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**The Panama Kipling**

Panama has its Kipling, a native of the United States named J. S. Gilbert, who has lived twenty years on the isthmus, and is an employ of a steamship company at Colon. As the great Rudyard found in India a vast and untilled literary field, Mr. Gilbert has discovered a lesser but quite as unique one in Panama. In his verses he exploits the country of his adoption, and chooses the gruesome themes that naturally come uppermost in that sun-scorched, vermin-haunted and malarial land.

"My Wicker Jug" calls forth this ardent panegyric, which shows that even in this forlorn region life has its solaces. It also hints at the source whence our Panama laureate has derived some of his choicest inspirations: "My wicker jug before me stands A quart within its woven bands— A quart of undiluted themes, A quart of concentrated dreams At vagrant Fancy's soft commands.

"Led by Caprice's listless hands I reach at last far Lethe's strands Where memory dies, and darkness teems Save where beside me kindly gleams My wicker jug!"

—Minneapolis Tribune.

These lines from the Kipling of Panama are as applicable one place as another. Many a line which has been characterized as a "pipe dream," if fully investigated, could trace its source to the wicker jug.

Why is it so many of the ones who are capable of making others feel deeply should be the slaves of a habit that sooner or later demoralizes the brain, wrecks the body and damns the soul? But a greater "why." Why do people say he is such a bright fellow, if only he did not drink? Many of the men who have written lines of stirring inspiration, have in their private lives belied all precepts laid down in these same lines.

**Toot!**

There is no time that is not the time to advertise. In season and out, there is in this advanced age no one who has anything of which he wants to dispose who does not appreciate this fact.

When times are good and business is brisk, advertise and show that you appreciate the good the Gods provide. When all looks dark and everything seems to be going against you keep a stiff upper lip and throw more ink; it pays.

The men who have made the greatest success in the business world have been those who, at all times, persisted in advertising whatever they had to dispose of. For example; take two instances of men in widely divergent lines of business: John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, the merchant prince of our time, and P. T. Barnum, the acknowledged chief of all showmen of his day.

The man who is satisfied with the little that comes to him and does not let others know, in some way, about his business, soon has nothing to do except to sit and play checkers with some crony of like nature or swap yarns with the common loafer.

Wherefore blow your horn and blow it loudly and if you want to give a proper toot, advertise in The Budget.

Miss Sadie Matthews of Larimore, who for two years filled the position as assistant principal of the Minot school, stopped in Minot Friday for a short visit with friends. She was on her way to the coast to spend the winter.

**How to Serve the Lord.**

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in an address to his Sunday school class recently said: "I fear that the modern tendency is to forget the duty we owe to the Lord in the struggle to advance ourselves in a worldly sense; to accumulate riches or acquire a position of power. It should not be. Our first thought should be How can we best serve the Lord?"

The junior Rockefeller should invite the senior Rockefeller to become a member of his Sunday school class.

It will be remembered that John D. Rockefeller, Sr., recently said that his religion had been so "comforting" to him that sometimes he felt that he wanted to go on the platform and tell the people all about it.

With a few lessons on the line of those given by Rockefeller, Jr., to his New York Sunday school class, Rockefeller, Sr., might be persuaded to "let well enough alone," and to refrain from making another increase in the price of oil.—Bryan's Commoner.

**Would Set Verely Free.**

A petition is being circulated by Young Fisher to get A. M. Verely out of the penitentiary. Verely was sent there some weeks ago on the charge of maiming one of Minot's aldermen, H. T. Dolloff. A jury of twelve good men found him guilty and a level headed judge said he must remain at the pen for a year, where he would perhaps learn to live as other citizens do. We refused to sign the petition as we did not hear the trial, therefore could hardly say that we believed Verely should not have been found guilty of a crime more severe than assault and battery. Verely is known through Montana and North Dakota as a tough of the worst character, and when he did have his freedom he inhabited the sporting houses and lives as a parasite. Gov. White receives petitions every day and we know what he will do when he receives this one.

**Hens Fed by Machinery.**

A firm in Red Wing, Minn., have in their possession a process for fattening hens for market, and it is said that the leanest hen can, in a remarkably short time, be taken from this unique manner of feeding, as fat as the fattest. The fowls are fed on all kinds of fattening ingredients by means of a machine. They are given but little water during the fattening period, buttermilk supplying this part of the diet. The process is declared "a snap" for the fowls as it saves them a whole lot of work, and it is said that after one or two feedings the fowl looks forward, with apparent delight, to the next operation. It is hoped by the farmers in the vicinity of Red Wing that the man who invented this machine may also invent one to make hens lay.

We do not believe that North Dakota has ever seen a milder and a more pleasant winter so far than the present one. It has been cold on one or two occasions, but it is not that penetrating cold that one finds in the states further east and supposed to be in a temperate climate. The winter so far has been free from storms. Stock has been able to graze out on the prairies, especially horses have been able to get at the provender so bountifully supplied for their needs. The old time blizzard, like the buffalo, seem to have gone from our midst, and like the buffalo, only exist in on near the Zoological gardens of the east. We believe that as the country continues to become more settled and more cultivated that the winters will lose their terrors they once had.—Washburn Leader.

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**FOXHOLM**

Thos. Norgard has returned to Valley City.

E. A. Schultz has returned from his eastern trip.

L. S. Alden has returned from his eastern trip.

Sleighting parties are all the go these pretty evenings.

The officers-elect of the M. W. A. were installed the fourth.

Quite a number from here took in the masque ball at Carpio New Year's eve.

U. S. Commissioner Lewis took several final proofs at this one day lair week.

Miss Hegland enjoyed a visit from a brother of Great Falls, Mont. last week.

Mrs. Louis Larson of Minot is spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Larson.

Great preparations are being made for the M. W. A. ball to be given the 13th inst.

J. C. Vogt and John Hook spent several days at Des Lacs last week visiting friends.

Miss Anna Foote has again taken up her residence at her homestead east of Town.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Carey of Donnybrook passed through here last week enroute for Minneapolis where they will spend the winter.

L. Noyes is building a two store residence out on his homestead this week. A carpenter from Donnybrook has the contract.

The holidays are past and gone and we never saw a single drunk. But nevertheless some of the boys complained of walking being hard in the loose snow.

**HIGH-SCHOOL NOTES**

Miss Effie Johnson, of Burlington is a member of the grade class.

Miss Eva Prouse, one of our last year students, returned Monday. Welcome Eva.

Two new classes have been organized, viz Physical Geography and Commercial Law.

**H S N**

The band has purchased a new bass drum and Roy Winslow is hitched onto the stick.

Alex McDougal and Geo Morrow were up to hear some of our new music the other night, and we hope, went away with a good impression of our band.

Thaddus Hecker has returned to school after a few weeks absence. He has taken up with the Eighth grade, with a view to finishing this spring.

The Chemistry class was gladdened by the addition of some much needed chemicals and new apparatus, consisting of test tubes, graduate glasses beakers, etc.

Miss Mabel Vaughn is the new member of our faculty. She comes from Cando, N. D. where she has been Assistant Principal the last few years. Miss Vaughn has charge of the eighth grade class and the department of mathematics in the high school, and comes with high recommendations, especially in that science.

Another change has been made in the arrangement of the high school. Desks have been placed in the recitation room and the eighth grade removed from Miss Kane's department, and Miss Vaughn presides over the new department. The Laboratory has been fitted with seats and is now used as a recitation room.

**WATERFORD**

We have nice weather for this time of the year.

J. T. Louderback killed a jack rabbit one day last week.

J. T. Louderback and E. C. Young were Minot visitors one day last week.

E. C. Young lost another horse last week. He has lost two of his horses in the last two weeks.

There will be a school election at James Hatsies Feb. 2, 1904 for the purpose of bonding the township for school houses.

The old bachelors say it is time for the old maids to come around, but they are waiting patiently, but they think they have forgot all about leap year.

Sister Wilgus did not reach the time before and we think it was on account of the storm. She was to come on Saturday, but we expect her the present month, and expect her to preach Saturday night, the 23 and Sunday at 11 o'clock if nothing prevents.

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