

VAGRANT NEGROES SOLD.

They Regard the Whole Proceeding at Glasgow, Ky., as a Good Joke.

A scene was witnessed at Glasgow, Ky., the other day new to the younger generation, but to older persons a remainder of ante-bellum days and slave times. It was the sale at the courthouse door of the labor and services of two able-bodied, young negroes, under sentence as vagrants, for a period of one year.

Jim Wade, a mulatto about 25 years old, and Rube Howard, as black as they ever get to be in Africa, about 20 years old, were arrested several weeks ago for vagrancy, and held to the grand jury. In the circuit court both pleaded guilty to the indictments returned against them, and were given the extreme penalty under the vagrant act, by the juries that tried them separately. They were duly advertised by the sheriff, in conformity with the judgment of the court. The novelty of the thing attracted a tremendous crowd.

Howard was sold first, and was bought by W. T. Adams, a farmer, for \$2.25. Wade brought \$2.50, and was bid in by Y. F. Schwartz, of Louisville. Wade's father, a negro shoemaker, bid up to two dollars for his son. Rube Howard regarded the whole thing as a big joke and enjoyed the notoriety given him. Wade also saw a funny side to the proceedings. All they seemed to care for was that some one should purchase them who would give them plenty to eat and little work. The purchasers took immediate possession and carried the boys away laughing.

WASHINGTON'S SAGO PALM.

Nearly Ruined in the Court of the Pension Building, Where It Had Been Placed.

Washington's sago-palm, which was taken from the white house conservatory some time ago and placed in the court of the pension building, near the fountain, has been returned to its old quarters in a very dilapidated condition.

Every vestige of foliage had been stripped from the big sago, which is the oldest plant owned by Uncle Sam,

and the peculiar atmosphere of the pension building had caused it to begin de-

aying at the roots. It will require a couple of years of tender care and watching to restore it to a semblance of its former vigor. This plant derives its name from the fact that it was formerly owned by Washington, who had it placed in the greenhouse at Mount Vernon, where it was always a source of gratification to the first president.

As far as can be learned it was originally imported from Cuba, and when it came into the possession of President Washington it was supposed to be over 100 years old. It has been in the pos-

session of Uncle Sam for nearly a century, having been purchased at a sale at Mount Vernon about the year 1800.

It is fully as thick around as the thigh

of a well-developed man, and until taken

to the pension office building a few months ago was covered at the top with a crown of the beautiful frondage of the sago.

CALIFORNIA SWEET WINES.

Total Production Amounts to 6,496-

263 Gallons - Output of Last Vint-

age 21,500,000.

Internal Revenue Collector John C. Lynch, of the First district, and H. C. Bell, of the Fourth district, have received complete returns of the production of sweet wines in California up to the first of the month.

Nearly all of the wineries have furnished their season's run, and the total for the season of 1897-98 will exceed the returns already made by only a few thousand gallons.

A recapitulation shows the total pro-

duction of the state as follows:

Port, 3,045,413 gallons; sherry, 2,002,-

702; muscat, 672,026; Angelica, 748,334;

tokay, 11,775; Malaga, 11,614. Total,

6,496,263.

Nearly all of these wines have already been sold.

Now that these figures have been re-

ceived the total output of wines in the

state from the last vintage can be given.

In round numbers it is 31,500,000 gal-

lons, of which 25,000,000 gallons were dry wines. This is the greatest prod-

uct for one season in the history of the

state.

FORGOT ABOUT HER MONEY.

A Small Fortune Is Recovered from an Eastern Bank for an In-

sane Woman.

Mrs. Matilda Rich, who was declared

insane by the insanity commissioners

four months ago at Oakland, Cal., has

secured a small fortune through Judge

Ellsworth, of the superior court, who

located about \$2,000 which was deposi-

ted by her in an eastern banking institu-

tion years ago, when she was sane. The

money has been drawing interest steadily

since the day it was deposited. The

woman, who is now in a madhouse, was

the daughter of John H. Aquette, of Teheran, Ill., a well-known man in his

day and comfortably well off.

The daughter was given the money, and shortly afterward married and went to

California. Fortune was unkind to her, and finally she became insane, and must have forgotten the deposit, which will now go toward her relief and comfort.

An old, dog-eared book was found among her belongings when she was committed, which induced the

court to start an investigation.

Elephant's Sense of Smell.

An elephant is possessed of such a delicate sense of smell that it can scent a human being at a distance of 1,000 yards.

Ships in the Seas Canal.

Fewer French ships pass through the Suez canal than German, Italian or even Dutch.

VERY GOOD OPENING.

WOMEN MAY SMOKE ON CARS.

Chance to Dispose of American Products in Parts of France.

Common Articles of American Ingenuity Practically Unknown There - Good Profit Awaits Our Merchants.

Women may smoke on the Broadway, care of New York City. President Vreeland says so. That means, of course, that they may light up pipes or cigarettes or cigars under the same conditions that prevails in regard to the other sex.

Such is the most striking feature of a letter addressed by President Vreeland to Annie Chambers-Ketchum, of 409 West Fifty-seventh street, in reply to her communication asking that separate smoking cars for women should be provided.

Here is Mr. Vreeland's letter:

"Dear Madam: I have your esteemed favor requesting that when summer arrangements are made the Metropolitan Street Railway company provide separate open smoking cars for ladies. I notice what you say about the great antiquity of smoking as a source of feminine consolation and am interested in your statement that it is growing in popularity.

"As you speak with the assurance of perfect knowledge, and as I am lamentably ignorant of female habits, it is with hesitation I suggest that I cannot believe the necessity is pressing enough to justify compliance with your request. Keen as is the general rivalry, the smoking habit is not, I think, quite so general with women as with men, and yet heretofore the Metropolitan Railway company has never furnished separate smoking cars for its smoking male patrons. Three seats in each open car have, up to this time, sufficed to accommodate this class and gender of its patrons.

"May I suggest—since at the moment there seems to be no justification for separate women's smoking cars—that the gallantry of the gentlemen for whose exclusive use these back seats are reserved can always be relied upon to provide a place, and even a light, for any woman who wishes to smoke. Yours truly,

H. H. VREELAND, President."

SORRY FOR HASTY ACTION.

Mrs. Thomas Watson, Nec Emma Spreckels, Wants to Get Her Property Back.

The steamship Belgic, from Honolulu, brought the following advices:

Honolulu, March 15.—Mrs. Thomas Watson, nec Emma Spreckels, has taken the first step to recover the property in Honolulu and in the islands, amounting to more than a million dollars, which she deeded back to her father, Claus Spreckels, at the time she was married.

Her attorneys have placed with W. H. Irwin & Co. notices for all occupants of the property in dispute ordering them to vacate at once. In the batch of notices the occupants of the Spreckels block and about 20 others were served and ordered to vacate.

Irwin & Co. will pay no attention to the notices, claiming that the property rightfully belongs to Claus Spreckels.

They hold a long lease on the building and sublet to present occupants. Mrs. Watson's attorneys will be forced to go into court and seek the ejection of the tenants; then the matter will come up for judicial determination.

Mrs. Watson admits that she deeded the property over to her father, but insists that the deed is invalid because it does not bear the signature of her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson will return to Honolulu from the orient in May and the case is expected to come up in the courts of Honolulu at that time.

CAROLUS DURAN ARRIVES.

Celebrated French Painter Comes to This Country to Paint Portraits.

Carolus Duran, the celebrated French artist, the painter of beautiful women and the prince of Wales and other princes and members of the royalty, has arrived in New York on his first visit to the United States. M. Duran said regarding his visit to this country:

"I come to paint a number of portraits contracted for long ago. I shall have probably two months. I have long wished to visit the United States.

I have been reading the papers about the trouble between the United States and Spain. I sincerely trust there will be no trouble."

M. Duran was escorted by his friends to the Waldorf-Astoria, where his sittings for portraits will be held. The artist's real name is Charles Auguste Emile Duran. He expects to visit Chicago, Philadelphia and Boston while in the United States.

Among his best-known works is a portrait of Consuelo Vanderbilt, duchess of Marlborough. He is said to have painted more portraits of beautiful women than any other artist in the world. His other works include "Evening Prayer," "A Vision," "Dame au Gant," and "Gloria Maria de Medicis." Much of his work is in the Luxembourg museum in Paris.

LEARNING BICYCLE RIDING.

Prince of Wales Said to Be Energically Endeavoring to Master the Wheel.

The prince of Wales is energetically learning bicycle riding, at the Elviers, accompanied by an instructor as an equerry. A curious effect of hard cycling is reported from France. Out of the last batch of conscripts no fewer than 80 widely-known cyclists were rejected as being physically incapable of military duty. Diseases of the heart were the chief reasons for their rejection. This causes profound astonishment, all classes thinking them at least fit to be accepted as military cyclists.

HAD AMUSING EXPERIENCE.

United States Naval Officer Shadowed by Two Scotland Yard Detectives.

Ensign Chandler, of the United States cruiser San Francisco, had an amusing experience on his way to Gravesend. He was in Madrid when the San Francisco suddenly started for England, and he was obliged to go to Paris and from there to Dover, where he was recognized by two Scotland Yard detectives as answering the description of a man wanted for forgery. They shadowed the enigma to Gravesend, and were only convinced of their error when reaching the town. Mr. Chandler supposed he was being watched by the British government.

AVIS AUX CREANCIERS.

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