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Country papers that have not been able to secure the county printing under the new law that grants it to the one in each county having the largest circulation are nearly all engaged in denouncing the law as a needless expense to the taxpayers. They forget to say however that there is far more glory, than profit, in being the "official county paper," and very little profit.

We have it on the very best authority that a lobbyist working in the interest of Paul Mohr, is doing his best with the committee that has charge of the dalles portage bill to defeat that measure. The committee has been assured that the Paul Mohr road will be built during the coming summer. Of course in that case, the committee will say the people don't need another road.

There were five of us in the stage, and a sixth man had a seat with the driver. There was a second lieutenant of cavalry, a civil engineer, and the rest of us were only common folks who had been out in the hills prospecting and were returning broken in homes and "busted" in pocket. The engineer was a little man of feminine appearance, and we hadn't been together an hour when he confessed that the bare thoughts of the stage being held up made him tremble all over. The officer was a quiet sort of chap, who seemed to have plenty of nerve, and though none of us had much to lose, we by and by agreed that in case the stage was stopped we would make a fight for it. All were new to a hold up, but we decided that if we had any show at all we could make it hot for the road agents.

The little man at first agreed with our plan as formed, but later on he broached one of his own. The driver told us that the point most likely to be selected by the highwaymen would be at a rough spot in the road, just before it reached a certain hill, and we were about five miles from the spot, and darkness had fully descended when the little man unfolded his plan. When within a mile of the spot he was to get out and follow the stage on foot. In case it was stopped he would be in position to sight the robbers and open fire at once.

We jumped on him at once for a flunk. It was simply a scheme on his part to bolt and save his dollars in case the agents appeared, and each one gave him his opinion of such conduct in very vigorous English. In his soft, gentle way he replied:

"Gentlemen, you do me injustice. Please suspend judgment until you see how my plan works. I do assure you that I firmly expect to kill a robber and save the stage."

We were too disgusted to argue with him, and when he finally got out in accordance with his plan, the army officer was fain to make a kick at him. We couldn't tell whether he had bolted back down the road or was following on, but we got all ready for a hold up. Every one of us had a revolver in hand, and every one was on the watch, and yet it came about before we knew it. The horses were still at a walk when a man appeared at either door of the stage and covered us.

At the same moment a third stopped the leaders and covered the driver and passenger with a shotgun. It was simply a dead cinch on us, and we were not over ten seconds realizing it. We had just got the order to hand up our guns and step out when there was a pop! pop! pop! from outside. The brigand at the right hand window cried out and fell; the one at the left hand window disappeared without a sound. There were three shots more from the front of the stage, and half a minute later, and before any of us had moved, we heard the little man saying:

"Gentlemen, it's all over, and you can come out."

What had happened? There was a dead man on one side of the coach and a seriously wounded man on the other, and the third brigand had been driven away, probably hit by at least one bullet. All this had been done by the little man and his little gun, according to his plan, and what made it the worse for us he didn't appear to have done anything to feel proud over. We tried to square ourselves with him, but it couldn't be done. While he seemed to forgive us, we realized what his real private opinion of five such chumps must be, and we got away from him at the first stop.—New York World.

Noeash's Credit.
 Mr. Slinpurse (banking for a suit of clothes on tick)—I—aw—presume you are acquainted with my friend, Mr. Noeash. He has a running account here, I believe?
 Tailor—Yes. We do the running.—New York Weekly.

Thirteen Daring Young Men.
 If thirteen young men—lawyers and physicians—who have just organized a Thirteen club in this city, can find a haunted house to meet in they will be most happy. The organization is nearly complete, the bylaws and rule have been drawn up and adopted, and the only thing lacking is the haunted house. If this cannot be found it is proposed to use the dead house owned by the town. Among the rules are almost everything superstitious people avoid. The president is to sit under an open umbrella during all meetings and at the quarterly dinners. A ladder will be raised in the room, and every member entering will pass under it. A cross-eyed janitor will be secured, and one of the members whose hair is fiery red will be obliged to enter the meeting room first every time it is opened.

A skeleton will be seated opposite the president at every feast, and two black cats will be purchased and kept in the clubroom. Each member takes a solemn obligation to look at the new moon over his left shoulder, pass on each side of a post when two are walking together, walk between any couples who may be seen talking together on the street, and do everything contrary to the accepted custom. The meetings will be held on Friday evenings, and if any member has to make a journey he will start on Friday or the 13th of the month.—New Haven Cor. New York Sun.

Curious Tomb of a Kentuckian.
 Several weeks ago Mr. James Golden, a well known lumber dealer of Hickman, Ky., died there and was buried with a strict conformity with the provisions of a remarkable will. He had while in health a strong fear of being buried alive, fostered probably by reading accounts of the few cases of this kind that are known to have occurred, and he determined to take no chances in that line that could possibly be avoided. He caused a tomb to be erected, and in that tomb had an opening left on the east side large enough for a man to pass through. This was covered with glass. In his will he stipulated that a strong hammer should be placed in the casket with him, and that the lid of the coffin should not be screwed down, so that if by chance he should be consigned to the tomb before his life was extinct he might, if he gained power to move, push off the lid and with the hammer break out the glass in the opening left for the purpose, and thus escape a lingering, horrible death. His instructions were faithfully obeyed. Friends took it upon themselves to watch the tomb and be near in case the gentleman's fears should prove well founded and render him assistance. But death came with an unerring shot, and he still slumbers peacefully in his casket.—Columbus (Ky.) Forum.

Two Queer Names.
 When a petition for a new postoffice in the mountains of Virginia was received some weeks ago it was found that the name submitted was undesirable. The petitioners were so notified and requested to submit a list of names in order of preference. The new list contained no names acceptable, and the assistant postmaster general directed an under official to select a name himself. The clerk immediately walked to the map, and, locating the office, discovered that there was a mountain hard by named Purgatory, and the new postoffice was given the name of Purgatory. When the establishing papers were forwarded to the petitioners, and they were requested to submit a name for postmaster, they returned the name of George Godbether. So that the new postoffice of Purgatory is presided over by George Godbether.—Baltimore American.

A Jury with Hard Sense.
 From a town almost near enough to Philadelphia to be called a suburb comes a story of unique dispensation of justice by a jury from around about the vicinity. The case was one in which the prosecution was brought by a young woman against a young man. Despite the eloquent pleading of the lawyer for the fair one, the jury rendered a verdict of acquittal, and then proceeded to assess the defendant a fourth of the costs. The prosecutrix a fourth, the constable who arrested the prisoner a fourth, and the justice of the peace who sent the case to court a fourth. The judge remarked that that wasn't much of a jury for law, but it was strong in the way of common sense.—Philadelphia Record.

The Phonograph and the Dumb.
 Recent tests in the use of the phonograph in the deaf and dumb institute at Indianapolis show that it is useful in concentrating sound upon the drum of the ear, so that many pupils otherwise deaf can hear it. It is thought by the superintendent that he can by this means soon teach the use of their voices to many mutes whose inability to speak is due to the fact that they have never heard speech.—Exchange.

Dom Pedro's Garter.
 Dom Pedro was a Knight of the Garter, having been invested by the queen during his visit to Europe in 1871. His death did not create a vacancy in the order, as, like other royal personages, he was an extra knight. It is probable that the Comte d'Eu will come to England in a few weeks in order that he may personally deliver up his father-in-law's insignia to the queen.—London World.

Boarding Lunatics Out.
 An experiment is about to be tried in France where 100 lunatics will shortly be sent to the Department of the Cher and placed in the houses of farmers and other people who are willing to take care of them.—Galignani Messenger.

A whale recently captured in arctic waters was found to have imbedded in its side a harpoon that belonged to a whaling vessel that had been out of service nearly half a century.

The Russian government intends to construct a harbor solely for commerce at Poti, leaving Batoum as a strongly fortified point for military purposes only.

Rope in Belgium.
 Hemp or aloes ropes, according to an official report to the French government, are almost exclusively used for all depths of shafts in Belgium. The makers guarantee the ropes to last one and a half to two and a half years, and should they fall earlier a twelfth to a twenty-fourth of their cost is deducted for every month short of their stipulated duration.

A Lizard with Three Eyes.
 Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina each have two species of lizard provided with three eyes. If you ask a native of either of the states mentioned about the three eyed lizard he will laugh at you; that is, unless he is a naturalist and has given the subject some study. Scientists claim that they are quite common.—St. Louis Republic.

Rather Tired of It.
 St. Peter—Let-me—see—miss—where are you from?
 New Arrival—I am from Boston.
 St. Peter (playfully)—Ah, yes, I have heard of Boston—
 New Arrival—Now, see here, if you say one word about beans I won't go in.—New York Weekly.

In countries where the aborigines worship the planets, preference is usually given the sun. The Botocondos of Brazil give the higher place to the moon deriving most of the phenomena of nature from it.

A unique and instructive toy is a doll which writes the alphabet on a slate, and in any order desired. It therefore spells words and writes sentences. The inventor is a mechanic of Nuremberg, Bavaria.

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