James Judge, managing partner of the Walker Engineering and Galvanizing company, has patented a gun which he believes when perfected will discharge the enormous number of 30,000 bullets a minute. Mr. Judge described his weapon to our Newcastle representative, and there seems to be no theoretical objection to his design. The gun discharges its missiles by centrifugal force, being, in fact, a wonderful development of the ancient sling. He has a disk working within a case at 15,000 revolutions a minute, a speed which has already been obtained in practice. From the circumference of the disc project two hands. The bullets are poured into the case from a hopper, and as they fall are caught by the hands, which in coming round rain them out in a continuous stream through an orifice. They are guided into a sleeve, which may be elevated or depressed and sighted like the muzzle of a rifle. A great velocity may be obtained by the use of hand power, but the inventor's idea is to use his gun on an armored motor car, which should also have projecting blades like the ancient war chariots, with the difference that they would be movable. The disc of the gun is about three feet in diameter, and as it travels at the rate of 15,000 revolutions a minute the circumferential rate is 145,000 feet. This would impel bullets with tremendous muzzle velocity, and at close quarters, Mr. Judge declares, would mean absolute annihilation to an enemy.—*London Chronicle.*

Flour and the X Rays.

The X rays are showing us many interesting things, among them the difference in the qualities of pure and adulterated foods and how to detect fraud in food products. The latest experiments are in the examination of flour. The ingredients ordinarily employed for this purpose are very fine sand, which is put in to make the weight, and chalk for the same purpose, and to add to the bulk. The method of detecting this adulteration is interesting and ingenious. Tiny boxes with small compartments without bottom or top are placed on a photograph plate; then these compartments are filled with various grades of flour, one or more of which are absolutely pure. Then the box is lifted and the X rays turned on the plate. The mineral matter is more or less opaque, while the purely vegetable matter allows the light to filter through in a soft, almost even cloud. By noting the various gradations of color produced by these rays it is possible to detect with the utmost nicety the amount of foreign matter which each sample contains.—*New York Ledger.*

Scratches on Glass.

To remove slight scratches from plate glass, first clean the surface with a pad of cotton wool; then cover the pad with cotton velvet, chargee with fine rouge. This will not only remove the scratches, but will also impart a great brilliancy to the glass, which should be the object whenever the cleaning process is pursued. Glass should not only be clear, but brilliant as well, and this comes of polishing. It is important to dust windows well every day after sweeping the room, dusting not only the glass, but also all parts of the window. This is especially necessary in winter, when coal and dust and gas are such a nuisance.

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