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THE "KICKER."

There are some impatient people, who animated by a laudable zeal for the progress and welfare of their community, fail to understand the position of others of the community who may view certain contemplated moves in a light altogether different, and so it happens sometimes, that the impatient ones in their impatience speak of the others as "kickers" and too often ascribe to them selfish motives when in truth they are equally considering the public good, as they see it. In the heat of our own enthusiasm, we are unfortunately too prone to overlook the praiseworthy motives of others—it is a natural failing and only blameable when our attention being called to it, we fail to try to amend. Of course, feeling sure you are right, it is hard beyond measure to believe the other fellow is right, and yet, paradox as it may seem, it is possible for both to be right—from their standpoint, but as to which is the true standpoint, can only be ascertained by weighing the matter carefully without prejudice. Even this sometimes fails, for a course in human affairs is not a mathematical certainty. The future may prove even the best reasoning and the soundest arguments at fault. Chance is a quality that can not be eliminated from mundane affairs and in laying our plans we can do so only to the best of our judgment. But to arrive at a good judgment requires discussion, and here it is that the "kicker" as the impatient man terms the other, becomes a most useful and worthy factor in the community. It is the "kicker" that forces discussion by presenting the other side to the question, thereby bringing out both the good and bad points; who becomes the means of laying before the gaze of the people the question in all its aspects and enables them to draw their own conclusions and his own, for your true "kicker" is usually a man susceptible of conversion, a man who can see when he is at fault and when he does, none is more prompt in putting his shoulder to the wheel.

The name "kicker" has often been applied to a valuable citizen, and while perhaps he was a "kicker," the term could have been one of reproach only because the impatient ones were blind and misunderstood him. And it is misunderstanding that causes nine-tenths of the division in communities. The average man wants his community to grow and prosper. He delights in public improvements and he wants all the good things for his town possible; but while we all may want these things there must be necessarily a difference of opinion as to how to get them and where there arises a difference of opinions, there, of course, at once exist the impatient one and the "kicker." In a case of this kind each should respect the opinion of the other, talk the matter over in a spirit of concession and good will, and in all cases of doubt, always give any public improvement the benefit of the doubt, by giving it hearty approval and active support.

ANOTHER CONVERT.

The School Board of Webster parish being confronted with the necessity of establishing a school in a sparsely settled locality, decided to put on a transportation wagon and carry the children to the nearest school. The result was very satisfactory and on comparison of the cost proved to be economical which leads the Minden Signal to say.

The Signal believes that the educational interest of the parish could be best subserved by consolidating the schools in the different communities where practicable and putting in wagons to convey those children who live too far to walk to and from school. Wherever this method has been tried so far in this parish it has proved a decided success. The schools are better and the people seem to take more interest in them than they ever did before.

SURVEYING THE ROAD.

N. O., C. and W. Ry. Takes Preliminary Steps. Will Connect Crowley and New Orleans.

New Orleans Picayune.

Engineers are making preliminary surveys of the proposed route of the New Orleans, Crowley and Western Railroad, which has been incorporated with a capitalization of \$1,000,000, to build from Crowley to this city, with possible future extensions into Texas. It was stated yesterday afternoon at the general offices of the company in the Hibernia Building, that no definite route for any portion of the proposed line yet had been determined upon. The company has several tentative routes, any one of which would fill the bill, it is claimed, and the course to be followed to this city will depend largely on the liberality in the form of right of way concessions of the localities that are competing for the line. "All our work now is wholly preliminary," said an officer of the company. "In building a railroad there are many questions that must be settled before the route can be definitely settled upon. Not the least important of these is the one of right of way. We are, of course, planning to select the route that will be the least costly and at the same time the most practical from the standpoint of the operation and the most profitable in business. We have the means, and are going to build at all events, as we look upon the territory that we are to tap as a most profitable one for a railroad. We are to pass through one of the richest sugar sections of the State. Our company is absolutely independent of any other railroad. We are neither interested nor affiliated with nor backed by any other railroad company."

The Truth About a Wedding.

The editor of the Gaylord, (O. T.) Sentinel wrote an account of his own wedding in his paper the other day: "This is the first instance in several years of newspaper work that the writer has dared to tell the truth about a wedding, for fear of getting licked, and does so now with a keen relish. The bridegroom is an editor, and is not a popular and accomplished leader of society—in fact, he doesn't know as much about it as a rabbit. His hair is red, and the freckles on his face crowd each other for room. In the dusk it is hard to distinguish him from a telephone pole. He has never considered that the future looked very bright or promising—it has always kept him too busy paying his board bills to have any dreams about future greatness. He is just a common sort of a fellow, and claims distinction only in that he is Kansan from the soles of his clumsy feet to the top of his head. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. White, and was born and raised in the Solomon Valley. Judging from the job she has taken on her hands, she is a young lady of more than ordinary nerve."

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AND THEY DID.

In a certain town that had been quiet for years taking what came to it as it took the rain from the heavens, never even reaching forth to gather the fruits of its opportunities, there one time arose a man and said unto his fellows, "Behold! an awakening is about in the land. Help me, my friends, and we will open our eyes." A faithful band worked early and late and a tax was voted for improvements, whereupon the town grew and property waxed in value. Another time others rose up and said, "We must not stand still, but reach forward and grasp the good thing offered us." And they, too, worked early and late, and a tax was voted and property still increased in value.

And lo! a third time there arose among the people a band of citizens who saw that the town had grown and needed other things for its welfare, and they called unto the people that they would vote another tax to replace the one which had expired. And many applauded and said, "This seems unto us a good thing, let us do this, that better things may come unto us." But strange as it may seem, a certain man went among his neighbors saying, "You must not do this. We are now taxed to death, and my taxes are now heavy to bear." And it so happened that he said this unto a man who does his own thinking, and this man said unto him, "You should not complain, my friend, for in truth, would you pay the tax a hundred times over you would make but a poor return for all the community has done for you, and besides, know you not that what benefits the community benefits you." And it came to pass that there were other men who did their own thinking and when the time came they voted for the extension and the tax carried.

And passing strange! the man who had gone among his neighbors crying out they would be taxed to death, instead of considering his property less valuable because of the "heavy tax", actually acknowledged it was more valuable by putting a higher price upon it—and lo! it was worth it.

Taken Up

On my place in seventh ward, a creole sorrel horse. Owner can have same by proving ownership and paying costs. GEORGE W. BEADLE. 2-21-3t p.

Special Rates.

Account American Bowling Congress, Louisville, Ky., March 17-27, 1906: Round trip tickets to Louisville, Ky., will be on sale at rate of one regular first class standard fare plus \$2.00 March 15-18, 1906, final limit March 31, 1906.

Account Biennial Meeting General Federation of Women's Clubs, St. Paul, Minn., May 30-June 7, 1906: Round trip tickets to St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., will be on sale at rate of first-class fare plus \$2.00, on May 26, 28, 29, and 30, 1906 with final return limit June 9, 1906. A fee of 25 cents will be charged for the validation of each ticket.

Account Meeting Louisiana State Public School Teachers Association, Baton Rouge, La., Apr. 19-21: Round trip tickets to Baton Rouge will be on sale Feb. 18-19 at rate of one fare plus 25 cents, final limit Apr. 22, 1906.

Account Special Round Trip Rates to Mexico City: Round trip excursion tickets will be on sale at rate of one first-class limited one way fare for the round trip, April 25 to May 5, 1906; with final return limit July 31, 1906. Tickets will carry a going transit limit of sixty days from date of sale within which time stop overs will be allowed at any point en route. Tickets must be validated by the agent of the Terminal Line at Mexico City and to provide for stop over on return trip at any point en route within final limit.

Round trip tickets to Rayne at one and one third fare for the round trip will be placed on sale for trains arriving at Rayne March 11, return limit March 12, account of races.

The Morgan line will on May 7 and 8 place on sale round trip tickets to New Orleans at the reduced rate of one fare plus 25 cents for the round trip, final limit of ticket May 12, rate made on account of meeting of Louisiana State Medical Society.

INGERSOLL NINE DOLLARS OUT

Talmage Confident God Would Only Consider Intent.

One evening, while lecturing at the Brooklyn Tabernacle, I was dining with Dr. Talmage. Col. Ingersoll was also a guest. Turning abruptly to the host, the latter remarked:

"By the way, doctor, I attended your evening service last Sunday, and I liked it, only when your contribution-box was passed, I put in what I thought was a one and found out later that I had put in a ten."

The doctor looked at him with his expressive face full of anxious sympathy. "Meant to put in only one dollar and put in ten by mistake, did you?" he asked, and as Ingersoll nodded he continued: "Too bad, too bad! God will give you credit for only one dollar, Colonel."—The Sunday Magazine.

The Discreet Opera Singer. "Madame, madame," cried the bell-boy at the door, "there is a burglar on this floor! Open the window and sing for help!"

The favorite of the opera stage frowned darkly.

"I nevaire sing," she said, "unless I as quite of zee certainty zat I get zee pr-r-rice."

Whereupon she closed her eyes and rolled over for another nap.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

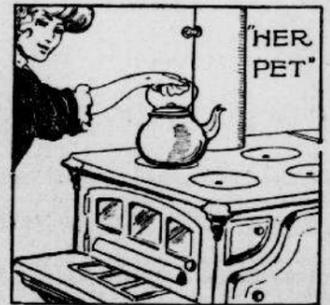
A Shadow of Discontent.

"It is upon the farmer that the greatness of this country really depends," said the persuasive statesman.

"Yes," answered Farmer Cornlossel; "but sometimes I think I'd like to be one of the fellers that didn't have so much dependin' on 'em so I could have time to wear good clothes and go to a few parties."

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