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"PURITY HELPS" ROASTS "OLD BILL OBEDIAH"

Mapleton, Oct. 24, 1908.
Mr. Editor:—We believe that "Old Bill Obediah" has got it about straight. The cat is the wrong kind of a cat to name "Evangelical." We don't wonder that "Old Bill" has Mapleton people all classified as on the road to "hell" when we hear foul language among the children, men swear, women profane, and "lies" and "bars" are heard everywhere. Sabbath-breaking is common, and fathers and mothers who come to church, or have family prayer, or read the Bible are the extreme exceptions and nearly all who are now trying to pride themselves in running a "union" Sunday school dance all Saturday night into Sunday morning, wind up in a drunken row, kick out several window lights, and then try and pride themselves on running a "union" Sunday school, which some of them have not attended more than a few times in six months. And more than once the Sunday school has been run in Mapleton when the self-termed "union" people, "Old Bill" and his family included, had all bundled up and gone down the river on a Sunday "high time." You can easily see that "Old Bill" has measured 'em by the gospel, and found that "except they repent they shall all likewise perish."
But let me say that there are a few down here that are on right lines who love God with all their heart, and serve him in purity, and but for these we think the Lord would not have spared Mapleton this long. These few are kind of out in the brush and "Old Bill" hasn't found them yet.
In closing let me say that "Old Bill" has his theology twisted, and he has not been to Sunday school often enough to get his history straight. He missed the mark (just a little) when he classed us all with himself as on the road to hell, but he is certainly right when he says the "cat is the wrong kind of a cat to name Evangelical."

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LONG TOM RIVER, ONCE NAVIGABLE, NOW CREEK

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Monroe, Oct. 26.—Long Tom river, a stream which a few years ago was declared navigable, over which one of the oddest drawbridges ever constructed was placed and upon the opening of which several thousand dollars was expended by the government, is again a quiet country creek. Bridge carpenters are at work building a solid bridge across old Long Tom, at the Pfouts lane, and the queer old drawbridge a few miles north is also a thing of the past.

Just why these things are so is not very easily explained. The quantity of water is as great as is needed to carry on light boating, and the country through which this stream winds its way is large enough to support a line of freight boats. The citizens of this portion of the country, however, are enthusiastic over a railroad, and apparently are not able to see the benefits to be derived from an open river, with a small boat or two carrying the products of southern Benton and northern Lane counties to market, at a minimum cost of transportation.

It is almost a surety that within 10 years this waterway will again be opened to traffic, despite the fact that a railroad is now being constructed into this same section of the state. Just as soon as the larger ranches are divided into smaller holdings—and this is rapidly taking place—a greater demand than ever will be heard by the man who can figure out another scheme to open the Long Tom river to navigation.

Had a Close Call

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it and three bottles effected a complete cure." The fame of this life-saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at W. A. Kuykendall's store. 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

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MORSE KNEW HE HAD "BUSTED" BANK

New York, Oct. 26.—After the admission of the testimony of John W. Gates, ex-Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, Charles Schwab, John H. Flagler and W. E. Havemeyer, to the effect that as directors of the National Bank of North America they had never authorized the honoring of the overdrafts by Charles W. Morse, the vice-president of the bank, and had never known of the existence of such a practice, the prosecution late today rested its case in the United States court here against the former banker and promoter and his fellow defendant, A. H. Curtis, who are being tried for alleged violation of the National banking laws.

Today's session furnished a number of sensations, not the least of which was the declaration by W. W. Lee, a former vice president of the bank, that on the day of the institution's collapse, Curtis, the president, had said to him:

Repaid Loan

"I have just told Morse that he has 'busted' the bank."
Mr. Lee was questioned at length concerning the happenings behind the closed doors of the bank during the evening hours of October 16, 1907, the day of the collapse. After the accounts of the day's transactions had been closed, it was discovered, Mr. Lee testified, that Mr. Morse had overdrawn his account \$211,000. In order to make good this deficiency Morse had turned into the bank a quantity of securities for the most part stocks and bonds not listed on the stock exchange, and of doubtful value, as collateral for a loan of \$211,000. This loan the directors repudiated on the following day.

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