

SUNBEAMS



Fools rush in where "angels" fear to tread—In an evil hour I was persuaded to contribute a column per week to the great and only "Weekly Times"—The only stipulation was that it should be "different" and for several months I have made good, (in so far at least as being different goes). I am not permitted to retail neighborhood gossip, talk politics, offer suggestions, forecast the weather, nor meddle with international affairs. So you see my field is limited to my own "fertile and erratic" imagination—and if at times the stuff is "punky" and uninteresting just remember that I must spend a few minutes per diem in keeping the wolf from my domicile and can't spend all my time on literature—but such as I have I will give to you until my contract expires and then—never again—and yet? "Full many a gem of purest ray serene. The deep, dark caves of grand old ocean bear. Full many a flower is doomed to blush 'unseen' and waste its dewey fragrance on the desert air." And so, if my efforts are wasted I at least have done what I could to entertain you. An angel could do no more.

King Solomon was a wise "gink" (so we are told) and he said there were three things he didn't "sabe." One was the "ways of a woman," another "a Ford automobile" and third "a party line telephone." Well, "Sol" here's to a better understanding. Likewise and of a certainty I will try to elucidate. The first two, "woman and Ford cars are very much alike, viz: Very uncertain and not always dependable. Both good in their place. Should always be kept under control and need "watching." The party telephone was built expressly for a class of folks who have (or seem to have) no higher aim in life than to hear and repeat (with liberal embellishment) the gossip of the neighborhood. They are one pest which you know not, Sol, and for which you should be and (doubtless are) very thankful. Selah—

I've often seen the "lemon" peel, likewise the "oyster" stew. I've seen the "board" walk,—"butter" roll—I've seen a dew drop dew. I've seen a "cowslip" out of its boots, also the "silkweed" silk, and I've seen a cornfield full of "shoots" but I have never seen—"butter" milk.

A man asked me when I thought we would have war with Germany and I said says I? We can begin as soon as we can line up a lot of Dn. fools who want to go up against the "kraut" eaters. Germany seems plumb "willin'" and I see no reason for "keepin' 'em waitin'." About how soon, says I, can you be ready? He didn't answer, so I looked around and found he had "evaporated."

IF any one finds him, bring him back. I didn't get done talking to him.

If folks who read Sir Oliver Lodge's pipe dream of what Heaven is and believe it, I confidently expect to see the U. S. depopulated in the next year or two. If it is as he describes it people are foolish to ramble around down here. Me? O, I feel sure it was the result of a night in a cabaret.

Once a man said to me, thirty years ago I led my wife to the altar and I said what a train of beautiful thoughts of the happy bygone days it must bring to you. He said yes, and also and moreover it brings to mind that she has done all the "leadin'" since then and I just said, O, well, I'd "rather" be led than "druv'."

There's some chance for a fellow who can be led, but one who has to be "druv'" is hopeless.

Recently a judge in sentencing a man to be hanged said, this is the most distressing "dooty" a "judge" has to perform, and I'll bet a plugged nickle that he didn't feel half as distressed as the "feller" he was "talkin'" to at that.

A man said to me, I judge from your style of writing that you read quite a bit. I says, yes, I'm what you would call a well read man. He says "whatcha mean well read?" Why I says, everybody reads what I write and ain't that being well read? Huh?

I heard a person speak like this one day. "I wish I could look into the future and see what is in store for me." And I just said, to him, you would better look back over the past and try to profit by your mistakes. The future will bring all that's "comin'" to you and it's just as well that you can't see what's comin'. Me? O, I don't need to see but one step ahead and I don't worry, not none a-tall. My times are in "His" hands. He makes the pathway plain. I still trust "Him" who never said seek ye My face in vain.

When I was a boy and mother would give me "castor oil" or some other medicine she would always give me something to take the "bad taste" away. And so I try each week to close my work with something "good, something to make you forget the nonsense which has gone before. Last week I closed with (to my self at least) a beautiful thought—something to make you think of "better things"—but it looked like a Chinese puzzle in print, due no doubt to my poor writing (as editors don't make mistakes). I want you to have it, so will try again.

'Tis a beautiful thought, to mark the hours, as they float in the mists away, by the opening and the closing flowers, at the end of a summer day—more beautiful still to watch and wait, till the Master says, "well done" and to enter in through the Pearly Gate when He bids us welcome Home.

Sunny Jim

MISSOURI BONE DRY BILL IS PASSED

Measure Forbids Shipment of Liquor Into Local Option Territory.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 3.—Representative Land's "bone-dry" bill, the most drastic of all the "dry" measures pending in the Missouri Legislature, was sent to engrossment by the House this afternoon by a vote of 71 to 16.

This vote indicates the complete grip the "drys" have on the lower house, as there were from 15 to 20 dry votes absent when the roll was called.

The bill prohibits the carrying, shipping, or transporting of intoxicating liquor into any county in which there is local option and the penalties prescribed are both fine and imprisonment.

The Hawes "L. V. L." measure requiring organizations to sign all political publications during campaigns and Heather's city manager bill for cities of the third class were also engrossed.

The General Assembly will officially end in 10 days, but the legislators probably will remain in session 10 days longer, although their pay for that period will only be \$1 a day.

Missourians will have little criticism to make of the legislators when the present General Assembly rings down the curtain. The revenue of this state will greatly be enhanced through the legislative program of the administration. Sixteen years have passed since Missouri has devised ways and means to provide additional revenue.

The Governor is pleased with the Hawes good roads legislation. The Hawes bill (No. 5) which makes it possible for the State to receive Federal aid for the roads and highways has passed both branches of the Assembly. The credit of passing the measure in the Senate is due to Senator John D. Taylor.

Representative Farris and Senator Morton, floor leaders in the House and Senate, will make every effort during the next 10 days to consider as many local measures as possible. Every lawmaker here has some legislation which pertains to his senatorial or representative district. This legislation has been somewhat neglected owing to the time to consider the big bills.

German in St. Louis is Arrested as Spy.

St. Louis, March 3.—Government agents are holding Enich R. Gersdorff, also known as E. R. Broek, 38 years old, of Berlin, Germany, arrested at the Brevoort hotel here on suspicion of being a German spy.

Gersdorff produced several copies of two telegrams, identical with those received by Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, before he sailed on the ill-fated Lucitania; one warning him the ship was to be torpedoed and the other concerning hidden guns on the Lucitania.

Three weeks ago Gersdorff registered at the Maryland hotel from Joplin, Mo. He said he worked as steward of the Connor hotel at Joplin. Several days ago he left the Maryland and failing to pay his bill, his trunks were seized. These will be examined by government officials.

U-BOAT CHASERS ON SHIPS

Navy May Arm Merchantmen With Power Craft to Hunt Submarines.

Washington, March 3.—The Navy Department has in mind other means of protection than merely arming merchantmen.

One of these is to put submarine chasers aboard merchant ships if the proposed armament does not suffice. These chasers—small gasoline boats—would be put overboard to hunt submarines after the vessel reached the danger zone. This means, however, will not be used at present. Only gunners and guns will be provided.

Convoys merchant ships is deemed impractical at present. The State Department ruled today that convoying munition or contraband ships would be interpreted as an act of war. Establishment of a lane of warships would be similar to a convoy.

Secretary Daniels has already arranged with the navy yard commandants for the issuance of the guns and their supply of gunners. All that is needed in word for President Wilson. When he

Keep the Record Straight Please.

Editor Times:—

I was in hopes it would not again be necessary for me to use my blunt pointed pencil in writing about the Rich Hill road but when my neighbor accuses me of doing a great injustice to so many people, I feel it my duty through the columns of your paper to ask that the real facts are made known and for the benefit of those of your readers who may not fully understand I will say the wonderful scenic route Mr. Jones so graphically describes was not the one alluded to in my former article at all and I think many of your readers (including Mr. Jones) are fully aware of this fact. Therefore I did not do an injustice to these people because they do not live on the proposed route I mentioned. He states they are not going to change the old Rich Hill road. Well, that's a fact John L. not if a few of us can prevent it and I think we can. But that doesn't blot from our memory the fact that you were one of the several petitioners who asked the court to practically take up a part of this old road along which there are good homes and set it down—behind these same homes running across lots through what I said before "where there are no homes or locations for homes, an unsightly place for the road" and on which you admitted to me yourself was not the proper place for the road. I am glad you don't live in an unsightly country Mr. Jones because I live in the same country and am just as anxious for your friends (and mine, too,) to know it as you are and now, just a word in regard to this wonderful scenic highway that old nature has made so picturesque with its water elms, cool running brooks (sometimes). Yes, and bluegrass pastures that even Kentucky people will motor up to see. If you fellows will build this road and bridge those canyons as I understood your attorney to state in court you would do without a penny of cost to the county or anyone else when finished, you will have built a monument to your memory that will stand long after you and I have finished this earthly race. Why should I or anyone else object to such a gift to Bates county. But ah! methinks it's only a dream too good to be true and when this road is built and bridged I imagine the taxpayers of the county will be asked to help. But neighbor John this writing for the home paper will neither pay the preacher or buy the baby a dress. Let's quit, shake hands and work on the road what say ye?

J. W. Pritchard.

Rolling Stones.

We had quite a little snow storm last Saturday. I guess it will check the oats sowing and garden making for a few days.

The Baptist ladies of Altona have been quilting for Mrs. Chas. Martz and Mrs. Jim McClay.

Bill Wackerman is moving back in our midst; he has been living near Appleton for several years. Chas. Western moved out near Adrian last Wednesday.

Just ask Raymond Gepford how he likes to cross ditches with his new tractor—I believe horses are the best yet.

Frank Mosier and Julian Snow and wife were shopping in Adrian last Friday.

James Harrison, the Butler real estate man, came out to the Walt Cole sale last Tuesday and Mr. Goodm and Mr. Gough returned to Butler with him.

Grand-ma Waincott and Davie Simms are both real poorly at this writing.

Wm. Buckles has taken possession of the Tabler Bros. Store at Altona, we are sorry to lose the Tablers, they have many friends in this community.

Mrs. Geo. Buckles and daughter-in-law were trading in Altona last Friday.

The literary at Olive school has closed for this season.

Rev. Braimer of Liberty called on his father-in-law Henry Moles, last Sunday.

Fred Demott and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday with the latter's father, who has been real poorly, but is some better at this writing.

Geo. Buckles hauled wood from the Ben Ross place last week. Julian Snow will have a sale on Thursday the 8th. He is going to quit farming and go to Kansas City where he will make his fortune. We are sorry to lose him for they are good

WANTED!



HORSES MARES AND MULES

I will be at the following towns to buy any number of Horses, Mares and Mules.

Buy Horses and Mares from 5 to 12 years old, from 1,200 to 1,800 pounds. Don't fail to show me your good Draft Horses and Chunks, as I buy them as good as grow and pay the highest cash price. Will buy any kind of a useful Mule from 5 to 10 years old.

I will make you from \$5 to \$20 per head on your Horses and Mules, as we hold the largest Horse and Mule contract in the United States.

I buy more Horses direct from farmers than anyone in the State.

SPECIAL: Will also buy some BIG old Fat Mares, sound or unsound

WILL BE AT

Butler, Mo., Thursday, March 15, '17

All day at Garrett's Feed and Livery Barn (The Old Guyton Bus Barn)

Adrian, Mo., Friday, March 16, '17

All day at Adams' Feed Yard

Harrisonville, Mo., Saturday, March 17, '17

All day at Kohler's Bus Barn

P. J. HULEN

Kansas City Horse Market

Thaddeus Grant Evans.

The subject of this sketch was born near Nokomis, Illinois, September 18, 1868, and died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McCarthy, near this city March 1, 1917, being at the time of his death 48 years, 5 months and 13 days of age.

At the age of 14 years he came to this county and made his home with his sister, Mrs. James Gragg, of near Passaic. His mother having died when he was only two years old. At the age of 20 he united with the Adrian Baptist church. He leaves to mourn his loss four sisters, and four brothers: Mrs. James Gragg, Passaic; Mrs. Rebecca Chausse, and Wm. B. Evans, of Nokomis, Illinois; Mrs. Clara Johnston and Henry R. Evans, of Springfield, Illinois; Mrs. Harriett Hill, of Jordon, Montana; and Edwin Evans, of Witt, Illinois.

During his residence in this county he won a host of friends who join in heartfelt sympathy with the brothers and sisters in this, their hour of sorrow. He was loved and respected by all who

knew him and the words that he uttered at the last "I know that I am going to die but I am ready to go," were a strong index to his Christian faith.

Funeral services were conducted at the Passaic Baptist church Friday afternoon by Rev. L. W. Keele, of Butler, and burial in Oak Hill cemetery.

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Old Rifle Found Embedded in Earth.

An old rifle which looks like it might have seen service during revolutionary days was found just west of Wilson feed yard. The gun was partly embedded in the ground, and the drainage ditch had washed part of the dirt away. Officer Craighead was called when the gun was discovered and assisted in digging it out. The stock is of walnut and is 5 or 6 feet long, and is the old muzzle loading rifle, and flint lock. The gun was possibly used during the civil war and was buried at that time.—Nevada Mail.

PUBLIC SALE

Having sold my farm, I will sell at public auction at my place, 8 miles west and 2 miles south of Butler, 1 mile east and 2 1/2 miles south of Virginia, on

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1917

The following described property:

49 Head of Live Stock

8 Head Horses and Mules

Grey horse coming 4 years old weight 1400; bay mare smooth mouth; black horse 11 years old; bay mare 11 years old in foal to horse; span driving mares 11 years old; horse mule coming 3 years old; mare mule 5 years old 16 hands high.

9 Head Cattle

4 cows, 2 with calves by side, 2 fresh soon; 5 coming yearling calves.

22 Sheep, 10 Head Shoats, Implements

22 sheep, 12 to lamb in spring. 10 shoats weight about 60 pounds. 2 wagons, Deering binder, McCormack mower, hay rake, 4-horse disk, disk cultivator, Busy Bee 6-shovel cultivator, Sulkey plow, corn planter, top buggy, open buggy.

Household and Kitchen Furniture

Quality range stove, Round Oak heater, 12-foot Oak dining table, 2 dressers, 2 bedsteads with springs, Bain incubator 150 egg, novelty churn, New Sharples Separator and other articles too numerous to mention. Ladies Aid of Virginia Will Serve Lunch

SALE TO BEGIN AT 10 O'CLOCK SHARP

TERMS:—All sums of \$10 and under cash, over that amount a credit of 9 months time will be given on installment basis with 8 per cent interest from date. 3 per cent discount for cash. No property removed until settled for.

G. H. THOMPSON

JNO. J. SMITH
GROCER.

HE'S PAID
GROCERY
BILLS

One woman writes that her hens lay enough eggs to pay the grocery bill every month.

Look for your hen NOW. Eggs are high. You can make your hens pay the grocery bill by using

WAGGERS

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It will condition your hens, keep them healthy, and make them lay.

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