

**The Dalles Daily Chronicle.**  
**AN ODD HONEYMOON.**

**A Texas Congressman's Bridal Tour by Wagon.**

**Aided in His Education by His Bride While Performing the Offices of a Backwoods Pedagogue.**

There are a few men in the present congress whose early histories are linked with what they still call the "good old days" when they shaped and carved their own careers. The one whose story follows has his lines about himself in the congressional directory, says the Washington Star.

He was in his room the other night reading Coeur's Commentaries when interrupted by a visitor, a politician. When the business talk was over the visitor went out and met an acquaintance, to whom he said:

"I called on a Texas congressman a while ago and found him reading Latin. I didn't know he was a college man."

The visitor's inference was correct from where he stands, for he is one of the present generation. But 20 years ago no one was suspected of being college-bred simply because he could translate Latin. The Texas representative of this story is not only tolerably well up in classics. He is so proficient in the higher branches of mathematics that few college men could puzzle him. He is a lawyer and was a soldier in the civil war.

When he married 25 years ago, he could read and write. Beyond that he claimed nothing. He knew little of the history of his country. His honeymoon journey was made in a two-horse wagon from his home to South Carolina to what was then a remote settlement in Texas. He started on the day of his wedding. He reached his destination, which has been his home ever since, on Christmas eve. There were more Indians in the settlement than whites. The rifle and shotgun were as necessary as the plow.

After the young South Carolinian had cast about for a means of livelihood, some of the neighbors suggested that he "take up school." That was the way it was expressed then, and the expression is adhered to still in some parts of the south.

He went home and told his bride. He knew she was capable of teaching, and the proposition was made to her. She dissented and told her husband to accept. He realized his inability as an instructor. His wife urged him to take it. "I will help you," she said.

He became a backwoods pedagogue, and the first few weeks had no trouble in his work. His pupils were nearly all of the kindergarten class, or would be so considered at this time. Later older and more advanced pupils came into the school and the young pedagogue was troubled in mind. He assigned the lesson for the advanced pupils a day ahead, and at night he, with his wife's assistance, labored over the problems for the next day. He heard these classes first while the lessons were fresh in his mind.

But occasionally an "overly smart boy," as he said, "would want to know something I hadn't thought of, and I would be flustered. But I knew it would never do to show my ignorance, and that is where I learned my first lesson in whatever diplomacy I may have. I was always on the alert for the smart scholar who knew more than I knew, and when he asked me a stumper I had some excuse ready and put him off until the next day. Then when I went home my wife and I would tackle the smart boy's power, and maybe we would work on it until quite late. But we always mastered it, and when I called school next day I expatiated learnedly on the question.

"But to this there was a serious objection, for my learned disquisition nearly always aroused the latent curiosity of some other boy, and he would come at me with a proposition which I would have to sidetrack until the next day.

"Preparing lessons in Texas in those days had its dangers. The Indians did their mischief most generally in the night, and in consequence most whites were afraid to leave lighted stoves. The lights attracted the Indians, and they would come and demand admittance. If the house was darkened they were less liable to annoy. Many a night my wife has darkened the windows with what few clothes we could spare and we prepared our lesson by the light in the fireplace."

In this way the young pedagogue worked until by his own exertion and the assistance of his wife he was further advanced than the average public school pupil of to-day in his third year. In time he was ahead of his pupils and no longer dodged problems from one day until the next. He studied law and was admitted to the bar. He was successful. The civil war interrupted him in his work. He enlisted as a private in the confederate cause.

He was reelected to the Forty-eighth congress and reelected four times in succession. Then he declined, but two years later was elected again, and has been reelected twice since.

**FASHION'S FANCIES.**

**Bright Colors Are Favored in Millinery—Popular Notions in Hosiery.**

No woman need think that she cannot have a handkerchief waist simply because some handkerchiefs cost five dollars apiece and entire waists \$20. There are others, and pretty waists too, that sell in some of the best department stores for \$5.75, says the New York Times.

The small girl is to be as brilliant as a humming bird this season. She is wearing all kinds of bright washes in flowered and bright-colored ribbons and red is one of the colors most often seen in her hats just now. Red seems to be popular anyway, and cherries are curiously in vogue with red poppies. A novel hat entirely of poppies, and a big hat at that, is a brilliant affair, and a black velvet bow accentuates its brilliancy.

The hats vary from those with rather stiff brims and high crowns to low flats and these latter frequently have after the hat is trimmed, a covering of tulle put over, enveloping them like a veil. Shaded layers of chiffon are overlaying the other cover the rims of spring and summer hats as they have those of the winter. The crown wire of the chiffon, green or white grapes are the one form of decoration all milliners of all degrees seem to agree upon this year. They are to be seen everywhere in a hat prospect for the staying quality usually.

There are many of the chiffon and other thin material waists, and the woman who makes her business at home will find them a boon, for they are pretty and effective. They cost 50 cents, and sometimes less, and from this up to two or three dollars, and are almost as big as umbrellas.

All sorts of openwork stockings are to be seen in all patterns and colors. Many of the stockings are figured or embroidered just over the hosiery when the work will show in the toe shoes. There are stripes that run the length and others that run the other way, and there are polka dots, and some figures, but mostly confined to the "hosiery" one pretty style of stocking has stripes separated by lace stitches, and an alternate stripe is the effect of better stitching one in one color and one in another.

Pretty underwear, which will delight people inclined to purchase, who are offered to wear it, is the silk jersey trimmed with silk lace. It comes in sets, the three undergarments, but the pieces can be bought separately. They are several dollars each. The underwaists, which rather in at the waist and do not hang below, are from \$2.50 up. The chemise is one of the prettiest of the garments when embroidered with the French bow knots.

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