LAKE SHORE OBSERVER.

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. [illegible], 188[illegible].

THE ROYAL EXCURSION.

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APPROPRIATIONS OF STATE FAIRS.

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[illegible] undertaking of sureties on a [illegible] official bond is that he shall faithfully perform his duties, [illegible] the obligation of making correct reports, conforming to statutory requirements, as well as the payment of funds in his custody; and a false report by the treasurer constitutes a violation of official duty and a breach of his bond, rendering the sureties liable to the parties injured for such damages as are the legitimate consequences of the wrongful act. Supervisors of Tompkins vs. Bristol, decided by the New York Court of Appeals.

MICHAEL DAVITT, in a late number of the Pall Mall Gazette, exhibits great hostility to the Irish Land Purchase bill. His argument is that, according to the Land act of 1881, the farmer was recognized as possessing property in his holding as well as the landlord, and that "upon this established interest of the tenant that act declared the landlord could not impose rent." He fears now that this new measure is a contrivance which will make the state a partner in buying for the farmer land which the law has already declared to be the farmer's property.

RAILWAYS in England, as well as in this country, show decreased earnings for the first half of this year. Out of the fourteen returns of leading companies, given by the Statist, but four appear to have paid as large a dividend as was ordered last year. Some of the larger companies show decreased dividends by nearly 2 per cent. The quotations of the prices of the stocks, with few exceptions, also stand lower. The outlook for the remainder of this year is pronounced gloomy, and the distributions will probably be less in the coming six months.

THE case of Coykendall vs. Constable, decided by the New York Court of Appeals, was one in which the owner of a past due note payable to bearer placed it in a bank for collection. The plaintiff, at the request of the principal debtor, paid the note to the bank, and the bank remitted the proceeds thereof to the owner and delivered the note to the plaintiff. The court held that the plaintiff obtained a good title to the note, and could maintain an action thereon against the makers as sureties, and that notwithstanding the bank had no authority to sell the note, yet the owner by receiving and retaining the money had ratified the act of his agent and was bound by it.

AT the opening of the present season [illegible] pointed out the probability of increased competition that our dairy products would have to meet in foreign markets. Already this competition is being severely felt, as the exports from New York show a marked decline, particularly when we consider that the prices obtained for the products have been exceptionally low. The export of butter from the first of May amounts to 4,[illegible],[illegible] pounds, against 5,149,314 pounds for same time last year. But cheese shows the greatest shrinkage, amounting to [illegible] pounds, against [illegible] pounds for the same time last year. Full cream fancy cheese sold this week at 9c., against 10½c. for the same week last year.

"YOU can find anything in the Bible if you look for it," says the Independent. "See this about Grant, from I Samuel xvi, 18: 'Behold I have seen a son of Jesse, ... that is a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the Lord is with him.'"

Better illustrations than the above, of the wonderful scope of the Bible can be given. The following, found in Job xxxviii, 35, shows that what Jehovah knew was impossible to Job, is within human reach and capacity to-day: "Canst thou send forth lightnings that they may go and say unto thee—Here we are?"

Again the prophet Nahum (ii, 4) uttered the following which is very applicable to railroad trains, collisions and all: "The chariots rage in the streets; they jostle one against another in the broad ways; the appearance of them is like torches; they run like the lightnings."

ACCORDING to The Boston Record, Secretary Manning has been at his desk in the Treasury for more hours a day than Secretaries average, but with his best efforts he finds himself hopelessly swamped in the accumulation of matters. His reason for retaining Assistant Secretary Coon, who is a pretty stiff sort of Republican, is simply because of Coon's great familiarity with the everyday routine of the Department. In that way, Coon's twenty years' experience is priceless, and so he stays, although Manning is no great stickler for civil service reform, and would have put a Democrat in Coon's chair months ago if he could be spared. As it is, the two are together for a long time each day, and before he makes any removals in the office force, Manning always consults with Coon, making the latter, spite of his politics, in the smaller patronage about the Department, more influential than any other man.

AT the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885, there was deposited in the postal savings banks of Canada $15,000,000 or an increase of nearly $2,000,000 during the year. The Montreal Gazette considers that the post office banks are a reliable index of the condition of the agricultural and industrial classes in Ontario and Quebec. This year the average amount of each deposit is $[illegible]; in 1882 the average was $[illegible]. This may be regarded as evidence that the increase of deposits "has not arisen out of the withdrawal of money from the regular banks, or from the placing in the post office of capital withdrawn from investments which may have become unremunerative or less secure." Thirty-six thousand dollars covers the cost of running this department, including all items from salaries to stationery. Since 1874 the losses have been but $4,300. The cost of the money to the government averages about 4 1-10 per cent.

Old men for counsel; young men for war; both for the FARMER.

A RAT HOLOCAUST.

Unprecedented Destruction of Rodents in Auburn Prison.

Account of a Great Battle With the Invaders, in Which Convicts and Keepers Joined—A Largely Organized Rat Hunt.

[Auburn (N. Y.) Special.]

Owing to the presence of rats in large numbers, Auburn Prison has been named "the rat hole," and it has been known locally by that title for years. Copper John's rat population outnumbers the convicts two to one. The largest organized rat hunt in the history of the institution occurred in the fall of 1878. The storeroom adjoining the kitchen, which is used as a depository for the edibles consumed by the convicts, at that time was at the mercy of the rodents. Their work of destruction was very great. Flour, potatoes and cooked meat suffered. It was thought that $1 a day would not cover the loss. An examination of the outer walls showed that the rats had no means of ingress or egress. It was determined to remove the old wooden floor and substitute a ground bottom in its place.

One morning after breakfast the carpenters appeared in the kitchen armed with crowbars and hammers. All hands were summoned to the slaughter. Fifty men responded. Board after board was removed until six rows only remained. The rats scampered to the rear of the building, where their escape was cut off by the thick stone wall. They were wedged in so deeply that the space between the floor timbers and the ground at this point was literally packed. Four dogs—all renowned rat destroyers—participated in the sport. The brutes were as eager for the fray as the fifty convicts armed with sticks and clubs.

After a few boards had been removed the dogs were sent under the floor. The enemy encountered them and drove them out in short order. The canines were badly demoralized, and, save one fox terrier, refused to return. This dog made the second trip, and came back with a large rat in its mouth. Spots of blood on its side and back told plainly of the hard encounter, but the game little fellow never uttered a cry of distress.

The rats were finally cornered, and the work of destruction began. It was a sight which will always be remembered, and, [illegible]

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Some convicts adopt rats as pets. They capture and tame them while young, and carry them about their persons. A negro once had three of the [illegible] [illegible] carried them in the [illegible] of his jacket. When he called them by name they would come forth and perch upon his shoulders, and never left their quarters in his coat until each was summoned by name. One of them was a clever tight-rope performer. Night guards were occasionally privileged to witness the performance of this athletic rat upon a stout cord stretched across his master's cell.

A New Hotel Dodge.

[St. Louis Chronicle.]

"Key to 78!" said the bell boy to the clerk of a city hotel, as he rushed up to the counter.

The clerk took the key out of the box and extended it to the boy, when a thought struck him, and he stopped and looked in the box at the address on an envelope lying there.

"Who wants it?" he inquired.

"Lady in parlor—in a hurry," replied Front, doing a jig of impatience.

"That ain't her room. Go back and ask for her name."

Front disappeared and returned presently, slowly.

"She says it don't make no difference—it's a mistake—and she's gone."

"Thought so," ejaculated the clerk to a reporter standing by. "She was working the new racket. It's a pretty good one, and sometimes takes, operated by women generally. They go into the ladies' parlor, ring for the bell boy, and send him in a matter-of-fact way for the key of some room. He asks the clerk for it, and, if he is busy and thinking of something else, he hands it out without question. Then the female sharper goes through the room in a hurry, trusting to thieves' luck that the occupant will not return before she gets away. Then the hotel is responsible for the loss."

"HOW'S YOUR THINK?"

Nez Perce's Letter to a Ranchman Concerning a Cattle Trade.

[St. Louis Republican.]

This letter from a Nez Perce Indian was recently received by a ranchman in Kansas to whom the writer wished to sell some cattle:

OAKLAND AGENCY, I. T., MAY 1, 188[illegible].

DEAR SIR:—I want you to get in my cattle now. I had four cow milk and four little calves, and one steer. I think you get it this for nine cattle cow, not much but cheap, by & I tell.

If you want and you get it these nine cattle cow, and let me know your think now is your think about that matter. If you would some more cattle cow & you tell to me, how much you want more some cattle & you will write to me how is your think.

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PHILIP [illegible]

or Thomas H. Peters let me know [illegible] bout your think.

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The largest country newspaper for only one dollar a year is the DUNKIRK JOURNAL.

GOOD ADVICE.

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PARSON GIMP

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Curious Literary Fraud.

[illegible]

A Governor's Hobby.

[illegible]

Those Dunkirk people who do not take the [illegible] [illegible]

"Brother, there's a man with cold ... [illegible]

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Dunkirk, Allegheny Valley & Pittsburgh Rail Road.

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STANDARD TIME—20TH MERIDIAN.

PITTSBURG DIVISION.—WESTWARD.

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PITTSBURG DIVISION.—EASTWARD.

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N. Y., L. E. & W. R. R.

Abstract of Time Table adopted Aug. [illegible], 188[illegible].

EASTWARD.

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WESTWARD.

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Bradford Branch.

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Buffalo & South-Western Division.

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JOHN N. ABBOTT, Gen'l Passenger Agent.

GO TO THE

JOB ROOMS

—FOR—

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THE

LAKE SHORE OBSERVER.