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SUCCESSOR TO J. A. MILLS.

We are constantly adding new lines to our stock and giving prices that suit. Give us a trial and you need go no farther to buy, as we can please you.

Neckwear.

When it comes to men's neckwear we are it.

Straw Goods.

We have the best line of men's and boys' Straw and Canvas Hats ever shown here.

We are watching every train, expecting a new line of men's dress shoes, something new and up-to-date, never shown in Independence.

Clothing.

We have just received a new addition to our stock of Clothing and can now show some of the best patterns and values in town.

HATS.

We have a new line of the latest shapes in Hats. Come and see them.

Groceries and Produce.

Bring us your Produce. We will pay you top price in trade.

Every One Should Improve His Mind.

Education should end only with death. The man or woman who thinks that one is completely educated in schools and colleges is mistaken for the most that scholastic training can do is start one well, show one the right road of learning and wisdom, and despatch the student forward with a godspeed. The human mind is susceptible almost limitless development and expansion, and there is no age which the improvement of it must stop, and it ought to be every man's ambition to make his mind nearly full and perfect as it can be made; to approach, step, by step that unattainable ideal of intellectual power and completeness. We are almighty, all-knowing Godhead which all cultivated men, all intellectual nations have worshipped under divers names. "Jehovah, Jove, Lord" as the self-existing source of thought and being. Perhaps the majority of high school and of college graduates cease studying when they quit the academic halls. They have their sheepskins framed and hung upon a wall, and whenever they feel the need of an intellectual stimulus they glance at the pompous Latin inscription, which they translate but awkwardly, and thereby remind themselves that they

have complete education. But a college education is a machine which will rust and rot unless it is polished and kept in use. Do not attempt too much. This is a busy age, and the man who has his living to earn must give the cream of his energy and most of his time to the work by which he gets bread and butter. But nearly every man has some leisure for reading. Every man and woman ought to read, especially the English masters of prose and poetry; the ancients as well as the moderns. And it is an excellent thing to have at least a reading knowledge of some modern language, preferable French or German, or those tongues have the greatest literatures. It is said that one is as many times a man as the number of languages he knows. Certain it is that the possession of another than one's mother tongue broadens the intellect and gives the mind new standards of comparison and a cosmopolitan point of view.—San Francisco Bulletin.

Quick Arrest.

J. A. Gullidge, of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25c at Kirkland Drug Co.'s.

Ages of Noted Men.

George J. Gould is only forty-four.
Russell Sage is eighty-six years of age.
J. Pierpont Morgan carries the weight of sixty-five years.
E. H. Harriman is a West Point graduate. He is sixty-four years old.
August Belmont is forty-nine. On leaving Harvard he started at once in the banking business.

Henry Clews is sixty years of age. He started life as junior clerk in a mercantile house at fifteen.

William Rockefeller's first position was that of book-keeper in a commission house. He is sixty-one.

William F. Havemeyer is fifty-two. He received a private education at the close of which he entered a bank.

D. O. Mills is seventy-seven years old. After an academic education he started his financial career as a clerk.

John D. Rockefeller after a common school education secured a position as clerk in a forwarding and commission house. He is sixty-three.

John W. Gates was raised on his father's farm, was married at eighteen and started a little hardware store, which he soon abandoned to sell barbed wire at \$100 a month. He is forty-seven.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio. WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Mrs. I. Claggett's condition continues to improve.

Mrs. E. E. Paddock was among the Portland visitors this week.

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Correspondents' Contest

On April 1st, we commenced our Tenth Correspondents' Contest and on Friday, July 31, 1903, at 6:00 P. M. we will close it. We offer as premiums the following articles, selected by the Correspondents' themselves:

- FIRST PRIZE..... A handsome, well-upholstered, velvet Couch
- SECOND PRIZE..... A lovely Picture
- THIRD PRIZE..... A fine Students' Lamp
- FOURTH PRIZE..... A good set of Ping Pong.
- FIFTH PRIZE..... A Copyrighted Book
- SIXTH PRIZE..... Ladies Home Journal
- SEVENTH PRIZE..... INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE to any address for one year

CONDITIONS.

We want all the news that happens in Polk county and we want the ENTERPRISE to visit every family in the county. We want to help you and we want you to help us. Our interests are mutual. We will give points as follows:

One point for every item of news worthy of publication. 25 points for every article worthy of a separate head. If an article be specially meritorious or startling in the sight of the manager of this department an extra 15 points will be given. For every new yearly subscription 85 points. For every yearly renewal 75 points. For a subscription three months 25 points; six months and less than a year 35 points. For every dollar's worth Advertisement or Job Work we give 50 points, and we will gladly furnish you prices on any kind of Ad or Job. We are going to make a campaign for some new correspondents, and we will announce at times the places in this column. Watch for them, as we will make it to your interest to secure representatives in the sections we want represented. Other features will be announced along.

HOW YOU STAND.

Each week we will announce in this column your points. No article is credited until after it appears in the paper, although subscriptions and points secured in other ways will be announced as they come in. We want to keep everything fair and straight and if you think an error has occurred in your points write us within the week following and we will make thorough investigation.

Buena Vista, H.....	1259
Airlie, P.....	731
Monmouth, H.....	811
Parker.....	660
Suver.....	271
Antioch.....	204
Monmouth, B.....	166
Lewisville.....	120
Highlands, D.....	92
Rickreall, C.....	96
Monmouth, A.....	60
Ballston.....	39
Sunny Slope.....	49
Falls City.....	60

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