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GLORIED IN THE SHOE FACTORY REVERSES.

Now in Pilgrim S. Ritter's Asp of last week, that monarch presents some additional imaginary sins of ours in order to hide the infamy of his disgraceful tirade on Middleburg's only industry. After being rebuked by all the enterprising citizens of the town, for the vituperations of the Asp, he bends his knees and reluctantly gives the factory stockholders and Mr. Schoch an idea what compulsory education is like. It required as much effort to say that, as it does a thief to give up his ill-gotten booty. Oh! but it was scanty. Why did you not devote that extra space to the factory instead of the editor of the Post?

You charged the factory with having employed a few people at starvation wages. Why don't you tell your readers that the factory paid out almost \$11,000 for labor in 18 months? You charged the management of the shoe factory with transactions that would give a highly colored hue to the town. Why don't you set that right? You say the factory keeps children out of school. The Post challenged you to name six. You did not name one.

You gloried in the fact that the sheriff had charge of the factory. Why don't you set yourself right on that score? You charge us with trying to get the Whitney Gun Works here. That is true. We accept the charge. Add to that charge five or six other industries. The people of Middleburg wish they could charge the Asp with doing only half that well. The Post tries to build up the town, the Asp tries to tear it down. Now, Mr. Pilgrim, you are trying to get out of the hole you dug for the Post and into which you yourself fell. You have added one lie to another until you have no claim on the credulity of your readers.

You lied about your market reports when every reader knew you lied. You lied when you said the Post made a protracted appeal for the re-organization of the Republican party and worst of all you knew you were lying. You lied about the contents of your letter to Judge Dean, you lied scandalously about the shoe factory, you lied about the Post overcharging the shoe factory for printing, you lied about Frank Bingham, you lied about your old rusty broken cast-iron chace and you lied about the Post owing you for a dollar's worth of paper.

What claim can you have for a respectful hearing from decent people? This boastful judicial pilgrim now claims he was born and raised on a farm, expecting by this to clear himself from the ignominy heaped upon himself in glorying in the downfall of the shoe factory. We hesitate to make any personal allusions to ourself, but a letter written in the east end of the county was received at this office Saturday saying: "In answering Pilgrim Ritter, do not overlook the fact that you too were born and raised on a farm and have a better record for having worked on a farm than Ritter has. You plowed day after day at the age of ten years and made a full hand behind the reaper binding wheat at the age of 12 years." The letter needs no comment from us. Examine your dusty dictionary and get the correct definition of "moss-back."

Last week when we learned for the first time through the "Asp" that we owed you for a dollar's worth of paper, we inquired of every employe in the office and no one knew that we had ever borrowed any paper. Finally we called upon the phone the former foreman of the Post, Mr. Shelly said that when the editor of the Post was on his trip into Nebraska, Colorado and other points, he (Shelly) got 40 sheets of paper from Ritter and offered to pay him for it, but the pilgrim said he would rather have the paper returned. The price of 40 sheets of paper was 25 cents. No bill was ever presented and no notice came to the editor of the Post until it was seen in last week's "Asp." You lying scoundrel knew that if you presented a bill, it would be paid and in addition you knew the paper Shelly borrowed was not worth a dollar, but only 25 cents. Oh! but you have a superabundance of principle. Pray for yourself, dear brother. When Old Charon takes you into his boat

to ferry you across the river Styx, be sure to have a copy of the Post in your pocket or you will wander restlessly along the shores of Acheron for an indefinite period. If this myth troubles you ask some A. M. who has read the classics to explain it to you in Dutch.

But what has all this to do with the real question at issue? The Post has undertaken to defend in the name of the enterprising citizens of the town the honor and character of the methods employed in the shoe factory to make it a success. The Post has done it in defiance of the most contemptible exhibition of glory in the shoe factory reverses and even if all we are charged with by the "Asp" were true, there would still not be one grain of reason in the vituperative fusillade heaped upon the shoe factory.

O, you cowardly assassin, who would grope in the dark and hurl your venomous darts into the bosom of Middleburg's only industry at a time when it is already tottering, where is your manhood? Such ignominy would put to shame the embitterments of a Brutus who thrust his blade into the bosom of Caesar and fell upon his own sword to end his own miserable existence.

AGUIÑALDO has been captured and he has taken the oath of allegiance to the United States government.

Ritter's Asp makes a big ado about a broken chace and a dollar's worth of paper he claims this office owes the Asp. We believe that while the editor of the Post was out in Nebraska, the foreman of this office borrowed an old rusty cast iron chace which broke while a traction engine was passing the office. We bought a new steel chace and sent it to the Asp office. The chace was returned as not good enough. We presume he was looking for a gold chace. We are using the chace ourselves now. Steel chases are good enough for this office. Concerning the paper, we must say that if the Asp has a bill for paper against this office, he has never presented it and as the editor personally never borrowed any paper, he had no means of knowing that he was indebted for any paper. Come around, Brother Ritter, we have a nice stock of paper on hand. We will replace all the paper we borrowed, and we will take your word for it too, after verifying it by consulting the person who is claimed to have borrowed it.

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A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, March 27. The Buffalo Pan-American exposition stamps will be placed on sale at postoffices on May 1 next. Governor Candler, of Georgia, announces his retirement from politics at the close of his present term. He is 74 years old. Representative McCandless, of Allegheny, announces his retirement from the "insurgent" faction in the Pennsylvania legislature. S. B. Patterson, postmaster at Halls, Mo., for misappropriating government funds, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. Thursday, March 28. The Pennsylvania building at the Buffalo exposition is to cost \$15,000. Governor Davis, of Arkansas, signed the anti-gambling bill yesterday, and all gambling places in the state are closed. The imperial insurance department reports that 17,000,000 persons are now insured in Germany. Eight thousand people died of the plague last week in Bengal alone, including Calcutta. Whole towns are being deserted. Ex-State Secretary Caleb Powers, sentenced to life imprisonment, and James Howard, sentenced to hang for the Goebel murder, have been granted new trials by Kentucky's court of appeals. Friday, March 29. Mrs. Nation's lecture in Cincinnati last night drew a very small audience. Ex-Governor Altgeld, of Illinois, supports the Republican ticket in Chicago's municipal election. J. H. Millard and Governor Charles H. Dietrich, Republicans, were elected United States senators from Nebraska. Mrs. John R. McPherson, widow of New Jersey's former United States senator, died in New York. A Constantinople dispatch announces that nine men were scalded to death by the bursting of a steam pipe on the Turkish torpedo boat Shehab, at Salonica. The Stove Founders' association and the Molders Union of North America, in joint session at Chicago, agreed upon the same scale for the coming year as the one in force last year. Saturday, March 30. Roland Reed, the actor, died in New York from cancer of the stomach, aged 47 years. Attorney General Griggs formally retired from the cabinet today to resume his law practice. It is said that British central Africa soon will occupy a prominent position as a sugar producing country. Karpovitch, who killed Russia's minister of public instruction, was sentenced to 20 years' penal servitude. Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania, issued a proclamation yesterday designating April 12 and 26 as arbor days. Mrs. Mary Eitel, who killed her paramour, George Dege, on Dec. 31 last, was acquitted in New York yesterday. Morgan Davis and Scott Mengella, miners, were killed by a fall of rock in Keystone mine, at Laffin, Pa., yesterday. A seat in the New York stock exchange was sold yesterday for \$55,000.

Advertisement for 'Put Your Finger on Your Pulse' featuring Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

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ELECTIONS IN OHIO.

Municipal Contests That Will Affect the Fall Elections.

JOHNSON WINS IN CLEVELAND. Mayor Jones Again Elected in Toledo, Democrats Carry Columbus and Republicans Win in Springfield—Michigan Republicans Win. Cincinnati, April 2.—Fair weather prevailed in Ohio yesterday for municipal and township elections. The large vote for April indicated more interest than usual in these local contests. This was due to the fact that a full state ticket is to be elected next November, as well as members of the legislature who will choose a successor to Senator Foraker. In a few localities legislative nominations were made by popular vote. None showed any opposition to Foraker among the Republicans, and there was not enough action to indicate any preference for John R. McLean, Tom L. Johnson or any one else as the Democratic favorite for the senatorship. There was no election in Cincinnati, Mayor Fleischmann and the other Republican city officials were elected one year ago for a period of three years. There will be no election at Dayton until next April, the contest in that city yesterday being for police judge only. Special interest was taken in the contest at Columbus, where the Republicans for the past two years have had all the city offices. Governor Nash and former Congressman Lentz reside at Columbus, and both took great interest in the contest there. Democratic administrations were in control at Cleveland and Springfield, where the Republicans made hard fights to control the political machinery of as many cities as possible at the state election in November. Sam Jones made his race for the third term for mayor of Toledo, independent of all parties, and was elected by a good majority. Tom L. Johnson, Dem., defeated Akers, Rep., in Cleveland, and in Columbus John N. Hinkle, Dem., was elected over Henry C. Taylor, Rep. There were Democratic victories in Delta, North Baltimore, Lima, St. Mary's, Ottawa, Continental, Upper Sandusky, Tiffin, Gibsonburg, McComb, Sandusky, Bellevue, Milton Center, Deshler, McClure, Wapakoneta, Custar, Holgate, Adelphos, Leipsic, Zanesville, Hamilton, Norwalk, Marietta and Bucyrus. The Republicans carried Swanton, Kenton, Columbus Grove, Bellefontaine, Payne, Port Clinton, Prairie Depot, Weston, Liberty Center, Perrysburg, Bowling Green, Youngstown, Springfield, Findlay, Dayton and Portsmouth. While the Democrats carried the large cities and some of the smaller places, yet the Republicans show slight gains in the state as a whole. THE MICHIGAN ELECTIONS. Republicans Elect Supreme Judge and Lead in the Municipalities. Detroit, April 2.—Robert M. Montgomery, of Grand Rapids, Republican, has been re-elected justice of the supreme court by about 40,000 majority and Frank W. Fletcher, of Alpena, and Henry W. Carey, of Manistee, Republican candidates for regents of the State university, have also been elected by a majority almost as large. The vote cast was light, excepting in those cities where there was a fight on some local issue. There were two constitutional amendments voted on, both of which were defeated. One fixed the compensation of state legislators at \$1,000 per term and mileage, instead of \$3 per day when the legislature is in session, as at present, and the other provided for an increase in the salary of circuit judge in Bay county. The Democrats made a marked gain in Jackson, where their entire city ticket was elected. The city went Republican last year. In Owosso S. D. Emery, Prohibitionist, was elected mayor, overcoming a Republican majority last year of 650. He was the only member of that ticket, however, who was successful. In Detroit John B. Whelan, Republican, was re-elected police justice, the only municipal officer voted for. Of the 17 school inspectors elected 11 were Republicans and 6 Democrats. Towns in which Republicans lead are Kalamazoo, Saginaw, Potosky, Grand Rapids, Paulding, Wauseon, Bloomingdale and Norwalk, while Bryan, Wapakoneta and Elmora go Democratic. The Democratic candidate for mayor won in Potosky by 100 plurality. Dying of Hiccoughs. Newburgh, N. Y., April 2.—F. W. Magee, a hotel clerk, is dying here of hiccoughs. He became ill with the grip on March 22. Pneumonia developed, and on Sunday there were symptoms of inflammation of the brain. With this came hiccoughs, and since Monday he has hiccoughed almost incessantly and is steadily growing weaker. Ross Raymond Gets Four Years. New York, April 2.—Ross Raymond, alias James E. Sandys, a former newspaper man, who pleaded guilty last week of getting \$200 fraudulently from Henry F. Clarke, paying teller of the Lincoln National bank, on Jan. 28 last, was yesterday sentenced to four years in prison. 1901 APRIL 1901

Calendar for April 1901 showing dates from Sunday to Saturday.