

BREAD ON THE WATERS

Banker's Help to a Lad Repaid When Former Needed It.

To the generosity of the late W. C. Ralston is credited a story of how he helped a young man to start in life by advancing him \$100. The beneficiary himself, who is at present a prosperous hardware merchant in this city, tells how he made for himself a business which lifted him from poverty to independence, says the San Francisco Call.

Blank was strapped, as he tells the story, and on hearing of Ralston's liberality he stepped into the California Bank one morning and asked if he could speak to Mr. Ralston. The boy at the private door inquired his business, remarking at the time that the manager was busy just then and would see no one except on banking business. "Well," replied the young man, "mine is banking business."

When Ralston was informed of the request he gave instructions to have the visitor admitted. The boy walked in with as much confidence as if he had a million dollar load on his shoulders, and, without waiting to be catechised, he made his business known in these words: "Mr. Ralston, I am a poor boy with a mother to support; my father is dead, and if I had \$100 I would make a start in business and become rich. I promise to repay the money at some time."

Impressed by the boy's candor the generous Ralston handed him an order on the cashier for the amount, asked and passed on to the other matters demanding his attention, considering that the advance would help a poor woman and maybe give the boy a start. It did. The boy bought a lot of cutlery, which he peddled about the streets, until eventually he was enabled to open a little store on Bush street. Thence he moved into more commodious quarters, and today he is at the head of a large hardware store, easily amassing a fortune. Just before Ralston's death the money was paid to the California Bank at a time when Ralston himself needed financial aid to help meet the crash that sent him to his untimely grave.

The Wesleyan University of West Virginia.

The flower of West Virginia Methodism is its great schools. Fifteen years ago the conference founded a seminary. Its possessions were four thousand dollars' worth of land and a strong faith. To-day it finds itself with a splendid college and holdings beyond the quarter million mark.

The campus of the institution is said to be one of the finest in the church. There are four commanding buildings, a faculty of twenty-six members, an alumni of over four hundred and an annual enrollment of nearly six hundred. The academic work comprises preparatory, seminary and college. Its Conservatory of Music is the finest in the State providing instruction in all branches of music. The new music hall, completed two years ago, contains thirty-six rooms for teaching, besides offices and chorus rooms. The oratorios given at the commencement indicate the quality and scope of the work. The schools of engineering, business education and art are well equipped and efficient. The grounds of the Athletic Association are singularly attractive. The buildings are well supplied with city water, gas, electricity, and the usual modern conveniences.

The policy for higher education in West Virginia is one of centralization. There is and is to be but one Methodist school for the State. All is focused in Buckhannon. This policy is to obtain irrespective of the number of conferences into which the State may hereafter be divided. Methodism in West Virginia is very pronounced in her policy. She is not to mar her splendid educational history and opportunity by a number of weak institutions. Educationally our Methodism there has nothing to undo. She has to do. She will do right.

The power of the Wesleyan University in the State is very marked. It has turned many of its graduates into the conference, and given the church a host of well-educated, strong-charactered laymen.

The prime factors in the school's prosperity have been its vigorous administration, its positive Christian character, its strong faculties, the thoroughness of its work and its care in the mingling of the sexes. Co-education is a success in West Virginia. The phenomenal material development within the State during the past ten years has favored the school very much. Last year one hundred thousand dollars was added to the endowment.

ARE TAKING NEW QUARTERS

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE BEING MOVED INTO QUARTERS VACATED BY THE AUDITOR.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 3.—The office force of the Secretary of State is engaged in the delightful task of moving. The old quarters at the south entrance of the Capitol is being abandoned, and the apartments formerly occupied by the State Auditor and his force, will be the permanent home of the Secretary of State and his force after Thursday. The new and serviceable furniture in the office of the Secretary of State will be moved into the new quarters, but the old and out of date material will be disposed of to the best advantage and new furniture will be supplied where needed in the new offices. The new offices for the Secretary of State are most commodious and will afford much better facilities for the working force.

The report of the Secretary of State's office for the month of May shows that there has been \$2,462.50 collected during the month as license tax on new corporations and increases and \$162.00 tax on seal. The sale of books during the same period amounted to \$457.50.

The following is the charter record for the month:

Resident charters issued.....	50
Non-resident charters issued.....	21
Increase of capital stock.....	15
Decrease of capital stock.....	1
Foreign corporations authorized to do business in this State.....	3
Charters surrendered.....	6
Franchises of foreign corporations surrendered.....	1
Miscellaneous certificates issued.....	2
Corporations changing name.....	1

The Weaver Mercantile Company, with principal office at Thurmond, Fayette county, was incorporated by the Secretary of State with a capital stock of \$10,000, of which \$500 has been subscribed and \$50 paid in. In addition to doing a general mercantile business the new company will own its own property and other lands. The incorporators are George W. McClinton, W. G. Mathews, H. M. Anderson, Wesley Mollohan and M. M. Willhamson, all of Charleston.

As soon as the Secretary of State's force has quitted the part of the Capitol formerly occupied, workmen will begin placing it in shape for the Adjutant General and his staff, and it will be occupied by that department as soon as these changes have taken place.

How Henry Blake Knows.

Don't you dast kill a toad, Henry Blake says, for true, As you're born it'll rain right away if you do. For Henry Blake says one't some boys that he knowed Were goin' a fishin' an' one killed a toad; Then it all clouded up an' th' sky got so black An' it thundered and lightninged before they got back Till they was awful scart! He says dunno why But he thinks toads has somethin' to do with th' sky. An' Henry Blake showed Us th' place in th' road Where th' boys went an' kilt him, an' that's how he knowed!

Henry Blake says if you just split a bean An' put half of it on a wart when it's green An' throw half of it between midnight an' dawn In a cistern somewhere, why, your wart'll be gone Just as soon as it rots. Henry Blake says it's true. 'Cuz a friend of his showed him a bean that he knew Took off a big wart; an' th' half was all black. An' Henry's friend showed Him the cistern he throwed The other half into, an' that's how he knowed.

Henry Blake says that a snake's tail don't die, When the snake has been kilt, till it's sundown, or nigh; He says if you watch 'em long after they're dead You'll see the tail wiggle, which shows what he said Mus' be true; an' he says th' don't nobody know What keeps 'em alive; but he knows it is so 'Cuz a friend of his watched one onct all afternoon, An' th' tail stopped a-wigglin' just ever as soon As th' settin' sun throwed Th' place in th' road Into shadow, an' Henry says that's how he knowed.

—J. W. Foley, in Saturday Evening Post.

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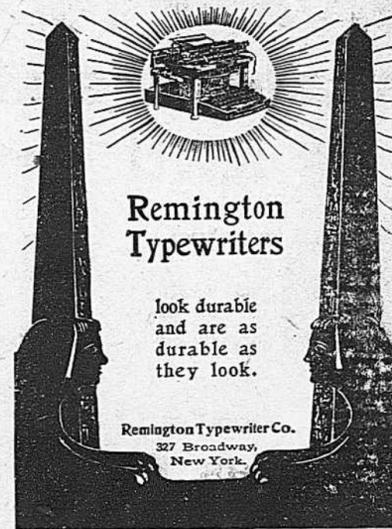
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