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The Weather

Bismarck, N. D., July 23, 1914

Temperature 7 a. m. yesterday... 54

Highest temperature yesterday... 77

Lowest temperature yesterday... 33

Precipitation last 24 hours... 0

Highest wind velocity and direction, yesterday... 12-South

Indications

North Dakota—Generally fair tonight and Friday; warmer east and central portions tonight.

ORRIS W. ROBERTS, Section Director.

HOMEWARD BOUND

Roosevelt has taken the wind out of the Progressive party's sails by endorsing the candidacy of Harvey D. Winman, a Republican, for governor of New York.

It is a virtual admission that the party is no longer a factor in New York politics and that if Roosevelt is to continue in politics it must do so as a Republican.

But where does Roosevelt's endorsement leave the Progressive party of New York? Its state chairman, Francis W. Bird, has been urging a complete Progressive state ticket.

Roosevelt's statement will have the effect, if not the actual, effect of disbanding the few faithful ones who have been clinging to the Progressive craft, despite the violent rocking of the boat by its chief pilot.

Roosevelt with his political sagacity realizes that the Progressive party is merely holding the bag for the Democrats and that as a political organization it is being silently and effectually effaced.

We in North Dakota have seen the signs of disintegration. In the recent primaries, the Progressive party failed to muster enough votes to arrive on the ballot.

Today, the leaders are meeting in mass convention at Fargo and will try to float a ticket which, by the grace of our devious election laws, will serve further to confuse and to blind the voter.

Primaries have produced an insupportable situation. It is not to be expected that the North Dakota Progressives will follow Roosevelt's lead and endorse the state Republican ticket.

It would be a magnanimous thing to do in view of the decisive vote of the Republican nominees received at the recent primaries. But will they?

It is to be hoped that Roosevelt will re-enter the Republican party again, which has honored him and in turn has been honored by his distinguished services, but he must enter it upon the party's terms, not upon his own.

Roosevelt wants to tell the Senate that he did not steal Panama from Colombia. Bryan says the South American republic was robbed, but Teddy stands ready to hang the Ananias sign on the Peerless One. It may save the nation \$25,000,000 to hear Roosevelt.

HOW A STORY IS BORN

When the mother and father of triplets and twins boarded the boat at Lehr on their way to Bismarck yesterday, some interested Tribune reader called the editor on the telephone and told him the happy family was headed toward the Capital City.

This neighbor, proud of the village's little citizens insisted that they be met at the station, taken to a photograph gallery and "snapped."

Since it to say, they were met and the story on page one this morning is by far the best story in the paper.

The Tribune wants to chronicle those things which are closest to the hearts of its readers. It wants to be a home paper. The news concerning the people about us is the most interesting news.

Its readers can help us by telephoning in the news and if they are too far away, why, write it in.

The reader of the Tribune who saw that wonderful family board the train for Bismarck knew a "story."

We want many more "story spots" on our staff.

A NON-PARTISAN PARTY

Under Senator Moses C. Clapp's frank we are in receipt of an address, entitled, "A Non-Partisan Party," by George W. Norris, United

State Senator from Nebraska, Senator Clapp has been in the twilight zone of non-partisanship ever since the last Republican National convention.

A STRIKING CONTRAST

Procedure in the French criminal courts is in striking contrast with what obtains in this country. Relevant and irrelevant matter seems to be admitted and the imagination of witnesses is allowed to soar without judicial curbing.

Not since Charlotte Corday plunged a dagger into the breast of Marat, has France seen anything approximating the trial of Madame Caillaux, the little bourgeoisie. Madame Caillaux thought she was performing a patriotic duty, as did the peasant girl during the Reign of Terror.

The French spectators in the court room have been impartial in their applause. When either side scored trifling bravos disturbed the order of the court.

This great trial in which love, hate and politics all play their parts, presents an interesting study of the French court. We in America cannot conceive of the defendant standing before the court and for hours delivering a discourse both thrilling and dramatic in the extreme.

When the King of England makes a speech someone else must assume the responsibility for his remarks. What a fine arrangement this would be for the political orator during a campaign.

If the open market to be established in St. Paul is to be a success, it must receive the support of the farmers.

The move taken by the Farmers' Equity Co-operative exchange is not an experiment. The co-operative marketing of grain on the terminal markets has been successful in Canada and European nations. It should succeed in the Northwest and will if the farmers will only stick together.

This is the only way that the abuses on the terminal markets can be corrected and the farmer of North Dakota get full measure and full prices for their grain.

"INCAPACITY OF THE PEOPLE"

It is rather curious that most of the newspapers that are for the short ballot are for initiative, referendum and recall. On the one hand they argue the incapacity of the people to select their officials and on the other hand are satisfied with their ability to revise the courts and enact legislation.

The Chicago Tribune argues with convincing logic the utter incapacity of the people to elect state officers, instancing in the present case the election of Brady as state auditor of Illinois. Yet the Tribune belabored long and loud for a primary that would enable the people to select their own candidates. Which is where the logic falls down. Even the Tribune would admit that such a man as Brady never could have been nominated even by the worst convention that was ever held.—The Searchlight.

GRIP WAS STOLEN

Minot, N. D., July 23.—James Murray, James Tuley and William Farley, transients, are being held at the city jail, charged with being implicated in the theft of a grip at the depot, and will be given a hearing before Police Magistrate John Lynch.

Mr. Ban Cyle who was about to take a train out of town, laid down his grip while he went to purchase a ticket. When he returned, the grip was gone and he notified the police. The theft occurred at just about the time No. 108 was scheduled to pull out.

Patrolman William Bakeman and Officer Nick Thilgen of the Second-warded the three men as they were coming out of a restaurant on North Main street. Several articles that were in the grip were found on the prisoners, according to the police.

Schumann-Heink's Daughter to Wed. A wedding which will take place in San Diego, Cal., in the autumn will be that of the daughter of Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, Miss Marie Schumann-Heink, and Hubert Guy of San Diego, Cal., the grandson of the late H. F. Guy of Washington, D. C. and son of the late Walter Guy, also of Washington. The wedding will take place on the return of Mme. Schumann-Heink and her daughter from Europe, where Mme. Schumann-Heink is singing in Wagnerian operas.

In announcing the engagement of Miss Schumann-Heink and Mr. Guy, a Washington publication says: "Miss Schumann-Heink makes her home with her brother, Ferdinand, in a six-room cottage on a ranch of forty-five acres of oranges, near San Diego, on the outskirts of the big estate owned near her mother. The latter's place is called Grossmont, and the chalet overlooks the valley of El Cajon."

"A year ago Miss Schumann-Heink with Miss Gertrude Nieman went there to live in the simple style of an unplastered cottage. They have sold \$2,000 worth of oranges since."

"The romance leading up to the engagement began by young Mr. Guy's horse getting beyond his control and dashing into the open door of Miss Schumann-Heink's stable. He was stunned by knocking his head against the cross-beam."

News of the State

J. R. Barry of Inkster had a very close call when the horse which he was driving bolted and threw him from the buggy down a steep incline. Mrs. William Barry of Petersburg was with him and she also was thrown from the rig.

Jenious of his wife's beauty, J. Maribito, a miner of Mountain Iron, bit her nose off yesterday. He escaped to the woods, and although Deputy Sheriff Molian and others searched the woods they found no trace of the man. Amputation of the nose will be necessary.

Grand Forks—On interesting series of lectures upon defective children in the schools and means and methods whereby they may be advanced in school work, is being conducted at the summer school of the state university by Dr. Ralph Johnson of Girard college, Philadelphia.

The Fra cafe at Motl was the scene of much smoke, some excitement and the meeting place for all able-bodied boys and many of their elders, when the gasoline stove in the basement leaked liquid fire over walls and floor. The damage was slight, chemical apparatus being able to subdue the blaze before the woodwork was well aflame.

Dickinson—Thomas Cooper, director of experiment station and field work in North Dakota, was in Dickinson in his official capacity.

While the Dickinson station is not the oldest in the state by a good many years, it is one of the most important, which fact is now well recognized in agricultural circles of the northwestern states.

McHenry—A good roads day is being planned for McHenry. The plan will be worked out as in former years. A number of men will be selected for each road leading out of town and the idea will be to remove all rock, fill up holes and improve the roads in every way that will better their condition.

Sykeston—The recent wind storm blew over a large machine shed 24x48 feet on Mrs. Propp farm, occupied by Joe Lessner, Jr. Mrs. Lessner drove up from town just as the shed went over.

The shock was too much for her and she fainted away and lay on the ground all through the drenching shower which followed. Mr. Lessner was away from home at the time.

The amount of cream checks cashed at the local banks of Reader for the past three months were as follows: April \$2,052.29; May \$2,885.57; and June \$4,284.48, making a very substantial gain over the preceding three months. The total for the first six months of 1914 is \$14,077.34. The farmers are beginning to see the value of a steady income from their cows, and are going more into dairying and cattle raising.

A whole carload of home grown wool was shipped from Hannah last week to the North Star Woolen Mill company, Minneapolis, Minn. The weight being over 4,000 pounds. This represents a large sum of money as wool has increased in value in the past year, notwithstanding the free trade with Canada. Jas. Austin was the shipper and one wagon load from his farm which included his own clip and his neighbors', weighed 3,420 pounds, which represents a money value of \$500.

Starkweather—Bootleggers will be as scarce in this locality as the "hen's teeth" of axion fame, if the energetic crusade inaugurated recently, to rid the country of these blots on a community's law and order proves successful. The following reward is being offered and the document freely signed by permanent business men and farmers. "We, the undersigned, hereby agree to pay a reward of \$250 to any person who shall cause the arrest and conviction of anyone for committing the crime of 'bootlegging' within the corporate limits of Starkweather or within five miles thereof; this reward shall stand until Dec. 1, 1914."

A case of real womanly devotion is reported from Grand Forks. Four-year-old Clara Iverson, who was severely burned during the month of May, is recovering, and much of the credit is due to her aunt, Miss Hilma Iverson, who has been working in the city, and who was one of the first to offer herself when it was decided to resort to skin grafting to save the child's life. She has been keeping up her work during the day, and spending her evenings with the child, and has several times submitted to the removal of skin for the sake of the child. She finally became nearly ill from the strain, and was at last persuaded to cease her labors, and return home.

While driving a team of lively horses, W. G. Brownell of the Grand Forks Herald lost the lines when the horses, maddened by persistent aggravation of flies, suddenly brushed them from his hands. The driver lost control of the animals and Mrs. Brownell suffered a sprained ankle and bruise about the head when the rig upset. Mr. Brownell escaped without injury. Mrs. W. G. Brownell, St. Peter, Minn., mother of Mrs. Brownell, was slightly injured and Mr. Brownell suffered minor bruises. The horses were a quiet pair of drivers, hired at a local stable and the accident was the result of the lines being suddenly dropped upon their backs and the aggravation of the swarm of lice which were maddening in their attack upon the animals.

Readers' Column

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF OLD SCOUTS.

James A. Simmons, of Whiteflower, Oklahoma, endows a most interesting sketch of Charles Reynolds, the famous Missouri fop scout, killed with Custer's men at the time of the battle of the Little Big Horn. Reynolds was an intimate friend of Mr. Emmons, who states that he will send the Tribune some interesting reminiscences of incidents in the life of this old Indian fighter. Following is the sketch enclosed: "One of the most romantic characters in the history of the West was an Atchison country, Kansas, man; Charles Alexander Reynolds, known among the Indians as 'Lonesome Charley,' because he had little to say. He was a scout, hunter and trapper and was killed on the Little Big Horn River in 1876, with Custer."

"In 1858, he came to Atchison County with his father's family. The father was a doctor, and practiced at the Village of Parade, which the Rev. Pardee Butler made famous in the summer of 1860, he crossed the plains as a teamster. During the winter of 1861 he was trapped in the Rocky Mountains and for a time carried rock mail across the snowy range on snowshoes. The following summer he returned to Atchison County, and enlisted in the Tenth Kansas, in which he served three years. He was in the battle of Prairie Grove, but did not see any hard service in the South."

Never Again Seen by Relatives. He was mustered out of the army in the summer of 1864, and in the fall of that year for Colorado, in company with a German he had known in the army. They had two yoke of oxen, a wagon and a lot of goods with which they expected to trade. Somewhere along the Santa Fe trail Reynolds and his partner were attacked by Indians. The German was killed and for a time carried himself under the wagons and stood the Indians off until night. The Indians had surrounded the wagon, but Reynolds slipped through them and escaped, finally reaching a wagon train and safety.

"Reaching a fort on the road traveled by the wagon train, he engaged as a government scout, and was never seen again by his relatives."

Brother Still Lives in Atchison. "He talked little and wrote less. His brother, W. T. Reynolds, still lives on the old home farm in Atchison County, and says he heard from his brother but rarely. It is known that he acted as guide for the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia on his famous buffalo hunt; that he was guide for several noted Americans, including General Sheridan. Mrs. Custer mentions him in her book, 'Boots and Saddles,' as a character around Fort Lincoln, on the Upper Missouri. It was from this point that Gen. George A. Custer left with his command on the memorable Indian campaign which ended in wiping out Custer's entire command, about three hundred men; not a man was left to tell what happened. Mrs. Custer greatly admired the man, as did her husband. She speaks of the 'romance' of his life, although she admits little was known of him around Fort Lincoln; and General Custer mentions him in one of his letters from the field as 'brave, silent Charley Reynolds.'"

The Sweetheart Story a Myth. "William T. Curtis, the noted newspaper correspondent, once 'wrote up' Charley Reynolds and told a romantic story of a love affair. But his brother William never heard of the affair. William T. Reynolds heard him mention a girl in the West, and thinks he may have become acquainted with her during his first visit to Colorado, but he never seemed much interested. William T. Curtis said Charley Reynolds was a college man, and met his sweetheart at college. For three years he attended Little college at Abingdon, Ill., to which place his father removed from Kentucky, but as he left Illinois for Kansas in 1858, when he was 16 years old, he could not have had much of a love affair at Abingdon."

There has been almost as much quarreling over the battle of the Little Big Horn as there has been over the battle of Waterloo. General Custer, a popular hero of the Rebellion, was killed there, with three hundred of his men, and the blame was laid on Major Reno, Custer's command consisted of his old regiment, the Sixth Cavalry, and it went into action in three divisions. Custer, himself, went to the head of the Indian encampment, which was scattered up and down the Little Big Horn River, in Montana, for three or four miles. Major Reno attacked the middle of the camp, and Captain Benteen attacked the lower end.

Reno crossed the river, and was driven back. It was during this fight that 'Lonesome Charley' was killed. Major Reno wrote W. T. Reynolds, after the fight, that the body of Charley Reynolds was found stripped naked, and mutilated, but that he had sold his life dearly, as piles of empty rifle and revolver cartridges attested. He had apparently fought from behind, the body of his horse until killed.

"Blown in the Bottle" Here. "Charley Reynolds was a real hero; none of the adventurers known as Grizzly Bill, or Broncho Tom, or other names redolent of the West had equal fame. And with it all, he never dissipated. He used his own name, Charley Reynolds, throughout his career in the West, whereas many of those who bore note were compelled, for prudential reasons, to change their names. As a trapper, guide and scout, he was always a gentleman, and always respected by those with whom he came in contact. It was said of him that he was the best shot with a rifle among all the hunters of his time. He was

Mr. Frohman Home, Brings

Many Plays for Many Stars

Manager Back After Four Months Abroad Outlines His Arrangements for the Season—Mr. Drew to Open Empire in "The Prodigal Husband"—Mrs. Whiffen's Farewell

New York, July 23.—Feeling 20 years younger, as he said, and with 20 more new plays than when he left New York last April, Mr. Charles Frohman has returned to New York. He had hardly passed the customs men before he was deep into business again, and the first thing he did after reaching his offices in the Empire theater, was to prepare a list of his new productions for the season.

That Mr. John Drew was to have a grand new play by French author, that Miss Maude Adams will play in the Greek theater at Berkeley, Cal., during the Panama-Pacific Exposition, the fact that he has arranged that Mrs. Thomas Whiffen shall say farewell to the stage, after 40 years in "The Beautiful Adventure," and that there may be legal action if a report be true that a scene from it has been embodied in a play to be seen here previously, were outstanding facts in the statement Mr. Frohman issued.

"Mr. Drew's opening performance will be at the Empire theater, September 7," said Mr. Frohman. "His play has never been produced, and on the reception it meets in this city depends its production in Paris and London. It's a comedy with a serious turn, by Mr. Dario Nicodem, a French author, in collaboration with Mr. Michael Morton. The title is 'The Prodigal Husband.' It will be the first part Mr. Drew has wholly created in some time."

Miss Adams in "Peter Pan." "Miss Maude Adams will again play Barrie's 'The Legend of Leona,' and when she comes to the Empire theater it will be in other Barrie plays. The University of California invited Miss Adams to appear in the Greek theater on the university grounds, in a series of comedies to be given during the exposition next June. She will do a miracle comedy of the restoration period, one by Sheridan and one by Barris, thus illustrating the history of English comedy."

"Miss Ethel Barrymore is to play here next winter in an original play, in four acts, called 'The Bridge of Sighs,' by Mr. Edward Sheldon. My three star dramatic combination—Mr. Gillette, Miss Blanche Bates and Miss Marie Doro—will appear together in 'Diplomacy,' following Mr. Drew at the Empire, after opening outside New York in October. The company will include several London actors. Afterward Miss Blanche Bates will appear in a new play being written for her by Miss Eleanor Gates, author of 'The Power Little Dick Girl,' and Mr. Gillette and Miss Doro will go to London to play a special engagement."

Miss Burke in "Jerry," Again. "Miss Billie Burke, having given over most of her last season to New York City, will make a tour in 'Jerry' before appearing in anything new here. Mrs. Cushing, the author of 'Jerry,' has written a playlet for Miss Burke, which she will present in conjunction with 'Jerry.'"

"Mr. Otis Skinner again comes under my management this season, and in October I will present him in an entirely new play by Mr. Jules Eckert Goodman, entitled 'The Candle of Faith.'"

Miss Julia Sanderson, Messrs. Donald Brian and Joseph Cawthorn will appear together again at the Knickerbocker theater, August 28, in the London musical comedy, 'The Girl from Utah.' The music is by Mr. Paul Rubens and Mr. Sidney Jones. For this company I am negotiating a Paris appearance in May. Years ago I believed England offered great opportunities for American plays and players, and I was right. I believe the same opportunity is before me in Paris and I am anxious to believe I have arranged for several American plays to be produced in Paris, in the French language; the coming season; but it won't be long before American plays and stage productions of all sorts are given in Paris in English, with English companies. I feel this scheme should be started first with musical work; so I want Miss Sanderson, Mr. Brian and Mr. Cawthorn to make the start there."

Richard Carle and Miss Etta Williams will have 'The Doll Girl' and afterward a new farce comedy. 'The Lyceum will open at the end

of August, and there I shall present the comedy from the French, called 'The Beautiful Adventure,' by the author of 'Love Watches.' For the latter going public the chief interest in the performance of this play will be the farewell appearance of Mrs. Whiffen. She will have in the second act the opportunity of her career in a delightful scene in which she misunderstands the relation of two sweethearts, and, believing them man and wife, tries her hardest to keep them together, all the while lecturing the young man for his desire to leave—in short, performing not only a fine acting scene, but a thoroughly original one."

"I hope the report that this scene has been performed for another play is not true. I should be sorry for Mrs. Whiffen's sake, and, of course, I should take legal steps if it proved true, for 'The Beautiful Adventure' was first produced last January. Besides Mrs. Whiffen I shall have a special company, including Mrs. Charles Cherry and Mr. Ernest Lawford."

Miss Fenwick's Part. "Among other plays I have for production is a new play of New York life, by Mr. Paul Armstrong, 'The Song of Songs,' by Mr. Edward Sheldon, a seven scene play, based upon the novel by Herman Suderman, in which Miss Irene Fenwick will have the leading part, and Mr. Hubert Henry Davis' new strong four-act drama which is to be given in London early this season, which I shall produce in October. It is called 'The Outcast.' For its production Mr. Davis will come to New York."

"I have a new Barrie play quite different from anything he has done. Although containing much of the Barrie fantasy, it is more of a burlesque. It will constitute a full evening's bill. I purpose to produce it in December, before it is seen in London. I have Sir Arthur Pinero's new play, which will soon be produced at the St. James theater, London, by Mr. George Alexander. Sir Arthur, also, is at work on a new comedy for me."

"Mr. Somerset Maugham is writing a new comedy for me, and Mr. Haddon Chambers, the author of 'Tante,' comes here in December, to produce with me his new play. Mr. Henry Barnet will be seen at work on a drama which will have its first production in New York. I hope he will come to America for the production. The new play to be given in Paris in October with Miss Blanche Bates in the leading part I have. Its title is, 'The Shadow.' It contains one of the most powerful female characters that has come under my observation in a long time."

"Mr. Ernest William Hornung, author of 'Raffles,' has written for me a new play based on his series of short stories, entitled 'The Crime Doctor.' I also have a comedy, 'Drive on,' now running at the Haymarket theater, London, and which I produce here before December. I have a farcical play, called 'The Love Trap,' adapted by Harry B. Smith. I have the dramatic rights of Miss Victoria Morton's story, 'The Whirlpool.' Mr. Harry V. Edmund, the actor-author, who played here last winter, has written a play for me. I have also a piece, entitled 'The Rich Man,' now running at the Renaissance theater, Paris. I have a German farce, called 'Falthless Edvard,' which has been playing all over Germany, and four plays by Mr. Barrie, each to be acted within 45 minutes, and called 'Why,' 'One Night,' 'When Kye Comes Home,' and 'The Building Erection.'"

"'Spill,' a new musical play, which will be given in London, Vienna and Berlin in October; I consider it as a wonderful story. 'The Merry Widow,' I intend it to follow 'The Girl from Utah' at the Knickerbocker. I also have a new musical play by Mr. Jean Gilbert the author of 'The Queen of the Merveilles,' called 'One Must Be Young.'"

"Miss Marie Loehr opens my next London season at the Duke of York's theater in 'The Little Minister,' playing 'Lady Babbie.' At the Prince of Wales theater, September 1, I produce 'The Yellow Ticket,' and from time to time I shall make other productions at this theater in association with Mr. Frank Curzon."

encountered quicksand, and this resulted in a fatal delay. Then he retreated back up the hill to form a circle, as Reno did. During this retreat his entire force was killed. Many believe that a part of Custer's men surrendered and were massacred. The old Indians now on reservations will not talk about the Custer affair, fearing that they may yet be punished; Reno's men declared at the court-martial that they did not know what had become of Custer until three days after all his men were dead; that they did not hear firing in his direction. It is believed that Custer and all his men were killed in twenty minutes. The bodies were buried where they fell and a small marble stone erected over each one. At the top of the hill a large general monument was erected. Charley Reynolds' name appears on this large monument as chief of scouts."

Guilty Different. He (calling)—"I fear I must seem like a Babara of dullness this evening. Miss Edith."

Ske—"Oh, no, Mr. Timmid, you are not at all like a desert; desert has sand."—Boston Transcript.

Sarcastic. "I can give you any number of five-room apartments with all the modern improvements."

"How suite of you!"

A Bit O' Nonsense

The average married man will frankly admit that in the choice of a life partner his wife's judgment was far superior to his own.

Point of View. "Tis only a goat," murmured the man, as he strode into the strange farm.

"Tis but a man," retorted the goat, as he went at it in a business way.

Awkward. A pretty schoolteacher, noticing one of her little charges idle, said sharply: "John, the devil always finds something for idle hands to do. Come up here to me and let me give you some work."

No Difference. "Can you get good scrubbing brushes too at those bucket shops downtown?"—Baltimore American.

Miss Newrich—May flour! Why, my folks made their fortune in September wheat.—Exchange.

Household Goods. "My dear, I would like to know something."

"What is it, dear?"

"Can you get good scrubbing brushes too at those bucket shops downtown?"—Baltimore American.

Pedagogues and Marriage. Two bright faced academy boys were discussing their teachers.

"Mr. Blank's going to get married, I hear."

"Go, I hope not."

"Because Mr. Dash got married last year and now he's fierce."—Newark News.

It Stopped. Just as the train was nearing the terminus an anxious woman, proprietor of many wraps and bundles, caught the conductor by the sleeve and said: "Mister Conductor, please tell me, does this train stop at the Grand Central depot?"

"Well, ma'am, was the reply, "if it doesn't all I can say is that there will be a mighty big bump."

What He Did Know. One day Johnny was digging potatoes when a man came along the road. The man was surprised to see Johnny working so hard. Then he asked, "Johnny, what do you get for digging those potatoes?"

Johnny turned around and said, "I don't know what I will get for digging them, but I do know what I get if I don't!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Obvious Explanation. Old Uncle Andy was steering his master's boat in the bay. They passed an ocean liner.

"Andy," said Mr. Blank, "just look how high that ship stands out of the water. I wonder why it is."

"Why, boss," answered the old dandy, "don't you know? We ain't had no rain for nigh on three weeks now, and de water's gittin' low."—New York Post.

No Place for Thumb Prints. Mrs. Flatbush—And you think your little boy steals your pies?

Mrs. Bensonhurst—Somebody does and I suspect Tommie.

"Well, there's a way you can tell."

"How?"

"By the thumb prints."

"Oh, no, I can't. When Tommie gets through with a pie there aren't any thumb prints!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Wanted a Sample. A young minister unexpectedly called upon to address a Sunday school asked, to gain time:

"Children, what shall I speak about?"

A little girl on the front seat who was in the habit of reciting at entertainments had committed to memory several declamations, so that she was always prepared for any occasion. Sympathy and interest alone in her face as she held up her hand and in a shrill voice inquired:

"What do you know best?"—Chicago News.

The Slow One. "Would you," he said after they had been sitting in the dark for a long time, "be angry with me if I were to kiss you?"

She was silent for a moment. Then in tones the meaning of which was not to be mistaken she replied:

"Why do you suppose I turned down the light an hour and a half ago?"

And yet he wondered, poor fool, how other young men who had started far in the rear were able to pass him in the race of life.

"We receive many queerly directed letters, of course," acknowledged a postoffice assistant in answer to an urgent question. "But the queerest I ever remember having seen was an address that ran somewhat as follows:

"To my son -omas if he is associating with decent young fellows and calling