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REPUBLICANS.

Way down in North Carolina, six miles from any railroad depot, there is printed a Republican newspaper. It started a few years ago with thirty subscribers and was printed on a press worked by foot power. Only one employee, and he was the employer, being editor, devil and everything else. To-day the paper has over a half a million subscribers and is still growing. It now has a Webb perfecting press, that prints, folds and turns out 40,000 papers per hour. The paper is thoroughly Republican, of the original red hot brand; it is unique, original in style and is guaranteed to make the chronic orthodox Democrat sit up and feel ashamed of himself and the straight-out Republican full of ebullition without the aid of "Peruna" or any of its undressed associates. The name of this paper is *The Yellow Jacket*. It is a stinger, and its sting is the universal remedy for all known forms of political caseness, and is good to take whether you need it or not. We will send you one year's treatment, which is 26 doses, (two a month) together with *THE CITIZEN* for one year for \$1.60. Subscribe for *THE CITIZEN* and *The Yellow Jacket* for \$1.60 and enjoy the year 1909.

Of Course It Does.

A farmer finds a one dollar bill and appropriates it, by right of discovery, to himself. He goes to town and pays it to a newspaper man on what he owes him; the newspaper man hands it over to a merchant to settle his account; the merchant pays his meat bill with it; and the butcher pays it back to the original finder to finish paying for a calf he had purchased. After which the farmer takes it to the bank and discovers it to be a counterfeit. Query: Are all these debts cancelled with the spurious one dollar bill?—Exchange.

Yes. How does this transaction differ from one in which a man gives an order for a dollar on someone owing him that amount, to a person to whom he owes a dollar? If the order is accepted the first man's debt is discharged. The second man endorses the order and pays it to the third to whom he owes a dollar, and it again accepted the second man's obligation is discharged. The third man endorses it, and it goes to the fourth, and so on, indefinitely, if you choose, the order being good for its purpose every time, even up to the final transaction in which it returns to the original drawer in payment of a dollar debt due to him. In other words, if A owes B a dollar, and B owes C a dollar, and C owes A a dollar, a counterfeit note or a blank piece of paper, or a worthless order passed around the triangle, would settle the whole business.

The century-old statute providing that all magistrates, such as justices of the peace and aldermen, shall file with the prothonotaries of the courts of their counties acceptances of election within thirty days after the ballots selecting them have been cast will probably be repealed this session of the Legislature. A bill to wipe the old law off the books has been prepared and introduced. This law has given much trouble in the last twenty years. Often men elected to such offices neglected to file the formal acceptance and when the time came around to assume office found that they could not obtain a commission from the Governor. The result was that they had to make application for appointment to the vacancy caused by their own failure to comply with a formality and could only hold for a year an office for which they had been elected for the term of six. It is held that the man must want the office or he would not run for it, and that the acceptance is an empty proceeding.

If the measure before the Pennsylvania legislature to oblige merchants and dealers to plainly mark cold storage eggs becomes a law, there will be few ovals sold six months of the year that are not branded. The penalty for selling decomposed or partly decomposed eggs is placed at from \$200 to \$1,000, or from three to nine months in jail, or both. If such a law is enacted, there will be few merchants who will care or dare to handle eggs, unless there is a great change in the quality of the hen product on the market.

THE NEWBURGH NEWS puts this pertinent question to the enlarged Erie canal advocates in New York city: The annual consumption of coal in New York city is said to reach 14,000,000 tons. Would the opening of a direct all-water route from the anthracite field mean anything to that city? If so, why has it been indifferent to the fate of the Delaware and Hudson canal and so greatly concerned in the Erie, the carriage on which of grain for export is to the gain principally of elevator men?

Most people never look in the mirror to see if their face is clean after washing it; they look at the dirt on the towel.

ANY man is in favor of reform,—if allowed to select the starting point.

SYMPATHY in the abstract makes no impression on a man with an empty stomach.

PEOPLE do not think much of your opinion unless you happen to think as they do.

THE ballots for the spring election will be printed by the *Hawley Times*, their bid of \$185 to print the 18,500 ballots having been accepted by the County Commissioners. *THE CITIZEN's* bid was \$216.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

The recent acquittal of the murderers of Annis in New York state, and of Captain Erb in this state, have aroused considerable newspaper discussion. The plea of self-defence in the latter case seemed farcical, but the jury evidently believed it. Erb was no better than the law allows, but did nothing, so far as the evidence showed, to deserve to be shot to death. Justice travels with leaden heels and bandaged eyes, and as a result human life is held too lightly.

One of the interesting questions of the day is what shall be done with the statue of Senator Quay which, ordered by previous Legislature, has been paid for, but the particular niche where it shall repose has not yet been selected. Those who assert that the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings are afraid to act in this respect must be strangers in this state.

From out of the numerous suggestions about good roads, amending the present act, etc., will probably come an act which will plan for a Commission to work out a system, instead of the piecemeal method under which we work at present.

Some opposition to George T. Oliver has been aroused despite the fact that he seems to have the endorsement of U. S. Senator Penrose for the succession to Senator Knox. It is likely to result in Oliver's election for the short term only, with which he will have to be content.

"Bankers' Row" is what it is called in the Western Penitentiary, where 18 former bankers are paying the penalty of misusing other people's money. This will have a most wholesome effect. Among them is Montgomery, formerly cashier of the Allegheny National, a leader in politics out that way, in his time. It pays to be honest.

N. E. HAUSE.

Hereditarily Plain in Evidence.

William L. Ferguson, of Seelyville, whose long connection with Wayne county affairs, more especially of late years as President of the Wayne County Agricultural Society, has given him as wide an acquaintance throughout the county as is enjoyed by any man now living, was born in Barnet township, Caledonia county Vermont, on the 9th of July, 1818, and was consequently four-score and ten years of age—"ninety years young," as he jovially puts it—on the 9th of last July. Those who may have marvelled at his astonishing vigor of mind and body at such an advanced age, will perhaps abate their wonder when they learn that his father, James Ferguson, who was born in Glasgow, Scotland, August 16, 1771, came to this country in 1783, with his grandmother, who died at Lyman, New Hampshire, at very near the century point, while his father reached the remarkable age of one hundred years and six months. An anecdote, illustrative of James Ferguson's retention of manly strength in an unusual degree in his advanced years, is still told in Caledonia county, although his death occurred thirty-seven years ago. The story is taken from a Peacham paper printed in 1855. June 1st was "training day" in Vermont, in those days, and may be now for all we know. The story runs as follows:

"The first Tuesday in June was a gala day with the men and boys in this town sixty years ago when they met for their annual June training.

"It was on one of these occasions that they met at Peacham Hollow.

"James Ferguson was up from Barnet. He lived to be one-hundred years and six months old. At the time of the June training in question, Mr. Ferguson was about sixty-five years old. In his young days he was considered the fastest runner in all our section. Thomas C. Clarke made his brags about being the fastest runner at that time.

"On this training day, he stepped up to Uncle James and asked him at what time in life he lost his faculty for running. 'Lost!' said old Jim. 'I haven't lost it yet!'

"At this the men and boys saw fun brewing and called for a race.

"Capt. Clarke said he would not be seen running a race with an old man like Ferguson. At this the old man made a mark in the dirt with the toe of his shoe, and placing his toe on the mark, shouted defiantly: 'Tom, I'll take ye down to the pile of rails yonder and back.'

"The men and boys yelled and Capt. Tom was obliged to place his toe on the line and make ready for the race.

"One! two! run! and away they went. Uncle Jim got to the pile and touched the rails first. On his way back he met Capt. Tom and said: 'Mr. Clark, at what time in life do you expect to run with Auld Jim Fegey?'

"A Summer Paradise."

All hotel and boarding-house proprietors on the line of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad desiring representation in the new edition of the *Hotel Directory*, should send full information at once to the General Passenger Agent, Albany, N. Y.

Washington Letter.

Tariff Revision—Coal, Iron, Steel and Lumber Duties Will Probably Be Reduced—Benzonate of Soda Harmless.

WASHINGTON, FEB. 2d.—The Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee have made sufficient progress with the tariff bill to justify the prediction that they will have it ready for introduction in the House a few days after the opening of the extra session of Congress, about March 15th. The deliberations of those in charge of the measure are carefully guarded. The policy of secrecy was adopted for two reasons, to obviate further hearings from persons who will be dissatisfied with the revised schedules of the Dingley Bill, and to prevent the use of information regarding the agreements reached by the committee for stock market purposes. Leaders of the House believe the bill will pass that body practically in the form in which it is reported by the Ways and Means Committee. If this is done the real battle over the proposed revision of the tariff will develop when the bill reaches the Senate. Before it is reported to that body it must be considered by the Finance Committee, and that committee is expected to make many changes in its provisions. The understanding is that Senator Penrose will be a member of the sub-committee of the Finance Committee that will pass upon the schedules with which Pennsylvania is directly concerned,—those relating to iron and steel products, lumber and coal. The Ways and Means Committee, practically, has agreed upon heavy reductions in the duties on iron and steel products, and it is believed that it will also reduce the tariff on lumber. The iron and steel manufacturers are not opposing what they consider fair reductions in the rates on those products, but they endeavor to prevent the sweeping reductions proposed by some of the members of the House Committee.

The Committee has not agreed upon the lumber schedule. Under the Dingley bill the tariff on lumber is two dollars a thousand feet. The committee is considering a proposition to remove this duty entirely. With free lumber, the lumber interests contend, Canadian dealers would supplant the lumber dealers of this country in the market for the cheaper grades. They admit that the market for high grade lumber would not be materially affected. The Committee also has under consideration a proposition to adopt a reciprocal agreement with Canada relating to coal. The present duty on soft coal is about sixty-seven cents a ton. The bulk of Canadian coal is mined in Nova Scotia and British Columbia, and the coal operators of Pennsylvania seem disposed to accept a reciprocal agreement. The Pennsylvania industrial interests realize that the Senate will be the battle ground. They have submitted their contentions regarding the tariff to Senator Penrose, and are depending upon him to protect them against dangerous tariff revision. No other member of the Senate will exert a more far-reaching influence in the construction of the bill than Mr. Penrose.

The report of the Remsen board regarding the use of benzonate of soda as a food preservative will lead to new regulations for the enforcement of many of the sections of the pure food law. The board, which consisted of four of the most eminent scientists in this country, decided that benzonate of soda is as harmless as a breakfast food, and that if any body wants to eat it he may go as far as he likes. The board completely explodes the theory of Chief Wiley, of the Bureau of Chemistry, who has charge of the enforcement of the pure food law, that benzonate of soda is poisonous when used as a preservative. The board in effect states that Mr. Wiley's "poison squad" experiment of two years ago, while sensational, was worthless. As the board was appointed by the President to settle the controversy over benzonate of soda, its findings are final. The controversy had been before the Agricultural Department ever since the enactment of the pure food law. The general belief here is that Mr. Roosevelt will now appoint a new man head of the Bureau of Chemistry, as the report of the Remsen board discredits Wiley as a chemist. His many theories with reference to food products have attracted widespread attention. Nearly all of these theories have been combated by other chemists.

"HUMAN LIFE."

Over 700 of our subscribers have selected "Human Life" as a premium, and we have received several letters stating that the Magazine had not been received. We wish to state that those who sent us prepaid subscriptions before Nov. 25th, were entitled to "Human Life" beginning with the November number; those who sent after that date, and previous to Dec. 25th, began with the January number, and those after Dec. 25th and before Jan. 25th, will receive the February number as the first, unless they have specified they wanted back numbers. In case any subscriber fails to receive "Human Life" or *THE CITIZEN*, kindly notify us by postal card. "Human Life" is sent direct to subscribers from the Boston office.

The woman who walked a thousand miles to find her husband must have had something in mind that she wanted to say to him.

GOOD ADVICE

For Those Who Need It.

BY MRS. BELLA SIDEWHEELER HAYDEL.

Maggie A. If he told you he loved another and expected to have his ring back, we confess it is up to you to return it. But if, as you say, you had sold the ring and didn't have the money to return, we would advise you to be honest with him and tell him you had lost the ring.

Jennie B. Once in a while a young man will call on a lady under the influence of whiskey. The symptoms you describe seem like liquor, but it might have been emotion. You say he tried to stand on his head; that he wanted to bet you five dollars you looked like an old witch; that he said he was married and the father of twins, but told you this confidentially; that he loved you better than any woman he had seen for a week—all of that sounds a little irregular. His attempt to blow out the gas and ignite his breath seems to be the fatal link in the chain of circumstantial evidence. You tell us his breath caught on fire. That really looks like as if he had been drinking. But we would advise you not to act too hastily, he may have been overcome with emotion in his deep love for you.

Married Man. You say she put pepper in the cake; cooled your soup with ice cream; told you your mother didn't know how to cook, and said you were a bald-headed imbecile. Of course that doesn't look exactly right. It looks like as if her love was cooling a little. As to throwing the plate at you, you say she knocked out your glass eye, and called you a glass eyed pole-cat. Such endearing words do not come from a woman who really loves her husband. As to putting the soft soap in your shoes, we admit that looks like malice, but it may be she thought your feet needed something like that. We would advise you to bear up under this, increase your accident policy and try to live on until the tariff is revised. Write us fully and freely how you get along.

First Voter. You request us to advise you whom to vote for to fill the position of Chief Burgess. We would much prefer to meet you and talk this matter over confidentially. We have a good position with good pay, and do not care about being black-listed. We are at liberty to say, that you would be justified in taking out nomination papers and running yourself, as neither of the candidates measure up to the requirements needed by the Chief Magistrate of a community where the main thoroughfares are mud roads. It is rumored that the candidates have agreed to pool their issues and divide the perquisites, which consist of two tickets to each show, which, if proven, will invalidate their election, and you may win.

Married Woman. If he continues to come home and insists on sleeping with his boots on, we hardly know what to say. Generally when a man wants to sleep with his boots on and can't talk plainly, he shows symptoms of booze. It maybe, however, he is worried over something, and forgets to take them off. Test it a year or two longer and then act discreetly.

Carrie N. So you are engaged, and think your lover gay is not sincere. You say he is also engaged to three other girls in your community and that he has a wife in Wisconsin. This seems a little irregular, but if he has sworn that he loves you and that you can trust him, of course that looks as if he meant business. If he has told the other girls the same thing, and his wife is going to have him arrested for desertion, it seems to us, if we were you, we would wait until he has been arrested for desertion, before we married him. However, if you have the wedding cake baked, it looks like it would be a pity to let it spoil. Be sure the license has your middle name spelled in full. Ex.

The February Atlantic.

In the Atlantic Monthly for February the first installment of the Diary of Gideon Wells, Lincoln's Secretary of the Navy, is the leading article. A paper by J. O. Fagan, the Railroad Signalman whose "Confessions" have given the public real knowledge of railroad problems, follows. W. Carnegie Forbes, Vice-Governor of the Philippines, reviews a decade of American rule in the Islands, and "An Experiment in Population," by Walter Weyl, shows the French argument for investing in bonds rather than in babies. An article on the impracticality of a "practical" education by Dean Birge of the University of Wisconsin, and delightful memories of Agassiz's teaching by the late Professor Shaler, follow. Redfern Mason contributes an article on "Musical Suggestion," while Mrs. Meynell's paper on the country of Edmund Spenser and William Garrott Brown's "The Beaten Track" will prove among the most alluring articles of the month. There is the usual generous amount of lighter reading, and an exceptionally full Contributors' Club gives extra good measure of humor to the issue.

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