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## Experiment with Germinating Seed.

As illustrating the power of vegetable growth, the following will be interesting as an experiment for children of greater or lesser development. Take a raw potato, split it in half and cut a number of small slits in one of the halves. Place in each a seed of some sort, or rape or white mustard, for instance; bind the two halves together tightly with string, and place them with the cut surface horizontally in a vessel containing damp sawdust or sand. It will probably be found that after a proper time has elapsed the seeds in germinating will have pushed their roots vertically into the potato, cutting it through the skin into the sawdust outside. It can also be tried with peas or beans; in fact, the experiment is capable of infinite variations, and offers a wholesome and cheap amusement full of instruction and interest to our children. The cost is most insignificant, while lessons in plant growth will be taught which will never be forgotten. It is those little object lessons with the things we see in common, everyday life that are the best educators of childhood.

## How Fairchild Snubbed Cleveland.

NEW YORK, March 1.—In all probability there will never be another meeting of the county organization of the famous State Democracy. Practical politicians say that Fairchild made the bad play of the game when he snubbed the President during the bond issue. This is a story never before told. The State Democracy, if it stood for anything, stood for the Cleveland administration. It is known, however, that Mr. Fairchild has been sulking for the past three years. Nevertheless, the Administration people, at the suggestion of the President, it is said, went to Mr. Fairchild and asked him to use his influence to help along Mr. Carlisle's financial plans. Mr. Fairchild's reply, according to his critics, was that Mr. Cleveland's jingo Venezuelan message had done so much damage to the commercial and financial interests of the country that he did not see his way clear to take any part. No attempt will be made to send delegates to the National Convention, as the organization has no legal standing and could not hope for recognition.

## Missouri University Political Club.

COLUMBIA, MO., March 1.—The Republican students of the Missouri University are organizing a club, which will hold meetings, discuss political questions and endeavor to aid the cause of the Republican party. They are assisted in their efforts by Gen. Odin Guitler, Chairman, and E. A. Remley, Secretary of the Republican Committee of Boone County. The Democratic students have already organized a club, which has excited much interest. In past years the Democratic students outnumbered the Republicans by a very large majority, but this year they are apparently about equally divided, which fact is of some significance, as the students represent almost every section of the State.

An unusual amount of interest is now being manifested among the students regarding politics, particularly among those of the law school.

## The Committees.

Col. G. C. Thilenius, President of the Board of Directors of the Fair Association, has appointed the following committees:

**WAYS AND MEANS.**  
L. H. Graessle, William Paer and Charles Blattner.

**FAIR GROUNDS.**  
Charles Blattner, Sam Hitt and William Paer.

**PREMIUMS.**  
R. G. Ranney, L. H. Graessle and Sam Hitt.

**PIKING.**  
Sam Hitt, Henry Heise and George Siemers.

**INVITATION AND RECEPTION.**  
Henry Heise, George Siemers and R. G. Ranney.

**STALLS.**  
George Siemers, R. G. Ranney and Henry Heise.

## Did You Ever.

Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Complaints, exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have Loss of Appetite, Constipation, Headaches, Fainting Spells, or are Nervous, Sleepless, Excitable, Melancholy or troubled with Dizzy Spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and Strength are guaranteed by its use. Large bottles only fifty cents at Blomeyer & Haman's drug store.

## Cape Girardeau Should be the Terminus.

Originally the steamer Idlewild was put in the trade as a Cape Girardeau and St. Louis packet. The late Col. T. J. Moss, a shrewd business man, who was interested in this section of the country saw an opening for a steamboat business between this city and St. Louis and he purchased a boat, the old Idlewild, and put her in the trade as a regular tri-weekly Cape Girardeau and St. Louis packet. She was advertised as a Cape Girardeau and St. Louis packet and Cape Girardeau was her terminus. During the wheat season the boat made frequent trips on down to Commerce but it was not the intention of the owner that Commerce was to become her permanent terminus. After the death of T. J. Moss a company was organized and now Commerce has become the regular terminus of the line of boats in the trade. The boats are advertised in the St. Louis daily papers to leave at five o'clock for St. Genevieve, Chester, St. Marys, Commerce and way landings. Cape Girardeau, the largest city on the line is thus made one of the way landings. In their report of the arrival of boats the St. Louis papers give the name of the Eagle Packet Company's boats up from Commerce. Our people do not object to the people of Commerce having steamboat accommodations, but Cape Girardeau being the largest city on the line of this steamboat company and one of the main patrons of this line of boats we think we are entitled to some of the free advertising that Commerce is getting the benefit of. We don't like to be called a way landing.

## A Dog's Responsibilities.

There is a family uptown on the East Side which is, perhaps, one of the most novel in existence. It is composed of a little girl and a great, big dog, and they live together as happily in one room in a Livingston street tenement as any well-to-do family could. The girl who owns the dog is barely 16 years old, and supports herself and her canine friend by working ten hours a day in a near-by factory. Less than a year ago the dog had just escaped from puppyhood. Now the child's father is dead, the mother is in prison, and the son has disappeared. The dog, which is evidently part St. Bernard, with a mixture of several other breeds, spends the entire day in the room which his young mistress hires from some friends, and is always delighted to meet her when she returns from her work at night. Then, after having prepared her evening meal on a little oil stove, the child and the dog go for a walk, and woe betide the individual who interferes with this young lady's promenade when her four-footed friend is by her side. At the evening meal the dog occupies a chair at the table as sedately as though he were a human being, and seems thoroughly to realize the importance of the responsibility which he has assumed in guarding her. It is a little picture of metropolitan life somewhat out of the ordinary, but literally true.—New York Journal.

## Ministers Rebuked by Sam Jones.

ATLANTA, GA., March 2.—Rev. Sam P. Jones, the Georgia evangelist, today rebuked the Evangelical Preachers' Association, which refused to endorse the month's meeting which he has opened in this city. He was present when this action was taken and, rising, said: "Brothers, I have but just a word to say. Possibly all this discussion would have been unnecessary if I would have said a word at the right time. I never ask imposition and do not endorse myself. In this I am candid. I remember going to a dog kennel at Little Rock once, where a fellow was trying to buy a St. Bernard dog. There were a number of pups in the place, all of different prices, but of the same pedigree. I asked what caused the difference in price, and was told that it was the mark on the nose. Maybe the mark on my nose doesn't suit some of the preachers."

## Bronchitis.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup also cures Croup, Whooping Cough, and all other diseases of the Throat and Lungs. It gives instant relief and will cure the worst cough. It is a guaranteed Remedy. Sold at Wilson's drugstore.

## For Petit Larceny.

George Willard, a boy aged about seven years, was arrested Tuesday evening by constable Kopper on a warrant sworn out by E. F. Blomeyer. Willard was charged with stealing packages of freight from the platform at the railroad depot.

## HAD THEIR PICTURES IN.

He Saved the Family by Swindling the Old Man.

"A feller come along to my place about a year ago," said a Macomb county farmer, "and introduced himself as an agent for a book to be published in about two months. It was a sort of pioneer history of Michigan, and he wanted to put in my woodcut and write up my history."

"Yes."

"Well, I didn't care much about it, you know, but as his terms were low I kinder thought it might be all right. The old woman got onto the scheme and she wanted her pictur' in."

"Yes."

"Well, the boys said it would look pizen mean to leave them out, and so I concluded to put the five of us in. Feller said he'd group us, you know. I was to go in the middle, with the old woman and boys kinder wobbling around in a circle."

"Yes."

"Feller stayed all day, took down some notes and carried off \$25 and our pictures."

"And you haven't seen him since?"

"No."

"Nor received the book?"

"No."

"He must have been a fraud."

"Not a doubt about it, but I'm kinder glad of it, after all. He hadn't been gone an hour when Bill begun saying as how his pictur' was to look the peartest and then three boys fit about it for a half month. Then the old woman got an idea that her pictur' order be in the middle instead of mine, and for six weeks we never spoke a word. Then two nuybars got down on us 'cause the agent didn't call on them, and in one way and another we hev bin miserible. If the book had come along there'd hev bin no holdin' any of us."

"But it won't come."

"I guess not. I may meet the feller around here some day, and if I do I shall walk up to him and say:

"Put'er thar, young man. You are \$25 ahead, but by swindling me you hev saved the hull fam'ly from chawin' each other into splinters."—Detroit Free Press.

## McKinley on First Ballot.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—McKinley managers in Washington are now claiming that the nomination of their favorite on the first ballot is certain. A week ago Gen. Grosvenor gave out an estimate by States which showed that McKinley was even now but a few votes short of victory, and that he would win beyond question on the second ballot. Since then Gen. Grosvenor has amended his figures, and now insists that the Ohio Napoleon already has votes sufficient to win before two-thirds of the roll has been called at St. Louis. With the present growth of McKinley sentiment, in fact, the General would not be surprised if the Convention decided to make it unanimous without the formality of a ballot.

Gen. I. N. Walker, Commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. who was in Washington the past week, had spent the previous week in New England, and had taken some note of the political sentiment in that section. He is quoted as saying that the masses of Republicans in the States of New England were overwhelmingly in favor of McKinley's nomination, and he believed that in the industrial centers the Republicans who were for McKinley outnumbered the others six to one. He stated, also, that everywhere he went throughout the country he found the sentiment for the Ohio candidate very strong.

## A Warning from the Wabash.

The Wabash company has just been called upon to pay damages on account of a person being injured, although not a passenger, by jumping off a train when it was in motion, and this has led the management to instruct its agents that the law of Indiana should be vigorously enforced. Notices have been posted at all their stations and yards publishing the State law, section 2165, which reads as follows:

"Whoever, not being a passenger or employe, either on foot, jumps or steps, swings on or attaches himself to any locomotive, engine or car while the same is in motion or switching upon the track of any railroad of the State of Indiana, shall be fined in any sum not more than \$5." There is not a day that this law is not disobeyed on the Union tracks, Indianapolis. From morning to night boys can be seen at street crossings jumping on and off of trains, and the parents of the same boys would want damages were they injured.

## MANLEY DENIES IT.

He Says Reed's Managers Do Not Want to Oust Carter.

AUGUSTA, ME., Feb. 28.—The story that Mr. Reed's managers are moving to oust Mr. Carter from the Chairmanship of the Republican National Committee was squarely denied by J. H. Manley, Reed's manager, to-day. He deprecates all the talk about replacing Senator Carter. It is a fact, he declared, that President Harrison offered him (Manley) the Chairmanship of the committee in July, 1892, but he declined it at once, Mr. Blaine had no knowledge of it until after his declination. He declined because he believed that the man should be one who favored President Harrison's candidacy.

## Recipe for Making a Westerner.

If there is a general recipe which Mme. Nature consults in the Westerner's makeup, it must read something like this:

4 parts energy.  
4 parts common sense.  
6 parts kindheartedness or fellow-feeling.

Mix thoroughly. Then add:  
3 parts ingenuity.  
2 parts unconventionality.  
1 part love of money.

Flavor to taste with romanticism and ice over with recklessness.—Boston Transcript.

## What Cross Examination Can Do.

Magistrate—Your name?

Bashful Maiden—Anna Lang.

"Religion?"

"Protestant."

"Age?"

No answer.

"When were your parents married?"

"In 1863."

"When was the first christening?"

"In 1864."

"How many brothers and sisters have you?"

"Five."

"Are you the oldest?"

"Yes."

"Then you are 31 years of age."

"Yes. (Sotto voice) I have given my age away. I am surprised."—Dorfbardier.

## Improvement in Storage Batteries.

There has been a remarkable revival of interest lately in the subject of storage battery traction for street cars, and the work now being attempted on Madison avenue is watched with interest all over the country. Many improvements are embodied in the new work, but that which is probably most striking is the method of carrying the batteries. Hitherto it has been the practice to put the batteries inside the car, under the seats, necessitating a very heavy and rigid form of car body, and openings at the side or end for their insertion, but in the new Madison avenue trial the batteries are placed in a boxlike tray between two trucks. This permits of far greater ease in handling the cells, and involves material economy. The change is also a great advance on the recent work in Paris, where the batteries have been taken from the inside of the cars, but placed in trays suspended from the car bodies, thus in nowise lessening the strain on the structure of the framework.—New York Post.

## Home Seekers want Statistics.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:—For some time past the Labor Bureau has been in receipt of numerous letters of inquiry from home seekers as to where they could locate to best advantage in Missouri.

These home seekers are anxious to know just what portion of our state is best adapted for the particular industry, or the particular line of agriculture which they desire to pursue. As thus far this information has not been compiled by any department of the State, I have determined to undertake the collection of information respecting the resources and advantages of Missouri's 114 counties. This work is in addition to the regular investigations of the Bureau and cannot be completed without the hearty co-operating of well informed citizens in the respective counties.

If the information can be made accurate and complete it will enable the Bureau to publish a special pamphlet report on the resources of the various counties of Missouri; I trust, therefore, you will aid in the work by calling attention to it in your columns, and by requesting those of your citizens best informed concerning their town and county to forward the Bureau information along the lines suggested by the within schedule.

Very respectfully,  
LEE MERIWETHER,  
Labor Commissioner,  
Jefferson City, Feb. 27, 1896.

## NO CURE NO PAY.

Efforts to Induce Congress to Try a River Improvement Plan.

Capt. Isaac M. Mason has returned from Washington, D. C., where he went before the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House to urge the feasibility of the plan proposed by Web M. Samuel and himself to deepen the Mississippi River channel.

They asked for a contract with the Government to deepen the channel on the no cure no pay plan, but as the scheme was opposed on the ground that it was for a private company they now ask for a contract open to public competition.

It is claimed by the friends of the scheme that the members of the Mississippi River Commission acknowledged that they are unable to afford river men any immediate relief. The Commission has expended \$36,000,000, which, it is claimed, has accomplished no practical results.

Capt. Mason and his friends urge that the matter be agitated at once because Congress is inclined to cut off all appropriations this session. As the bill calls for no money unless results are accomplished, they are confident that something can be done. They declare that the trade will seek other markets unless the channel of the river is deepened.

A meeting was held at the Merchants' Exchange at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, at which Capt. Mason and others spoke in favor of further efforts to open the river and revive St. Louis' waning commerce by water.—Post-Dispatch.

## Urges Improvement of School Grounds.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., February 29.—State Superintendent of Schools John R. Kirk sent out to the various school officers of the State a circular letter calling attention to the fact that the first Friday after the first Tuesday in April of each year is set apart, under section 8010 of the Revised Statutes, as "Arbor Day."

He urges them to take interest in the matter and cultivate sentiment that will carry out the idea of the framers of the law. Among other things Mr. Kirk says: "I desire to call the attention of the School Directors of Missouri to a fact commonly overlooked. It is this: A well-shaded and grassy school ground is more than a matter of sentiment. It is a question of hygiene, a question of the health of the children. For sanitary purposes at least one-half of every school house yard should be covered with grass and shade trees. As a purely business proposition I wish to recommend to every Board of Directors in the State that a sum of money be set apart this spring, and every spring, for the purpose of properly protecting their school house play grounds by setting out trees and sowing grass seed. The school grounds in many parts of Missouri can be sodded without spending a cent by simply gathering from the bottom of a manger in which timothy hay has been a few basketsful of seed and litter and scattering the same over the school ground in the early spring. Usually a good sod will be formed in two or three seasons. Good trees, however, usually cost money. But they are worth money. I really think the Board of Directors in every school district ought to oversee and control the whole matter as to the sanitation and ornamentation of the school premises."

## In Jail For Whispering.

The youngest prisoner in the Scioto county jail is Ina Crabtree, aged 9 years, who was brought in last night from Morgan Township to serve a ten-day sentence and \$5 and costs for the heinous crime of Whispering in church. The crime occurred Sunday night, and the child was arrested at the church door and taken two miles and a half to the home of Constable Mershon, where she was kept during the night. Monday she was taken before Squire Sol Cooper, who imposed the sentence. Yesterday she was hauled in an open wagon twenty-two miles to this city for imprisonment.

Sheriff Rickey refused to lock her in the jail, and took her to his home. To-day the commissioners will be asked by the Sheriff to release the child. The affair has created considerable excitement.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale at Blomeyer & Haman.

## If He Catches That Boy!

A man who was employed as a "living statue" to stand in front of a Market street store to advertise the place is vengefully looking for a small boy who lost him his job. For several days the man posed in front of the store as a cavalier dressed in medieval costume, with a shining helmet on his head, and a drawn sword in his hand. His business was to stand as rigid as marble, impersonating a statue as nearly as possible. Of course, the novel spectacle drew crowds. Yesterday morning a mischievous urchin mounted a dry goods box on the edge of the crowd, and turning his grimacing countenance in focus with the statue's gaze, shouted: "Say, cully! If yer smiles yer loses yer job, see?" This was hard enough to bear without smiling, but when the boy completed his performance by spreading five dirty fingers in front of his nose, the statue gave away completely, and broke in to a very auditable laugh. He is out of the job now, and spends his time hunting for the boy who is to blame for it.—Philadelphia Times.

## The Home-Made Hair Cut.

A man with the remains of great personal beauty entered a compartment on the District Railway, and with a sigh of great physical exhaustion, removed his hat and sank back into a corner seat. He had a spot or two of blood on his collar, sticking-plaster on both ears, his forehead and the bridge of his nose, while his hair was cut very close in patches, as if to make room for surgical dressings which had been lately removed.

"Been in a railway accident?" asked the inquisitive passenger who sat opposite.

"No."

"Or run over?"

"No, sir."

"Been at an anarchis' meetin', perhaps?"

"Oh dear no!"

"Ah! I know—playing football?"

"I never played in my life."

"Well," with an injured air, "I give it up."

"I don't mind telling you, if you want to know. The fact is, I've been trying to economize and let my wife cut my hair this morning, and I'd sooner pay 5 shillings a time than let her do it again."—London Judy.

## Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the St. Louis, Kennett & Southern Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, corner Sanish and Independence streets, Cape Girardeau, Mo., on Monday, March 9th, 1896, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., of said day for the election of Directors of said Company for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may come before said board.

LOUIS HOCK,  
President.

## A Household Treasure.

D. W. Fuller, of Canajoharie, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house and his family has always found the very best results follow its use; that he would not be without it, if procurable. G. A. Dykeman Druggist, Catskill, New York, says that Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best Cough remedy; that he has used it in his family for eight years, and it has never failed to do all that is claimed for it. Why not try a remedy so long tried and tested. Trial bottles free at Blomeyer & Haman's drugstore. Regular size 50c, and \$1.00.

## From Pocomonts.

The village of Pocomonts has two stores, two blacksmith shops, flouring and saw mill, furniture store, two hotels and quite a number of dwellings.

The Creamery is doing a good business. It is owned by a stock company.

Lindley Stevenson Post, G. A. R., hold monthly meetings here. There are quite a number of veterans in the neighborhood, and we understand, the Post is in a flourishing condition.

The Home Regulators, an organization against thieving and burglary meets twice a month.

The public school is taught by Prof. H. Caldwell and Miss Ella Miller, both of Millersville.

There are two German schools here. John Cotner, living a few miles east of here died last Sunday of pneumonia. His wife died on Saturday and an infant child on Friday before. They leave a number of small children.

TRY.

F. H. Weitzel, while wrestling with a friend in the butcher shop at Jackson Tuesday fell and broke his left leg just below the knee.