

LINCOLN'S JOKE.

Fixing the Responsibility for the Loss of Harpers Ferry.

President Lincoln's jokes, especially when perpetrated in connection with grave matters, usually had a purpose in them.

Halleck was summoned, but did not know where the blame lay. "Very well," said Lincoln, "I'll ask General Schenck."

Then the president assembled the four generals in his room and said to them: "Gentlemen, Harpers Ferry was surrendered and none of you, it seems, is responsible."

"Who, Mr. President; who is it?" asked the distinguished general as they looked anxious, if not troubled.

SLEEP MYSTERIES.

Tasks Often Performed While the Worker Slumbers.

A psychologist was discussing the miracles of sleep.

"One can become so accustomed," he said, "to a monotonous task that one can fall asleep and still keep on working."

"Men have composed great literary works in their sleep, Coleridge's 'Kubla Khan' is the most famous example of this; but, then, Coleridge was a morphomaniac, and his sleep was scarcely natural."

"Divers sometimes fall asleep deep down in the sea, but some unknown part of their brain keeps watch, and at the proper moment, though asleep, they give the order to be hauled up."

Penny For a Priceless Book.

A workman once purchased for a penny an aged looking volume bearing date of 1549. The man tried to read it, but threw up the attempt apparently in disgust, and the volume was relegated to the cupboard.

Improved on Solomon.

In a certain Sunday school a little girl told the story of Solomon and the disputing mothers in this wise: "Solomon was a very wise man. One day two women went to him, quarreling about a baby. One woman said, 'This is my child,' and the other woman said, 'No, 'tain't; it's mine.'"

At a Disadvantage.

Bacon—Would you call him a good talker? Egbert—No, I would not. "How many times have you heard him talk?" "Only once."

Had a Woman to Blame.

"I have had dreadful luck. This morning I dropped my spectacles, and my wife stepped on them."

The Poet Answered.

"Do you know that I was born on the same day Emerson died?" "Both events being a cruel misfortune to literature."—Bohemian.

He hurts the good who spares the bad.

—Pope.

Partners.



"Before I engage you I must tell you my husband is very particular and very cross."

Couldn't Touch Him.



"I tell you, sir, you're a liar!" "Sir! If I were a fighting man, I'd knock you down for that."

Real Need For Hurry.



The Gentleman with the Bonnet Box—Don't stop me, old chap! Don't stop me! I've got a new hat for my wife in here, and if I'm not quick I'll be out of fashion before she's worn it."

Seeing the Sights.



New Yorker (to visitor)—There is a relic of the past—an old Fifth avenue balloon.—Harper's Weekly.

Any Port In a Storm.



She—Just imagine! Supposing you were so immensely wealthy that you couldn't possibly spend your income. What would you do? He—Marry you.—New York Mail.

A Tight Squeeze.



Broucho Bob—I hear Dead Eye Pete has been hugged to death by a female grizzly. Hurricane Bill—Well, that's just like Pete. He never could stand being hugged by a female.—Chips.

Matter For Surprise.



She—You know, Mr. Jones, I drank some poison by mistake once. He—By Jove! Didn't it kill you?—Tattler.

Between Friends.



Mr. Hamfitt—I say, McBooth, here's an article about a fellow who walked around the world. Mr. McBooth—An actor, by Jove!—Washington Star.

Stout and Bitter.



The Corpulent Longshoreman—So you both want to be a boatman like me? Well, take my advice and don't. It's a starving profession.—Pick-Me-Up.

"A Drop in the Bucket."



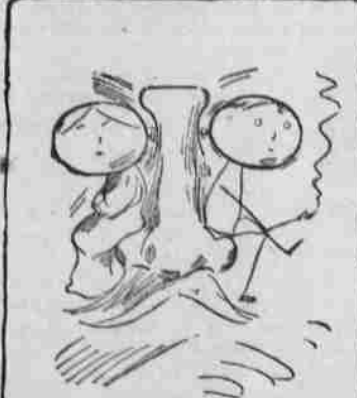
—Harper's Weekly.

New Duties For the Police.



The aerial police at work—a vision of the near future.—Sketch.

Can't Always Tell.



She—I thought you said nothing would ever come between us? He—Well, you can't tell what may happen on a pinch.—Optical Review.

GONE OUT OF BUSINESS.

Cities Find That Individuals Can Run Their Plants More Economically.

The mayor of Lowell, Ind., is authority for the statement that the municipal electric light plant was sold early in September to parties who will install a new plant.

In 1899 the citizens of Le Roy, N. Y., voted to purchase the electric light plant. After operating it a few months the city took advantage of a technicality and turned it over to the former owners without having made any payment to them.

In 1897 a municipal electric light plant was established at Mohawk, N. Y., bonds for \$21,000 being issued in payment therefor. By 1904 the authorities realized that it was costing too much, the generating plant was shut down, and a contract was made with a company to supply current, take full charge of maintaining the street lights and pump the water for the village.

In 1893 Ballard, Wash., installed an electric light plant at an initial cost of \$24,000, which was doubtless increased considerably during the ten years the plant was operated by the city.

"The reason that the city of Ballard sold its municipal lighting plant was that the total income from this plant equaled about 30 per cent of the cost of operating it."

SOLD AT LARGE LOSSES.

Four Towns Find Municipal Plants Are Too Expensive.

In Iuka, Miss., an electric light plant was installed in 1900 at a cost of \$7,000. In December, 1906, it was leased because of the "difficulty in keeping a competent electrician," to quote the words of the mayor.

From Council Grove, Kan., comes word that the city formerly owned the electric light plant, but made a failure of operating it and sold dynamo, engine and wiring for \$650. The present company rebuilt the entire system and is giving satisfaction. The rate was a little lower under city control, but did not meet expenses."

Some time prior to 1902 Bourbon, Ind., contracted for an electric light plant and issued bonds in payment therefor. On the ground that it had not been constructed in accordance with the specifications the town refused to accept it, and the bondholders were compelled to take over the plant in order to protect themselves.

Madison, Ind., installed an electric light plant in 1896 at a cost of \$13,000, not including steam plant. Two years later the plant was sold for \$6,000. The operating expenses alone amounted to about \$45 a lamp, which implies a total cost per lamp of approximately \$100 a year.

Middlemen.

The first step in effecting a mutual understanding between the public and the utilities companies is to eliminate the middlemen—the legislators who introduce strike bills in order to extort money from corporations whose legitimate business is threatened and the city bosses and councilmen who demand money for themselves or prices for their henchmen as the price of granting franchises or privileges necessary to these companies to conduct or extend their business—for the public welfare. These men are not, as they claim, representatives of the people, but traitors to the people, for every dollar which they wring from corporations comes ultimately from the pockets of the people. These men perform no useful service. They are merely leeches, fattening on the mutual needs of the people and the corporations.

There's a Reason.

Municipally governed plants do not have the close supervision that is given to a plant conducted by a corporation or private company. The officers in charge of a municipal plant are usually satisfied if the books balance up at the end of their term. They have no interest in the institution beyond the time of their term of office. "Let the next administration take care of that problem," is the usual reply when future troubles are anticipated. And that is the reason why the "next administration" is often compelled to make municipal ownership appear as a failure.—Maywood (Ill.) Herald-Recorder.

Where Ignorance Is Bliss.

In response to a request for a copy of the latest report of the electric light plant the city clerk of Topeka, Kan., writes: "The city owns its own plant and has no reports."

Political Theorist—Do you believe in municipal ownership? Ex-Boss—What's the use? These here squealers won't stay bought.—Baltimore American.

Half Past Kissing Time.



The Lady in a Hurry—Why didn't you stop at once, conductor, when you saw me waving my hand? The Facetious Conductor—Lor, miss! Why, I thought you was a throwin' kisses at me.—Sketch.

What He Didn't Know.



Irate Pa—Now, I'm going to punish you and don't try that innocent game on me. I know all the wicked things you've done today. Willie—No, you don't. You don't know where I've hid the strap you lent me with.—Once a Week.

Two of a Kind.



First Summer Girl—Who is that clean shaven, handsome boy? Second Summer Girl—Oh, he's an actor! First Summer Girl—No, I mean the other one. Second Summer Girl—Oh, he hasn't any money either!—Punch.

Generally.



Doleful Donald—Some of my brightest thoughts come to me when I am asleep. Thrifty Gus—Troubled with insomnia, ain't you?—New York Mail.

Absentminded.



The Professor—Yes, hello, is this Jones' lamp store? No, I can't tell you the size of the shade, but here's the lamp.—Harper's Weekly.

A Cure For Obesity.



Landlady (to new boarder, who is rather stout)—I am glad to hear that one of my former boarders recommended you to my house. Stout Boarder—Yes, he spoke very highly of it. After telling him that I had tried all kinds of antifat without success, he advised a short stay here.—Tattler.

Don't Take the Risk.

When you have a bad cough or cold do not let it drag along until it becomes chronic bronchitis or develops into an attack of pneumonia, but give it the attention it deserves and get rid of it. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you are sure of prompt relief. From a small beginning the sale and use of this preparation has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. Its many remarkable cures of coughs and colds have won for it this wide reputation and extensive use. Sold by Huntley Bros., Oregon City and Molalla.

Damascus.

Much land clearing is being done here and labor is more plentiful. Marion Tong has Hugo Leigh clearing on the front of his land, where he will have a very attractive building place. Dell Forbes has some men on a very heavy timbered piece of land, and some say they are about to "Yump the job."

Mr. Kingsbury has been working on a new grade for a road from his hop yard.

Saturday George Derry planted some grafted Franquette walnut trees. The holes dug were five feet wide and six feet deep, then filled in with surface soil. All tree growers agree that the holes were none too deep, and the grafted trees, the cheapest if they are from some well known variety, as these are from the Vrooman Grove and home grown trees. Mr. Derry is taking great interest in them. They were furnished by A. C. Newell. He had out 150 pounds of the best Oregon grown walnuts to eat, and the large number of Damascus people present all agreed they were equal to any, and that Oregon is producing walnuts in paying quantities. This was the occasion of inaugurating walnut tree planting around Damascus. There are many seedlings scattered around that fill well, but of small value. As the grafted Franquette will bear fully one gallon in five years from planting, it is being advocated exclusively by A. C. Newell, and by those who know him and of his business integrity, have entire confidence in his statements of what can be expected from the trees. The Rock Creek school, under the able management of Professor Ramsey, will give an entertainment February 22d.

Mr. Roach has a man visiting with him and cutting wood for exercise. He intends to return to Nebraska in the Spring, as this western fever is very contagious, and we will wish his return. Lots of room for men like Mr. Stanson.

Many small farms are changing hands, which will stimulate many improvements.

NOTABLE MEDICAL DISCOVERY.

Of Special Value to Many Here in Oregon City.

One of the most notable discoveries and one that undoubtedly appeals more than anything else to many people here in Oregon City is the combination of stomach remedies in the Mio-na treatment. This prescription has worked wonders, and there is now no excuse for anyone suffering with indigestion or weak stomach.

It acts specifically upon the muscles of the stomach and bowels, strengthening and stimulating them so that they readily take care of the food that is eaten. It also increases the flow of gastric juices, thus getting from the food the nourishment that is necessary for health and energy.

The symptoms of indigestion are numerous, such as distress after eating, flatulence, heart-burn, sick headaches, dizziness and irritability. These are all dispelled by a few doses of Mio-na when the trouble is recent, but just as surely in long standing and chronic cases if the treatment is followed for a reasonable length of time.

So positive are the good effects following the use of Mio-na that the remedy is sold by Howell & Jones under an absolute guarantee to refund the money if it should fail to cure.

Jennings Lodge.

Two more new houses here, and Mr. Curran, of Portland, was out this week to add two more acres to their four, and intends building soon, to reside here.

John Jennings is very busy with the plow of late. Mrs. Welch's sister was out from Portland this week.

Mrs. Shaver is still declining very fast. Miss Mabel Morse was out to take another look at her old home this week.

Mr. Slocum has put out some nice young firs along his property on Jennings avenue, and Mr. Boyes has put out two acres of them on his place.

People here have again started their children to school to Parkplace and Oregon City, after the smallpox turned out chickenpox, after all the scare. Mr. Shaw, of Jennings Lodge, is having some more land clearing done. Well, good-bye, we are not newsworthy this week.

Fever Sores.

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by Huntley Bros., Oregon City and Molalla.

Viola.

Viola is still alive, and running in the same old cool-headed calculative way. The Deering & Sevier Shingle Company is running full blast. They put out 20,000 shingles per day.

Charley Miller is making some new board fence. Ward's wind mill makes an occasional majestic whirl.

Farmers are doing well out here, but it seems as if some people know enough to get along without farming around here, and have fine buggies and fat horses, too. As Edward Ficken was away the other day hauling fence posts, on returning home

he found that a few sacks of his oats had been stolen. This is the second time that oats have been stolen from his barn in daytime. There seems to be a kind of mania for stealing oats and other articles around here. Boys, you had better cut it out or Brownell will have another job soon.

Teazel Creek.

Nice weather, though cool, has prevailed for a few days. The grip seems to be letting go. All the little school children are able to attend school again.

Rev. Quinn preached an interesting sermon last Sunday. The text was "Judge Not That Ye Be Not Judged," Matthew 7:1. He will preach at Missouri Ridge next Sabbath, the first Sunday, at 11 a. m.; at Teazel Creek, the second Sunday, at 11 a. m.; Molalla at 11 o'clock a. m. on the third Sunday.

The Women's Home Mission Society will meet at Teazel Creek church on Thursday afternoon of this week at 2 o'clock. All are invited.

Pearce Miller has been very sick with la grippe, but is reported better. The pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Marquam has left, owing to the health of his wife, who is an invalid. We are all sorry to lose him, as ministers are needed everywhere.

The farmers of this section had this pretty weather with delight. There are several that are plowing, preparatory to putting in their spring crops.

Mr. McClaren, of Willhoit, is having considerable trouble getting his hauling done since his teamster has been having the grip.

Mrs. J. H. Quinn was a visitor at Mrs. E. E. Judd's one day this week.

Mountain View Notes.

The mumps are still raging here, but in a light form. Some of the children who have them are going to school every day.

Gill Vanscoyck and wife, of Milwaukee, lately from Waterloo, Iowa, were the guests of Mrs. S. A. Gillett last week.

Mrs. Gotberg and Mrs. McGrew spent last Saturday among relatives and friends at Oswego.

Mrs. Davis and daughter have moved from Mr. Welsh's cottage to Walt Curran's house.

Walt Curran and family intended moving into the mill last week, but he is still under the doctor's care.

J. M. Heckart has a smile on his face this week, as his wife returned from California last Saturday.

Mr. Selby went to Rainier last week to work in the logging camp, but returned, as there is no work yet. The mill will not start to running until March.

H. B. Nickels is on the sick list. Mrs. Wilkinson and children, of Portland, were calling on friends here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grubbs, of Sellwood, were doing business in this burg Tuesday.

Messrs. McGrew and Gotberg, general blacksmiths are putting up another new building.

Mrs. Mary Kinder and children came from Portland last week and are staying with her mother, Mrs. Edgecom. One of Mrs. Kinder's twins died with the mumps.

Will Jackson went to Vancouver Tuesday, to assume his work in the regular army. Vernon Jackson and Millard Gillett accompanied Will to Vancouver.

CASE AFTER CASE.

Plenty More Like This in Oregon City. Scores of Oregon City people can tell you about Doan's Kidney Pills. Many a happy citizen makes a public statement of his experience. Here is a case of it. What better proof of merit can be had than such endorsement?

Theodore Huerth, living on Park-place, about two miles from Oregon City, Ore., says: "I found Doan's Kidney Pills do just what is claimed for them. For a long time I suffered a good deal with lameness and aching over the kidneys and irregularity of the action of the kidneys. The trouble was not severe enough to lay me up, but was very annoying and painful. I was induced to try Doan's Kidney Pills from the recommendation of a friend, and went to Huntley Bros' drug store for them. Their use absolutely removed the trouble with the kidneys, strengthened my back and in every way proved your remedy to be worthy of all confidence."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Aurora.

The dance given at D. B. Yoder's Saturday night was well attended. Mrs. J. D. Ritter and sons made a flying trip to Hubbard Saturday.

G. McGonagay had a new 'phone put in his home Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart visited friends around Needy one day last week. Miss Druce Yoder is sick with the grip. Miss Ida Troyer is visiting her sister, Miss Berkeley, this week. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Werner, on January 27, a nine-pound girl. Mrs. Charles Wolfar and family visited at J. D. Ritter's Sunday.

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