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May Repent For Not Returning Thanks.

The Union Republican in an editorial says: "And now that rain has come and refreshed the parched earth, we see no notices of gatherings by those who hold public prayer for rain to return thanks for the blessing received. How soon we forget our blessings or take them for granted."

No one in the whole country was prospering more than the farmers before the last election. They did not vote to continue the "blessings" which they were receiving. We know many who already regret that they voted for what they did not want.—The Caucasian.

Great-Grandson of Jefferson Davis Born at Denver, Col.

The name of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, will be perpetuated by a great-grandson born there Thursday. The father was Jefferson Davis Hayes, son of Winnie Davis Hayes, daughter of Jefferson Davis who in Colorado Springs this year. After his mother's death young Hayes, whose father is a Colorado Springs banker, secured from the Colorado Legislature right to change his name to Jefferson Davis. The Jefferson Davis born today is vigorous. The mother was Miss Dora DeWitt, daughter of Theodore DeWitt, a wealthy physician of Colorado Springs.

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An Humble Hero.

(Seattle Post-Intelligencer.)
Heroism of a rare sort shines in the conduct of Emil Utz, the Kansas line-man, who, plunging into a mesh of wires to save a fellow in distress, lost his own life.
There are pessimists who think we no longer have heroes. And there are others, less pessimistic, but not less just, in the final analysis, who seem to think that the heroic qualities are to be found only in characters who play in some great decisive role, in generals who win great battles, and in other men who do something which immediately challenges the attention of the world.
But the world has its ample quota of humble heroes, heroes no less heroic because they are humble, heroes who offer and give all they have, their lives in an effort to do something for a fellow in distress.
Emil Utz was a humble hero; he lost his life in an effort to save the life of a fellow.

An Irish Marvel

A traveler who was "seeing Ireland" in a small cart berated the Irish driver for missing a sight in a part of Dublin. A few yards further and the cart came to a sudden stop, which almost threw the passenger out.
"Why did you stop so suddenly?" asked the man.
"Well, ay' there's a millstone," came the answer from Pat.
"But what is there strange about a millstone?" again questioned the sightseer.
"Shure," spoke out Pat, "an' ye seldom see two o' them together."—Philadelphia Times.

The Girl in the Ca

Macon News.
"It often happens that the impetuous young man takes the initiative, the girl institutes the referendum and her stern parents inaugurate the recall," says The Albany Herald. Not without the advice and consent of the girl, however. Sometimes she reconsiders.

The Nashville Agony

Chattanooga Times.
The agony will be over at Nashville on Thursday, at which time we are to know whether that city is to be actually transformed at once from a modern Gomorrah into a "home of the blest" or whether it shall remain as a normal American community, working his way slowly toward its higher destiny.

Along The Way.

By Vivian Morland.
My path is lost, is lost to sight,
My way is gone;
Grant me, O God, strength yet to fight
To struggle on;
Although no more I see the light
That guided long,
For its own sake to do the right—
To hate the wrong!

Special on Butterflies.

Boston Transcript:—"I woke up last night and found a burglar in my room!"
"Catch him?"
"Certainly not, I am not making a collection of burglars."

Sand-Clay Roads

The building of sand-clay roads throughout the State is being extensively and very wisely advocated. The modern macadam thoroughfare, making the first triumph over almost impassable roads in this section, seems to be losing its popularity. There is no feasible form of permanent road-building to rely upon except the sand-clay type of construction, for the individual counties can not, of course, afford that species of permanent material that the cities are employing. By the use of a binder with the macadam, a road can be secured that is a vast improvement over the smoothness of the macadam and the sand-clay road as well as greatly more durable but it is necessary, in effecting this reform, to educate the people and the authorities to the vital value of adding a temporary expense to road-building in order to secure results that will continue for years.—Charlotte Observer.

Stick to Them Jake

Some of the North Carolina Republicans will line up with the insurgent Republicans of the North and West, who are supporting Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, for the Republican presidential nomination. The movement has been started in Charlotte and is in charge of Mr. Jake F. Newell.—Statesville Landmark.
If we are to have a Republican for President, it will be all right to take LaFollette.

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Stories of Frederick the Great.

In the course of some military evolutions Frederick the Great of Prussia, irritated by some mistake of a captain, ran after him with his stick in order to strike him. The captain ran away. The next morning the commanding officer reported to the king that the officer in question, one of the most efficient in the regiment, had sent in his papers. "Tell him to come to me," said the king. The officer, in great perturbation, came. "Good morning, major," he apostrophized the officer, who was speechless with surprise. "I wanted to tell you of your promotion, but you ran so fast I could not catch you up. Good morning."
Another time an officer attempted to get a comrade into bad odor with the king by telling his majesty that he was a drunkard. In a subsequent battle the latter's fitness was conspicuous, whereas his slanderer played a very poor part. When afterward he defied past the king at the head of his regiment his majesty called out to him in a voice of thunder, "The sooner you take to drink the better!"

The Old Time Surgeon.

Before anaesthetics were known the surgeon's only expedient was to abridge his patient's sufferings by working rapidly. In this the old time surgeons did wonders. They had a control and a surety in their hands that are now seldom found. One day the celebrated surgeon Malsoune had to amputate the leg of a poor devil, who began to howl in advance. "I'll give you my watch," said the surgeon, "if the operation lasts more than a minute." The man accepted the offer, but was obliged to forego the handsome watch, as the operation took less time than it requires to describe. To amputate an arm at the shoulder is a most difficult operation. Dr. Langenbeck of Germany did it in two minutes. A young physician who came to see him perform the operation adjusted his spectacles to his nose so as not to lose a single movement, but when the spectacles were in place the operation was over and the severed arm lay on the floor. Times have changed much since then.

Dr. Johnson's Church.

St. Clement Dances has never forgotten the fact that Johnson worshipped within its walls. The pew in which he sat (it is in the north gallery, close to the pulpit) is marked by a brass plate which was erected by the parishioners in 1851. In December, 1884, the centenary of Dr. Johnson's death was observed by a memorial service, when a special address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Lindsay, at that time rector of St. Clement Dances. Johnson's pew was on that occasion draped in violet. Johnson was always constant in his attendance at church on Good Friday and Easter day. On April 9, 1773, he went with Boswell. "His behavior," writes Boswell, "was, as I had imagined to myself, solemnly devout. I shall never forget the tremulous earnestness with which he pronounced the awful petition in the litany. 'In the hour of death and in the day of judgment, good Lord, deliver us!'"—London News.

Fine Art of Letter Opening.

In Russia one letter in every ten passing through the post is opened by the authorities as a matter of course. Indeed, the postal authorities of every country have experts who have raised letter opening to a fine art. Some kinds of paper can be steamed open without leaving any traces, and this simple operation is finished by re-burnishing the flap with a bone instrument. In the case of a seal a matrix is taken by means of new bread lox breaking the wax. When other methods fail the envelope is placed between pieces of wood with edge projecting one-twentieth of an inch. The edge of the envelope is first flattened, then roughened and finally split open. Later a hair line of strong white gum is applied and the edges united under pressure.—London Chronicle.

Charity and Prudence.

The contradictions of life are many. An observant man remarked recently that he was prowling about a certain city square when he came upon a drinking fountain which bore two conflicting inscriptions.

One, the original inscription on the fountain, was from the Bible, "And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."
Above this hung a placard, "Please do not waste the water."—Youth's Companion.

Stewed Deers' Horns.

Deers' horns when young may form a dish for human consumption. Sir S. W. Baker writes, "When the large horns of the sambar, or wapiti, are growing they make an excellent dish, first scalded to divest them of down and then gently stewed with a good sauce and a few vegetables."—London Mail.

Her Description.

Muggins—Women have such queer ways of expressing themselves! Bug-gins—Such as? Muggins—Well, my wife was telling me about Miss Yel-lowleaf and said she was a sight to behold and in the very next breath said she wasn't fit to be seen.—Philadelphia Record.

Rural Amelities.

Fair Passenger—But, good gracious, why didn't the train stop here? It is supposed to. Porter—Yes, miss, but the engine driver has quarreled with the station master.—Pole Mele.

A Conclusion.

"Her husband doesn't smoke, drink, chew, swear or play cards."
"Introduce me. Widows are my specialty."—Houston Post.

Hankow, one of the most important cities in China was reported by the American charge d'affaires to be in flames the Shechuen province south of the Min river is in the hands of the rebels, Wu Chang and Hanyang are held by the revolutionists, and 15,000 soldiers of the Imperial army have mutinied, and gone over to the revolutionary party.

Secret Baseball Signals.

"Perhaps you never realized that there is an exact science in coaching and signaling," says Hugh S. Fuller, writing on the secret tricks of baseball coaching in the American Magazine; "the two men out there near first and third bases, who seem to be making fools of themselves or trying to annoy the majestic man in blue serge, are the wigwag men signaling to runners or batters just what the general sitting on the bench wants them to try to do. Sometimes the general is on the lines himself, looking just as foolish as the wigwag men or more so, but somewhere, hidden in his meaningless or hackneyed phrases or his wild gestures, there is a meaning. He is telling the batter not to hit the next ball or to bunt it or informing him that the next will be a straight fast ball and at the same time informing the base runner that the batter intends to hit and that he must start at top speed when the pitcher starts to wind up."

Salt Water Bathing.

Dr. Copeman of Brighton, England, writing in the Practitioner, London, gives some advice on sea bathing. "The best time to bathe is about two hours after breakfast, the period of greatest vital activity," says Dr. Copeman. "The one time which must be avoided by all is after a full meal. During the process of digestion the vessels of the internal organs are already engorged with blood, and the shock of the cold water is apt to produce a very dangerous condition of congestion, the least of many penalties that may accrue being an acute attack of indigestion. With many keen bathers it is an article of faith to bathe before breakfast. But business men, after months of unremitting toil, those who are below par or who are getting on in years, should avoid taxing their system by bathing at such a time. Even the most robust would be wise to partake of a cup of hot milk before leaving the house."

Salt.

Salt production is about the oldest industry in the world. In Italy, the cradle of the salt industry, it has been manufactured commercially for 2,500 years. Salt is so necessary to existence that in some parts of the world tribes will sell the members of their families in exchange for salt. Salt has been the cause of wars, and so important has it always been considered that in some places the passing of salt is established as a token of friendship, and women throw salt on a visitor as a friendly greeting. In some countries salt is so scarce that it is obtained through the ashes of grasses, and a species of palm and other plants. While salt is produced in almost every country in the world, it is stated that nowhere can salt of such purity be obtained at anything like the cost for mining as in Louisiana.—Manufacturers' Record.

A Real Gas Plant.

There are two varieties of gas plant. One is a manufacturing establishment where coal is converted into gas for illuminating and heating purposes. The other variety is a real growing plant called the fraxinella. Few know why the fraxinella is called the "gas plant." This is because at certain times it releases a volatile oil that actually ignites if allowed to come in contact with a lighted match. The fraxinella is also noted for its fragrance and longevity if not disturbed. One plant in a New England garden is doing its best to outlive a third generation, and elsewhere a clump is still flourishing after no less than thirty-seven years on a grave—one of the most difficult of places for a perennial to keep up a long struggle for existence, let alone a normal life.—New York World.

Gifted.

"I don't know what I'm ever going to make of that son of mine," complained a prominent Cleveland business man the other day. The old chap is self made, a graduate of the university of hard knocks and all that, and it naturally grieves him to have a son who is not aggressive.
"Maybe your son hasn't found himself yet," we consoled. "Isn't he gifted in any way?"
"Gifted! I should say he is! He ain't got a darned thing that wasn't given to him."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Big William Penn.

The statue of William Penn at the city hall in Philadelphia weighs thirty tons and is thirty-seven feet high. Some other dimensions are: Hat rim, twenty-three feet in circumference; nose, thirteen inches long; eyes, twelve inches long and four inches wide; hair, four feet long; arms, twelve feet six inches long; waist, twenty-four feet in circumference; legs, from ankle to knee, ten feet; calf, eight feet eight inches in circumference.

Beats a Good Wife.

An orator holding forth in favor of woman—dear, divine woman—concluded thus:
"Oh, my friends, depend upon it, nothing beats a good wife."
"I beg your pardon," replied a woman. "Sure, a bad husband always does."—London Telegraph.

Early Rising.

The difference between rising in the morning at 5 and 7 o'clock in the space of forty years—supposing a man to go to bed at the same hour at night—is nearly equivalent to the addition of ten years to a life of three-score years and ten.

Where is the man who has the power and skill to stem the torrent of a woman's will?—Old English Proverb.

Craig is Candidate.

Mr. Locke Craig, Democratic candidate for the gubernatorial nomination in 1908, has announced his candidacy for the same race next year. Mr. Craig opposed the present Governor, W. W. Kitchen, in the Democratic State convention over three years ago when Governor Kitchen won the nomination after the convention had been dead-locked for four days.

Wright's Newest Machine Arrives at Kill Devil Hill.

Orville Wright's newest flying machine arrived at Manteo last Friday afternoon at the combination hangar and cottage on the sands of Kill Devil in which Mr. Wright and his guests are spending what the former declares is merely a vacation.
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Growing Some.

It is interesting to note that by the latest census the State of New York has a population more than double that credited to the American colonies by the enumeration taken just after the revolution. Also the State contains more white people than did the Southern Confederacy in 1860.

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