

THE REJECTED PRESIDENT.

Death Reveals Romance of Daughter of Former U. S. Treasurer, Who Lived Nearly a Century.

St. Louis, Jan. 28.—On Saturday the funeral of the late Miss Mary Ann Casey took place at Caseyville, Ky. The death of the lady in this city has revealed a romance. Miss Casey was the daughter of Samuel Casey, of Kentucky, who was Treasurer of the United States under the administration of Presidents Pierce and Buchanan. Miss Casey was 97 years of age when she died. She was born in Morganfield, Ky., and reared in Caseyville.

When just budding into womanhood she accompanied her father to Washington, where he entered upon his official duties as a Cabinet officer. She immediately became a reigning belle in the society of the capital, and as President Buchanan had just been inaugurated she was thrown much into his society, and he fell in love with her. The daughter of the Treasurer did not look with favor on the Chief Executive's suit, however, as she was in love with a first cousin, Gov. Trappell. Her father was against this love affair, and after years spent in trying to get him to see it as the two lovers saw it, Trappell finally married another first cousin. Miss Casey remained true to his memory, however, and has never married.

Miss Casey was very reticent regarding her social conquests and affairs of the heart. She was of the old Southern stock, and was imbued with all the ideas of her race.

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Observation Pays.

Young man, look around you. Watch the signs of the times. Keep up with the procession as it were. See what is going on all around you. Do not stop with this. Find out the moving spirit and get acquainted with it. Become its associate and co-worker. Then you will be on the road to success.

There is no place for drones and incompetents. They are a drug on the market. They always were and always will be stumbling blocks to progress. They are too numerous whether there be one or many. They not only fail to accomplish anything themselves, but are always in the way of others, always just where they ought not to be, and what is worst don't care whether they get out of the way or not.

The signs of the times point to the supremacy of brains, clear, strong, thoroughly trained brains, with an acuteness of perception and continuity of purpose that enables them to pierce the fogs and mists of the morning and emerge undaunted into the clear sunlight of the full noontide of success.

Young man, if you hope to be in the forward ranks you must be qualified. You must spare no labor to quicken your intellect to its best endeavor.—Carolina Pythian.

GUARANTEED STOMACH REMEDY.

Hood Bros. Will Refund Money If Mi-o-na Fails to Cure.

You may ask why Hood Bros. are able to guarantee to refund the money unless Mi-o-na Stomach Tablets cure when no other remedy for stomach troubles is sold in this manner.

The reason for this is that ordinary dyspepsia tablets merely digest the food, while Mi-o-na builds up and strengthens the digestive system so that it soon begins to digest the food itself without pain or distress.

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Beauty is worse than wine—it intoxicates both the holder and beholder.—Zimmerman.

Notes and Comments.

Mrs. Louisa M. Este died at her home in Baltimore last week at the advanced age of 103 years. On the same day Augustus W. Miles died in the same city, aged 100 years.

Theodore P. Shonts, who has been chairman of the Panama Canal Commission for the past 18 months, has resigned his position to take place March 4th. Mr. Shonts has done much for the organization of the work of digging the Panama Canal, and his resignation is accepted with reluctance by the President. Mr. Shonts resigned his position in order that he might accept the presidency of the Inter-Borough-Metropolitan Railway Co., of New York, at a much larger salary than he was receiving as the head of the Panama Canal Commission. The President has appointed Chief Engineer John S. Stevens to succeed him.

United States Senator Russell A. Alger died suddenly at his home in Washington last week. He was a member of President McKinley's first cabinet. He was elected Governor of Michigan in 1884 and served one term. He was a candidate for the Republican nomination for the presidency in 1888 and had a strong following. He was appointed United States Senator from Michigan in 1902 when Senator McMillan died. In 1903 he was elected to the Senate to complete the term. He would have retired from the Senate March 4th if he had lived that long, the Legislature having elected William Alden Smith to succeed him. Senator Alger was reported to be worth \$20,000,000.

The Texas Legislature last week elected Joseph W. Bailey to succeed himself in the United States Senate. Senator Bailey is considered by many to be the ablest man in the United States Senate today, and until last summer he was considered a strong presidential possibility in case the next Democratic nomination should be given to a Southern man. On account of an article published in the Cosmopolitan Magazine last summer, charging him with being connected with the Standard Oil Trust, his popularity in Texas has greatly waned. The Senatorial primary last summer unanimously decided in favor of returning him to the Senate, but on account of the charge mentioned above, several members of the Legislature refused to support him for re-election. The Texas Legislature is now making an investigation into these charges, but Senator Bailey is confident that he will come out of the controversy unharmed. However strong his vindication may be, the charges made against him have militated against him as a possible presidential candidate.

Free Seed and Free Education.

The House Committee on Agriculture has just completed the agricultural appropriation bill, which provides that the sum of \$242,000 heretofore appropriated for the purchase of seeds to be distributed by members of Congress shall be used in the purchase and distribution of rare and valuable seeds by the Secretary of Agriculture.

It is to be hoped that this is the beginning of the end of the free-seed farce, which has been a heavy expense with a very little benefit to anybody except the members of Congress. For our part, we believe that the interests of agriculture would be far better served if the free-seed distribution should be abolished entirely, and the money used in educational work. The Department of Agriculture has been rendering valuable service in disseminating information, but it is greatly hampered by the meagre appropriation to this purpose. It is very anxious to extend its work in these directions, and Congress has enacted the necessary legislation. But the money was lacking. While the sum of \$242,000 has been appropriated for free seeds for campaign purposes, a pitiful \$4,000 has been appropriated for educational work.

Away with such nonsense. Abolish free seeds, and give the farmers and their children free instruction in scientific agriculture.—Richmond Times-Dispatch

I have lived to know that the great secret of human happiness is this: Never suffer your energies to stagnate.—Dr. Adam Clarke.

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RURAL LIBRARIES IN THE STATE

141,880 Volumes Are Now Available for 139,106 Children in the State Out of 709,185.

The reading habit is growing by leaps and bounds among the children of North Carolina, the inauguration of the rural library system for the public schools of North Carolina in 1901 having proved a great success as shown by the increasing number of school districts that have taken up the work.

In the six years the system has been in vogue it has proved so successful that many States are following the lead of North Carolina in the work. There are now in the State 1,572 libraries, for which there has been spent \$1,144 by the State, counties and districts. In the libraries there are 141,880 volumes, and with an average of 93 children to a school district there are now 139,406 children who have access to the libraries, while in the State there are 709,182 children.

While all the funds for the past year are exhausted there will be available in the next two years sufficient funds to establish 500 libraries and 500 supplemental libraries, thus placing the riches of good literature within the reach of many more thousand children in the State.—Goldsboro Argus.

The South's Greatest Need.

Dr. Walter Page sounded the keynote when he said in his recent address in Richmond that if this country would prosper as it should, and if its democracy was to attain anything like perfection, education must take a more practical turn.

Mr. James R. Garfield made much the same observation in a later speech in New York.

"In this country," said he, "we have too much discussion of the rights of citizenship and too little discussion of the duties of citizenship. It sometimes seems to me that our form of education has placed a false standard on intellectual and industrial life. It has made our men and women believe that manual labor is not dignified, while as a fact we should all recognize that a great majority of our citizens have to earn their living by honest manual labor. American men and women must come out of college equipped to do practical things."

This change must be brought about by a change in public sentiment. We must get rid of our silly notion that it is more respectable to be a professional man than to be a mechanic. We must not judge a man by his occupation, by his character and his usefulness. But that is not all. We must give our boys at school the opportunity to learn a good trade and to learn it well. There is an active and growing demand for skilled workmen and the pay is high. The South is rich in materials for manufacturing purposes, and her lands are productive. But she needs skilled mechanics and scientific farmers. She should not depend on other sections or foreign lands for them. She should take her own boys and train them to the work.—Richmond Times Dispatch.

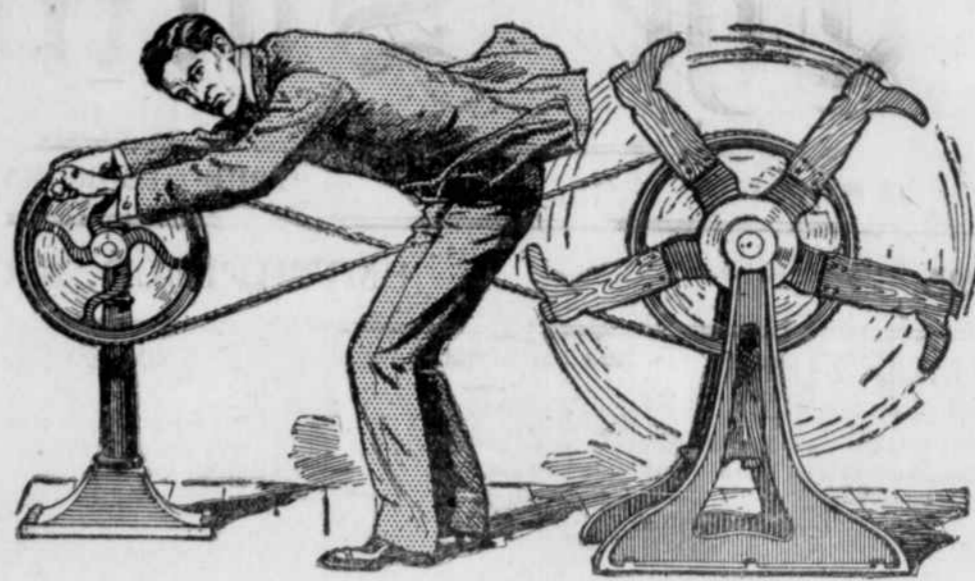
The esteemed Charlotte Observer whose editor has been down to Raleigh to look over the Legislature says, in closing an editorial about the Solons "Sowpaw has no friends in the Legislature." (Sowpaw is the Observer's familiar term for what Indians call "fire water.") Whereas we rejoice that the time has come in this commonwealth when a body of its lawmakers have assembled and among them there are no friends of whiskey. So may it be, henceforth and forever. Amen.—Christian Sun.

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