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INVESTIGATION IS DEMANDED.

The State's Landmark made a charge several weeks ago that State Treasurer Worth had advanced \$50,000 out of the public funds to run the penitentiary.

The Raleigh Post called "Father" Worth's attention to "his charge when the following interview took place:

"Money was advanced to the penitentiary during Mr. Levan's management and has always been advanced under the different administrations of the prison," was the Treasurer's comment.

"How much have you advanced to Superintendent Newborn since your year?" the Treasurer was asked by the Post.

"I don't care to say anything now," was the reply.

"Is it true that you are frightened for fear that the penitentiary management will not be able to repay you?"

"You can say that the State Treasurer is not frightened."

"All of this is very interesting. The Treasurer virtually admits that he has loaned the penitentiary large sums of money, the amounts of which he declines to disclose, but asserts that he is not frightened about not being able to repay."

"On the other hand it is claimed that the penitentiary will not be able to pay out this year by a jugful."

It may be that such a trifling matter may not frighten Treasurer Worth, but it certainly is enough to alarm the tax payers, and cause them to ask for a more definite explanation.

This may be a privilege, that of letting out the public money, that is enjoyed only by the good "Father" Worth, which no other officer holds has the right to do, but upon the face of the returns it does not look like good business.

And if the State Treasurer's office makes such an exhibit of business, how about the other State and county officials, under the Fusion rule?

Their accounts may be all right but there should be a clean exhibit of their affairs, to show the people that they have been true to their public trusts.

An investigation all along the line should be made, and the record made public.

How's This. We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

P. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known P. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

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Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Looking Ahead. "Why do you let your boy have everything he wants? You are spoiling him. You should occasionally let him know what real life means."

"Oh, poor little chap. I want him to have a good time while he can. He'll get married some day."

A Clever Trick. It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has Lame Back and Weak Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles.

We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to Liver and Kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor.

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Justice of Fate. A man can't do much without money. "No, and when he has money he doesn't need to do anything."

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Cures Hoarseness and all other ailments of the throat.

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Indian Territory Topics. Anything which has a touch of alcohol in it is demanded in the Indian Territory. Intoxication is craving, and the stomach of the Indian Territory drinker does not quarrel with the form in which it comes.

Two Pained Questions Answered. What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can not get a better price for it?

How can you get the public to know your make is the best? If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass judgment on them and use only the better one.

This explains the large sale of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The people have been using it for years and have found that it can always be depended upon. They may occasionally take up with some fashionable novelty put forth with exaggerated claims, but are certain to return to the one remedy that they know to be reliable, and for coughs, colds and croup there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Two of a Kind. "Beg pardon, are you McO'bit, the prizefighter?" "Young feller, I'm a pugilist, not a prize fighter. Are you one of them reporters?" "No, sir, I am a journalist."

Relief in Six Hours. Distressing Kidney and Bladder disease relieved in six hours by "New Great South American Kidney Cure."

Valid Defence. The Judge—"You are arrested for running the end of an umbrella into this man's eyes. Have you anything to say in your defence?"

Pain in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia.

Getting at the Facts. Insurance Agent—"Pardon me, madam but what is your age?" "Miss Antiquate—"I have seen 22 summers."

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A SINGING WELL.

About three miles west of Cedar Bayou, Harris county, Tex., is a remarkable well. When it was dug, no one could tell, but it has been in existence for more than 50 years.

In calm, fine weather a sound like that of an Aeolian harp comes up from between the tangles of vines below. At times the sound seems nearer and clearer. Then again it recedes, as if far away, and reaches the ear very faintly.

With an east wind blowing the water in the well gets very low, and the mysterious sound seems very faint. A strong west wind causes the water to rise and the sound to increase in volume and clearness.

But it is just before a great weather that the old well plays its wildest pranks. Then for several hours the water rises to within a few feet of the top of the well and emits the wildest, wildest notes that ever reached human ears.

The well is about 60 feet deep. A few years ago the land on which it is located was bought by a Mr. Watkins, who, not liking the sounds that came from the well, employed two men to fill it up. They shoveled dirt into the well two weeks, but it did not affect the depth of water perceptibly, and they threw up the contract.

The water is very clear, with a bluish tint, and is fairly palatable. No other wells in the neighborhood show such pranks as are played by the "singing well."—Fort Worth (Tex.) Cor. Chicago Inter Ocean.

American Humor. An English Comedian compares it with the British Artiste. George Grossmith, comparing American humor with English, says: "A New York gentleman was once chaffing me about my pronunciation of certain words, and I was very much amused at it. So I said to him: 'It's our language, you know. We invented it before you were discovered.' He was a bit abashed at first. Then he said: 'That's so. Well, I think it's about time you learned to speak it.'"

"It is very difficult to score off an American, and you can't play a practical joke on one at all. I've often done so, when I've had a friend with me, into some city bank, like the Bank of England, for example—staid old place, you know. We've marched up to the counter, and I've said quite calmly to the old gentleman behind it, 'Can't I have a brandy and soda and some sandwiches?' They've always been most polite and taken it seriously, saying, 'We don't keep brandy and soda and sandwiches here.' 'But you have them sold up to him outside.' 'Yes, but that of course is for ourselves,' and so on, all quite gravely and without the suspicion of a smile or the slightest quiver of the muscles of the countenance to indicate a sense that a practical joke was fooling around."

"And in America you would have fared differently?" "Rather. I went once to the state-house in Hartford. There was a man standing at the entrance, an official with a band around his head, as I supposed up to him and said, 'Can you tell me if this hotel is conducted on the European plan?' He simply looked at me, and calmly said, 'Any more?' Then there was a moment's awkward pause, and I had to walk out."

Death and Birth Time. There are a great number of curious superstitions as to the time of day when a dying person is most likely to draw his last breath, and the tide, moon and the wind have all been supposed to have some share in the matter.

A Very queer Dresser. A very queer man in the matter of dress was the late Duke of Portland. His eccentric grace always, it appears, ordered three frock coats to every suit. When the weather was hot, he wore one only, when it was a little less hot two, and when it was cool all three. Besides these, he always kept three greatcoats in wear, so that when winter came on he wore three frock coats and one greatcoat, as it advanced three frock coats and two greatcoats, while, when there was a real frost, he turned out in all these.—London Correspondence.

Had Other Chances. "I wouldn't have stated that young man if I'd been you," said a maiden aunt to her young and frisky niece. "I don't think I would either if I'd been you," retorted the amny maiden.—Harper's Bazar.

A Sneezing Cure. "I've cured my husband's insomnia." "How did you do it?" "I pretended I was ill, and the doctor left medicine which Henry was to give me every half hour all night long."—Vanity Fair.

Mr. Harkin, clerk of the drug store of R. Bloomer, Ferry, Ill., says: "A man came into our store the other day and said, 'I want a bottle of the stuff that saves children's lives. I read in the News about it. The children are just what when we see them the doctor gives them, he always kept three greatcoats in wear, so that when winter came on he wore three frock coats and one greatcoat, as it advanced three frock coats and two greatcoats, while, when there was a real frost, he turned out in all these.—London Correspondence."

She said so. Mrs. Mannerly to her daughter, who has just returned from tea with friends: "I hope you said 'No, thank you,' oftener than you did 'Yes, thank you.'"

Mabel—Yes, I did. I hadn't been eating more'n half an hour before they began saying, 'Don't you think you're eating enough?' 'Aren't you afraid you'll make yourself ill?' And I said, 'No, thank you,' every time.—London News.

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FACE ON FIRE.

That woman of the only, truly kind woman I thought my face and some were sore. My face was full of large white sores, and my head was full of sores. I was ashamed to go in company. I took two bottles of Chamberlain's Remedies, washed with Chamberlain's Balm, and got a clean face again, thanks to Chamberlain.

VALERINE BAKER, March 7, 1898, 208 State St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Chamberlain's Remedies—When taken with Chamberlain's Balm, they cure all skin diseases, such as eczema, eruptions, and all kinds of eruptions, and get a clean face again, thanks to Chamberlain.

A Correction. "We stated," says the Plunkville Eagle, "that the gent now playing Othello at the opera house let his hands hang around like a couple of miniature hams. He called on us yesterday in regard thereto. With assistance of the pressman and the shoemaker who occupies the room adjoining the Eagle office we spotted him, but not until he had handed us with a hand that showed the use of the word 'miniature' to have been a serious mistake."—Indianapolis Journal.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day. Mystic Cure for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75 cents. Sold by Henry's Pharmacy.

Winter Tourist Tickets Now on Sale by Southern Railway. Commencing November 1st, 1898, the Southern Railway will sell from principal stations on its lines, round-trip Winter Tourist tickets to best resorts in Florida, the South and Asheville, N. C., in "The Land of the Sky" at greatly reduced rates for the round-trip.

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Lodge Directory.

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