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**Our Fix.**

With the mercury of our office thermometer running out at the top, without even a "printer's devil" to assist us in our multifarious duties, has been our condition during the terrible hot spell. Our situation reminded us of the boy who "stood on the burning deck when all round had fled," as our surroundings and conditions were about the same. We have had many and varied experiences as a newspaper publisher, but this one is the "hottest" and toughest of the lot, yet withal our troubles the fan manipulator and shade hunter kicks because the paper fails to get out on time. Let him kick.—Waverly Times.

**Good Roads Are Coming.**

Some opposition has appeared to the proposed state highway which will be constructed through or near Odessa. Some farmers are opposed to being taxed for this road when it does not pass directly alongside of their farms. This, it seems to us, is no grounds whatever to base a complaint on. A start for better roads must be made somewhere, sometime, and why kick about the location of this rock road, even if it does not pass by your door? Show your unselfishness in this matter and assist your state, your county, your town, your neighbors and even yourself in this good roads proposition, for you are benefited to a certain extent, and it opens the way for other roads which will eventually pass by your door.

It is only a matter of a few years when the main traveled thoroughfares of Lafayette county will be rocked. Then why not put aside your present selfish arguments and give this good roads movement your encouragement and support.—Odessa Democrat.

**The Jury Refused To Talk.**

When the jury for the Sassa-man had been selected, Judge Bradley called them before him and proceeded to give them the usual instructions about how they should not talk to any one or to one another while the trial was in progress. He then told Sheriff Hudson to take charge of them. The sheriff took them to dinner and when the waitress came in and asked them if they would have ice tea or water they looked at her and at each other in painful silence.

The waitress looked on in amazement. The sheriff however came to the rescue of the jurymen and ordered their dinners.

The next morning while the jury was waiting in the sheriff's office Judge Bradley came into the office and bade them a cherry good-morning, but not a juror nodded his head. The Judge could not understand why these men whom he had known all his life, should refuse to speak to him. Just as the judge was about to appeal to the sheriff for help the jury broke out in a hearty ha ha and told him of his instructions, not to speak to any one or to each other during the trial. Of course His Honor meant that they should not talk about the case but the laugh was on the judge.—Johnson County Star.

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**DANIELS FOR FRANCIS**

Official Reporter of the Last General Assembly Says Former Governor is the Man to Nominate in 1908

Hon. David R. Francis is proposed as a candidate for Governor in 1908 by R. L. Daniels of Centerville, Mo., reporter of the Missouri house of representatives and an ardent Francis admirer.

"The speech of Gov. Francis before the 1906 convention," declared Mr. Daniels, "stamps him a Democrat to be admired. While he went away to other candidates in 1906, rather than support Mr. Bryan, his attitude in declaring for Bryan two years ago, when it required courage to do so, places Mr. Francis back in the party, and in the front rank at that.

"Probably no man in Missouri is as much admired. If he would enter the race he would do so with all the prestige of a former governor, a former member of the cabinet, a man who ran the greatest exposition the world has ever seen, and a man, too, who has one of the greatest personalities among public men in the country.

"Gov. Francis can be elected by a larger majority than any other person. Others can be elected, but we want to poll the the largest possible vote in Missouri in 1908. That's why I am for Francis."—Jefferson City Tribune.

**September Events.**

"Events", a monthly illustrated magazine published at Washington, D. C. will make its initial appearance early in September. This magazine will deal particularly with those national affairs of which the people have but slight knowledge, and should be read by every good American. The first number will contain an article on The National Banking Act which clearly shows that this legislation is responsible for the financial troubles of the people today; the article on the Personal Reminiscences of the United States Supreme Court is one of the most interesting articles ever published concerning that august body.

The opening chapters of the article on "Our Government, its origin and development" should possess unusual interest for every reader; the article on the Water-powers of the South presents a new phase of the forestry question, and shows the intimate relations existing between the forests and the people; no community is without some direct interest in this great problem. The fiction is bright and interesting, and all in all it is a magazine that should be in every home. Send \$1. to Editor, Events, 715, 13th st, N. W. Washington, D. C. for next year's subscription, and you will receive the first four numbers for nothing.

Willie Karow has a pet pigeon which is not of the ordinary common everyday pigeon. It has taken up with an old hen and when she goes to the nest to lay the pigeon goes with her and sets on the nest till the hen leaves, then it goes with her. When the hen is setting the pigeon stays on the nest with her, and when she gets off to feed, it tries to cover the eggs until her return, when it will leave and go out and feed only to again return. When the little chicks hatch, the pigeon becomes jealous of them and tries to kill the entire brood.—Wellington News.

**Pay Your Bills Cheerfully.**

The life of the man who is forced to make a livelihood by collecting bills is full of trouble. He meets other men when they are at their worst, there being but few persons who can give up money cheerfully.

Some of the wrath of the debtor usually is poured upon the innocent head of the collector who is merely the employe of the creditor, and the latter, in his turn, is only trying to get what is due him.

There are a few men in Jefferson City, as elsewhere, who seem to forget that courtesy is an attribute whose exercise costs nothing and which endears its possessor to his friends and business associates.

A collector is a "human" being, engaged in an honorable calling, and entitled to as much consideration as any other business caller.

Growling at him does not pay the bill which he may present, nor does it add to the happiness of either party. The growl of today is apt to become the headache or dyspepsia of tomorrow.

Cheerfulness is a crop that should be cultivated more carefully by the American business man, because it will teach him to be courteous and affable.

To be cringing to a buyer and coarse to a collector is a social crime that should be frowned upon by all good citizens.

The truly successful business men are those who pay as promptly as they wish to be paid, and whose commercial methods are therefore in accordance with the Golden rule.

There is no happiness in a frown. It spoils the looks of the face and sours the stomach. The cheerful payer is like the cheerful giver. He is loved by the Lord.

The next time a collector calls upon you, Mr. Grouch, give him the glad hand and hand him a check with a smile. It will help your liver and make a new friend for you.—Jefferson City Tribune.

**Give Them a Wide Range.**

Give the steel range peddler a wide range. Sign no notes and do no business with him. If you have money to spend patronize your home merchant in preference to a stranger. If your home merchant guarantees anything you will know where to find him when you want him to make his guarantee good. He has a reputation to sustain. He couldn't afford to swindle you if he wanted to. It's safe to be shy of strangers. Some of them are honest, but many are not. Many a man has signed a stranger's note to his sorrow. Keep your name off of promise-to-pay paper that goes into strange hands. Don't be "easy". Don't believe everything that is told you. Be suspicious of the smooth-tongued stranger. Be sure you are safe.—Bunceton Eagle.

**Water To Be Analyzed.**

At the meeting of the Commercial Club of this city last Friday night it was decided to send some of the water from the mineral well in this city to the state chemist for analysis. The water was sent by express Monday.

The Chicago & Alton people, through the president of the road, S. M. Felton, state that if the water is what is claimed for it, will stop all trains here five minutes so that passengers can drink the water. A gentleman was sent here last week from Chicago and at his request the analysis is being made.

There is talk now of building two or three hotels in the vicinity of the drinking fountain as the beginning of a summer resort. The Jeffersonian desires to say that property owners in that portion of the city should not put the price of their land and property too high. Such methods have been known to prevent a boom in towns.—Higginsville Jeffersonian.

**SKY TELLS THEM MUCH.**

Heavens Like an Open Book to Men Who Follow the Sea.

There is probably no class that can tell more as to what the weather will be from a glance at the sky than seafarers. This is the natural result of their constant observance of the heavens for the lack of something else to look at when at sea. Thus the sky becomes to the mariner an open book, which he reads by instinct as does a child the face of its parent. A navigator will tell you that a rosy sunset presages fine weather; a sickly looking, greenish hue, wind and rain; a dark or Indian red, rain; a red sky in the morning, bad weather or much wind, perhaps rain; a gray sky in the morning; fine weather; a high dawn, wind; a low dawn, fair weather. Remarkable clearness of atmosphere near the horizon, distant objects, such as hills, usually visible or raised by refraction and what is called a good "hearing day," may be mentioned among signs of wet, if not wind. A landsman is much more ignorant of the signs of the sky, as he has so many other things to distract his attention that he seldom takes much notice of its different phases, which fore-shadow so clearly what may be expected in the way of weather.

**THE JOKE WAS ON HER.**

Comparison Made by Woman Lawyer Left Opening for Opponent.

A woman member of the bar in New York gives the following correspondence with the reservation that no names shall be quoted: "I am one of the few women," she says, "who can see a joke even if aimed at myself. I do not feel that in this case I came off first best." The letter was from a man lawyer and was as follows: "Dear Miss Blank: We agree to the compromise as promised in your favor of this date. Not because your client has a just right to such settlement, but from the fact that we do not care to open a contest with a woman lawyer." To which the reply was sent: "Gentlemen: I note yours agreeing to a settlement, although I cannot congratulate you on your gallantry in begging the question. Like the original Adam, you seem inclined to hide behind a woman's petticoat." And the following letter closed the correspondence: "Dear Miss Blank: If you will turn to the early pages of Genesis you will discover that Eve did not wear a petticoat."

**Fishhawk Gives Up Prey.**

Aleck Canova brought a three-pound trout to the Record office the other morning and gave a very interesting description of the manner in which it was caught. His son Frank observed a big fishhawk swoop down on the fish near Bar Creek, about a mile and a half north of town, and noted that the fish was of very respectable size. He watched the big bird until it hovered almost overhead, but within close range, and he picked up a stone and with splendid accuracy hurled the missile at the hawk, striking it. The bird dropped the trout and Frank ran forward and took charge of it. The head was torn open, but the body was uninjured except for the punctures made by the talons of the hawk.

**For Air Regeneration.**

Fused sodium peroxide, electrically prepared, is the chemical agent in a process of air regeneration that has been recommended for such purposes as submarine boats, etc. In contact with water, pure oxygen is given off, caustic soda being formed. The soda absorbs the carbonic acid, coating the peroxide with a crust of carbonate, which is removed by shaking the chemical in a wire net or gauze cylinder. It is found that six and three-fourths ounces of the peroxide give the seven gallons of oxygen required by one man per hour, and that 20 pounds should sustain nine men in a submarine of 2,700 cubic feet capacity for nine hours before the carbonic acid in the air breathed would increase to a troublesome quantity.

**The Technicality.**

"Your honor," said the lawyer for the prisoner, "there is no course open to you but to dismiss the case against my client." "The evidence shows," replied the court, "that he was caught with his hand in the pocket of John Jones." "I admit that such is the language of the warrant and the tenor of the testimony," rejoined the lawyer, "but in that pocket he found an unrecd bill for the clothes Jones was wearing. That pocket, your honor, did not belong to Jones, but to Smith, the tailor." With an air of confidence he awaited a decision from the bench.

**Coyote Universally Despised.**

The coyote is a creature without a friend, an Ishmaelite whom men and animals have combined in despising, the ideal thief and vagabond of the animal world, this gray gaunt figure-head of the western world still survives, as much the owner of his empire as he was in the days when his ancestors looked with cock-eyed astonishment and staccato exclamations upon the expedition of Lewis and Clark feeling its way slowly across that trans-Mississippi wilderness whose future was then undreamed.—Outing Magazine.

**Illustration.**

Johnny—What is a clash between state and federal authority? Kakeker—As though our cook tried to fight the janitor.—N. Y. Sun.

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