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"LET ALL THE ENDS THOU AIM'ST AT, BE THY COUNTRY'S, THY GOD'S, AND TRUTHS."

been my opinion that a man has got to go under the water before he can get to heaven. A gleam of satisfaction spread all over the old man's face as he said: 'Give me your hand, Brother Vance, Boys, I told you so: I told you that he were a Baptist afore he come. He is the man. You can all vote for him, but Holden won't do any time for they do say that he is one of these shouten, cavortin' Methodists.'

I was thinking about this when I arrived at Aniston and Ironaton and Tnnifer and all these iron towns, and where I found every man, woman and child ret hot for protection. It is not healthy for a man to talk free trade down here—and he must not say much about tariff reform or cut rates. Those people say 'let well enough alone,' and don't blame them for that. In more life and thrift and industry and happiness around these furnaces than anywhere I have been. Aniston has now ten thousand inhabitants and is increasing fifty per cent. a year. The signs of a vigorous prosperity are all about. The hotel next the depot has just added sixty rooms and is crowded all the time. The new compress handled twenty thousand bales of cotton this season. A grand union depot is going up. The great southern car works are established with a million dollars capital and many new plants and enterprises are projected. Where does all this money come from?

But my business was not there. I had a pleasant invitation to get out of the world for a little while, and so I went over the mountains and found myself in Clay county and down among a people who are happy in their homes. A people who are all farmers and have simple habits and limited desires. I people who are not folly and hanker after no big thing. The communities of Lineland and Ashland are as well to do as can be found in any farming country. There are no delapidated homesteads to be seen. No rotten fences or perished out stock. They raise their own corn and meat. They sell more than they buy, and have accumulated enough to build academies and churches of good style and capacity. The schools are prospering and nothing seems lacking to their happiness save a railroad. They average about thirty miles from a railroad market, and have to cross mountains that are a trial and a trouble, and I was told that it cost those people about fifty thousand dollars a year to wagon their produce to market and back. They raise eight thousand bales of cotton, and it costs two dollars and a half a bale to get it to a railroad. Well, they have fine land, and they have iron and tin and copper and gold, but they want a railroad. I don't think that a railroad will increase their happiness, but it looks like their time has come for a railroad. They are grown-up children over there who never saw a circus, nor a monkey show, nor the negro minstrels, nor the slight of hand, nor the jugglers and get over there, and just harvest. Now shall we give those good, kind hearted, hospitable, Christian people a chance to see some of these things, or not. That county has sent out lots of good men, and great men, from Senator Morgan down. They are all for the mountain range. Well, it is strange that a mountain range should make such a difference in people. All for protection on one side and all against it on the other. I'm afraid that our people are not going to harmonize on this great question. Politics is a hard road to travel. It is a science and has to be studied just like mathematics or any other science. If a man succeeds here is a success whether he is right or wrong. I remember that a man named Fred Holt ran against Charley Davis for the legislature in Walton county. Holt was a whig and Davis was a democrat, and they were both awful ugly, and favored each other so much you couldn't hardly tell them apart except by their clothes. The race was getting pretty hot and it was about nip and tuck between them. Davis had a feebly gray horse that he always rode. So one Saturday evening Holt borrowed another horse-bitten gray and started over to Vinegar Hill district, and just before he got there he met a fellow who how'd'd with him and called him Squire Davis. Holt never let on, but he asked the fellow how the boys were going to vote and he saw that most of 'em were for Davis, and that it was narrated around that Holt was a proud, stuck up fellow and wore a ruffled shirt and a breast-pin.

Lolt said he didn't reckon that was so, and that Holt wouldn't get any votes but from poor folks who dident own a fool of land—and said he: 'I don't want them sort. I don't want any poor man to vote for me. If I can't get the rich folks to vote for me, I don't want to be elected. I don't want any man to vote for me who ain't worth a thousand dollars and owns the land he lives on. Do you tell your nabors that I ain't hunting for poor men's votes. I don't want 'em.' And he left him and went back home. Well the fellow thought it was Davis, and he was mighty mad, for he was a poor man himself, and so he spread the news and it got all over the county, and when Davis denied it the fellow made an affidavit and swore to it, and described the man and the horse, and as the election came off before Davis could straighten it out he got badly beaten. But it got out before the next election and Davis got in and then he got to be judge of the circuit and got uglier and uglier as he lived. But he was a good man and a good lawyer and makes a good judge. There are tricks in politics than any other business. We are going to have fun in our district this year for the boys are hungry for office and there are not enough to go round and they say that rotation is a sound democratic doctrine and I reckon it is. I thought we were badly hurt when Nat Hammond was beaten for congress, but believe that judge Stewart is making a first rate member. I thought there was an outrage when judge Bramham was beaten but judge Maxtor is making a splendid judge and so it is all right and no loss on our side.

A certain steamboat captain relates the following: 'While traveling down a certain stream I saw a man squandering in the water and screaming lustily for help. Knowing that he was in shallow water and not being able to swim, I called out to him and said, 'stand up!' He at once rose up and walked safely to the shore.' Now it seems clear to us that the farmers of this country are much in the same condition. They are actually drowning in debt and going down to poverty, to debt and financial ruin, when in fact they are actually in 'shallow water,' are in a condition to save themselves if they will only 'stand up.' All that the growing masses need is a little nerve, the backbone to stand up, but it is hard for one man or a few men, with the present rings, cliques, pools, combinations, etc., to stand against them, but could the entire masses of farmers combine their efforts and then could only see themselves as others see them, they could easily reach the shore and place themselves on a solid basis and bid defiance to every puny effort to mislead or oppress them in any way. And we are happy to say to-day that we are all of hope, from the present outlook of the Farmers' Alliance and the zeal and energy displayed in pressing the work that success will eventually crown. We are all day looking forward with bright hopes to the time when the farmers not only of Texas, but of the entire country, will stand together as a unit and bring order out of this present confusion, stop this high-handed, combing brigandage and bring again that peace and prosperity which shall yet gladden the hearts of America's vast millions. But to do this will require not only firmness, devotion, sacrifice but above all unity.—Dallas Mercury.

Bill Nye Advertis His Cow. 'Owing to ill-health I will sell at my residence in town 29 range, 18 west, according to government survey, one crushed raspberry colored cow, aged 8 years. She is not afraid of cars—or anything else. She is a good milker and gives milk frequently. To a man who does not fear death in any form she would be a great boon. She is very much attached to her home at present, by means of a trace chain, but she will respond to anyone who will agree to treat her right. She is one-fourth short-horn and three-fourth byena. I will throw in a double barreled shot gun, which goes with her. In May she generally goes away somewhere for a week or two and returns with a tall red calf, with long swabby legs. Her name is Rose and I prefer to sell her to a non-resident.'

How Men Die. If we knew all the methods of approach adopted by an enemy we should be better enabled to ward off the danger and postpone the moment when surrender becomes inevitable. In many instances the inherent strength of the body suffices to enable it to oppose the tendency toward death. Many howevers, not these forces to such an extent that there is little or no help. In other cases a little aid to the weakened lungs will make the difference between sudden death and many years of useful life. Upon the first symptoms of a cough, cold or any trouble of the throat, lungs, give that old and well-known remedy—Boschee's German Syrup, a careful trial. It will prove that thousands say of it to be, 'the benefactor of any home.'

TRUE KNOWLEDGE.

DIFFICULTIES THAT SOME-TIME ATTEND ITS PURSUIT

The Charming Story of Sweet Ivy Geer as She Treats the Flowery Pathway of Learning.

This story was commenced Feb. 15th. 'Mr. Clerron?' 'He roused himself suddenly, and stood up. 'Of thought, perhaps, you had a headache.' 'No, Ivy. But this is not climbing the hill of science is it?' 'Not so much as it is climbing the piazza.' 'Suppose we take a vacation to-day, and investigate the state of the atmosphere?' 'Yes sir, I am ready.'

'Ivy did not understand the nature of his proposition; but if he had proposed to put a giraffe round the earth in forty minutes,' she would have said and acted. 'Yes, sir, I am ready.' 'Just the same. He took up the basket of grapes which he had gathered, and led the way through the window, down-stairs. Ivy waited for him at the hall-door, while he carried the grapes to Mrs. Simm; then he joined her again and proposed to walk through the woods a little while, before Ivy went home. 'You must know, my little pupil, that I am going to the city to-morrow, on business, to be gone a week or two. So, as you must perforce take a vacation then, why, we may as well begin to vacate to-day and enjoy it.'

'I am sorry you are going away.' 'You are! That is almost enough to pay me for going. Why are you sorry?' 'Because I shall not see you for a week; and I have become so used to you that somehow I don't seem to know what to do with a day without; and then the cars may run off the track and kill you or hurt you, or you may get the small-pox, or a great many things may happen.'

'And suppose some of these terrible things should happen,—the last, for instance,—what would you do?' 'I should advise you to send for the doctor at once.' 'Mr. Clerron, you are going away.' 'You would not come and nurse me, and take care of me, and get me well again?' 'No, because I should then be in danger of taking it myself and giving it to papa and mamma; besides, they would not let me, I am sure.'

'So you love your papa and mamma better than me?' 'He stepped abruptly. Ivy finished for him. 'Better words can tell. Papa, particularly. Mamma, somewhat, seems strong of herself, and doesn't depend upon me; but papa,—O, you don't know how he is to me! I think, if I should die, he would die of grief. I have, I cannot help having, a kind of pity for him, he loves me so.'

'Do you always pity people when they love you very much?' 'No! of course not. Besides, nobody loves me enough to be pitied, except papa. Isn't it pleasant here? How green it is! It looks just like summer. O Mr. Clerron, did you see the clouds this morning?' 'They were, yes, when I arose.' 'Why, were, sir, there was a great heap of them in the evening.'

EDITORIAL TALK.

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There are numbers of good farmers who will bear witness to the truth of this. They are not guilty of such folly, and it is hoped that the Grange and the Alliance by bringing the farmers together will cause such interchange of views and expectations that all farmers will pitch their crops in accordance with the dictates of common sense and practical experience.—Newborn Journal.

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THE BRAKEMAN AT CHURCH.

The Views of Life and Different Churches as Illustrated by the Rail.

On the road once more with Lebanon fading in the distance, the fat passenger drumming idly on the window pane, the cross passenger sound asleep. To me comes the brakeman and seating himself on the arm of the seat says: 'I went to church yesterday.' 'Yes,' I said with that interested inflection that asks for more, 'and what church did you attend?' 'Which do you guess?' he asked. 'Some union missionary church,' I hazarded.

'No,' he said. 'I don't like to run on these branch roads much. I don't often go to church, and when I do, I want to run on the main line, where your run is regular and you go on schedule time, and don't have to wait on connections. I don't try to run on a branch. Good enough, but I don't like it.'

'Episcopal,' I guessed. 'Limited Express,' he said, 'all passenger cars and two dollars extra for the trunk. Stops at all flag stations and doesn't run into anything but a union depot. No smoking car on the train. Train orders are rather vague and the train men don't get along well with the universalist, though I know some awful good men who run on that road.'

'Presbyterian,' I asked. 'Narrow gauge' said the brakeman, 'pretty track, straight as a rule; tunnel right through the mountain rather than go round it; spirit level grades, passengers have to show their tickets before they get on the train. Mighty street road but the cars are a little narrow, have to sit one's seat and feet on the side to dance. Then there is no stop over tickets allowed, got to get straight through to the station you're ticketed for, or you can't get on at all. When the car's full there are no extra coaches, cars are piled at the stop, hold just so many and nobody else allowed on, but you don't get out of an accident on that road. It's running up to the rules.'

'Maybe you joined the Free Thinkers,' I said. 'Scrub road,' said the man 'dirt road bed and no ballast, no time card and no train dispatcher. All trains run wild and every engineer makes his own time, just as he pleases. Smoke if you want to. Too many side-tracks, and every switch wide open all the time, with the switchman sound asleep and the target-lamp dead out. Get on

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