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MARION, VIRGINIA, FRIDAY, FEB. 17, 1899.

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**Queer Hotel.**  
"Cross one of the queerest in the world not long ago," former just in from a trip. He is to advertise the establishment gratuitously, so suffice it to be stated in a city made by traveling men out of New York and run by an eccentric old man has named his rooms after the head of giving them number. The effect is somewhat startling but there first to enquire about it.  
"He's in Texas," replied the man whom I questioned.  
"It he isn't in Texas," I protested, "for I happen to know he's right here in this hotel."  
"Then he explained. While I was standing there waiting the side talk at the desk was enough to make a man think he was crazy.  
"Gent in Massachusetts is kicking a fellow said a bellboy; 'Claims dat feller in Utah is all de time playing de cardian at nights.'  
"Pat him in Montana," replied the clerk.  
"No towels in North Dakota," said the chambermaid, "And that 'at man in Florida wants to be changed to Florida."  
"He came down looking like a man who had been in a poker game in New York before and now he knows."

## The Potash Question.

A thorough study of the subject has proven that crop failures can be prevented by using fertilizers containing a large percentage of Potash; no plant can grow without Potash.

We have a little book on the subject of Potash, written by authorities, that we would like to send to every farmer, free of cost, if he will only write and ask for it.

GERMAN KALI WORKS,  
93 Nassau St., New York.

Lincoln at the Bar.

A suit was brought in the United States court in Springfield, against a citizen for an infringement of a patent right. Mr. Lincoln was employed to defend it. Mr. Lincoln went to the most skilled architect in the city, inquired how he spent his winter evenings, and received the reply: "If times are brisk I sometimes work; other times I have no special business." Mr. Lincoln said: "I have a patent-right case in court; I want you as a partner and will divide fees. I no nothing about mechanics—never made it a study. I want you to make a list of the best mechanics on mechanism, as I don't suppose you can be purchased here. I will give you the money, and you can come to New York for me to my office."

## Methodists Moving to Raise \$27,000,000.

At Richmond on the 15th of February, at Norfolk on the 22d, and at Lynchburg on the 29th, there will be three important meetings of Ministers and leading laymen of the Virginia Methodist Conference. The purpose is to start publicity in Virginia a movement in which Methodists the world over are participating in preparation for the part which that organization is expecting to have in the supreme effort of the General Church to Christianize the whole world in the twentieth century.

The movement was begun in England last year by a proposition of a member of the British Parliament, himself an ardent Methodist, that in gratitude to God for for the wonderful growth of the Church there, and in preparation for enlarged work for the new century, the Wesleyans of England should bring a thank offering of one million guineas, (\$5,250,000.) Action was at once taken and a large part of the money has already been secured.

Canadian Methodists seconded the motion with a proposition to raise \$1,000,000, and the Southern Methodists in their General Conference in Baltimore last May decided to make their offering \$1,500,000. The more numerous and wealthy Northern Methodists have settled on \$30,000,000 as their mark, and have gone to work to raise it with characteristic energy.

The movement to be formally begun in Richmond on the 15th is therefore a part of a world-wide pan-Methodistic advance. Bishop Galoway, who is said to be a most eloquent and aggressive Methodist divine, has been specially assigned to the duty of the general movement in Virginia and North Carolina.

## WINE OF CARDUI MONTHLY SUFFERING.

Thousands of women are troubled at monthly intervals with pains in the head, back, breasts, shoulders, sides hips and limbs. But they need not suffer.



These pains are symptoms of dangerous derangements that can be corrected. The menstrual function should operate painlessly.

**McELREE'S Wine of Cardui**

makes menstruation painless, and regular. It puts the delicate menstrual organs in condition to do their work properly. And that stops all this pain. Why will any woman suffer month after month when Wine of Cardui will relieve her? It costs \$1.00 at the drug store. Why don't you get a bottle to-day?

For advice, in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mrs. ROZENA LEWIS,  
of Canaville, Texas, says:  
"I was troubled at monthly intervals with terrible pains in my head and back, but have been entirely relieved by Wine of Cardui."

## NOTICE

The St. Clair Roller Mills have changed hands. We will remodel and put in some new machinery, and will do first-class work. Will grind anything in the grain line. Will make my customers flour out of their own wheat, and we guarantee satisfaction. We also have stables for convenience to customers. I will be glad to see all of my old customers at any time. All I ask is to give me a trial. E. C. HUGHES.

An Adrian county (Mo.) court has been struggling with a peculiar lawsuit, but the principal figure, who has been hired one day, has been discharged.

## KLEPTOMANIA A DISEASE.

Fashionable Women Entertainers Often Victims of the Unfortunate Mania.

Kleptomania is a much more prevalent social crime than people are generally aware, says a New York exchange. Thieving, it is called with the lower classes, kleptomania is the veiled title for the same offense with those of higher rank, but, all the same, it is one and the same thing, and it is not always the servants who cause stickpins and other attractive trifles to mysteriously disappear from milady's dressing table or bric-a-brac from the dressing-room. Every woman who entertains much knows the inexplicable way in which certain articles are lost, and, although her guests are, of course, beyond suspicion, she feels sure that it is not the servants who are always in fault.

"I simply cannot keep stickpins in my cushion," said a social woman recently. "Many women who are simply without conscience in regard to them. I have lost six this winter, and several were really quite valuable."

"That's not so bad as having a piece of silver taken before your very eyes, and not daring to remonstrate," said another. "One of my Dutch toys on my silver table was actually taken by a person we both knew, and I saw her do it, and did not dare to say a word!"

Another woman who has recently returned from Europe, and whose hobby is collecting odd and valuable rings, brought out her collection to show some friends recently at a small tea she was giving, and found, after the company had departed, that two were missing, and yet there had not been a servant in the room. The inference was unavoidable.

And yet women claim the same sense of honor that characterizes the men.

## POPULAR RULE.

It Has Always Proved to Be a Flat Failure Among Backward Races.

Anent the proposition to make our newly-acquired dependencies self-governing, it is interesting to note that parliamentary government has invariably proved a flat failure in semicivilized countries.

The negro republics of Liberia and Hayti form the most glaring example; but it would hardly be correct, after all, to describe their government as parliamentary. With the exception of Chili, which, thanks to a very large admixture of English and Scotch blood in its best families, stands far ahead of the rest, nearly all the Central and South American republics are pitiable parodies on popular government. The grossest corruption and incapacity are used by paper constitutions to cover up the verbiage.

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### Our Country.

"Our country, in her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always be right; but our country, right or wrong."

Thus spake gallant old Stephen Decatur, who though born a Frenchman was every inch an American, from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet.

Sharing in the spirit, if not the very letter, of Commodore Decatur's famous toast quoted above and applying it to the present situation, we are for our country. United States senators who choose may question the truth of what Dewey and Otis say about the aggressor in the conflict between the Filipinos and American soldiers at Manila; they may accept what Aguinaldo says about in preference to what is said by our own commanders and their men, we prefer to take the word of Otis and Dewey.

We do not believe that this general in our army and this admiral in the navy would lie to their own countrymen and to the world, to cover up a wanton, brutal attack made upon semi-savages, for no other purpose than to gain notoriety by shedding innocent blood. We do not believe them to be such monsters as they certainly are, if Aguinaldo's version of that fight is taken as the truth, as Senator Mason evidently does, according to his speech made in the senate chamber Saturday.

"We love our country because it is our own, and scorn to give any other reason why."

There is nothing in the past history of the men to justify the belief that Aguinaldo tells the truth and that Dewey and Otis are liars and murderers. If what Aguinaldo claims be true then that is what Dewey and Otis are. The past record of these two men has been honorable. Nobody has charged them with being untruthful or brutal. And yet if what Senator Mason asserts be true they are both.

He accepts the word of Aguinaldo, a man who sold out and betrayed the very people for whom he now professes friendship for Spanish gold. But he was our ally it is said. What sort of an ally? Dewey found him at Hong Kong, where he had gone after receiving word that he had killed him.

## Tells People How to Look Young When They Are Old

### All Weak and Nervous Women May Follow Her Example.

"I was very nervous and weak, had bronchitis and a cough and was afflicted with female difficulties. Sometimes I was almost crazy. I took medicines with scarcely any benefit. A friend who had been greatly helped by Hood's Sarsaparilla advised me to try it. I did so and also used Hood's Pills and I am now feeling better than I have felt for years. When people ask me what makes me feel so well I tell them to take Hood's Sarsaparilla if they wish to feel well and look young when they are old." Mrs. J. W. BRINSON, 415 4th Ave., N. E., Roanoke, Va.

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### Hood's Pills

McKinley Named.

Dayton, O., Feb. 12.—Senator Foreaker and Davis were the most prominent guests at the State Republican League banquet. Both praised President McKinley's administration of the war, and predicted he would be the Republican nominee for President next year.

### Coldest for Fifty Years.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 14.—The coldest weather experienced here since 1884 was at 8 o'clock this morning, when the thermometer stood at 6 degrees above zero, with four inches of snow on the ground.

### ILOILO TAKEN BY GEN. MILLER.

#### Our Troops Occupy the Town.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Shortly before midnight, Adjutant General Corbett made public the following dispatch from Major General Otis, reporting the capture of the town of Iloilo by the American forces under General Miller on the 11th instant:

Manila, February 13.—General Miller reports from Iloilo that town taken on the 11th instant and held by troops. Insurgents given until evening of 11th to surrender but their hostile action brought on engagement during the morning. Insurgents fired native portion of the town, but little loss of property to foreign inhabitants. No casualties among the United States troops reported.

OTIS.

### BRYAN SNUBBED.

Pennsylvania Democrats Do Not Second His Invitation to Unvelling.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 10.—A resolution was presented in the Senate today providing for a legislative committee to assist in making arrangements for the unveiling of the Hartrauff monument. The committee will meet on May 12th, and an invitation to take part in the ceremony will be issued.

### Looking Up Iron Property.

The Marion correspondent of The Richmond Times says:

Parties supposed to represent the company which is securing all the furnaces on the Norfolk and Western railway have been examining the Marion and Rye Valley railroad, and looking after valuable iron ore property in Rye Valley, some ten miles south of this place.

The cold weather has put a stop to all outdoor work in this section, but we all hope something is in store for Marion and vicinity as a result of the promised boom in iron.

### Result of the Cold Wave.

### DAMAGE DONE TO FRUIT, TREES AND OTHER CROPS.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 16.—Superintendent Myers, of the Florida division of the Southern Express Company, with headquarters here, has received reports from every express agent in the State respecting the damage done by the recent cold wave. The reports cover every section of the State and practically all of it. They show that all truck and vegetables have been wiped out; nothing remains.

Many of the small truckers are left penniless. To aid them the Southern Express Company and the railroads will probably furnish seeds free. Superintendent Myers has started the movement and the roads will join in it.

The reports hold out the hope that the orange groves have not been seriously injured, though several days must elapse before the truth will be known.

### THE NEW MAINE.

Keel Laid on Anniversary of the Explosion at Havana.

Philadelphia, Feb. 15.—The anniversary of the blowing up of the battleship Maine, in Havana harbor, was marked here with the beginning of work on the power of the man-of-war which will bear the name of the historic battleship the destruction of which did much to precipitate the war with Spain.

The new Maine will be built by the Cramp Ship Building Company, and at the company's yard at 11 o'clock today the first piece of the keel of the vessel was laid. There was no formality in the proceedings, but the shipyard was thrown open to the public, and a great cheer was given by the crowd as the group of workmen set in place first steel piece of the keel. Other pieces of the keel were immediately hoisted and placed by the side of the first and thus was started what will be one of the most powerful fighters of the new navy. The builders will endeavor to have the new battleship ready for launching on Feb. 15 of next year and to have her ready to receive the keel.

### EARTH SHAKES AND RUMBLES.

Severe Earthquake Shocks in Southwest Virginia.

Radford, Va., Feb. 13.—Two severe earthquake shocks were felt here this morning at 4:35 o'clock. Each shock lasted about twenty-five seconds and were about ten seconds apart.

Many were aroused from their slumbers and some were so terrified that they were in the act of rushing into the snow outdoors when the shaking ceased.

Winston, N. C., Feb. 13.—Many citizens were awakened at 4:30 this morning by four severe earthquake shocks which lasted several seconds. The vibration was from southeast to northwest.

Many think it was the severest and most distinctive shocks yet felt in this section.

Pulaski, Va., Feb. 13.—A severe earthquake shock was felt here this morning at fifteen minutes before 5 o'clock. It was one of the most severe ever felt here. A good many people were awakened by the loud rumbling.

The houses and furniture shook violently and the shock lasted fully thirty seconds.

Danville, Va., Feb. 13.—Three distinct shocks of earthquake were felt here at 4:30 this morning. Many persons were awakened.

Vibration north to south.

Lexington, Va., February 13.—were a heavy earthquake shock here at 4 o'clock this morning.

An exchange gives the following advice: Our correspondents are cautioned against one thing. If you see a poor love sick boy stealing up the road on Sunday evening to see his sweetheart—let him go. Draw a veil over him. Don't report him. He is doing right and sweating blood over it. Don't mention it. Cupid must be encouraged. This paper is in favor of Cupid. We want the young people to love each other, and love good and strong. And you know if a man is young and bashful a dose of it nearly kills him. He suffers sweet agony. Let him off. We want all our correspondents to look up at the skies when they hear the crack of a bass in their neighborhood.

The Maine

### How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours: a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

### What To Do.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effects of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At the druggists fifty cents or one dollar.

You may have a sample bottle and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail, if you send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing be sure and mention that you read this generous offer in the Marion News.

The Treaty Signed—The President Attaches His Signature With Little Formality.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The official copy of the treaty of peace with Spain bearing the signature of the Spanish and American Commissioners, which was ratified by the Senate last Monday, as certified by Vice-President Hobart, was signed by the President and Secretary Hay at 2:33 o'clock this afternoon in the library of the Executive Mansion. There was little formality observed; although a number of persons were present by invitation of the President.

In signing the document the President and Secretary of State sat at the round table in the centre of the library; the pen was an ordinary gold one, which the President frequently uses in his office work. The ceremonies occupied only a few minutes and at its conclusion the President replaced the pen.

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## NEWS

### Local Items.

**Treasurer.**  
of Smyth County.—I myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer. Election in May. I earnestly desire, promising if elected, to faithfully discharge the duties of said office. Very Respectfully,  
E. G. DAVIS.

**Attorney.**  
of Smyth County.—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Attorney for the County. If you think I have the qualifications for the office, as you are entitled to elect, I shall be glad to receive your favor and support. Election 4th Thursday in May. Very Respectfully,  
GEO. W. RICHARDSON.

**Commissioner of the Revenue.**  
of Smyth County.—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Commissioner of the Revenue for Rich Valley District. If elected, I shall strive to discharge the duties of the office as faithfully and impartially in the future as I have endeavored to do in the past. Very Respectfully,  
H. N. BELL.

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To the Voters of Smyth County.—I respectfully request your suffrage at the election to be held on the fourth Thursday in May next, for the position of Treasurer of your County. If it shall be your pleasure to place this important trust in my hands, I promise to use my best endeavors to execute it with fidelity and for the best interest of the people and County.

Very Respectfully Yours,  
GEO. W. WRIGHT.

How a Hurst!

Rheumatism, with its sharp twinges, aches and pains. Do you know the cause? Acid in the blood has accumulated in your joints. The cure is found in Hood's Sarsaparilla which neutralizes this acid. Thousands write that they have been completely cured of rheumatism by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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W. J. Chisenhall, Esq., of Rye Valley, was in town Wednesday.

Last Tuesday the mercury registered 18 degrees below zero in Marion.

J. R. Honaker, J. W. Lantz and H. S. Horne, of Cedar Springs, were in Marion last Friday.

M. Weiler made his monthly visit to Saltville last Wednesday, and remained over until yesterday.

Mr. T. F. Pruner, we are glad to note, is able to leave his room and get out on the street occasionally.

M. P. Blankenbecker, of Adwolve, brought in a fine porker last Wednesday which was easily disposed of.

Messrs. D. E. Carrier and Jno. A. Blount, who have been at Roanoke, during the fall and winter months, returned home this week.

John and J. B. Whitehead, citizens of Olympia, returned Saturday in business matters.

Pastor J. M. Dunaway who has been in Eastern Virginia for several weeks returned home yesterday morning. He does not think his eyes have improved much, but he desires us to say that he will fill his pulpit at the Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a. m.

Our announcement column continues to grow. In this issue Mr. A. J. Harris announces himself a candidate for Commissioner of Revenue for Marion District. Mr. Harris is a worthy citizen and is well known throughout the county, having served as commissioner some years ago. If elected he promises to discharge the duties of the office faithfully.

It is said that the soldiers who had taken Hood's Sarsaparilla stood the long marches in Cuba much better than the others.

Mr. George H. Polling, of the famous Jewelry House, of H. Silverthorpe & Co., Lynchburg, Va., will make his monthly visit to Marion next Monday, (court day.) He carries with him a large and elegant line of jewelry and fine silverware. His stock will be found in the store room at the Valley House. He will remain in town until Tuesday night. Don't fail to call and examine his handsome line of goods whether you want to make a purchase or not.

### Preparing for Spring.

Don't let this season overtake you have attended to the important duty of purifying your blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. By taking this medicine now you may save sickness that will mean time and money as well as suffering later on. Hood's Sarsaparilla will give you rich blood, good appetite, good digestion and sound healthy body. It is the greatest and best spring medicine because it is the One True Blood Purifier. Its unequalled record of marvelous cures has won for it the confidence of the whole people.

### NOTICE!

Our aim is to please our customers, and to do this, we have bought a number of fat heifers at a high price, as good as there is on the market, and we have decided to make another change, viz: Instead of selling all steak at 10 cents, we will from this date reduce the price of Fore Quarter Steak to 8 cents and make the price of other meats as follows:

House Steak,	12 cts.
Steak,	12 cts.
Roast,	10 cts.
Roast,	9 to 10 cts.

Death of Judge D. C. Miller.  
Judge D. C. Miller, after a long illness, died at his home last Sunday at 6:40 p. m. He was 62 years old, and a Tennessean by birth. He was educated at Emory and Henry College and graduated at that institution in 1858.

He served four years in the Confederate army and soon after the war came to Virginia, located in Smyth County at what was then known as Sulphur Springs. Then he was engaged in teaching for about 8 years. At the earnest solicitation of a number of the leading citizens of Marion he was induced to move to this place where he founded the Marion High School. This was one of the most successful schools for young men of its kind ever conducted in S. W. Va. Judge Miller was the first Superintendent of Public Instruction for Smyth county under the Free School system. He filled this position up to 1880 when he was honored by being elected Judge of Smyth county. He was successful on the bench and inaugurated a system of improvement in the county which has not been excelled by any of his successors. After the expiration of his judicial term he entered the practice of law, which profession he continued until a few years ago when he again engaged in teaching. He was at several times elected a member of the Town Council, and is the author of the present Charter and By Laws of the Town of Marion. Among the different vocations he espoused he was probably most successful as a teacher. In this noble calling he spent the prime of his life and today many of our leading business and professional men owe their success largely to his efficient instruction. He was not only a prominent citizen in every day life, but was an ardent and devout worker in his church. At the time of his death he was an Elder in the Royal Oak Presbyterian Church. He was an earnest Sunday School worker and always took a prominent part not only in his Church School but in the Sunday Schools of his county. He was President of the Smyth County Sunday School Society for several years. He leaves a wife and six children, three sons and three daughters, who mourn his loss. The funeral service was conducted from the Presbyterian Church by his pastor, Rev. C. D. Waller. He was a Royal Arch Mason and after the funeral service was taken to Round Bay and buried with the

## ASK YOUR DOCTOR!

Ask your physician this question, "What is the one great remedy for consumption?" He will answer, "Cod-liver oil." Nine out of ten will answer the same way.

Yet when persons have consumption they loathe all fatty foods, yet fat is necessary for their recovery and they cannot take plain cod-liver oil. The plain oil disturbs the stomach and takes away the appetite. The disagreeable fishy odor and taste make it almost unendurable. What is to be done? This question was answered when we first made

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# Red Letter

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Feb. 12 1899.

Dear Editor:  
As it has been raining hard all day and seems like it might snow all night I will try to give you some of the news of our valley and neighborhood. We have had a great deal of sickness, such as colds and coughs; only one death—Oll Sister Pafford, wife of W. M. Pafford. She had been a great sufferer for many years with something like spinal affection. At her death her daughter Callie was taken very serious with something like meningitis, but I am glad to say she is on the mend.

Mrs. L. C. Rhoades, wife of J. W. Rhoades, left home Wednesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Olivia Cora Dishman, in Washington county. She will be absent from home sometime. I am glad to say Mr. Rhoades and his two boys, W. M. and J. C. are getting along fine keeping house, but said that it is somewhat lonesome with out a woman around the house, in his experience.

I am sorry to say that work at the rock quarry in our midst is not progressing much now on account of bad weather. This enterprise is giving our neighbor boys plenty of work. I understand payday is to be the 17.

Dear Editor if you have space in your column please insert this letter and don't cast it in your waste basket. Yours truly,  
STEWART.

Cattle men from Smyth and Tazewell counties have been in the Elk Creek Valley and offered \$23 per head for yearlings. Our farmers are holding for even better prices than that. Work oxen have been sold for \$32 per yoke. Five cents has been offered for early lambs—to be taken by 15th of June. This looks like business and good times coming back to our farmers.—Grayson Journal.



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MR. EDITOR:—I would like to use a small space in your valuable paper, and hope you will accord me the happy privilege.

We have been looking over the announcements in your paper, and we are glad to find the candidate's name that we have so much talked about in our neighborhood. That name is the Ex-Post Master of the town of Marion. The people here are solid for him for County Treasurer, and all are glad to learn he has announced himself a candidate, for the office, for we intend to elect him. We know he is a solid Democrat, and we know we are just as solid the other way, (Republican;) but I, and hundreds of others, are here to say, regardless of political prejudice, that there is no man in the State of Virginia, that has won the hearts of the people as the Hon. Geo. W. Wright, as Post Master, and he never will be excelled for efficiency, politeness, and for accommodating the whole people alike, the rich, the poor, the young, the old, the white, the black, Republican and Democrat, all shared alike, in his official courtesy.

Taking all these things in consideration, we don't believe there is a better qualified man in the county in every respect, therefore, my neighbors and myself will give him our hearty support. We believe he will make as good Treasurer as he did a P. M., and we could ask none better. So, brother, we are glad you are in the field for we are coming ten thousand strong. We want to put the right man in the right place, and we will all be glad to have a gentleman whom

### LIFE IN A SMALL TOWN.

The Old Song of the Big Toad in the Little Puddle Tested by a New Yorker.

"I do not assert that my tale has any moral tied to it, but if any young man wants it he can have it. Maybe there are some who could win out on it, but I couldn't be fixed in any way to try it again."

The man who opened the talk had been asked by several men much younger than he what he would do if he had an offer that had been made to them.

"I don't know who said it," he continued, "but it was by some one who had been there, you can gamble, and this is what he said: 'There are critical times in every man's career when a decision decides a destiny.'

"The critical moment in my life was when a Yankee from a New England town played the siren to my hopes. I am sure I am not the first man who listened, but I believe I am one of the first to tell the result. He demonstrated to me that a young man could live cheaper in a small town—on one-half the money he could earn in New York and get more out of the existence. He applied the theory to me personally. He had the place and half the money to offer.

"Some of the allurements of this gold-brick dealer were, as I viewed them, enumerated in the following order: No competition, unlimited credit, a social position at the jump and no questions asked; immediate membership in the club, the acquaintance of the leading men. To these were added the possibilities, namely, chance to get in on the ground floor of the business and matrimony in a rich family.

To a man who had been sleeping in a hall room, third floor, back, and eating an occasional meal under the same roof, in the house of a Hungarian over on the east side, this picture of the New England man looked like the sweet fields beyond the swelling flood.

"I reached the New England town, or city as you call it, Sunday morning. If any of you are going to a New England town on trial don't go in on Sunday. If the forecaster can locate a tornado in the place select that date. In that case you might find things lively. Of course all depends upon what you are going for. I lived in the house of one of the descendants. I could not have stopped at the tavern on the salary I had accepted. This was the first awakening. My venerable landlord and his good wife were frugal indeed. They had family prayer and retired early. I had been drilled in both. I might have changed my quarters, but inquiry brought information about other places which made them no more desirable. Whenever I left the house in the evening I was requested to return early, so as not to be a nuisance. They didn't call it that, but that was what they meant; and on the following morning I was interrogated much closer than I had ever been at my home.

"The man who had led me into this beautiful dream life said to me one day that as soon as the season opened he hoped to introduce me into society. He said society would be home in about two months. I asked him if there were no people in town on whom I could rehearse, as it were, until the elect returned. But I learned that there were no rehearsals. There were but two classes in the place, the aristocrats and the commoners. Any association with the latter cut off approach to the circles of the former.

"Finally I was posted for membership in the club and was blackballed. But that turned out to be a mistake. The man who did it apologized. He thought I was another man of the same name. I was afterward accepted, but I think there were some who never quite understood it. Whenever a game became interesting to me the other fellows had engagements and went to fulfill them.

"I had some friends to dinner at the club one Sunday. It was a dry affair in spite of my attempt at bribery, for which I was lectured by the officers of the club. When the season opened I found some invitations to go to dances in a New England town in Ohio.

### BICYCLES IN JAVA.

Wheeling Is Becoming Popular as an Amusement in the Dutch Orient.

The ubiquitous bicycle has invaded far off Java, where the coffee comes from. Previous to three years ago the silent steed was unknown in the island, but now it is estimated that from 3,000 to 4,000 machines are in use there, and the number is steadily increasing.

"Wheeling," writes Sidney H. Everett, our consul at Batavia, "is confined entirely to Europeans, half castes and Chinese, the Arabs and natives not having taken it up. Elderly people do not ride, as they do at home, and women very little, as it is considered immodest for a girl over 15 to ride a bicycle. I do not, therefore, recommend sending any ladies' wheels here.

"About 60 per cent. of the wheels in use here are cheap, and the majority of these cheap ones are German. This is due not only to the enterprise of the Germans, which has far surpassed that of any other country, but also to the fact that people here are very close and penurious, and always buy the cheapest article obtainable, regardless of quality.

"Of the better grade of bicycles nearly all are English. These first in the field. They are very heavy and clumsy, and ought to be easily supplanted by our lighter and better made machines. There are distinct signs that a few people are appreciating the fact that it pays to buy a good wheel, and if that idea spreads—ideas are slow to spread here—our manufacturers should have a great opportunity.

"Strange to relate, the most fastidious and the most willing to pay good prices are the Chinese, who are becoming enthusiastic bicyclists, as they are better able to stand the heat than Europeans.

"Although the use of the bicycle is spreading steadily all the time, the increase is not at the rate of two years ago. The reason for this is that when everyone who wanted a bicycle had bought one the demand at once ceased, and has since been merely from newcomers or boys growing up. The idea of buying a new machine every year, as we do at home, is incomprehensible to people here, and the wheels they bought two or three years ago will be made to last until they drop to pieces.

"The wear on wheels is not very great. Long distance riding is unknown, although the roads everywhere are almost perfect. The sun, however, is hot, and the only time one can ride is for an hour in the early morning and about the same time in the evening. Riding at night, even with a lamp, is looked upon with disapproval and suspicion, though it is not prohibited. Consequently with care there is no reason why a wheel should not last ten years."—N. Y. Herald.

### ONLY TWO-BARRELED CANNON.

The Odd Gun Intended for Cutting a Wide Swath of Death—It Proved a Failure.

The old double-barreled cannon of the Mitchell Thunderbolts is now owned by the city, and is on the city hall lot. Capt. Barnett has been instructed to have the cannon mounted at the head of the park on College avenue, near the confederate monument. There is a history of unique interest that goes along with this old cannon. In the first place, it is the only double-barreled cannon in the world. In the next place, it was invented with a peculiar idea in the mind of the inventor. It belonged to the Mitchell Thunderbolts, a company of old men organized here in 1863 purely for defense. One of the company, Gilleland, invented this.

The idea of Mr. Gilleland was to have a considerable chain with a double-barreled cannon at the end of it.

### A PATRIOTIC BABY.

He Was Born with "U. S." and Stars on His Breast After the Fight at Coamo.

Near the quiet little town of Coamo, in the province of Ponce, Porto Rico, was born on Thanksgiving day a remarkable boy baby. His mother, says the New York Sun, was a half-breed West Indian negress and his father a full-blooded negro. The baby is almost white. More remarkable still are the markings on the child's breast. On the right side there is a blood-red letter "U," while on the other side appears the letter "S" in a bluish-purple tint. About these letters are many white spots like stars, two on either side of the neck being five-pointed.

A visitor who saw the baby learned that during the fight of Coamo last July, when the Pennsylvania troops were sent to the rear of the Spanish position, the mother was alarmed while at work in the field near the road by the approach of the American troops. She was frightened at their sudden appearance, and, crouching behind a hedge, watched them pass.

The regimental colors were suddenly planted against the hedge near her as the color bearer rested for a few minutes. She had never seen a full-blooded white man before except the sunburned and dark-hued Spaniards, and the Pennsylvania men appeared as a different race to her. The excitement of the battle that followed added to her first surprise, prostrating her for several days. Nothing was thought of the experience after she had fully recovered until the birth of her baby.

### THE SPANISH WAY.

In Which a Heavy New Orleans Shipper Was Mauled in Havana.

"Speaking about the way the Spaniards are running the Havana custom house," remarked one of the representatives of a large firm of New Orleans shippers, according to the Times-Democrat, "I'll just mention a little incident of our own experience there a couple of months ago. We had taken over a small cargo and were being bled in a fashion that would have disgraced a Malay pirate, when I happened to be looking over the bill for extra charges—supplementary 'war tariff,' they called it—and detected an error in addition of about six dollars. It was a small matter, but as long as we were dealing with robbers I concluded to demand all I could and called the matter to the attention of the chief inspector. He took the bill and returned a corrected copy next morning. It contained two new items, one of nine dollars for revision of the list, as 'per request,' and one of \$6.50 clerk's fees, for making a new copy; total, \$15.50. That represented a net loss of \$9.50. I was so mad that I couldn't see straight, but all the satisfaction I got was to pay the bill. This is no fairy story, but a cold fact, and the documents to prove it are in the safe right now."

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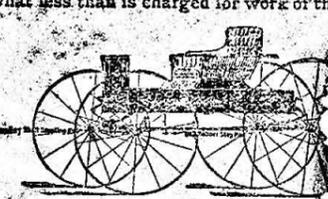
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