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## Live Territorial News.

### The Standard Oil Monopoly.

In 1891 the Standard Oil company absorbed the Independent Oil company which had its refinery at Florence, Colo.; since then the markets of the southwest generally have been at the mercy of the Standard Oil company which destroyed the Colorado enterprise. There are many merchants in New Mexico who suffered considerable loss upon coal oil which they had bought of the Colorado company because the Standard Oil company shipped oil into every town where a car of the Colorado product was received and the Standard was directed to sell at such prices as would make the buyers from the Independent Oil company lose money. The Standard has since maintained arbitrary prices throughout New Mexico regardless of the cost of freight and production.

In all New Mexico towns the prices charged merchants for oil and gasoline are about double that which the El Paso merchants pay for the same commodity and the dealers in El Paso actually sell at a profit and retail at figures one third lower than the New Mexican dealers have to pay the Standard Oil company.

The Standard Oil company dare not rob the people of Texas, for that state and its legislature have a habit of getting after monopolies "hot foot." The state of Texas has for years been pursuing the Standard Oil company in the courts and that monopoly dare not add to the resentment of the people of the state by raising the prices of coal oil and gasoline. New Mexico has been robbed by this monopoly ever since it was able to crush opposition by cutting prices and this oppression will go unchecked so long as the people do not resist it to the utmost.

It is true that the first restrictive legislation attempted by the New Mexico legislature has failed to accomplish what was intended but there is a heretofore and other more effective laws can be enacted by the next session of the New Mexico assembly.

There is no question of politics about this matter; the people of New Mexico pay at least ten cents more per gallon for coal oil and gasoline than do those who live a few miles distant in a state where a monopoly meets with a constant and vigorous opposition from the courts and law-making powers.

Had New Mexico begun her fight when the state of Texas did she might at least have kept that gigantic corporation from advancing prices and have saved for the people several millions of dollars by this time.

The oil monopoly question is a live issue and no man should be elected to the legislative assembly who cannot be depended upon to do all in his power to secure restraining legislation which will prevent the greatest monopoly in existence from robbing the people and defying the territory. The time has come when other states will curb it, commonwealths who have much less cause than New Mexico, and the people here expect to see an effort made to restrict the damnable operations of the Standard Oil company and to compel that company to be decent and fair in its charges for coal oil, gasoline and kindred products.

### So That's Settled.

"Did George propose to you on his knees?"

"No! I want you to understand that I never sat on his lap until after we were engaged."—Chicago Times-Herald.

### Color Training.

"How did you get a star as an artist?"

"Well, when I was a bootblack, I used seven different shades of polish on tan shoes."—Chicago Record.

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### Sermons In Trees.

De Long Stayre (who has been prosing on in the same manner for three hours)—See the trees, Miss Bright; how like human beings they are. They know when it is time to doff their summer garb and don their autumn trappings. And in the spring—Miss Bright—And in the spring, Mr. Stayre, they show their intelligence by leaving at the proper time.—New York World.

### The Same, but Different.

Commuter—When I first went to live in the country, I pronounced the name of my house "Oakhurst Cottage." Citizen—Well, how do you pronounce it now? Commuter—"O-Crest Cottage."—New York World.

### The Usual Preliminaries.

The theatrical season is open. Ten actresses have stopped runaway teams, one has caught a thief, two have had their diamonds stolen and a few have tried to die.—Baltimore American.

### Ground For Suspicion.

"What makes you think she is getting along in years?" "The only birthday parties they have at their house now are for her husband."—Chicago Times-Herald.

### Purely an Act of Kindness.

Mother—I found some cigarettes in your pocket, Johnny. Johnny—I took them away from Billy Smith so he wouldn't smoke 'em.—Stray Stories.

### An Extreme Case.

"Isn't Jobs somewhat penurious?" "He's so stingy that he won't give his children middle names."—Chicago Record.

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Student—Heat expands and cold contracts.

Professor—Correct. Give an example.

Student—During the summer the affections of city people for their country relatives expand and in winter they contract.—Ohio State Journal.

News Mysteries.

"What's this?" exclaimed the hungry man. "You have no less than half a dozen dishes here styled 'a la dossier'."

"Yes," said the waiter affably. "That's because we are not allowed to tell what's in 'em."—Washington Star.

Unusual.

"Oh, my! Something must be wrong. Perhaps there's a big strike."

"What makes you think so?"

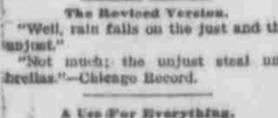
"Look! They haven't got our street torn up for a gas leak this morning as far as you can see."—Chicago Times-Herald.

The Revised Version.

"Well, rain falls on the just and the unjust."

"Not much; the unjust steal umbrellas."—Chicago Record.

A Use For Everything.



Bookkeeper—Your young son has just eaten some of that chemical fertilizer, sir, that no one will buy.

Employer—For heaven's sake, if hope hasn't hurt him!

Bookkeeper—Not in the least, sir.

Employer—Well, then, if we can't use it as a fertilizer, we'll sell it as food for the infants.—Justice, Boston.

### THE POOR PROFESSOR.

He Really Needed a Shave, but Didn't Want to Be Told So.

The professor had not been shaved for four or five days owing to hard study on a little scientific problem. He came down from his room the other morning in this condition and, not having solved the problem, was not in a very pleasant frame of mind as he put on his coat and hat to go out. "Job, dear, aren't you going to shave before you go out?" asked his wife in a surprised tone.

The professor growled something about women minding their own business, slammed the door and was gone. This was only a starter.

The professor had not gone two blocks before a barber, standing in the door of his shop, hailed him thus, "Shave, sir?" John had really intended stopping in the place; but, being warm under the collar already, this remark did not cool him off. So the barber lost a customer. Farther along the professor met a friend heading for a barber shop who asked John if he was going that way.

By this time the professor was mad, so mad, in fact, that he threatened to annihilate the next person who referred to his face in any way.

Continuing on down the street, he met his friend Jones. Jones, noticing the professor's dejected look, said as they neared a saloon: "Professor, you need a 'raiser.' Have one with me."

The professor, still thinking of his morning's adventures, thought Jones meant "razor." He was now hopping mad. This was the last insult he would stand. Slinging off his coat, he made a rush at Jones. Five minutes later they were both hauled away in the patrol.—Pittsburg Press.

### True Devotions.

"Miss Cayenna," said Willie Washington, "you are always laughing at me."

"That's very true. I'll try to quit, if it annoys you."

"It doesn't annoy me. I am content to sit perfectly silent and let you laugh at me ever since I heard you say there was nothing you were fonder of than something really funny."—Washington Star.

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9:50	Hagerman	4:45
10:42	Roswell	3:45
11:45	Portales	1:30
4:15 p. m.	Bovina	8:30 a. m.
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