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And His Very Original Plan of Making a Great Wad of Wealth.

As a Star writer was passing through the capitol the other day he met a southern congressman, and the two walked along toward the senate side.

"I have a friend here from my state," said the congressman, "whom I want you to meet."

"I am sure it would be a pleasure to meet any friend of yours," said the Star writer, "but why especially do you want me to meet him?"

"He's here on a mission that will interest you."

"Political?"

"No; business."

"What is it?"

"Well," and the congressman sat down on the wall around the crypt, "I'll tell you for fear you miss him and miss the item. He's got a scheme for getting African gold."

"Anything in the Barney Barnato line?"

"No; straight goods. I'll tell you what he proposes to do. He's going to get a phonograph and fix it up with tinsel and gewgaws and make it about as wild and woolly as possible in appearance, and then he is going to Africa with it, somewhere in the Congo country, where gold and other valuable things are not yet swiped by Barnato corporations, and open up for business."

"But how will the phonograph get the gold? He'll make more money with one at country fairs in this country."

"Oh, no, he won't. Before he gets into the gold regions he is going to have a native, who talks English, talk the cylinder full of African lingo, representing their chief god, who feels that he has been imposed upon and wants the people to bring all the gold and ivory and other stuff of value to him as a sacrificial appeasement. The command of the god will be accomplished by all sorts of dire threats and a general sweep of everything alive in the country, if the people do not at once hasten to appease the divine wrath."

"Well, when he gets all this talked into the cylinder with one or two extracts for different days in the week and several more for people speaking different dialects he will take it up the country and establish it in a bamboo temple that he will put up and start the thing to work, with red lights and some stage thunder, and when the astonished natives hear their god talking right at them, he is sure they will bring in all the loose valuables for miles around."

"These he will drop down the cellar during the night and remove from the country at his leisure. When he has cleaned up everything in sight he will slip in a cylinder with the outraged god's compliments on it, and the frightened people will rejoice that the immediate danger had been staved off by the surrender of a few carloads of ivory, a handful of diamonds and a hundred-weight or so of virgin gold. Then the outraged but appeasable god will move over into the next county, and so on until my southern Yankee will get nearly everything in central Africa worth carrying away."

"Or thinks he will," suggested the Star man, and the member arose from his seat on the crypt wall and went on toward the senate side.—Washington Star.

Cracked Corn
For chicken feed, at
MILLER-MARTIN GROCERY CO., LTD.

The Suffrage Amendment.

Franklin Sun: The suffrage amendment will eliminate from politics quite a number of voters who, every one must admit, are not worthy of that privilege and whose venality is one of the main causes of the corruption so much complained of. It limits the right of voting to those who can read the constitution of the state or who own property assessed at \$200. In this age of enlightenment no man who can not read ought to vote and it will have a great tendency in fostering education in our midst. But every citizen, however ignorant, who has accumulated property to the value of \$200, is entitled to vote, as he is supposed to have an interest in good government which the others before mentioned have not. The suffrage amendment will put a quietus upon the carpet-bagger and the barroom politician.

Iberville South: No sane man doubts that the Democratic state ticket will be elected by a handsome majority, but the Democratic measure known as the suffrage amendment, limiting, restricting and qualifying the suffrage, upon the adoption of which a reform of our election laws depends almost entirely, will be fought hard, not only by the combination of populists and Republicans, but also in Democratic circles. The regular party men of Orleans are very hostile to the measure and in St. Landry and Acadia the antagonism to the measure is no less pronounced. The qualification proposed for the suffrage is clearly the best, if not the only solution of the negro problem in the south, where the blacks are numerically strong, and it is a matter of great surprise that among intelligent people there can be any difference of opinion as to the necessity of adopting the proposed amendment. We believe that a large majority of the parishes favor the amendment, but if those who desire clean, free and honest elections are not vigilant the measure will fall through the indifference of friends. Our election laws, to use a mild expression, are bad, we might say pitiful, and we would dislike to believe that a majority of the white suffragans of the state would vote against the measure that promises relief. Every honest man should cast his vote for the measure that will purify our elections, and the only measure through which the desired result can be accomplished is the suffrage amendment. Iberville promises to roll up a handsome majority. How many other parishes will do likewise?

Talmage Rises on Rice.

Rice, of all foods, is without equal. But let us add, by way of sequel, God sends the meat, the devil the cook; so if you want rice, to the kitchen look and see that this grain of God's best kind is treated aright, not as the cook may mind; Thus shall it reach the table right, Not a soggy mass, but whole grain and bright.

The poetical apostrophe is accompanied with what is said to be the better and Talmagean way of boiling rice:

HOW TO BOIL RICE.
The rice should be thoroughly washed, then placed in a pot with plenty of water, latter at boiling point; boil without touching the rice twenty minutes; throw into a colander, covering same; let stand several minutes, this serving a double purpose, allowing rice to drain as well as steam.

The three cardinal points essential to a satisfactory result are repeated in order to accentuate: first, water boiling from start to finish; second, rice undisturbed while cooking, that grains may not be broken; third, thoroughly drained.

Following these directions every grain will be found separate and dry like a first class and mealy potato.

Another invoice of Ration and Wicker goods just received at Anderson & Swinell's, and another cut made in prices. Call and see the elegant new designs. This firm carries the inside track on this line of goods.

If you don't believe that Rigmalden & Co. have the best baker in Southwest Louisiana, call and try some of his productions.

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Kansas City, Shreveport and Gulf.

Work on the Kansas City, Shreveport and Gulf Railroad is being vigorously pushed. Within the next ten days the grading will be entirely completed. A large force is already engaged laying the track from Black Bayou south while another force is at work laying track from Shreveport north, and it is confidently predicted that the two forces will, within the next thirty days, meet between Cross Lake and Caddo lake when regular trains will be put in operation between this place and Texarkana. A large corps of engineers are at work on the line between this place and Port Arthur on the gulf. One corps is at work between this place and Mansfield locating the road and another is working south from Mansfield. Another corps is actively at work locating the road from Port Arthur northward. Contracts are let as fast as the road is located and the work of completion will be pushed as rapidly as it can be done with men and money. This company hopes to have the entire road completed and in operation between Kansas City and Port Arthur and also to Lake Charles within the next twelve months, provided, of course, the latter place votes the proposed tax to aid the building of the road of which, we judge from the tone of the Lake Charles papers, there is not the slightest doubt. The people of that beautiful and enterprising city are bent on having this road and will have it.—Shreveport Judge.

The Democratic Portion of the State Press is Almost Unanimous in its Praise of the Ticket Nominated at Shreveport Last Week.

The "boys in the trenches" have donned their fighting clothes now and there will be music in the air from this time on to the election in April. There are no truer men as a class than the boys in charge of the country press in this State, and when they get united upon any subject as they are at present in support of the State ticket, nothing can stand in the way of their success. The large number of country editors who went as delegates to the Shreveport convention was the subject of general remark on that occasion and it shows beyond peradventure the deep interest they take in the matter. They have all now returned to their homes, shaken their coats, and the air will be full of flying fur, hide and scalps from now until April.—B. R. Advocate.

Four Big Successes.

Having the needed merit to more than make good all the advertising claimed for them, the following four remedies have reached a phenomenal sale. Dr. King's New Discovery, for consumption, Coughs and Colds, each bottle guaranteed—Electric Bitters, the great remedy for Liver, Stomach and Kidneys. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, and Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are a perfect pill. All these remedies are guaranteed to do just what is claimed for them and the dealer whose name is attached herewith will be glad to tell you more of them. Sold at Kearney's Drug Store.

Took The Hint.

The temperance apostle was walking along the sidewalk, serene in the consciousness of his own goodness, when a well-dressed man stopped him and shook his hand.

"Guess you don't remember me," said the well-dressed man.

"Why—ah—"

"Three years ago I attended one of your meetings and heard you draw a graphic picture of the able mechanic whose children went ragged, while the children of the saloon keeper, with whom he spent his wages, were dressed in silks. The story fitted my case to a T."

"And you reformed?"

"Should say I did reform. Went into the saloon business myself."

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Agricultural Convention.

Mr. R. C. Greig, the efficient secretary of the Police Jury, of Lafayette, has addressed the following circular letter to the Police Juries of the various parishes in the State:

Lafayette, La., Dec. 21, '95.
To the Hon. President, Members of the Police Jury:

Dear Sirs:—The Louisiana State Agricultural Society will convene its next annual session at Lafayette January 22, 23 and 24 prox. A most interesting and profitable meeting is anticipated and you are earnestly requested to send one or more delegates to represent your parish. The Southern Pacific and Texas Pacific have both agreed to sell tickets one fare for round trip from all points along their lines.

All delegates will receive cordial attention and hearty welcome.

Respectfully,
R. C. LANDRY,
President Police Jury.

R. C. GREIG, Secretary.
FUNNY "ADS."

Some of the Peculiar Things London People Want.

Curiously worded advertisements, which are funny without intent, are common in the London papers, it would seem. An English periodical offered a prize the other day for the best collection of such announcements, and the following is the result:

"Annual sales now on. Don't go elsewhere to be cheated—come in here."

"A lady wants to sell her piano, as she is going abroad in a strong iron frame."

"Wanted, experienced nurse for bottled baby."

"Furnished apartments suitable for gentlemen with folding doors."

"Wanted, a room by two gentlemen about thirty feet long and twenty feet broad."

"Lost, a collie dog by a man on Saturday answering to Jim with a brass collar around his neck and muzzle."

"Wanted, by a respectable girl, her passage to New York; willing to take care of children and a good sailor."

"Respectable widow wants washing for Tuesday."

"For sale—A pianoforte, the property of a musician with carved legs."

"Mr. Brown, furrier, begs to announce that he will make up gowns, capes, etc., for ladies out of their own skin."

"A boy wanted who can open oysters with reference."

"Bulldog for sale; will eat anything; very fond of children."

"Wanted,—An organist, and a boy to blow the same."

"Wanted—A boy to be partly outside and partly being the counter."

"Wanted—For the summer, a cottage for a small family with good drainage."

Lost—Near Highgate archway, an umbrella belonging to a gentleman with a bent rib and a bone handle."

"Widow in comfortable circumstances wishes to marry two sons."

"Wanted—Good boys for punching."

"To be disposed of, a mail phaeton, the property of a gentleman with a movable headpiece as good as new."
The last is the copy of an inscription painted on a board which adorns a fence in Kent:
"Notice: If any man's or woman's cows got into these here oats, his or her tail will be cut off as the case may be."
Several tons of pure sweet codling of MILLER-MARTIN GROCERY CO., LTD.