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THE fire last Sunday was another demonstration that Williamston needs water works and a fire department, and needs them badly.

It is true that some men of this town are born fire fighters, and no matter what they have to fight fire with they make a good showing. But, how much better and more effective they could work if given the proper means of fire fighting. Had Williamston been in possession of a fire department last Sunday morning several thousand dollars would have been saved, and no time would there have been any danger of the fire spreading. Besides this a dozen men could have done what it took nearly a hundred to do.

A fire department would have paid for itself at either of the last three large fires besides saving about 50 per cent of the insurance that has been paid out by property owners and business men of this town.

It is strange that the business men of Williamston can not see that a fire department and water works would be a handsome investment for the town. Go where you will and ask of any town whether or not the fire companies have paid.

Have you ever heard of any town dispensing with the services of a fire department? Do you think any town that has a fire department would do without it? They must be good investments or towns would not have them. Now, if there is anything that is a benefit, and a good paying investment besides, this town needs it and should have it.

We appeal to the city fathers for the sake of common interest, as well as business interest, to look into this matter.

THERE were several gentlemen at the fire last Sunday that deserve special credit for the way they worked to save property. Some of them worked until the could go no longer, especially so of W. H. Ludlow Jr. who was completely overcome had to be carried off and looked after and for some time was in a precarious condition. These men deserve the gratitude of every property owner in the burned district.

MARION Harland says that no girl should be ashamed to do house work; it is a most womanly accomplishment. One can never be a realy good housekeeper unless one has a practical knowledge of even the humblest work in the house. It is a fallacy, for no one can command well who has not served. Learn to do and know how to direct.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

By CHARLES A. EDWARDS.

July 15th, 1903.

The three strongest delegations in Congress, as delegations, are the Iowa, the Missouri and the Texas delegations. Nearly every man from those three states is a strong man and stands preeminent for marketability in some peculiar line. In writing these sketches of public men in future I will take them up by state delegations. Many members of Congress, in their relation to the general public can be disposed of in very few words, for they have done very little to attract general attention, although they are good men and good legislators. Their work is done very quietly and in the committee rooms, where most of the effective work of a member of Congress is performed without the emmission of hot air, without fanfarronade and blare of trumpets.

Some people have an idea that unless a man shows up every day in the Congressional Record with a speech of some sort that he is no good as a Congressman, when the truth is that just the opposite makes him the good and effective member. No matter how good a speaker a man may be or how well qualified to speak on any given subject, he can not say a word unless he gets the permission of the Speaker, and then he is allotted only a certain number of minutes and must limit his address. Very few men can exhaust their subjects in the time allotted them; can not do themselves justice; and that is why so few men make speeches. The House of Representatives has emasculated itself by the rules it has adopted and no longer is a deliberative body. There are some men, however, on both sides of the House who by their intellectual force have made themselves felt and deserve recognition.

Take the Missouri delegation, for instance. I have already mentioned the Hon. Champ Clark and the Hon. David A. DeArmond. There are other strong men on that delegation, and one of them is the Hon. Charles Fremont Cochran, of St. Joseph, Mo. Undoubtedly Mr. Cochran is the most versatile and widely read member of the delegation. He is "loaded for bear" so to speak, on almost any subject that comes up for debate in the House, and when he gets through with an opponent his antagonist looks like a fodder stack after a cyclone had toyed with it. He never makes a speech without adding to the sum of human information. In his capacity of lawyer and newspaper editor he has read everything and he has a memory like a tar bucket; everything that gets in it sticks. His pet hobbies in the past two congresses have been the war in the Philippines and the Boer war in South Africa. On these two subjects he has hit the republicans more hard licks than any two men in Congress.

Another big man in the Missouri delegation is the Hon. William S. Cowherd of Kansas City. He not only is one of the ablest lawyers in the House but one of the best lawyers. His cogent reasoning and irresistible logic compel admiration and knock down all barriers. There was an attempt in the last Congress to put through a steal of about a half million dollars, and it came from the Committee on the District of Columbia of which Mr. Cowherd is a member. With his top hammer logic and unanswerable argument Cowherd proceeded to hit it in the head and when he got through talking it was as dead as Hector the republicans even refusing to vote for it. Mr. Cowherd has a future. Look out for him.

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The President of the United States is just now coming in for some severe criticism in the political circles in the capital of the nation which is causing democrats to smile audibly and administration republicans to wince perceptibly. There are several reasons for this criticism. One is the 'gag rule' applied to the Post office Department investigation promulgated by him before he left for his summer home at Oyster Bay. That means simply that the investigation will be a farce from this time on and that the details shall not be given to the public for fear of hurting the party of public plunder. No honest man or party ever was afraid of investigation or of being watched. It is the thief that is afraid of espionage or publicity. Only a short time ago Mr. President Roosevelt was lustily proclaiming from the stump and through his messages to the Congress "publicity" was the panacea for the trust evils that now beset the honest consumers of the country. If "publicity" is the specific for trust evils, why is not publicity good for the evils the boodleism, grafting and unheard of corruption that honeycombs the Postoffice Department? If he will reconcile those two divergent opinions of the benefits of publicity I will apologize for any criticism I may have made concerning him.

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Another criticism that one hears talked about in the corridors of the hotels in this political center is the close personal relations of the President and Congressman Littauer of New York, who has been caught grafting while a member of Congress by grabbing a contract to furnish gloves to the army. Mr. Littauer has boasted of his intimacy with the President and of his pull at the White House. Did that "pull" have anything to do with landing the glove contract while he was a member of Congress and therefore against the law? The people would like to have an answer to that question.

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A question now being asked here is, "what has become of the 'Iowa idea?'" It seems to have "gone glimmering like a schoolboy's dream, the wonder of an hour." After all the beating of tom toms and sounding of new gags anent this "Iowa idea" the platform adopted by the Iowa republicans was a traddle and a fake on the tariff reform and revision question and all the analyses of it on earth could make nothing else out of it. I said some time ago that it was a gold brick. The Iowa republicans in convention assembled have proved my assertion correct. Gov. Cummins says he will continue to make the same kind of tariff revision speeches throughout the campaign that he has been making heretofore. If he does he will be speaking through a protection muzzle all the time. He says he wrote the tariff; lank in the platform himself. If he did he was hypnotized by Senator Allison while he was doing it, for it talks one way while he talks another when he is out from the influence of the pussy-footed Senator who as John J. Ingalls once said, could walk on hens eggs all day and never scratch a shell." The "stand patters" and the American Protective Tariff League have won a victory. They have forced the republicans of Iowa to adopt the regulation protection platform. What will the republicans who want tariff revision do about it.

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Another criticism of the President is based on an action of his that comes as a sort of a sequel to something that occured during his late political junket through the West and which was commented on at the time in this correspondence. It will be remembered by the readers of this correspondence that I had something to say about the failure the unexplainable neglect of the President of University of California, Mr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, to mention the names of Mrs. Phoebe Hearst and Mr. William Randolph Hearst in the list of donors and patrons of the University when they had donated more than all others combined on the occasion of the visit of the President of the United States to that institution. Wonderment was then expressed that such a thing should have occured unless President Wheeler had been specifically asked by some one to omit the names of these two generous donors to the upbuilding of the University of California. Although he has been roasted to a brown turn by the press of California and asked to explain, Mr. Wheeler has never uttered a word by way of explanation for his uncalled for and unheard of omission. The explanation has now come by inference and the conclusion is irresistible. A short time ago Mr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler came through Washington and was entertained at the White House by President Roosevelt and shown every possible courtesy. Thus it is as gross to the sense as the sun at noonday that this is a game of you tickle me and I will tickle you. Out in California Wheeler at the request or suggestion of a soul so small that three hundred of them could dance the highland fling on the point of a camb'sioneedle, performs the act of an ingrate and insults the spirit of his state. In Washington he gets his pay by being allowed to fawn at the feet of alleged greatness and stick his knees under presidential mahogany. He was entitled to anything the President could give him. He saved him from listening to the applause that would have followed the reading of the name of Hearst in California, for it is a name that Roosevelt both fears and dislikes. And no wonder. Mr. Hearst has told the truth so often concerning Roosevelt and his party that every time the President sees a New York American he shies at it like his erstwhile moon eyed broncho at a black stump.

Brutally Tortured

A case came to light that for persistent and merciful torture has perhaps never been equaled. Joe Goldsick, of Colusa, Cal., writes: "For fifteen years I endured sufferable pain from Rheumatism and nothing relieved me though I tried everything known. I came across Electric Bitters and it's the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for Liver and Kidney troubles and general debility. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists.

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"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexanderia, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumptoin so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but, when all other medicines failed, three $1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolrtely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and $1.00. Trail bottles at all druggists.

Coltrain-Peel.

Last Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, Miss Martha L. Peel, daughter of Mr. Hyman Peel, and Mr. Joshua L. Coltrain were united in marriage by Elder A. D. Mizell at the home of the bride's parents, in Griffin District. A reception was tendered the bridal party at the home of the groom's parents at 7:30 o'clock.

The following couples were in attendance: Miss Addie Manning and Charlie Peel, Miss Hattie Manning and C. C. Coltrain, Miss Lucy Reddick and Theo. Roberson, Miss Mary Tice and Edie Griffin, Miss Ludie Griffin and Reddick Roberson, Miss Bettie Manning and Jesse Griffin, Miss Martha Griffin and Alex Peel, Miss Annie Green and Louis Peel.

"A MICHIGAN paper says that in Chillicothe they are telling a good story on a young man who holds a humble position in a printing office, says the Kansas City Star. The young man is very fond of the daughter of a minister, but his devotion to her is comparatively new. The other Sunday he went to church to hear the father of his inamorata preach, and unfortunately sat down where everybody could see him. The text was: 'My daughter is greviously tormented with a devil.'"

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NOTICE!

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NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of the late F. M. Bunch, deceased, notice is hereby given to all parties owing debts to the said estate to settle them with me at once, and that all parties holding claims against it will present them to me within twelve months from the date of my qualification it being on the 1st day of July, 1903, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery of the same.

This, the 10th day of July, 1903.

MATILDA J. BUNCH,
42-6t Administratrix.

Dwelling and Lot FOR SALE!

A five-room Dwelling with out houses, and Lot, formerly owned by Mrs. James Sitterson, situated on the upper part of Main Street. A desirable residence section in the most healthful part of the town of Williamston, will be sold at public auction on Friday at 12 o'clock, noon,

August 7th, 1903
At the Court House Door.

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WHEELEN MARTIN,
41-4t Trustee.

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LAND SALE!

By virtue of power in us vested in a certain deed executed by William Powell and Annie G. Powell, his wife, on the 11th day of July, 1902, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Martin County, Book J. J. Page 21, to which reference is hereby made, we will sell for cash on the 25th day of July, 1903, at the Court House Door in Martin County, the following described land to wit: That store house and lot in the town of Parmele, and known as the Harper store. Lot beginning at corner near the store, running back forty-two feet to back corner of store, thence along the back of said store twenty-four feet to a corner, thence along said store forty-two feet to right of way of the Kinston branch of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, thence twenty-four feet to the beginning, being the place of business of William Powell.

This June 13th, 1903.

37-4t BRYAN AND WHITLEY.

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