

What a Ragged Boy Became.

The Newspaper Maker met a county editor from Kentucky the other day. He was dressed in the latest fashion and utterly foreclosed all ideas of country journalism. The Newspaper Maker fell in to talk with him and was rewarded with the following results: "I concluded," said the Kentuckian, "after allowing the plow for about three years but I would patent an electric light or become a journalist. Of course, we did not have any electric lights at that time, but even then I was anticipating the marvel. So I became a reporter on the Daily Journal of Louisville.

"An a plowboy I received five dollars and my board per week. I received three dollars and nothing per week as reporter, but I was looking for glory—not for gold.

"One day a rather busted community dropped in and asked for the editor. I pointed to the proper door, through which he disappeared. He was a ragged, ragged boy, chuffy-like and dead. I chuckled to myself, until he finally came out with the editor in charge, instead of being in charge of the editor. Next morning the Journal appeared with a column of the brightest paragraphs that any Southern paper had ever printed, all written by the ragged, ragged boy. Not only this, he was assigned to a room by himself, and from that day and hour the fame and fortune of the Journal was made.

"And whom might this prodigy have been?" asked the Newspaper Maker.

"Yes, said George D. Prentiss, a blundering Yankee, but you would never have known he was one of the breed, if he had not confessed it himself. He finally captured the whole concern, and one day, in a mellow mood, after I had received a higher promotion on his staff, he told me the following story.

"I ran off from home in Bridgeport, Conn., with fifty dollars that I had saved and struck for the South. Reaching Louisville, I met with a wharf rat and went on a blind drunk. Waking up next morning I found my companion gone; myself in a hog-pen, with a riotous rain beating upon me through the leaky roof, without a penny to buy myself with for a breakfast. I crawled out from among the swine and rose—

"Yes," interrupted the Kentucky editor. "Yes, rose to be the great editor of the South, and one of the grandest contributors of American statesmen."

Begin the Week in Good Humor.

Burglar: "Your money or your life." Sleepy Father: "Take both, but don't wake the baby."—Detroit Free Press.

Teacher: "Now, Dick, you may repeat the golden text, 'Kick Hicker.' 'I don't do it,' said the lad in a silver man."—Harbinger Telegram.

"Mamma, where do eggs come from?" "Chickens my dear." "Well, that's funny. Papa says that chickens come from eggs."—Harpers Round Table.

Stranger: "I would like to see your bill collector for a moment." Editor: "Certainly! John, hand the gentleman the shotgun!"—Detroit Free Press.

Dixie: "This little girl is when they imitate men." Maria (laughed): "Do you think so? That proves how excellent the imitation is."—Truth.

New Clerk: "Why does the boss look so nervous and anxious when he locks the safe?" Old Clerk: "He's afraid somebody will see that there is nothing in it."—Texas Siftings.

"Fact's," said one man. "I married because I was lonely as much as for any reason. To put it tenderly, I married for sympathy." "Well," said the other man, "you have mine."—Indianapolis Journal.

Smith: "Times are pretty evenly distributed in this world, after all." McGinnis: "How so?" Smith: "The piano has spoiled many a good dish-washer, and many a dish-washer has spoiled a piano."—Boston Herald.

"This is a hot summer," said Jiggins as he and Mr. Wilton sat on the piazza. "Yes," said Mr. Wilton, watching Mrs. Wilton yawn. "I believe out in the driveway—yes, but if Mrs. Wilton don't take care I think we shall have an early fall."—New York Telegram.

"Will you think of me when I am gone?" asked Mr. Linger, sentimentally, as he handed the check moved to the twelve. "Certainly," replied Miss Kittish. "How soon shall I have an opportunity to begin thinking?"—Detroit Free Press.

Hogan: "Oh! don't stop all this chat-in-the-insurance companies by substituting the wrong man as easy as nothing." Hogan: "And how?" Hogan: "Oh! would not pay the money over to the dead man signed a receipt for it in his own hand."—Indianapolis Journal.

Jack: "Half a dozen of my girl cousins are growing up, and I am considering the question as to when I should stop kissing them. What do you think?" "There's only one way, my dear fellow! When they are old enough for you to enjoy it, then it's time to stop."—Life.

A good many people think Darratt will be convicted. They think so because the defense has made out a weak case. Well the defense could hardly do anything else. It only had a weak case, and the lawyers, who are average kind of lawyers, did about the best they could. The Democrat thinks the jury will disagree. Take Emlyne for instance. Why he'd disagree with his mother-in-law, and there are one or two others, perhaps three others. Every body knows, though, that he ought to be hanged.

According to the McMinnville Transcript if Mr. Hermann gets elected next year he will have to take a deeper interest in making Yamhill river deeper. There's lots of Hermann talk around.

In order to save talk the Democrat will remark that Mr. Hermann will be re-nominated as sure as there is a convention. The Democrat is not a Hermann man, never did like him personally, but he is a rat or does a good deal for Oregon after all.

Poor old Helena! Her cracker factory girls are on a strike, a Dakota woman claims her capital city, the Cass railroad is baited, the Missouri is not open, Kaskaski has rendered another opinion, there are no prospects of an extra session of the legislature and Jim Hill has not given up his plans for control of the Northern Pacific railroad. Rocky, indeed must be the times in Last Chance gulch these black September days, and her only consolation is that local post.—Billings Gazette.

The Willamette valley is indeed a land of red apples this year.

A Man of the People.

Here is some good reading on presidential preferences.

While the Democracy are looking for presidential timber it will not be wise if Governor Robert E. Peacock, senator-elect of Pennsylvania, a Democrat with strength enough to have carried that banner Republican state. His minority report as a member of the U. S. Pacific Railway Commission of 1888, stamped him as a man of the people, not hampered by corporate influences, and capable of standing by the right regardless of the influences of vast aggregations of capital.

After a careful examination into the methods of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific roads, both of which were built with the government's money, Mr. Peacock says that four railroad magnates committed perjury, and he fearlessly gives the dates, the amounts involved and the names of the persons. He says that Oliver Ames on Sept. 27, 1870, swore that stock had been subscribed and paid for in the Union Pacific amounting to \$36,752,370 when but \$400,000 had been subscribed and paid.

That Leland Stanford, September 28, 1871, swore that \$54,283,100 worth of stock in the Central Pacific had been subscribed and paid for when but \$700,000 had been so subscribed and paid, and so with the other two.

After showing the character of the management of the railroad, Mr. Peacock says that the government's rights, he makes the following sweeping denunciation of their treatment of the public:

"Mr. Huntington testified before the committee that 'competition is killing, and that there ought to be only one railroad.' In the months immediately following the passage of the act, the railroad companies combined with others to tax the communities which they served, and they forced the consuming classes in all sections of the country to contribute to the payment of interest and dividend upon the fictitious capital which they had created."

The Christian Endeavor social that was to have been held last Tuesday was postponed on account of the illness of Miss Hattie De Armond, till tomorrow (Tuesday) night.

Postmaster Reeves, is branching out as a book and stationery merchant, having purchased a large stock of stationery, including school books, blank books, etc. He is a wide-awake and progressive citizen, in all the terms implied and deserves the hearty support of this neighborhood, and he will no doubt be successful.

Rev. Hiram Gould, of Corvallis, has been called to Halsey to occupy the pulpit of the M. E. church, exchanging with the Rev. H. Ober.

The Halsey public school opens today, with Prof. A. M. Reeves as principal, W. H. Rogers as teacher, and Miss H. Ober as Royal teacher of the primary department.

Miss Nellie Davidson, teacher of the Halsey school, is a scholar and will quite an accident one day last week, when she fell from her horse, fracturing her arm and leg.

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MISFITS.

The mummy of an Indian was found in Southern California over nine feet high, the tallest man who ever lived.

The Journal says Rev. Denton rosted the State fair. Rev. Denton must be hot stuff to be able to do that, for the carcass was a big one.

Prineville Review: The Warm Spring washes are making it tropical for the U. S. signal service this fall. We hear numbers of soldiers are suffering from the weather, mostly claiming there will be hiyu snow, hiyu cold, hiyu minimalise enter.

J. B. Loveland, Colo. has raised a potato weighing 86 pounds 10 ounces. It was 28 inches long, 14 in diameter and equal to 15 bushels of ordinary potatoes. A photograph of Mr. Swan with the potato is being sent to the Scientific American gives it credence.

A long, lank, homely, awkward green looking law student occupied the next office to the Man about Town in Rochester, N. Y., during the winter of 1876. He afterwards was municipal judge for several years. A few days ago he was nominated for the very important office of mayor by the very important and democratic parties. He ought to be elected for he is the homeliest but any street that makes a good executive.

A teacher in the Junction City school received the following note from the mother of a child named "Dear Sir: please excuse Willie. He didn't come to school because I didn't keep him at home to wash and mend him and Mrs. S. got some new clothes for him."—Special Tel.

An eastern man who went upon a plan that he would pay for his own funeral, every time a delinquent subscriber to his paper his name is inserted. For example, "Missus" and family are delinquent subscribers. Every subscriber knows what it means and immediately there is a grand rush to get right side up again.—Ex.

The number of conductors resigning on the S. P. makes it look very much as if the company had been sending out an army of spies to investigate the work of the Democrat has been informed that there were at least a dozen men in Albany who were being sent to Portland regularly without buying tickets, the general price being \$1.50 to \$2.00, about half price. It has also been informed that there was not one of these men who were actually solicited by the company. The following were the names: J. C. Stanton and David Moore, third ward; William Perry and J. Fletcher, fourth ward; H. C. Stanton, second ward; and the citizens elected their entire ticket, with the exception of the conclusion in the second ward.

A Good Move. SALEM, Or., Oct. 7.—At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Willamette university this evening it was determined to establish the medical college in Salem in preference to the university. A committee was appointed to organize a faculty and transfer the property and apparatus from Portland to Salem, preparatory to an intermediate opening of the school.

Fighting in Cuba. HAVANA, Oct. 7.—Official advices received from Havana state that the forces of the republic are now making a stand against the forces of the insurgents. The latter are reported to have left three killed on the field and the troops also captured a large quantity of arms and ammunition. The citizens elected their entire ticket, with the exception of the conclusion in the second ward.

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