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Watch your step. The coal man should worry. Be sure the whiskey houses will find you out. Sometimes a man is known by the bills he doesn't pay. Did the blizzard find you in a state of preparedness? A home is a welcome sight in the snow but a bonehead isn't. Probably the champion bill collector is old man R. E. Morse. A hyphen is a go-between, and some of them have played the part. Some hyphenated citizens would be without conscience in their own lands. Talking about rank tropical growth, what's the matter with Carranza's whiskers. The Nobel prize will not be awarded this year, a dispatch states. Well, darned if we care. The amount of joy you will get out of the Christmas season will be gauged by the amount you put into it. We may be able to forgive Mr. Ford his peace voyage if he will promise not to write a book after he gets back. Add Little Tragedies: It was a bitter-cold and rainy night and he knew where he could get a good long brace for fifteen cents. He felt in his jeans to see if he had the price. He didn't. Act I: Auto driver hurtling toward sharp curve on a roadway covered with sleet. Act II: Tire chain? don't grip roadway. Act III: Soft, slow music and a profusion of floral tributes. It seems to us that during the Christmas holidays would be a fine time for old Ch. Aftermath and the learned Josiah Sparks to summon his loyal narrators together. That will be the last chance. -York News. Yes, we admit we're third.

KEEPING THE RECORD

A news story in another section of this issue of The Intelligencer shows that exceptionally good yields of cotton have been made in Anderson county this year at a very small cost of production, which leaves a large profit. These records are accurate and were kept on cost crop records designed by the department of agriculture of the United States government.

One lesson to be learned from these estimates is the fact that cotton is a money crop, and sometimes can be raised at a small cost, leaving a good profit to the cotton farmer.

However, we think that this is not the main lesson to be learned. It is the fact that the farmer can keep an accurate record of the cost of production of all of his crops, and in this way realize at the end of the year just exactly what he has left as net profit.

Leading farmers throughout the country state that the reason the farmers generally do not make better progress than they do is because they grope blindly along in the dark from year to year, never knowing exactly how much their crops bring them in money, nor just how much they cost to produce.

Many state that this is not necessary for they can easily tell at the end of the year if they have cleared any money. This may be the case in some instances, but it seems that it is just as reasonable to expect the farmer to keep a set of books and know exactly what he has done with his money and how his investments have turned out as it is for the merchant or business man to keep his records. The merchant or business firm who does not keep an accurate set of books, generally fails, and that in a short time. If at the end of the year when a reckoning is had, and the man finds that he has lost money, then next year he knows to retrench, or else he will soon be ruined financially. The same way the farmer can look over his records at the end of the year and see what he has made or lost. If he has lost money, the records will enable him to better locate his errors and thereby profit by his mistakes.

These record blanks are easily kept. There is a space for the plowing, from the time the land is broken in the spring till the crop is laid by, a space for the fertilizer used, space for the cost of harvesting, etc., so simple that any one can keep them. We believe that if the farmers would secure some of these blanks and follow them, they would find themselves far better off at the end of the season.

MISREPRESENTING THEIR OWN PEOPLE

If the German-Americans as a class have been misrepresented, their quarrel is chiefly with their own newspapers.

The response of our German language publications to the president's message to congress is almost incredible to the rest of the American press. They have bristled with indignation over that part of the document which condemned disloyal citizenship and urged the need of suppressing plots for the destruction of American property, life and neutrality.

In this utterance President Wilson mentioned no names. And yet the German language papers have uniformly accepted the criticism as directed solely against German-Americans, and against all German-Americans. What the German population as a whole thinks of such drastic condemnation at the hands of their own press remains to be seen. The rest of the nation would never dream of making such an arraignment.

It is all the more incomprehensible from the fact that the president expressly declared that the offenders, "infinitely malignant," are "not many," and paid deserved tribute of praise to "those sturdy hearts by which our nation has been enriched in recent generations out of virile foreign stocks." Why the German language newspapers should take a sort of bitter satisfaction in interpreting the president's denunciation of "creatures of passion and anarchy," as meant for the entire German-American population remains a mystery.

Just as mysterious is the attitude taken by these newspapers toward the crimes that inspired the denunciation. They have chosen to ignore absolutely the conspiracies and acts of violence of which the whole nation has knowledge. According to them, there have been no "burned at sea, no munition factories blown up or leveled by incendiary fires, no American property destroyed, no American lives lost, no American laws broken, by men acting in Germany's behalf for money or from alien loyalty."

These newspapers are not merely misrepresenting their people, but they are shutting their eyes to patent facts. No passage in the president's message was greeted with nearly so unanimous evidence of approval, from Democrats and Republicans alike, as that dealing with treasonable conspiracy on American soil. Congress knows what has been going on, and the nation knows. And if the German newspapers want to protect German-Americans as a class from unjust criticism or suspicion, the way is plain.

All they have to do is to recognize that such crimes have occurred, and indicate their desire that the real criminals shall be brought to justice so that the many innocent may not suffer from the acts of the few guilty ones.

RURAL SCHOOL SUPERVISOR

Yesterday in his talk before the members of the county delegation and school trustees Mr. J. E. Swearingen very strongly advocated the re-establishment in Anderson county of the office of a rural school supervisor, stating that such an office wielded a mighty influence for the advancement of education and rural school progress.

Anderson county had an office of this kind last year in connection with the office of the county superintendent, and much good work was accomplished. This office was abolished by the action of the trustees of the various schools of the county at a meeting held in June. Probably these gentlemen at that time thought they were doing the right thing, but we believe now all of them see their mistake and are ready to re-establish such an office.

At the time that these school trustees took this action, The Intelligencer criticized the point of view which they took, and does yet. We believe that the office of rural school supervisor is one of the most important from the standpoint of education in the county and that without one, the schools will to a certain extent fall back in certain ways.

For example, it might be said that many rural school improvement associations were organized through the office of the rural school supervisor. Many of these are still active in the county, but they are without a leader. There is no county officer to attend the monthly meetings and put new life into the organizations. Many of them remain active and are doing good work, but if there was a rural school supervisor in the county, all would be active and more would be organized.

It is impossible for the county superintendent of education to take all of this work in his hands. He needs an assistant, and we believe there is no better way of giving him one than by the re-establishment of the office of rural school supervisor.

"KEEP A-GOIN"

"I have known many men," says Chauncey M. Depew, "who retired from work, as they said, to enjoy life. As a rule, after the first year they are bored blue. Then they begin to think more of their health than anything else. They imagine they have all the diseases described in patent medicine advertisements. Then they take the medicines. And then they die."

"To keep the mind and body active prevents worry from getting into one and ill health into the other. The greatest mistake anyone can make is to stop working along the lines of his life's occupation, unless he can find something to occupy his time and mind which is equally interesting."

"Keep a-go'in" is his motto. At the age of eighty-one, he says he does everything he ever did, and enjoys it just as much. He is busy from 10 o'clock in the morning until midnight. He doesn't limit his prescription for longevity to mere work, though that's the chief thing in his opinion. He doesn't believe in a man, especially a man of mature years, merely minding his own business. He should have a wholesome interest in every department of life, and know what is going on in the world and know the men who are doing the big, new things. Such an interest in contemporaneous affairs keeps a man permanently young in spirit.

He criticizes a friend who is retiring from a responsible business position at the age of seventy. Commodore Vanderbilt, he points out, made more than two-thirds of his big fortune between the ages of seventy and eighty. Gladstone won his greatest political triumph after he was eighty. The most successful generals in the present war are anywhere from sixty to eighty years old. Joseph Choate, at the age of eighty-four, he says, is the most excellent and sought for speaker in the United States. President Eliot of Harvard,



The Christmas Store for Men's and Boy's Gifts

If it is a question of a present for a man, let us answer it for you as we will answer the question for him of something for himself.

Santa Claus has turned the men's and boys' gift proposition over to us. We've done some shopping in New York for you to make sure you get the best gifts the big city has to offer. From our list we please the most exacting customers.

Neckwear made from the very newest New York and London cravatting. Colors that rival the rainbow, in individual Christmas boxes 25c to \$1.

How to please him, qualities that appeal to every man. Everything from the serviceable staple at 10c to the luxurious silks and lises priced up to \$1.

Gloves, just the right kind to pass the glad hand. Styles for every man and every wear, everywhere. For street and dress, \$1 to \$2.50; auto styles \$1 to \$3.50; warm wools 25c to 50c. Bath Robes, Lounging Robes and house slippers—he certainly needs one of them. Robes \$3 to \$10. See our combination bath and lounging robes. Suit cases, Hand Bags and Trunks are serviceable gifts. One of our indestructible trunks or bags will be long remembered. Cases and bags \$2.50 to \$15; trunks \$5 and up. Umbrellas and Canes are gifts for long service. Umbrellas built especially for men, some with the new white handles \$1 to \$5; Canes \$1.50.

Hoopsock Socks in beautiful holiday boxes, ready for giving. Six pairs, mercerized, guaranteed six months \$1.50 a box. Three pairs, silk faced, guaranteed three months at \$1.50 per box. Handkerchiefs—Is there anything more appropriate for gifts? Some special qualities in linen. With initials at 25c. Other qualities from 10c to 50c. Sealed packages. Fancy Vests are always appreciated for their usefulness. You can select a pleasing pattern from the right size \$1 to \$3.50. Shirts—For quality, richness and variety here's the unequalled showing. Shirts that are on the top wave of fashion. 50c to \$3.50.



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"The Store with a Conscience"

past eighty, is recognized as one of the nation's few great leaders of opinion.

And all because they "keep a-go'in." The Osier idea, it seems, was wrong. Martin Luther was right when he said, "When I rest I rust." There's no reason why a man should be content to rust until he's in his grave, and no reason why society should let him rust. The number of years has mighty little to do with it.

It's an invigorating gospel for those who imagine they're growing old. It's also a valuable hint to a generation that is disposed to pay blind homage to inexperienced youth, and discriminate unthinkingly against the man past fifty.

A LINE o' DOPE

Weather Forecast—Rain Sunday, possibly snow in north portion, colder in southeast portion; Monday fair.

The first snow of this season began falling yesterday afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock. The snow was preceded by sleet which to such an extent that the ground was covered. When it stopped sleeting it began snowing and the flakes fell thick and fast for about an hour, the fleecy stuff covering the ground to a depth of about an inch, and a quarter.

Several stated yesterday morning that at 4 o'clock a. m. it was sleeting hard in Anderson and visitors from Spartanburg said that it was snowing over there early in the day.

This being the first snow of the season, many people enjoyed it very much. The sidewalks were rather slippery for awhile and the children had great fun. Several people had severe falls but none were injured to any extent.

Last night it was cold enough to freeze the "slush," but if the sun shines this morning, all of it will be gone in a few hours.

Mr. Postell Cater was heard to make the remark early in the evening on Friday that it would be snowing before 7 o'clock Saturday night. The question is, how did he know?

Those who heard Supt. Swearingen's talk before the county delegation yesterday morning were very much impressed with his acute knowledge of the school affairs and conditions in this county. He could speak fluently about conditions in certain sections, namely the schools one after the other. This speaks exceptionally well for him and the office he is filling.

At the close of the county delegation meeting yesterday morning, the members went to the sheriff's office where they inspected plans which have been drawn for some changes

which have been made at the county jail. The delegation at a recent meeting instructed the sheriff and supervisor to secure plans for the improvements and estimates of cost.

Dr. C. J. DeComps has returned from Edgefield county where he has just completed a survey for a proposed new county which will have as its county seat, McCormick. An election was held last January on this matter, but for some reason it was ruled out in the supreme court. Now another is to be held on Tuesday. If this election proves successful, it will not only mean that there will be a new county, but will also very likely totally destroy the hopes of the North Augusta people, since they for some time have wanted to have a county of their own.

Supervisor King stated yesterday that the public road from Halley's Ferry to Starr was now being widened to 30 feet all the way. This road was already 30 feet wide from Starr to Ellar McGee's place but from there to the river it was rather narrow. In addition to its being widened, the grades are being changed in some places, and especially is this so near the river.

Yesterday was a bad day for the merchants of Anderson. They were expecting a big business but the weather being bad, many people from the country did not come to town. However, railcoats and overcoats were in great demand, and as a whole the usual line of trade was far above the average. There remains only one more Saturday before this Christmas

and if it is a pretty day, there will be thousands of shoppers in Anderson.

Ford Again. Next time one reads of a new mountain height scaled, a new river course followed a new map made of a frozen expanse, it might be well to reckon our present debt to explorers of the past before we condemn too lightly the work of those who are preparing a place for our far children.

There was King's Explorer, type of them all, who was driven by "One everlasting Whisper, day and night repeated—so—"

"Something hidden. Go and find it. Go and look behind the Ranges."

"Something lost behind the Ranges. Lost and waiting for you, Go!" And who knew when after his body-breaking, mind-shattering search he had "found his kingdom" that after him would come "all the clever traps"—surveyors, woodsmen—founders of villages and cities who would get the credit and be called the pioneers.

"Yes, you 'Never-never country'—yes, your 'edge of civilization'—'And no sense in going further'—All I crossed the range to see—'God forgive me! No I didn't. It's God's present to our nation. 'Anybody might have found it—but His whisper came to me!'"

Approx. hundreds of people not calling Henry Ford a dunce must realize that such has ever been the way of the world. But they do think Henry a clown, all the same—Greensboro News.

Suffragists Invade Washington



The Congressional Union for Women Suffrage opened its seven day attack on the capital to a meeting...

Thousands of suffragists gathered on the grounds of the...

Waste. Some years ago Senator Aldrich, a business man, stated as a fact that our federal government "wasted" \$300,000,000 a year. President Cleveland showed that the government paid a great sum annually to fake soldiers who had never given a day of real service to the country. This year there will be a deficit of about \$100,000,000. Since the Democratic platform made economy a duty one would think that an administration which suddenly wanted a billion dollars would get some of it out of the wastage but the only proposition toward provision for preparedness is through new taxes!—Florida Times-Union.

Hope Its True. The story of the Turkish submarine which held up a British passenger ship, but which not only permitted it to depart unharmed, but made every effort to save a number of its demoralized passengers, who expected the fate of the Lusitania and Ancona, plunged overboard, is refreshing and we hope it is true. A couple of years ago, this is the conduct we should have expected from the Germans and Austrians and should not have expected from the Turks—Ocala Star.

The Road to Hell. In 1828 the school board of Lancaster, Ohio, refused to permit the school house to be used for the discussion of the question as to whether railroads were practical or not, and the matter was recently called to mind by an old document that reads in part as follows:

"You are welcome to use the school house to debate all proper questions in, but such things as railroads and telegraphs are impossibilities and rank infidelity. There is nothing in the word of God about them; if God has designed that his intelligent creatures should travel at the frightful speed of 15 miles an hour by steam, He would have clearly foretold through his holy prophets. It is a device of Satan to lead immortal souls down to hell!"—Fallway Engineering.

Not Wanted

The National Academy of Science has appointed a committee of eminent engineers to devise ways and means of effectually fighting the Panama slides. Why not apply to solution of the problem one of that moral suspicion on which Hank Ford is retiring to stop the war in Europe?—Virginia Pilot.