ALL SEARCHED THEIR BOOKS

Amusing Joke Played by Alderman on His Brother Members of the Council.

They tell a story of an alderman who had a sense of humor. At a meeting of the council at a time when a number of contracts were to be given out the members picked up the record book with which all are provided and began to turn the pages idly. Suddenly he started and stopped, with a page poised between thumb and forefinger, and carefully looked around. Then he cautiously extracted a bank bill from between the pages and hastily thrust it in his vest pocket.

He turned a few more pages, pulled out another bill and put it away in the same manner. Then he began to wonder if he was being watched.

After he had found the third bill and hidden it he suddenly raised his head and looked about the table.

He says that every person present was carefully and breathlessly turning the pages of his book, one page at a time.

Of course the joker had "salted" his own book beforehand, and the whole thing was a scandalously clever sell.

SEAWEED AS POPULAR FOOD

Japan and Other Countries Already Use It to a Very Considerable Extent.

According to some French scientists seaweed will become one of the popular foods of the future. Already Japan uses it in a number of dainty table dishes and also cultivates it extensively that the supply may not give out.

In Brittany, too, the lower classes gather as much as twenty to thirty tons a year and call it by the name of Iceland moss. The peasants of northern France are beginning to follow the example and number it among their articles of diet.

In other localities the weed is looked upon as possessing great medicinal value, and in Corsica it is prescribed by the doctors as a sure cure for all kinds of goiter. As gelatins and alkalies are contained in the seaweed it is considered by the Asiatics to be invaluable in cases of severe indigestion.

CLEVER BABY.

"I have met many proud mothers," says a Rochester physician, "but no maternal pride eclipses that of a young woman to whose baby I have given some attention.

"One day she was pointing out to me the superlative excellences of her offspring, its intelligence, cleverness, etc., when she wound up with this:

"See, doctor, watch now, as I take him in my arms. Do observe how intelligently he breathes!"—Lippincott's.

ANOTHER PRIVILEGE GONE.

"What's old Hank Winters so goldarn mad at?" asked Hi Peters.

"Aw, he's kickin' about this here new-fangled parcel post."

"Haow do that hurt him?"

"Well, he says he won't never have no excuse no more to go to taown an' set araound th' store all day while he's expressin' a paound o' butter to his son in th' city. He says he dunno 'what our gov'ment's a-comin to."

AND THEN GOODBY.

"Would you as soon take your change in silver?"

"I suppose so. Only in that case I'll have to scatter it through all my pockets."

"Why so?"

"If I don't my wife'll hear it rattle."

STRIVING TO PLEASE.

"You seem to think well of the man who writes the weather prophecies in this particular almanac."

"Yes," replied Farmer Corntossel, "I have compared 'em all, and he predicts more good weather than all the rest of 'em put together."

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Increase of Drinking, Chewing and Smoking

In spite of appeals from pulpit and press, in spite of the admonitions of eminent medical men and learned scientists, the American people are becoming more strongly joined to their bad habits as the years roll on. Appeals have been thundered at us from every direction depicting the horrors of strong drink and the use of the filthy weed, but in response to the appeals we drink more, smoke more and chew more, according to the latest tax returns to Commissioner of Internal Revenue Gabell. From July until this February the nation has consumed ninety-four million gallons of whiskey, an increase of five million gallons over the same period of last year; eight billion, five hundred million cigarettes, an increase of two billion, two hundred and fifty million; four billion, five hundred million cigars, an increase of two hundred and fifty million; and two hundred and fifty million pounds of smoking and chewing tobacco, an increase of twelve million pounds. In addition beer drinkers are resuming their stride. During the 1912 fiscal year beer consumed fell off materially, but for the first seven months of the current fiscal year the people of the United States have drunk 38,864,000 barrels, an increase of 1,850,000 barrels over last year. Drinkers, smokers and chewers are thus enriching the federal government. Internal revenue taxes from July 1 to date are $12,500,000 greater than for any previous similar period.—Ex.

The Herald Publishing Company of Waxahachie has suspended publication of the Waxahachie Daily and Weekly Herald. These papers have had a very hard career since the beginning. A little over a year ago this company bought the Mirror plant and started a daily paper. There have been several different managers at the head of the venture since it began operation and all of them have found it a hard task. There is not room in Waxahachie for two papers, as the merchants have realized that if they supported two daily papers that it would make two sorry ones and have decided that they will give one their support and thus have a paper that will be a credit to their town. We always hate to hear of a deserving man or corporation failing, but where poor judgment is displayed they can't expect anything else.—Italy News Herald.

The school at Calhoun will close next Friday, the 18th. The Calhoun school term has indeed been a very successful one, the efficient teachers being Misses Beatrice Obenhaus of Weimar and Cora Green of Eagle Lake. On the closing day, next Friday, the school will give a big basket picnic at Calhoun to which all are invited. Come and bring your baskets and enjoy a genuine good, old fashioned basket picnic.

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The following well known citizens will act as judges: Rev. Wm. States Jacobs, Pastor First Presbyterian Church; M. S. Murray, Assistant Cashier Lumberman's National Bank; W. L. Sachtleben, Manager Majestic Theatre; W. R. Bacon, Advertising Manager Houston Post; R. H. Cornell, Advertising Manager Houston Chronicle.

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A Communication On The Bond Issue Question.

To the Headlight:

Having been prevented by sickness from discussing "Some Ethical Objections to the Bond Issue," as advertised, I beg to say; even now, to Mr. Engelhard and some others that it was a great disappointment to me. But as Emerson says, and I heartily recommend the saying to the advocates of the bond issue, "The compensations of calamity are made apparent after long intervals of time, and the sure years reveal the deep remedial force that underlies all fact."

I feel fully justified by the result of the election in believing that my use of printer's ink induced at least, a few to think, and to say that the biggest thing in our schemes of civil government is "the man behind the ballot," and just here, I beg to call attention to a few epochal periods in the history of the race.

The anger, whissing of the pyramids grime.
Has gone the way of men;
But the sun and moon, and the heart of man.
Are just the same as then."

Yet, in spite of this, "the world does move," and the relation of the ruler and the ruled is slowly, but surely, merging towards a higher and broader vital liberty for the masses and the individual. 'Tis a far, far cry from the day when the victorious armies of Marius and the Caesars, with their chained captives and the spoiles of war, marched over the world famed "Appian Way" into Rome, and then, to make a Roman holiday, threw those captives into the arena to meet death in the gladitorial strife to that day when the brothers of those chained captives marched in over that same famed "Appian Way" to beat down the gates of proud, cruel, imperial Rome, to do their pleasures there, and leave her prostrate and divested of her power forever. It was a far, far cry from that day, when, in the city of Frankfurt, Germany, the Jews were held as corporation chattels and sold to whoever wished to buy. To that day when the Rothschilds became the virtual owners, as they are today. A Rothschild became Minister of the purse strings of Europe, and when Disraili should be elevated to the place of Prime Minister of the British Empire. It was a far, far cry from that day when the Barons of old England wrestled from King John those concessations which constitute the Magna Charter of the Anglo Saxon of the day of our own Declaration of Independence; and as Magna Charter secured the rights of the people against the power of the King, so did our Declaration of Independence, and subsecuently, the "Bill of Rights," as per the Constitution guarantee the rights of the individual against the power of the majority, though the individual be in a minority of one. It was a far, far cry from that day when the Duke of Hesse, a German Prince, hired his vassals to King George to fight the American Colonies. And who were the hired mercenaries specifically mentioned in our Declaration of Indefindence, to that day of, so recent date, when the Socialist members of the Reichstag should boldly denounce the governmental measures of so autocratic a ruler as Kaiser Wilhelm. And now, Mr. Engelhard, and "some others," the Book of Books" suggestively silent as to Nationalities, State Lines, Ancestry, Environments, etc., says in the simplest terms, "That as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he;" and further, "Out of the heart are the issues of life." Still, as I am a human, very, very, human, I am just a little proud of the fact that Southern air is to me native air, and you know it has been said, "that native air is powerful: it retains forever the perfume of our early years and no one can breathe it, and not recall some image of the past; some melody of his youth." Old Maryland, the land of my birth, furnished twenty-two thousand men for the revolutionary struggle and some of them, I am proud to say, and am prepared to prove, were my ancestors. They did not, I am willing to grant, know much about those starred and spangled courts "where on browed baseness wafts perfume to pride," but they were men, "high minded men," who their duties knew, and who knew their rights as well; and be it said to their eternal glory, "they dared maintain."

And so it comes, that in that land today "low grassy mounds still tell where, in the name of 'liberty,' many a hero fell with sword in hand," and standing prepared to substantiate my claim to a birth right in this glorious heritage of precious memories and traditions. I am of course perfectly familiar, and I use the word familiar advisedly, (and you are at perfect liberty to interpret as may suit you best) with negroes. And I am more than glad to say in their behalf, that the instances of their fidelity (and fidelity be it known is the noblest attribute of humanity) are at once numerous and familiar, and as the poet Gray says of the yeomanry of England, so do I in grateful acknowledgement of their services, say of them:

"Oft to their sickle did the harvest yield,
Their furrows oft the stubbourn glebe has broke:
How joyond did they drive their teams afield,
How bowed the woods beneath their sturdy stroke."

"And knowing of their, as I know of my own rude perennial toil," and cold discouragement; My advice to them is the same that I adopt to my own guidance. "Stand fast therefore in the liberty, where with Christ has made us free, and not be entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Galatian, 1-5.

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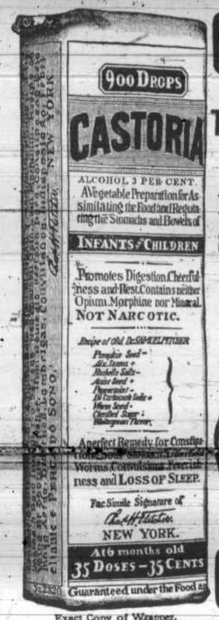
Mr. J. F. Ahlers left last Saturday for Thompsons where he will resume his former position with Mr. Lee Hughs as manager of the large rice farm at that place.

Miss Elsie Kretzschmar, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kretzschmar, is very sick at her home with a complication of measles and pneumonia. She has been ill for more than two weeks and has, at times, had two physicians attending her.



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