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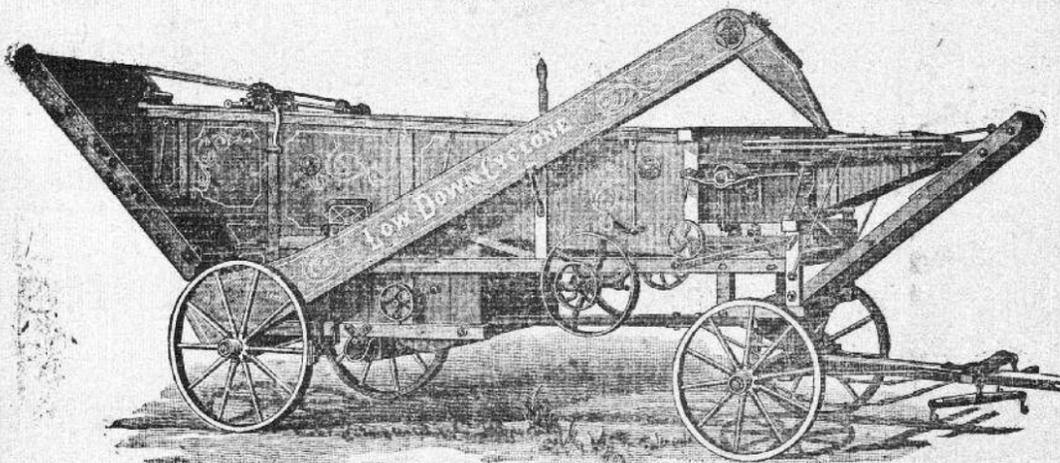
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Mamou Oil Well Spouts High Into Space.

The oil well in Mamou prairie spouted again Monday afternoon. C. C. Duson and Miron Abbot of this city, were present at the time, and testify as to the truthfulness of the report.

The necessary arrangements had been made to drive the casing, and the two-inch pipe had been placed in the well again so the jets could be used and the driving done at the same time. But when the last joint had been put down a rumbling was heard in the bowels of the earth, and immediately following the noise the oil gushed out of the well. This happened about 12:30 p. m., and there was a steady stream of oil and sand to a height of about seventy-five feet until 5:30 p. m., when it was again choked off by the sand. There were only one or two breaks in this spout and they were only for a moment at a time.

There was such a flow of oil and sand that broke down the roof of the engine house by falling on it. The sand is now three feet deep all over the floor of the derrick and oil and sand are scattered all over everything.

The two-inch pipe was then removed and the flow stopped, as the sand came too fast for the pressure. Then they put on six feet of four-inch pipe and will try and drive the casing early in the morning by putting the driving plate on this four-inch pipe.

They will also put the two-inch pipe in and use the jets for washing the well so as to be able to drive at the same time.

During the spout the oil and sand was so thick that it drove all of the workman out of the derrick and all they could do was to stand off and look.

It is estimated that 5,000 barrels of oil came out of the well during the seven hours it was spouting.—Crowley Signal.

The Commoner.

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The talent is worthless which has not its roots deep in integrity.

Proctor Knott's Rabbit Story.

Since the Sampson-Schley controversy has grown acute again, says the Kentucky Journal, there has been considerable reference to Proctor Knott's "rabbit story" in connection with the credit for the victory at Santiago. It is here reproduced.

Ex-Governor Proctor Knott and John Yerkes were discussing the claims of Sampson and Schley to the credit of smashing Cervera at Santiago. Mr. Yerkes took the ground that all the honor of that memorable conflict belonging to Admiral Sampson, and was inclined to entirely ignore Commodore Schley's part in the affair.

The Governor listened until his companion had finished, and then, with that characteristic twinkle in his eye, said: "My dear sir, it is exceedingly gratifying to me to hear you take the position you have in the matter. It is like a balm to my conscience and settles a point that has worried me many a day. I was walking through the woods once with a boy friend of mine when we saw a rabbit run into a sinkhole. We stood around the hole awhile; then I told the boy to keep watch while I went to get some fire to smoke the rabbit out. When I returned the boy had the rabbit. I took it away from him claiming that it belonged to me because I told him to catch it if it came out. That was over 50 years, and you are the first man who has ever agreed with me that the rabbit was mine. I feel now that I was right in taking it, and my conscience is at rest."

Mr. Yerkes looked solemn for a few moments, then smiled a feeble smile and changed the subject.

Grains of Rice.

Each is building his own world.
The light heart is the happy heart.
A pleasure postponed is a pleasure lost.
Cheerfulness wins friends wherever it goes.
If you are in a bad box make the best of it.

When a candidate gets into a stew that settles his hash.
Falsehood like a nettle stings those who meddle with it.
You will always find the coward in the hands of his friends.
Society welcomes only those who amuse or flatter.
Personalities never add force to an argument.

The gushing acquaintance rarely becomes the consistent friend.
Extravagance always forgets that pay day will come some time.
Mosquitoes have no pedigrees, yet they are often full-blooded.
It hurts some folks as bad to get old as it does some to live a married life.
Thoughts are the force with which we build character, for thoughts are forces.
When a man flatters himself that he knows a woman, he flatters himself.

Good citizens are those who study the best interests of the community in which they live. Are you one of the poorest quality of citizens is the one who considers everything personal, can't see an inch beyond self.
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