THE POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER.

DALLAS, SATURDAY, OCT. 14, 1882.

HUMOROUS ITEMS.

"This is what I like," said the tramp, "good country board," as he laid down on the floor of the barn.

An Indian chief, after the romantic manner of his nation, calls his musket "Book-agent," because it is an old smooth-bore.

Every man is fond of striking the nail on the head; but when he happens to hit his finger nail, his enthusiasm becomes wild and incoherent.

"Where are you going?" asked a little boy of another who had slipped and fallen on the icy pavement. "Going to get up!" was the blunt reply.

A traveler in Utah says that he counted fourteen infantile heads in one door of a cabin on the Jordan river. If this is true, it was indeed a one-door-ful sight.

The man who wants his wife to love and respect him will never make the mistake of putting his feet into her slippers. Years of devotion will not wipe out the insult.

Jones, a tailor, suddenly clapped on the back by a customer--"Hello, sir! you nearly frightened me into a fit." Customer—"Well, I wish I could just frighten this coat you made me into a fit."

The generous young fellow was somewhat surprised when he asked his heart's idol if she would have something in gold to put her jewelry on. She said, "Yes, give me a gold five-barred gate, life size."

Teacher: "Did I not tell you to be prepared with your history lesson? And here you are unable to repeat a word of it." Scholar: "I didn't think it necessary, sir. I've always heard that history repeats itself."

"Didn't you think the close of the sermon was fine?" asked Dorothea of Angelina. "Well, really, now," replied Angelina, "I was so taken with the clothes of Kate Lorimen that I didn't notice the close of the sermon at all."

Rather a funny bull was that made recently by a member of Parliament in discussing the question of trial by jury in Ireland. Becoming excited, he exclaimed: "With trial by jury I have lived, and, by the blessing of God, with trial by jury I will die."

"I feel I am growing old," says the lady, mincingly, to her guests, "for really I am beginning to loose my hair." (Of course she has bushels of it, and it is black as the raven wing.) "Then, ma," exclaims her little child, with the innocent frankness of infancy, "why don't you lock up the drawers when you put it away at night."

A lad who had been bathing was in the act of dressing himself, when one of his shoes rolled down the rocks and disappeared in the water. In attempting to rescue it he lost the other one also, whereupon, contemplating his feet with a most melancholy expression, he apostrophized: "Well, you're a nice pair of orphans, ain't you?"

They had been engaged to be married fifteen years, and still he had not mustered up courage enough to ask her to name the happy day. One evening he called in a peculiar frame of mind and asked her to sing something tender and touching, something that would "move him." She sat down at the piano and sang, "Darling, I am Growing Old."

That is a happy hit which the Christian at Work makes in reply to Matthew Arnold's remark that "the Protestant idea of heaven is that of a glorified, unending tea-mitting." Our contemporary suggests that Matthew Arnold's idea of heaven is that "of a place where a select coterie of literary gentlemen can criticise Almighty God to all eternity." Christian Advocate.

A YOSEMITE EXPERIMENT.

As a part of the usual programme, we experimented as to the time taken by different objects to reach the bottom of the cliff. An ordinary stone, tossed over, remained in sight an incredibly long time, but, finally, vanished somewhere about the middle distance. A handkerchief, with a stone tied in the corner, was visible perhaps a thousand feet deeper. Even a large empty box, watched by a field glass, could not be traced to its concussion to the valley floor. Finally, the landlord appeared on the scene, carrying an antique hen under his arm. This, in spite of the terrific ejaculations and entreaties of the ladies, he deliberately threw over the cliff's edge. A rooster might have gone thus to his doom in stoic silence, but the sex of this unfortunate bird asserted itself the moment it started on its awful journey into space. With an ear-piercing cackle that gradually grew fainter as it fell, the poor hen shot downward, now beating the air with ineffectual wings, and, now, frantically clawing at the very wind that slanted her first this way and then that, the helpless fowl shot down, down until it became but a mere puff of feathers no larger than a quail. Then it dwindled into a wren's size, disappeared, then again dotted the sight a moment, as a pin's point, and then—it was gone!

After drawing a long breath all around, the women folks pitched into the hen's owner with redoubled zest. But, the gentle McCauley shook his head knowingly and replied:

"Don't be alarmed about that chicken, ladies. She's used to it. She goes over that cliff every day during the season."

And, sure enough, on our way back we met the old hen about half way up the trail, calmly picking her way home. Then only did we realize that we had been wasting our sympathy on a regular iron-clad hotel spring chicken.

Kind words produce their own image in men's souls, and a beautiful image it is. They soothe and comfort the hearer. They shame him out of his unkind feelings. We have not yet begun to use them in such abundance as they ought to be used.—Pascal.

UNPUBLISHED PAGE FROM THE LIFE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.

It is the merry summer time. To him the mother of the father of the country;

"George, dear, where have you been since school was dismissed?"

"Hadn't been nowhere, ma."

"Did you come straight home from school, George?"

"Yes ma'am!"

"But school is dismissed at 3 o'clock, and it is now half-past 6. How does that come?"

"Got kep' in."

"What for?"

"Missed m' joggrafy less'n."

"But your teacher was here only an hour ago, and said you hadn't been at school all day."

"Got kep' in yestiddy, then."

"George, why were you not at school to-day?"

"Forget. Thought all the time it was Saturday."

"Don't stand on one side of your foot in that manner. Come here to me. George, you have been swimming."

"No'me."

"Yes, you have, George. Haven't you?"

"N-o-a, p."

"Tell your mother, George?"

"N-u-c-k."

"Then what makes your hair so wet, my son?"

"Sweat. I ran so fast coming from school."

"But your shirt is wrong side out."

Put it on that way when I got up this morning for luck. Always win when you play for keeps if your shirt's wrong side out."

"And you haven't the right sleeve of your shirt on your arm at all, George, and there's a hard knot tied in it. How did that come there?"

"Bill Fairfax tied it in when I wasn't lookin."

"But what were you doing with your shirt off?"

"Didn't have it off. He jest took'n tied that knot in there when it was on me."

"George."

"That's the honest truth, he did."

About that time the noble Bushrod came along with a skate strap, and we draw a veil over the dreadful scene, merely remarking that boys do not seem to change so much as men.—[Burlington Hawkeye.

SENATE ERAS.

Speaking of Senators' terms, the Dubuque Times says: What is the length of a lifetime in the United State Senate? We estimate it at about twenty-four years. We measure thus: On March 4th, 1859, Gen. Geo. W. Jones, of Iowa, left the Senate, entitled, as an ex-Senator, to the privileges of the floor. All the members were new except one, Hannibal Hamlin of Maine, and the next day even he was gone and a younger man had taken his seat. When General Jones visited the Senate on the 5th of March, 1881, he saw there the Senators from thirty-eight States, not one of whom he had sat with on the 3d of March, 1859. Gen. Jones to-day is one of the most historic and perhaps the most remarkable character in the west. He sat in the Senate with Clay and Webster and Calhoun, with Silas Wright, Benton, Crittenden and Jeff. Davis, with Sumner, Seward, Chase and Douglas. In the early part of the century, when General Jackson was President, he sat in the House of Representatives with Henry A. Wise and John Quincy Adams. His district included all of Michigan, Wisconson, Iowa and Minnesota. It now has over thirty Representatives in Congress. He left the Senate, not because of his personal unpopularity, but his party had gone out of power in Iowa. The intimate and trusted friend of Andrew Jackson, the partner of Daniel Webster, he remembers Jefferson. On terms of personal acquaintance with nearly all our celebrated warriors and statesman, he numbered among his friends and enemies the mighty red kings, Black Hawk, Keokuk and Poweshiek. A soldier in the war of 1812, Gen. Jones is a young man yet. He walks erect without a cane, with a light and springy step, and claims none of the indulgence and immunities of old age.

THE HAPPY PAST.

A seedy-looking fellow dropped into the city editor's room, and failing to borrow a half dollar, he begged to narrate his experience. "I used to be an officer of state, I did. I was sheriff and member of the legislature and constable and clerk of the courts and judge and a candidate time and again, and had a high old frolic, I did."

"I don't beleive it" said the city editor.

"Why don't you?"

"Because I have a letter here which says you are a thief and a liar, and a scoundrel and a villain, and a traducer and a perjurer, and a defaulter and a plotter, and a low-down brawler and a lover of all that is vile and wicked and dishonest and abhorrent to decent people, and a—

"Aha, stranger, go on and read that all over again and read it loud. It sounds like old times. It brings back the days when I run for office. It reads like an editorial in an opposition paper, and brings again to my memory that blessed period when I felt like I was somebody and life was worth living. Oh, glorious hours of my past, will ye ever come back to me?" and the tears rolled down his cheeks as the city editor pronounced again the magic words and then gave him a quarter to sober up on.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

On the whole, it is good, it is absolutely needful for one, to be humbled and prostrated, and thrown among the pots from time to time. Life is a school; we are perverse scholars to the last, and require the rod.—Thomas Carlyle.

Life is made up, not of great sacrifices and duties, but of little things in which smiles and kindnesses, and small obligations given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort.

LIGHT AT EVENTIDE.

The day has been dark and doleful—
A day of wind and rain,
With the sound of ghostly fingers
Upon the window pane;
And never a gleam of sunshine
The cold, grey sky has closed
In this day for sad remembrance
For what our lives have lost.

Weary with vain regretting
For things that could not be,
Weary with counting over
The graves in memory.
I opened the Book of Comfort,
And in its pages read
What one of the grand old prophets
In time of trouble said.

I heard, like a voice from heaven,
The royal singer's song
Of faith in Eternal Goodness
To triumph over wrong.
The day may be wild with tempest,
But in patient trust abide,
And remember the sweet old promise
Of light at eventide.

And lo! as I read the chapter
So dear to the weary heart,
I saw the clouds at sunset
Like curtains swing apart.
And it seemed like a glimpse of heaven,
That touched my eyes like balm,
As I sat in the sunset glory
Repeating the sweet old psalm.

—Christian Union.

THE HUMBUGGED HUSBAND.

She's not what fancy painted her—
I'm sadly taken in;
If some one else had won her,
I should not have cared a pin.

I thought that she was mild and good,
As maiden e'er could be;
I wonder how she ever did
So thoroughly humbug me.

Friends cluster 'round and shake my hand—
They tell me I am blest;
My case they do not understand;
I think that I know best.

They say she's fairest of the fair,
They drive me mad and madder;
What do they mean by it? I swear
I only wish they had 'er.

'Tis true that she has lovely locks,
That on her shoulders fall;
What would they say to see the box
In which she keeps them all?

Her taper fingers, it is true,
'Twere difficult to match;
What would they say if they but knew
How terribly they scratch?

A MODEST YOUNG MAN.

B. H. Hill, Jr., of Georgia, would be worth seeing in Oregon, where about four-fifths of the men not only think themselves qualfied, but a good many of them are actually seeking a place in the U. S. Senate. Mr. Hill has requested Governor Colquitt not to appoint him to fill out his late father's term and declares that his aspirations do not soar so high. If it were the fashion to confer crowns on meritorious citizens, as in the old days, this gentleman should receive at the hands of the people a chaplet for modesty and common sense.—Ex.

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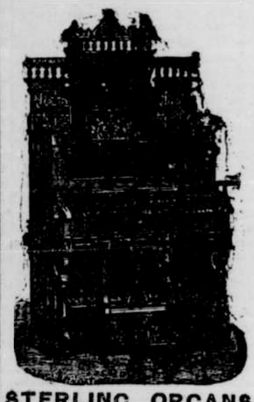

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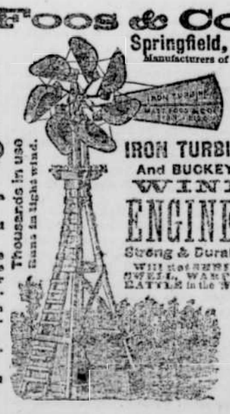

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