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WELCOME, ODD FELLOWS.

The Odd Fellows have captured the city. They are here from all parts of the county and from cities outside of Madison. They began coming with the early morning and when this page went to press were still coming, bringing their wives, sisters and sweethearts with them to enjoy Virginia's festival, in honor of the seventy sixth anniversary of the founding of the order in the United States. The day has been a very happy one; it has been a gala day of mirth, music and ceremony; some very beautiful things have been said by the speakers, and the occasion has been very pleasant indeed.

Welcome, Odd Fellows, to Virginia City. The MADISONIAN hopes that a thousand times seventy six anniversaries may be celebrated by your order—humanity would be much the better for it. Men are born and live their allotted time and die, but the principles of a noble brotherhood, the object of which is the betterment of mankind, live on forever.

WE APOL GIZE.

If we have done our excellent, but erratic little cotemporary down the valley a wrong by mentioning "Wicked Tom Baker" as its editor, we offer an abject apology. We are aware that the various editors of the Monitor have their names nailed to the editorial mast head, but we desire to call their joint and undivided attention to the following deadly parallel:

"In this case, 'As to Wicked there must be some Tom Baker' whom thing wrong with our cotemporary—the gray matter ludes to as 'the under the hat of the erstwhile editor of editor of our e. c. the Monitor'—and he is either though upon what growing very queer grounds it bases its ulous from the of-assertion is as Lord facts of over-indul-Dundreary would geuce in Lotus club say, 'one of those lobsters, or very things that no fel-inconsistent and lah can find out, forgetful. Has it done her know, we faded from his mem-can only say that cry how, more than that individual is two months ago, doubtless abundant-when Major Alder-ly able to take care son's segregation of himself in this bantling crowd its bus in ess. The first crew, he was names of the editors soundly berating of this paper appear the edition of this at the head of these paper for overzeal-columns, and they onness in the cause are, and expect at of anti-county div-all times to be, re-ision?'—Monitor, sponisible for the editorial utterances herein—Monitor April 20.

Now in the extract from our evasive cotemporary of April 6, the question, "Has it faded from his memory (referring to the editor of the MADISONIAN, how, more than two months ago, he was soundly berating the editor of this paper for overzealousness in the cause of anti-division?" is asked. The former controversy arose over the following paragraph, written by "Wicked Tom Baker" as correspondent of the Anaconda Standard:

"The renewal of the movement to divide Madison county by attaching a portion of the eastern part of Gallatin is viewed with some concern. It is an old scheme which has been often thwarted, but it is believed by many that the east side representative from this county is not altogether unfavorable to the project.

The insinuation of Mr. Baker's article was directed against the pledged fidelity of Hon. N. J. Isdell on the county division question. The MADISONIAN was in a position to know that Maj. Isdell would fight the measure to the bitter end, as he did, and the insinuating paragraph in the Standard was branded as untrue. That constituted our attack on the Standard correspondent.

We make this explanation in order to place ourselves in the right light with the various editors of our cotemporary. Mr. Baker named himself as the editor of the Monitor in his "Lotus club lobster" editorial. We are therefore, not responsible for referring to him as such. We are aware that newspaper dividends are paid largely in glory,

and we do not desire to cheat or defraud the editors of our cotemporary, individually or collectively, of that which rightfully belongs to them.

ABOUT THIS TIME OF YEAR

The April grass begins to show a faint, bright green. The sap is climbing into the buds with such wild, riotous bounds that it stirs the sluggish human blood and makes the heavy human heart beat faster to think of them.

Spring is here. She is doing her level best to make all the world beautiful and all mankind happy. Let us help her.

What a magical transformation would be wrought if man would assist nature in the simple matter of dooryards, front and back. Suppose in every city, town and village in this United States all the beef bones, ash piles, old shoes, tomato cans and empty beer bottles were gathered and carted off from back yards and vacant lots, leaving nothing but the clean, blessed brown earth. Then suppose, overnight, as soon as the frost is out of the ground, some of the great, strong, common working angels up in heaven should bring to bear the mighty electrical force resident in them and cause all back yards and disgraceful vacant lots in the country to be spaded to a considerable depth, then raked off, ready to plant flower seeds and deposit sweet smelling grass sods.

Then, next night, suppose the second relay of the night force of working angels should come and plant, first a bed of pansies and another one of sweet peas, with vines to grow trailing over the ugly and broken fences, with mignonette and summer asters, with nasturtiums and summer pinks and carnations, not forgetting the brilliant, burning beds of phlox. There is a superstition that plants will not grow on the shady side of the yard, but the great common working angels know better. They know that there is exactly the spot for hardy roses, rose geraniums, scarlet geraniums and all kinds.

The working angels would not merely plant the flowers and then forget all about them, neglecting to weed the ground or water the parched earth. Not they. They would tend the young shoots and keep down the weeds. By and by the pansies would burst into sweet bloom, next the sweet peas would make the ugly old back yard look like fairyland. One after another, all over the country, the plants would send up flowers in their season, a blaze of beauty, with the emerald grass shining beside them. Mortals would mistake this world for heaven and never want to go away from it.

Meantime it is pleasant to know that many women, and men, too, in the morning and evening intervals of their other business, are at present doing exactly this kind of angels' work.

March gave some parts of the country a whack to be remembered. It was a dry whack, with immeasurable quantities of dust. At points along the middle Atlantic coast the gale broke the record. In New York city the wind was 75 miles an hour, higher than ever before recorded. It may be encouragement to persons in various parts of the country who contemplate constructing houses 18 and 20 stories high to know that there are several such structures now in process of erection in New York, and, though the wind was so terrific as to drive the workmen from their tasks, because of the danger of being blown away, yet the frames of these lofty buildings stood solid as the eternal rocks. The frames are in all cases of steel. The skyscraping houses are safe.

The truth is that the last three congresses have all been "billion dollar congresses." Appropriations by the Fifty-first congress amounted to a little over \$1,000,000,000. For the Fifty-second the amount was still larger, being \$1,027,000,000. This was high water mark. The sum is, however, still over \$1,000,000,000 for the Fifty-third congress. The original appropriations amounted to \$990,338,691. But, counting in certain contracts and deficiencies that must be met, the expenditures of the Fifty-third will not be less than \$1,019,000,000. The growing country requires the increase.

The New York board of health keeps a supply of pure antitoxine for diphtheria cures on sale for the convenience of those who cannot obtain the remedy elsewhere. It is to be hoped physicians all over the land will take hold of the awful scourge of diphtheria and annihilate it. They owe it to humanity to do this now that antitoxine furnishes them a means.

Famous as he is, Bismarck's confession that he never knew any happiness is pathetic. "In politics I have never had time enough to be happy. I have always had to struggle, and when I was

victorious cares came with victory, and I had to make the best of them."

The finishing touches already put to the modern monitor Amphitrite at Norfolk mark the advent of a new vessel for the United States navy. She is designed for coast defense, but she can go as far as Cuba or Nicaragua.

In all the affairs of this life it is a very important thing to have plenty of tallow. Want of tallow was what kept the St. Paul from being successfully launched.

Li Hung Chang got shot just at the right time to divert the attention of the Chinese government from the discrepancies in his state bookkeeping.

One secret a woman can always keep—her age.

Lots of Troubles Ahead. It is an off day just now that does not bring some new international complication. At the present rate the president may find it as hard to get to Gray Gables this year as he did last.—Boston News.

Boston's Future Fame. It looks at present as though the future fame of Boston in the United States would rest on the fact that it was here that "Trilby," the play, first saw the footlights.—Boston Journal.

A Good Place For Kickers. The Pennsylvanian who is about to start a newspaper entitled The Kick is making a mistake in not selecting Washington as the site for publication.—Chicago Record.

What's In a Name? A singer named Yaw is to marry a young genius named Wack. It is a toss up here which swap would be the less objectionable.—Philadelphia Press.

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