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POLITICAL.

WE are authorized to announce the name of ANDREW J. STEINMAN as candidate for the office of County Treasurer at the next election, subject to the rules and decisions of the Democratic caucus.

Among the more important legislative propositions that died with the fifty-ninth congress, and most of which received the sanction of the president and the country, are: The eight-hour bill which organized labor has been asking for these many years. The anti-injunction bills, of which there were several. Swamp land reclamation. Codification of the revised federal statutes. Modification of the Chinese exclusion act. Copyright revision. Reduction of the tariff on Philippine products entering the United States. The bill to make Porto Ricans citizens. Publicity in campaign affairs. The Crumpacker bill to afford a court review of a fraud order issued by the postoffice department. Federal child labor legislation. Legislation to protect free labor from contract labor. Legislation regulating the interstate traffic in intoxicating liquors. Most of these measures will re-appear at the next session, but it is a discredit to congress and to this nation, that the Sugar and Tobacco Trusts prevented justice to the Philippines in giving them such legislation as would place them on their feet and revive their industries, by reducing the tariff on Philippine products entering the United States.

The notorious railway mail graft, carrying with it excessive payments to the amount of at least ten or fifteen million dollars a year, is continued. The trick of weighing the mails for seven days and dividing by six to find the daily average, which makes a free gift of five million dollars to the roads, is still in force. The Beef Trust is also victor. The Beveridge amendment to date meat products was defeated in conference. The conservation of government oil and coal lands, urged by the president, was refused, though the refusal leaves them at the mercy of the Standard Oil and Coal Trusts.

ARTIFICIAL WARMTH.

Its Use as an Inherited Habit and a Sign of Luxury. With the big, restless, energetic world outside of this tropical belt, however, the matter of keeping warm is ever present, troublesome and expensive, throughout all of each passing year.

As a matter of fact, the world of humanity dwelling in stoveland never has been in all the ages really and comfortably warm in winter. It is largely our own fault. Mankind is the only animal which employs fire in the effort to survive the cold of the winters. The hardy lower animals do not need it, however much they luxuriate in elevated representatives, the dog and the cat, may enjoy it when they have a chance.

WAYS OF THE ROAD.

Some of the Oddities of This Peculiar Creature.

It is remarkable that the toad, long water as it does, should wander away from watery regions to dry ground, where it can never see a drop of water except at rain time and leave its water rights to the undisputed possession of its rural neighbor the frog. How the toad loves water must be known to every garden lover. Whenever there is a shower the creature leaves its cool retreat under the piazza or shed and struts as far as its legs will let it, erect in the rain, apparently enjoying to the utmost the shower bath.

Whenever they are near the water at breeding time they deposit long, slimy strings of eggs, and the young toad has to go through the tadpole stage in common with his brother frog. But when they are wholly excluded by distance from the water, they seem to have the power of being viviparous, or bringing forth their young alive. In the water fertilization is effected in the same manner as in fishes, but the method in the land life career is not known. About all that is known is that confined toads are found with little toads, no larger than house flies, about them after a time, and in walled gardens and places far removed from water little toads, no larger than peas, wandering around on their own resources and which could never have been tadpoles, are within common experience.

The Girl From the West

By OTHO B. SENGA

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Paul Alger looked firmly into Mrs. Elliott's face. "You don't realize what you're asking, Aunt Ruth," he said.

"I'm not asking," calmly. "I'm simply telling you what I expect of you. The girl will be here tomorrow. My will is made with these plans in view. If you don't fall in with them, you're dishonored absolutely; that's all."

"Don't talk to me, Paul," impatiently. "I shall give it to you two-together or not at all!" "Who is this girl," Alger demanded with heat, "that she should be thrust upon me in this style?"

"She is the daughter of my husband's brother. When this girl and Frederick were little children the brothers promised each other that the children should marry when they were old enough. Frederick died, and after your mother's death I adopted you. You have taken Frederick's place in everything else. You must in this. Promise, Paul!"

"It is utterly impossible!" firmly. "Paul," temptingly, "she is very pretty." Alger smiled and shook his head. "And, Paul," playing her trump card, "she is musical."

"Yes?" indifferently. "Yes," emphatically. "She plays the violin."

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Francis Auguste de Berier. "And this from the cattle ranch?" thought Alger.

She swept angrily from the room. Alger stood for a moment as if stunned; then he laughed aloud. "That's good news! Now there's no money in the way, and I'll move heaven and earth to win the loveliest girl that ever lived."

"Come out of the west," quoted a merry voice, and the portiers parted and Vera stepped from the window seat into the room.

"A girl, eagerly, 'you've known all the while that I love you'— 'A girl from the west, brought up on a cattle ranch?' she questioned, holding him back with her hand on his breast.

"I don't care where you're from, or anything else, if you'll only say you love me, Vera," pleadingly. "A girl who doesn't know a sonata from a sandwich?" mischievously. "Vera, forgive me for that and say you love me."

"I've loved you ever since I was a little girl. See?" She drew a locket from her bosom and pressed back the cover. Alger gazed in bewilderment. It was his own face that looked up at him.

"Aunt Ruth said that to my father. I claimed it as mine and have worn it always."

"Vera," with his arms about her, "why have you been so cruel to me when I've tried so hard?" "I feared you might propose to me to please Aunt Ruth—and because of the money."

"Here, here! What's all this about?" Aunt Ruth's voice sounded harshly at the door.

"They turned toward her together. 'Vera has promised to marry me, Aunt Ruth.' 'And my latest will!'— She fairly hurled the words at them. 'We don't mind!' they cried together rapturously.

"I simply must make that trade," said Nan. "I must get home." Bert looked at his mother. She made a helpless gesture.

"I don't see how it can be done, my dear Nan," she said wearily. "Both of the horses have gone lame, the livery has no horse in, and the express-man cannot come for your trunk until this afternoon."

"Can't we beg, borrow or buy a rig?" she demanded briskly. "Surely every horse and cart in Pleasantville is engaged."

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PHYSICIANS DISAGREE

Different Opinions on Cooper's Remarkable Success Held by Cincinnati Medical Men.

Cincinnati, O., March 14. The astonishing sale of Cooper's preparations in this city has now reached such immense figures that the medical fraternity at large have become forced into open discussion of the man and his preparations.

The physicians as a whole seem to be divided with regard to the young man's success in Cincinnati—some being willing to credit him for what he has accomplished, while others assert that the interest he has aroused is but a passing fad which cannot last, and which will die out as quickly as it has sprung up.

The opinion of these two factions is very well voiced in the statements made recently by two of a number of physicians who were interviewed on the subject.

Dr. J. E. Carass when questioned about the matter said: "I have not been a believer in proprietary preparations heretofore nor can I say that I believe in them at present. But I must admit that some of the facts recently brought to my notice concerning this man Cooper have gone far towards removing the prejudice I had formed against him when the unheard-of demand for the preparations first sprang up in this city. Numbers of my patients whom I have treated for chronic liver, kidney and stomach troubles have met me after taking Cooper's remedy and have stated positively that he has accomplished wonderful results for them. I notice particularly in cases of stomach trouble that the man has relieved several

and tell you all about the wedding. Goodby, Bert." She turned and flew down the steps after the man and with a spring was back on the seat beside him.

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"Well," said he, smiling, "there are reasons of taste. You eat salmon, don't you?" "Yes-yes," she answered a little doubtfully, then with more assurance, "but remember what Willour Short says in that lovely chapter on 'Communism With the Catfish'—I want them brought to the table in the simplest and most painless way."

"And that is angling with the fly," he said, still more decidedly. "The fish is not swallowed like a bait. It sticks in the skin of the lip, where there is least feeling. There is no torture in the play of a salmon. It's just a fair fight with an unknown opponent. Compare it with the other ways of bringing a fish to the table. If he's caught in a net, he hangs there for hours, slowly strangled. If he's speared, half the time the spear slips, and he struggles off badly wounded, and if the spear goes through him he is flung out on the bank to bleed to death. Even if he escapes he is sure to come to a pitiful end some day—perish by starvation when he gets too old to catch his food or be torn to pieces by a seal, an otter or a fishhawk. Fly fishing really offers him—"

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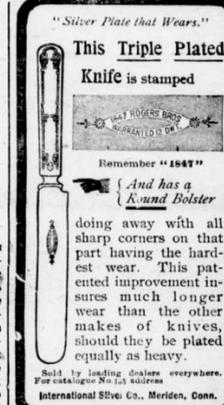
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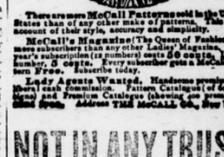
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