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Singular Vacillation.

It was natural to expect of the Legislature more or less of crude and ill-considered action, but the House has surpassed all anticipations in that respect, and has indulged it what might be jocularly termed "monkey-business," to a remarkable degree. The transactions of one day are sufficient to establish this fact. On Wednesday the House deliberately went to work and cut down the appropriation to pay the interest on the State debt to a rate that was manifestly insufficient to meet the demand. On the next day, Thursday, the July interest was due, but the State having no money to pay with, the associated banks of this city agreed to advance the funds on condition that the appropriation bill would provide for the interest. As soon, however, as the action of the House was learned the banks refused to put up their money and a default was about to be made on the payment of the interest, but the House at the last moment, reversed its action, and the banks finally came to the rescue, on the assurance that the Legislature would make the necessary appropriation. It may well be asked why such absurd vacillation on the part of the House? It is no better than child's play, if it be not something worse. Fortunately there are left but few more days for displays of this sort.—N. O. Picayune.

The Stupid Mistake Made by One of Bennett's Editors.

[From a New York Letter.]

Once during the career of young De Nyes, he was made managing editor of the Telegram, and he was informed by Mr Bennett that the editorials for the paper would be furnished from day to day by Mr. Levein, who occupied a position on the Herald Staff. These editorials used to come in written in a number of different hands and marked "must" by Levein. DeNyes became dissatisfied with them and imagined they were hurting the paper very much. So one day he called on the proprietor. Said he:

"Mr. Bennett, you have made me the managing editor of the Telegram and I am trying my best to push the paper to success. But this man Levein is hampering me very much."

"How so?" questioned Mr. Bennett, looking up with some surprise.

"Well I don't want to interfere with any man who is earning his bread and butter, but, at the same time, Levein sends in a lot of editorials every day that are not written by himself, and I suppose he is getting his friends to do the work for him. I shouldn't object to that if the editorials were good, but they are simply infernally bad. There is one man in particular turns in about the worst rot I ever saw in a newspaper. I haven't the faintest notion who he is, but the stuff he sends through Levein is laughed at all over the office, and is so trivial that it just about destroys the effect of any work I do in the news department. Here is some of the manuscript."

Mr. Bennett took up a slip of paper looked at it for a moment. Then he said: "So you don't think this writer ought to be allowed to put his stuff in print?"

"No responded DeNyse, "frankly I do not. It is quite evident that this particular man is a d-d fool."

"Quite possibly," said Mr. Bennett, very quietly, "I wrote these editorials myself."

DeNyse fell back in his chair with a gasp. His hair fairly stood on end. He started to make some sort of an explanation, but Bennett cut him short.

"None of that," exclaimed the proprietor of the Herald; "none of that. I thought those editorials were pretty good, but as they do not seem to impress other people in the same light. I shall never write another. Good day."

Mr. DeNyse returned to his post considerably saddened, but he never had any further editorials from Mr. Bennett.

A Practical Sermon to Young Men.

BY H. J. EASTMAN, LL. D.

You are the architects of your own fortunes: Rely upon your own strength of body and soul. Take for your star industry, self reliance faith and honesty, and inscribe on your banner 'Luck is a fool; Pluck is a hero.' Earnest effort in one direction is the surest road to wealth and high position; diligence and stick-to-it-iveness is the winning hand. Don't take to much advice; keep at the helm and steer your own ship, and remember that the great art of commanding is to take a fair share of the work. Don't practice too much humility: Think well of yourself—strike out—assume your position. It is the jostlings and joltings of life that bring great men to the surface: put potatoes in a cart over a rough road, and small potatoes go to the bottom; turn a raft of logs down a mill-race, and the large logs come on top. Rise above the envious and jealous. Fire above the mark intend to hit. Energy invincible determination, with a right motive, are the levers that move the world. Don't drink don't chew—don't smoke—don't swear—don't deceive—don't read novels. Be in earnest—be self-reliant—be generous. There are two sides to every balance, and favors thrown in

one side of the scales are sure to be reciprocated in the other. Be kind; be civil. It is a foolish man who does not understand that molasses will catch more flies than vinegar. Read the papers—they are the great educators of the people. Advertise your business; keep your own counsel, and superintend your own business. Make money, and do good with it. Love your God and fellow man. Love truth and virtue. Love your country and obey the laws.

Last month the United States sent 76,119 hundred-weight of beef to Great Britain.

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