THE AMADOR LEDGER.

JERICHO WAS FOR HAVING A DECORA-TION DAY PARADE

Pap Perkins, Postmaster, Tells How Horatio Sparrow Sprung the Idea on the Town and How Lish Billings Gave It Its Deathblow.

[Copyright, 1900, by C. B. Lewis.] It was about a week before last Decoration day that Horatio Sparrow come into the postoffice lookin as if he had sunthin on his mind, and as soon as he got the chance he whispered to settled by selectin me to boss things

"Don't say nuthin to a livin soul, want to show off, but purely in the inpap, but I'm comin around here tonight and shake the town of Jericho from center to circumference." "In what way?" said I.

"Never you mind, pap. You jest git ready to feel the airth tremble, and tomorrow mornin you kin put \$200 more value on your house and lot."

Horatio is a man who never gits excow in his garden, and I felt quite sure him and called out: he had sunthin big on hand. He must hev told about 50 other people what at the postoffice at 7 o'clock in the news. Deacon Spooner took charge of has to say about it." things, as usual, and as the crowd got impatient he said.

"It is understood, feller citizens, that Horatio Sparrow is goin to launch a thunderbolt here tonight, and it is with



more than ordinary interest that I call the meetin to order. Stand out, Horatio, and let's hear all about it." Horatio stood out. He looked pale,

but determined. He'd bin thinkin fur

& week of what he was goin to say, and he started off as smooth as grease. "The drums are beatin a wild alarm. There is a wavin of flags, a marchin of men and a wailin of women and children. War is upon the land. The life of a nation is at stake. It is an hour when men are called upon to give up their lives fur the sake of prin-

"By John, but that's flowery language!" exclaimed the deacon as Horatio paused. "If Horatio kin keep to the next legislature."

"The farmer leaves his plow," continued Horatio, "the merchant his store and the mechanic his bench. They march away to find the enemy and fight him and die. Yes; they yield up their lives that we may live on in peace, and if we forgit the sacrifice we ought to wither away like a burdock in November."

"Gentleman." said the deacon as the present minit Horatio Sparrow has knocked the socks off'n Henry Clay as an orator, and I am proud to know that he is a citizen of Jericho. Anything more, Horatio?" "I jest want to call your attention to

the fact that Jericho has never had a Decoration day parade," replied the orator. "We hev never paraded and never decorated, and I say it's a burnin shame and ought to be remedied at

"By John, but that's a strong p'int!" shouted the deacon. "Hang me if Horatio ain't knockin things endways! No, sir; we've never had a parade nor decorated any graves, and we ought to be ashamed of ourselves. Is it your suggestion that we celebrate the day

"That's my p'int, deacon." "And it's as strong as a log chain. Yes, sir; we'll celebrate the day, and in order to make it a howlin success I'V agree to take charge of the parade." "But I object to that," said Horatio. "Hevin originated this idea, I think it's fur me to ride on horseback at the

head of the purcession." There was a painful pause, and then Abner Jones, who was in fireman's uniform, jumped off the counter and said: "There shouldn't be no jealousy about this thing. Horatio would look purty fine on his spotted horse, and the deacon would be no slouch in his cocked hat, but if there's to be any feelin over it I'll take the job off their hands. As I'm foreman of the fire company it comes in my line anyhow." "I don't propose to give up my rights fur nobody," said Horatio.

"And I'm thinkin I'm the man to boss things," added the deacon.

"I don't want to charge anybody with hevin too much cheek," said Squar Henshaw, "but it do look a leetle strange to me to see the way certain folks want to crowd to the front on public occasions. If there is a purcession, it's got to be headed by a man who knows how to boss things and can't be rattled. I bossed the parade the last time we had a Fourth of July, and you may remember that bands, one said: the newspapers said I managed it better than any we ever had."

"I'll allow that the squar did fairly well." said Enos Williams as he shut up his jackknife and got off the sugar bar'l, "but there are several other folks in this town of Jericho. For instance, I'm here myself. When anything has nappened durin the last 20 years, I've bin pushed behind the current bushes, as it was, and some one else has carried off the honors. I'm comin to the front on this occasion or know the

"Why, Enos, you don't purtend that you kin boss a purcession, do you?" sked the deacon.

"Of course I kin. Why not?" "It appears to me," said Silas Lapham as he stood out and rubbed his hands together, "that we are not workn in complete harmony in this matter. twill be the event of the century. It

will be known from Maine to California that Jericho has had a Decoration day, and there will be thousands of inquiries fur real estate. Let us sacri fice any selfish interests as individuals and work to make the affair a gineral

"That's powerful good advice." the deacon as he rapped on the stove with his cane-"powerful good. ! allus stand ready to sacrifice, and I hope he dies, he may be a millionaire. the rest of you do. Any further p'int. Silas?

Silas, "but bein there seems to be a only by the prerogatives of the posicontroversy here I think it better be tion in which the sultan had placed I don't want it because I'm proud and terests of harmony."

"I'll never surrender my rights!" said Horatio Sparrow.

"Nor me!" added Deacon Spooner. "Nor me!" yelled Abner Jones and Squar Henshaw in chorus.

It was evident that the meetin was on the p'int of breakin up in a row when Lish Billings come saunterin in cited when he wakes up and finds a as calm as could be. The deacon seen

"Feller patriots, before this meetin breaks up in a row that will send the he did me, as there was a big crowd price of Jericho real estate down to 50 per cent and put our civilizashun back evenin, and all expected to hear big 50 years let's hear what Lish Billings

"What's the question?" asked Lish. "About Decoration day. Shall we decorate?"

"Decorate what?" "Why, the soldiers' graves."

"I don't see how you are goin to do it." said Lish as he scratched his ear "So fur as I know or hev bin able to find out, nobody from Jericho ever went to war. It tharfore follers that no Jericho man was ever killed. It follers, ag'in, that you might look the graveyard over fur a month and not find a soldier's grave to decorate 'Pears to me that you'd better git yer grave fust."

Two minits later Lish was the only man left in the postoffice. It was as he had said-thar was nuthin to decorate, and all the blowin had bin fur M. QUAD.

HAS A VARIED CLIMATE.

Curious Meteorological Conditions

of the Island of Saghalien. Saghalien, off the eastern coast of Siberia, presents a very curious anomaly of climate. The island is bathed by two cold ocean currents, and in winter nothing protects it against the icy northwest winds coming from Si beria. At the sea level the snow falls continually and stays on the ground till the end of May, and the seashore is very cold. Farther inland, however, especially as we go higher up, the climate is modified-just the opposite to what is observed elsewhere. It has often been observed in Siberia and in central Europe that in winter the cold is greater in the plains and the valleys and that the highlands have a sensibly milder temperature; it is as if the denser cold air accumulated in the low

The cold air accumulates in the lov regions of the island, and on the coast the higher regions have a more elevated temperature. So it happens that the lower parts have an arctic vegetation, while the intermediate altitudes have the vegetation of a temperate zone sometimes subtropical. The birch, the pine, the fir, abound in the low regions and form often impenetrable forests, but toward the center of the island appear bamboos, hydrangeas, azalias and other plants that one is greatly surapplause had subsided, "up to the prised to meet, and whose presence can be explained only by the altogether abnormal climatic conditions of the island .- Newcastle (Eng.) Chronicle.

A Lincoln Story.

The Rev. Mr. Alcott of Elgin, Ills. one of Abraham Lincoln's Springfield acquaintances, tells of seeing him coming away from church unusually early one Sunday morning. "The sermon could not have been more than half way through," says Mr. Alcott. "His son, 'Tad,' was slung across his left arm like a pair of saddlebags, and Lincoln was striding along with long and deliberate steps toward home.

"On one of the street corners he encountered a group of his fellow townsmen. Lincoln anticipated the question which was about to be put by the group, and, taking his figure of speech from practices with which they were only too familiar, said, 'Gentlemen, I entered this colt, but he kicked around so I had to withdraw him."

The Correct Stroke In Swimming. The correct stroke of the legs is exactly like that of a frog's hind legs. Watch one of these frogs and copy his style. You cannot do better. The legs are drawn up together slowly, not with jerk, until they are gathered in close under the body. Then with a

sudden, quick spring they are shot out behind, the ankles being turned so that the soles of the fee present as flat a surface as possible to the water and so offer more resistance from which to make progress. As the kick is made the legs should be spread out in the shape of a letter V, but not allowed to sink far down under the surface of the water. If they kick downward at an angle instead of out straight behind much of their energy is wasted in unnecessarily forcing the body out of the water instead of forward through

Different Breaths.

it.-Harper's Bazar.

Down in southern Georgia two widows were condoling with each other over their troubles. In telling of the last sickness and death of their hus-

"My man, poor feller, jes' suffered and suffered and suffered, and then les' died for the want of breath." The other replied:

"Waal, mine didn't. He drawed his breath to the very last."-Argonaut.

the United States is sending coal : Newcastle cottons to Manchester, iron to Russia and machinery to all the world The Demograts promise to stop the business when they get

In proportion to population, North Berwick is said to be the wealthiest town in Scotland. It has an annual value of real property per inhabitant of

Japanese swords have the high temper of the famous Damascus blades without their wonderful flexibility.

Confiscation In Morocco.

It is a custom in Morocco that all the property of an official reverts at death to the crown. The logic which leads to such a result is simple, for the government argues that all fortunes thus accumulated consist of moneys illegally retained by the authorities. A governor when appointed is probably possessed of no considerable fortune. When Whence came his wealth? Squeezed most certainly from the tribes under "You may call it a p'int or not," said his authority and therefore amassed

It has never struck the Moorish government that these great fortunes en. The result is entire confiscation to ticular salt. the crown, including often such private been possessed of before his appointment and not seldom, too, of the property of his relatives.

When the mighty fall in Morocco, the crash brings down with them their parent of the next cus plant. families, even uncles and cousins and all connected with them, and it is not ors, who have been brought up in the luxury of slaves and horses and retinues of mounted men, have to go begging in the streets.—Blackwood's.

A Horse's Blinders.

A horse's blinders are usually concave on the inside. True, the surface | be altogether destroyed? usually is a dead black, but not absostant cleansing this dead surface is made more or less smooth if not actually glossy and shiny. Moreover, the blinders are usually set at an angle, so that as a result of the law of reflection there was not only no sign of a Repub-

Creatures of feeling are wont to purparamount product of teeling. When distodre the unwholesome presumption empt from them and investors seem to from his mind. Time to cool off alone does that.

trust?

that the nexions weed is an alk li weed the people from whom they were stol- presence in superabuild mee of that par-

If this farmer, in looking about the property as the governor may have neighborhood, finds that weed where he finds alkali in superabondance, and nowhere else, he may be warranted in

the neighborhood, he finds this weed glibtongue, prepossessing address, quick seldom that the sons of great govern- growing luxuriantly where there is no plenty of alkali where there is no sug. people's money like water, gestion of the weed, will not his faith in the verity of the information volunteered by the passing stranger be shaken? In fact, would not that faith

If the trust were the product of Relutely so, so that a glimmer of light puplican policy, then we would lookmay be reflected from them. By con- would we not?--for the trust where we found Republican policy in operation.

But if we found trusts fully established and thriving luxuriantly where



Bryan: "You'll find the young lady easy to support." The German Democrat: "And take that 16 to 1 ice wagon for a mother-

rays or ngut concentrated by the convex surface are reflected into the eyes, not directly in the axis of vision, but more or less transversely or obliquely, the result being even more injurious. As a result of this reflection the vision is weakened if not destroyed.

Moreover, the mirrorlike blinders not only reflect sunlight, but they reflect objects as well, so that a "blinded" horse sees not only objects directly ahead of him, but has a more or less blurred vision of other objects, intermixing with and confusing the image of objects directly before him, and as a consequence he is rendered uncertain in his movements and is easily scared. No further proof of this is needed than the fact that a nervous horse with a reputation for shying and running away often becomes tractable if the blinders are removed, because he can then see distinctly what before he could only see indistinctly and confusedly.-Our Animal Friends.

A P. sler. An ancient epitaph in Latin in the chateau of Chantilly, France, may be translated thus:

Aelia Laelia Crispis Neither man, nor woman, nor hermaphrodite, Neither infant, young nor old, Neither chaste, deprayed, nor modest, But all these.

Removed neither by hunger, sword or poison, But by all, She lies neither in the sky nor in the water, but

everywhere.
Lucius Agatha Crispis.

Neither weeping nor rejoicing, But both. Has erected this, neither a mausoleum, a pyramid Both knowing and not knowing to whom he hath

erected it. This is a tomb that holds no body. But is its own body and its own tomb. The answer is not known, and so every nimble wit is invited to exercise itself on the tough old puzzle.

A Two Edged Joke.

Sometimes a joke reacts, as the Bangor (Me.) Commercial proceeds to prove by relating that a young man in Auburn, to play a joke on a barber, paid him 35 old fashioned cents. Later, when he found that the barber had sold one of the coins for \$35, he did not feel so well satisfied with his joke or at least thought it had become misplaced.

THE PATERNITY OF TRUSTS.

The trust exists. It is not a bogy. It is a real thing. Who is responsible for its existence?

Mr. Bryan's platform, adopted at his instigation at Kansas City, declares specifically that trusts are "the legitimate product of Republican policies, that they are fostered by republican laws and that they are protected by the Republican administration in return for campaign subscriptions and political support." This is a sweeping charge and, if sub-

stantiated, would deservedly condemna the Republican party. Mr. Bryan everywhere, in one form

or another, re-echoes the substance of tion. this charge, but he nowhere offers evidence to prove the charge, relying upon oft-repeated accusation to produce the same effect upon the public mind as

lican policy, but every sign of a policy antagonistic to Republican policy, would we not be warranted in withdrawing the allegation that the trust is the "legitimate product of that pol-

As a matter of fact, the home of the trust is Great Britain, where there is absolute free trade in all except some six or seven articles which bear a duty for revenue only. Some of them are of many years' standing and are very successful. There are scores of them capitalized to the aggregate extent of hundreds of millions of dollars, and it was from their successful operation that American trust promoters caught the

We do not hear so much about trusts in England as we do in America, because we chance to live in America and not in England; but chiefly because England does not happen to possess a great political organization dedicated to demagogy for office only.

The trust everywhere-and the trust is practically everywhere-owes its existence to the same parentage-excessive competion; a competition that goes beyond bringing out the best there is in a man and to the extent of crushing the man and his occupation unless somehow

The experience of the California raisin growers furnishes an admirable example. By dumping their product on the market all at once and competing with each other they were brought face to face with ruin. It was then that they bethought themselves of a combination in restraint of unrestricted competition and since they have perfected their "trust" they have prospered. It should be said, in justice to the raisin grower-, that they have not sought to limit production. Some trusts seek to limit production; others do not; but whether they do or not merely determines whether they are good trusts or bau trusts, and they all have a common origin-excessive competition.

Now, those men who drafted the Kansas City platform knew perfectly well that there were trusts in free trade England as well as in protected America, and that trusts were not "the legitimate product of Republican policies," but the expression sounded "catchy," and, owing to a lax political morality unhappily prevalent in this country, men otherwise as moral and personally as exemplary as Mr. Bryan excuse themselves for their lack of candor on the ground that they are "doand it is all right."

But thoughtful people know that make-believe is not right, and no statesman who made campaigns on pretense and make-believe ever permanently held the respect of any nation, as Mr. Bryan, for that reason, will not permanently hold the respect of this na-

Ancestors of Presidents Tyler, Lincoin, Hayes and Cleveland were among Major John Mason's band of 35 plopeers who founded Norwich, Conn.

THE TRUST CRAZE.

A farmer finds a nexious weed grov. was drawn out of investments and out this fact. ing among his grain. A stranger poss- of circulation and put into deposit ing that way, an noticing that there vaults, chimner flues, old stockings or are signs of a baine impregnation on sewed up in mattresses and slept to the place, volumeers the suggestion that its safety might be sarely guarded. But with the inau curction of Presi-

This was the long looked for opnortunity of the promotor. The professional promotor is a soldier of fortune in financial warfare. He is a man of of financial affairs, and he spends other

For a generation after the civil was the American promotor built railroads, paralled lines that did not pay operating expenses with other lines that did not pay operating expenses, unloaded the remuants of their own interests.

With the return of confidence the New York Tribune. American promotor went into the "industrials", which had been prostrated as the result of a diminished densand and consequent excessive competition, n1, encouraged by the success of a few English and American associations of manufacturing enterprises of a similar character, inaugurated a craze for the

The enterprises ssued two kinds of stock, or shares, "preferred" and "common." The "preferred" represented the actual capital invested. The "common" represented water. The pronotor was given a share in both kinds of stock for his services, which he quickly unloaded on the market, and then stepped out leaving the real owners of the properties and the speculaive investors to shift for themselves. The savings of the great middle class

was the real object in view and they were to be possessed by manipulations of trust stocks on the stock exchanges The successful promotor was the one who could unload the shares of his concern away above their va'ne and, in the and feeble panic which resulted from a disclosure of the truth, buy the same shares in as scription." It cures female weakness and much below their real value as they had undermine woman's strength and mar

The Bryan partisans tried very hard to make it appear that the unexampled formation of trusts was the direct product of the Division to make it appear that the unexampled formation of trusts was the direct product of the Division to make it appears that the unexampled formation of trusts was the direct product of the Division to make it appears that the unexampled formation of trusts was the direct product. duct of the Dingley tariff law, which however, had nothing at all to do with trust formation, as we have seen. The trust promotors found their opportunity in an eagerness for investment Republican party is responsible for the return of confidence, but not for the misuse which the trust promotors put it to or for the craze of gullibility which prompted so many to gamble in unknown stocks on exchange.

The greater part of the trusts formed during the craze have already been dissolved. They died during the birth agony. Their stocks found no buyers; the craze is long since over and now exists only in the Bryanistic mind as a substance for the manufacture of political capital.

For a time trusts were formed with great rapidity, but the banks of the country took fright and put a stop to trust promotion by refusing to lend money on trust securities, thus warn ing investors to keep their fingers out of that fire.

There is a real trust problem, but th craze for the formation of trusts has been eliminated from that problem by the banks. The real trust problem will be considered under that head.

Knocked Out the Foetry James Russell Lowell was dreamily strolling along toward his home in Cambridge one unusually beautiful night. Slowly, with serene, queenly majesty, a full moon was ascending her "azure throne," pouring her lavish light over all things and softening into semblances of beauty even the ugly outlines of the conventional domestic architecture round about. Duly illuminated by the loveliness of the spectacle, the poet as he passed by the house of the estimable brother man who supplied meat to him regularly for a slight consideration of profit noticed that valuable citizen leaning on his fence and gazing up in a kind of rapt way. It pleased Lowell to think that the

butcher's immortal soul was bathing itself in the flood of semispiritual moonlight and, pausing, he remarked What a beautiful night it is, neigh-"Yes, Mr. Lowell. I was just a-think-

in what a bully night for a slaughterin this would be!" "Of course, of course," gasped the poet, beating a hasty retreat.-Argo-

As Good as Teeth.

Less than an hour's ride from New

York is a community in which a certain meat and vegetable grinding machine has attained such popularity that it threatens to affect the dentist's work and income. Not content with using it ing politics," and so "everything goes for the preparation of hash and similar made over dishes, it is screwed to the table in many houses and made to do the work of knife and fork in cutting up food. "Father and I was talkin about get-

tin some false teeth," said one elderly woman, "but since we bought this machine, I declare, we don't need 'em, and chine for \$1.15. If I'd only know'd it, they had a bargain sale one day when I could a got it for 85 cents."-New York Press.

CHINESE MECHANICAL SKILL Humanity is subject to epideroics, A Wonderful Example of Imitative

Whatever may be his lack of moral perception and originality of idea, the fervor, and no amount of evidence will the human family that is entirely ex- heathen Chinee certainly excels in imitative power, and is often very much alive to the excellence of mechanical devices that he never saw before. In The American Machinist. Oberlin Smith affords an illustration of

Some years ago Mr. Smith sent Henry A. Janvier to China to assist in the erection and operation of coining plants for brass and silver currency One of the tools which Mr. Janvier took with him was a micrometer calimight more honorably be returned to and owes its ax some to the fostering dent McKinley the timid possessors of per, made by a well known firm in the savings began to seek evenues for get- United States, and capable of detecting ting their hoardings tack into use differences of a thousandth of an incl where they would return an income and in the thickness of a piece of metal. so move at once became cheap and The superintendent of one of the shops which Mr. Janvier established was named Wai, and he proved a very intelligent fellow. During an interval of about six weeks he borrowed the caliper almost daily, and was rather tardy in returning it.

Finally he exhibited to the American wit and wide, but superficial knowledge a reproduction of the instrument which was perfect except in one respect. Certain tables of figures stamped into the steel by the Yankee maker of the original were omitted from the copy, and in their place were several Chinese characters. The imitation had been made with the rudest of tools, but was a marvel of accuracy. Mr. Wai proin season and left investors to care for posed an exchange to Mr. Janvier, and the latter agreed to the proposition .-



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