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For Treasurer,
GEORGE W. HENRY.

For Superintendent of Schools,
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Some of the minor fuel concerns may have their sharp edges knocked off now.

While it is about it, the arbitration commission might also arbitrate the price of coal.

Speaking of rare days in June, what's the matter with substituting October for June?

For a prince, that young fellow from Siam seems to know pretty decently well how to behave himself.

It has been proved beyond a question of doubt that the trusts are willing that the people shall have cheap coal in the summer time and cheap ice in winter.

Every republican stump speaker in the country is asserting that they are not to be understood as defending the schedules of the Dingley tariff. Since the whole thing is but a matter of schedules what else is there to defend about it?

If the voters in the Eighth Illinois senatorial district heed the appeal of George Mawman, a one-armed newsboy will grace the lower house of the next legislature. Mawman, for a number of years, has peddled papers in front of the Chicago & Northwestern depot. He lost an arm between the bumpers, and, with a capital of 17 cents, went into the newspaper business, and has succeeded in making a comfortable living for his little family. Mawman has a good education, is interested in reform movements, and is well thought of by the people of the district. He has the people's party nomination.

Candidates for Congress.

For the 378 members of the house of representatives to be elected Nov. 4, says a Washington dispatch, (eight in Maine, Vermont and Oregon having already been chosen) the democrats have made 370 nominations, the republicans 333, the prohibitionists 96 in sixteen states, the socialists 69 in eleven states, the labor party 1, united cialist democrats 10, Labor 1, united labor 4, people's party 3, populists 7, anti-trust 1, third party 3 in Missouri, in Pennsylvania unionists 9, and citizens 3.

The democrats made no nominations in two New York districts and in four Philadelphia districts, while the republicans put up no candidates in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and South Carolina, and in one district of Arkansas, one in Kentucky, one in Louisiana, two in New York, three in Illinois, three in Tennessee, five in Texas, and two in Virginia.

Two women are numbered among the candidates. Mrs. Mary Burkhart being the standard bearer of the prohibitionists in the Tenth Kentucky district, and Miss Ida Hazlett the socialist candidate of congress at large from Colorado.

Popular Election of Senator.

Thirty-four years ago President Andrew Johnson recommended an amendment to the constitution providing for the popular election of senators; 20 years ago James B. Weaver introduced in congress a resolution submitting such an amend-

ment; 10 years ago a democratic house of representatives passed such a resolution for the first time, and since then the house of representatives in three other congresses has sent a similar amendment to the senate, but in each instance the senate has killed the measure. Why? Because the corporations control the senate and do not intend to surrender the advantage which they now enjoy. The senate refuses to be reformed—what can be done?

The constitution, as Bryan's Communion says, "wisely provides for amendment by convention called by three-fourths of the states. Now let the state legislatures join in calling such a convention and then the senate can be reformed whether the senators want it reformed or not. The Kansas City platform declares for the popular election of senators and the candidates for the legislature who run on that platform are committed to the reform and it will increase their strength before the public to let that fact be known. Among the voters the sentiment in favor of the direct election of senators is practically unanimous. Let democratic candidates appeal to this sentiment and point out the impossibility of securing this reform through republican leaders who are themselves under obligation to the corporations for campaign funds."

Senators must be elected by popular vote and the issue ought to be presented at once.

Thunder Lore.

The natives of the Hawaiian Islands considered thunder as being Mauna Loa's echo from the clouds. This curious notion has crystallized a weather proverb which is now current among many of the white residents of the islands—viz. "It will rain today; Mauna Loa shakes the clouds." In this connection it may be remarked that the early Scandinavian settlers in Iceland believed that there were some mysterious and supernatural connections between the roarings of Hecla and the "angry mutterings of Jove." In England many of the peasantry still plant the house leek—"Jupiter's beard"—on their house roofs as a preventive against thunder, lightning and evil spirits, a custom which reminds one of Charlemagne's edict, "Et laebeat quisque supradomum suam Jovis barbam."

Another widespread superstition, and one that has been noted among the tribes and nations from China to England and from Cape Hatteras to the Golden Gate, tells us that if the "claps" or reports of thunder come in even numbers the storm will be of short duration and very mild, but, on the other hand, if they come in uneven numbers, especially if the reports be a series of five, nine or thirteen distinct claps, much loss of life and property will result.

The Gleaners.

The old custom of gleaning in the harvest fields, which recalls the Biblical story of Ruth and Naomi, is not obsolete in England, and in Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and the neighboring counties as soon as the wheat is gathered in the late days of August there may be seen the newly cleared fields numbers of women and children diligently picking up one by one the scattered ears and forming them into neat little sheaves, which they carry in their hands until large enough to be heaped up. When the daylight fails, all the booty is bound up in cloths and carried home on the heads of the gleaners. At home they thrash it out by hand and sell the grain or use it for their chickens. The gathering of a half peck is usually a full day's work for a child, and often a woman spends a whole day in gathering very little more. Gleaning, however, is looked upon somewhat in the light of a picnic. The mother and children leave home in the morning, take with them food for the day, and stay out in the fields until nightfall.—Detroit Free Press.

A Quick Witted Pastor.

In Germany a country preacher was preaching a sermon when suddenly he lost the thread of his discourse, and, do what he would, he could not find it again.

The congregation was greatly embarrassed and was wondering what the matter was when he startled it by exclaiming hurriedly, "Pardon me, my brethren, for pausing in my sermon, but it seems to me that I am here—and— and it might be well to see that it has not broken out in the church or in any of the nearby houses."

Before the words were all uttered the congregation was pouring out of the church, each family being anxious to make sure that its home was not on fire. It need hardly be said that the fire existed only in the pastor's imagination.

How He Made Money.

Conversation overheard on a train for Monte Carlo. Two travelers unknown to each other chatting familiarly:

"On your way to Monte Carlo, sir, that delightful and exclusive home for all gamblers?"

"That is exactly where I am going."

"And you will play just a little, I suppose?"

"I do nothing else, sir. It is my business."

"Gracious! You don't mean to say you make a business of it?"

"Yes, sir; twice a day regularly, and I never by any chance lose."

"In that case perhaps you will explain your 'system' to me."

"Certainly, with pleasure. I play the violin."

She is a fine girl, quite brilliant, I hear. I understand she has just completed a course of Rocky Mountain Ten. That accounts for her brilliancy. T. H. Thomas' Pharmacy.

DAILY SHORT STORY

Who Passed the Great Football Man?

[Original.]

It won't do to mention the colleges or the parties interested. They must all go under fictitious names. We'll call the colleges Kings and Queens. Kings was a large institution, and Queens was a small one. But Queens had been lugged through a series of successful games for the championship by Spangler, a splendid, powerful fellow, whose only fault was that he was always in danger of falling on his examination. And now, when the final game of the series was coming on, he had to go and make a guy of himself by breaking down in analytical geometry. No student could play football for the championship who had not passed in every subject. The consequence was that Queens must lose after all her victories because the great bulk of a fellow couldn't learn mathematics.

"Blast mathematics!" said the team and the college generally. "What's mathematics compared with football?" Now, Professor Plum of the chair of mathematics had every reason to help Spangler through. He had himself been the best tackle when an undergraduate the college had ever had and was still devoted to the game. Moreover, he was engaged to be married to Spangler's sister. He had agreed to give the athlete a final trial the day before the game was to be played and he was as lenient as possible with his papers, but the professor was a conscientious man, and Spangler must get the average required by college law.

And so it was that the day before the game, when everybody said that Spangler should be spending his time legitimately practicing with the team instead of wasting it in useless figures, he was sitting in a classroom endeavoring to answer the questions Plum had written out for him.

It was 8 o'clock before Spangler handed in his papers, and Professor Plum, who did not relish spending an evening apart from his betrothed, took them to the little boudoir where Alice usually received him and, taking his pencil, began to look them over, giving each answer a number denoting its value. The rule was that the student must get sixty out of a possible hundred in order to pass. Alice, who had been graduated at the head of her class the year before at the woman's college attached to the university, asked the professor to read the questions and their answers aloud.

There were ten questions. The first was a complete breakdown and was given a zero. The second was answered perfectly and received 100, the third 50 and so on to the end. As the professor put down the numbers Alice added them in her head, and when eight had been answered with only a total of 400, or an average of 40, she knew that unless the next two questions received 100 each the result would be a failure.

"I think," she said, "that you made a slight mistake in giving only 50 to the sixth question. It was in two parts. The first part was not answered entirely wrong, and the second was all right."

After a brief argument the professor was convinced and added 30 to the score. The eighth question was fairly answered and secured 80. This gave a total of 510, and the last question must receive 90 to make the required average. The professor, who had not kept tally, was about to mark 60 for it, when Alice stopped him.

"The first four out of five subdivisions in this question are right," she said.

"The third is wrong."

"Figure it again."

He did so and found an error in his own work. He changed the marking to 80.

"Before you take the average," said Alice, who knew that it was still short by 10 numbers, "look over the fourth question again."

The professor did so, and Alice took issue with him on his interpretation of the answer, claiming that the student meant one thing while the professor claimed he meant another. Plum was not thoroughly convinced, but, feeling that one on trial should have the benefit of all doubts, yielded and added 10 to the total.

"I sincerely hope," said the professor, "that the average will be up to the mark, but I fear not."

Meanwhile several hundred students who had tracked the professor had congregated outside the house and now began to howl for the result.

"I'll make the addition before them," said Plum. "Then neither they nor the faculty can accuse me, since I don't know the result myself."

Going out on the piazza, he faced the expectant crowd.

"Gentlemen, I have laid down a fair value for each question. I do not know the result, but will strike an average."

"I'll do it for you!" cried the captain of the football team and seized the paper.

Alice had followed with a candle, which she held while the student ran over the figures. In a moment he threw the papers over her head as well as his cap and shouted:

"Sixty!" There was a yell that shook the college building, and Spangler, who was present, was picked up and carried away on the shoulders of the football team. And this is how Queens won the championship for that year. Professor Plum was looked upon with as much favor as if he had strained a point to pass Spangler. No one ever knew that it was Alice who had pulled him through. AMBROSE SPENCER.

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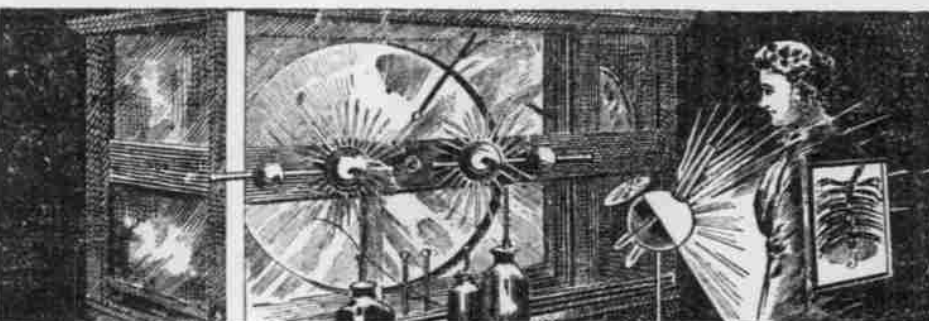
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