

**COMMENT AND DISCOMMENT**

On this particular day, with the election returns to furnish excitement for the evening, it won't do any particular damage to get your mind off political questions for a few minutes. Therefore, we have decided to devote this entertaining column to other topics, although the temptation to dwell on the foibles of the candidates is strong within us. To begin with, here is some statistical information concerning a year in the life of a Texas editor half a century ago. The careful reader will note the reference to such things as whisky and gin, which shows that the clipping can lay claim to a certain degree of antiquity. Here goes:

The editor of a Texas paper gives the following figures of a statistical memorandum of his every day life, and still people will think that editors have but few cares to disturb their slumbers and start in the newspaper business to enjoy life:

Been asked to drink	11,362
Drank	11,362
Requested to retract	410
Didn't retract	410
Invited to parties and receptions by parties fishing for puffs	3,333
Took the hint	33
Didn't take the hint	3,300
Threatened to be whipped	174

Been whipped	0
Whipped the other fellow	4
Didn't come to time	170
Been promised whisky, gin, if we would go after them	5,640
Been after them	5,000
Been asked what's the news	300,000
Told	25
Didn't know	200,000
Lied about	82,777
Been to church	32
Changed politics	32
Expect to change still	50
Gave charity	5.00
Gave for a terrier dog	25.00
Cash on hand	1.00

It isn't necessary, however, to go back fifty years to find humor although some of the specimens of that time are as good, if not better than some of the best we have today. For pure, unadulterated humor—and all the better because it is so unconscious—we commend the replies made by a bevy of male members of a Methodist congregation in Kansas City—K. C., Mo., to be exact. The pastor of that church has novel ideas about arousing interest in his services, and a short time ago the pastor sent out questionnaires to the bachelors in his congregation. The unmarried men were asked to give their ideas of what an ideal wife should be.

The chief requisite of an ideal wife, according to the thirty men who answered, is that she be a good cook. Every one of the men placed this requirement at the head of the

list. Some of the replies to the questionnaires were solemn and showed evidence of deadly sincerity; others were flippant. It is worth while, just now, to go over them, and every married man can see now the wife of his bosom compares with the Kansas City standard.

"I have had too much good cooking at home to tolerate burned eggs, heavy biscuits and other culinary failures," wrote one eligible, who evidently is living at home with mother and dad. Home life was the second major requirement of the men folks, according to the questionnaires. Of the thirty men who filled out the questionnaires, twenty-seven placed this as second in importance.

With almost complete unanimity, the men condemned the butterfly type as wives.

"They are attractive, and nice to play with, but as a wife—nothing doing," one prospective husband wrote in his questionnaire. Loud laughter from the congregation greeted this quip when read.

A questionnaire from a confirmed "male flirt," the Rev. Mr. Hauman, being authority for the appellation, described an ideal home minutely, and set out that no woman or girl easy to get acquainted with would fill his requirements as an ideal wife.

The "clinging vine" was likewise condemned. Capable women seemed much in demand, if the ten questionnaires dealing with the clinging vine type are to be believed. The type is not condemned as a type, but simply does not qualify as a wife.

The question of children was next in importance on the questionnaires. The men were not so delicate in touching upon this phrase of married life as the girls were in their questionnaires last week, and were all unanimous in the opinion that married life, to be successful, should include children.

"A home is not complete without children," one prospective father wrote in his questionnaire, aptly summing up the general sentiment of all fifteen who dealt with the subject.

Fourteen girls answered this question in describing their ideal of married life last week, and the majority were neutral on the subject. The men, without equivocation, stated in their questionnaires that the woman who did not wish for children failed measurably in measuring up to the ideal.

Good dispositions received unanimous sanction—nagging, scolding women being regarded as minus quantities when it comes to measuring up to standards, the men stated. And good looks also are required of the ideal wife. Not beauty, but neatness in appearance is one of the requisites.

Good health was another requisite. Only girls in possession of health can measure up to the ideal, according to the questionnaires.

Great surprise was manifest, not only by the pastor, but by the congregation, by the attitude voiced as to the use of rouge. Of the twenty men out of the thirty who touched upon this matter, all stated they did not object to a little color.

"No real man wants an imitation wife, but sometimes a little rouge does help," one man wrote.

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**HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.**

A meeting was held on Thursday morning to organize a Latin club. All students who have taken two years of Latin are eligible to enter this club. The following officers were elected: President, Francis Grassman; vice president, Edward Morrow; Secretary-treasurer, Royal; Spud editor, Robert Bicknell.

The freshman party Friday night at the high school building was a pronounced success. The Sidney boys were guests. Various games were played until 10:30 then a light lunch was served.

Miss Alta Young entertained the high school Monday morning with a few musical selections from McDowell's works: To the Sea, Madgenella, Indian Flute and Love Song, and Get to Practice. The high school will be pleased to have Miss Young with us again.

A rally was called for Friday morning to test the spirit of the students. It did not take long to find out that as far as "pep" was concerned the boys should win the game. Wade Grassman former yell leader led us in a few yells and added another yell to our list. Mr. Prince also added another yell, which has already been adopted as one of the best yells we have.

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