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Affidavit of Commissioners' Court to Treasurer's Quarterly Report.

In the Matter of County Finances in the hands of Thomas Deshazo, Treasurer of Terry County, Texas.

Commissioners' Court Terry County, Texas, in regular quarterly session, November Term, 1906.

We, the undersigned, as County Commissioners within and for said Terry County, and the Hon. W. N. Copeland, County Judge of said Terry County, constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 16th day of November, A. D. 1906, at a regular quarterly term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of Thomas Deshazo, Treasurer of Terry County, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 1st day of August, A. D. 1906, and ending on the 12th day of November, A. D. 1906, and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of said County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's Report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this court, and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 12th day of November, A. D. 1906, and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of the said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an Act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, at its regular session, approved March 20, 1897.

And we, and each of us, further certify that we have fully inspected all the actual cash and assets in the hands of the said Treasurer belonging to Terry County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's Report, on this, the 12th day of November, A. D. 1906, and find the same to be as follows, to-wit:

JURY FUND.

Dr. cr.

Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 1st day of August, 1906, 17 36
To amount received since said date, 68 78
By amount disbursed since said date, 26 17
By amount to balance, 57 97
Total, - 34 14 84 14

Balance to credit of said Jury Fund as actually counted by us on the 16th day of November, A. D. 1906, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of filing of his Report on the 1st day of August, A. D. 1906, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day making a total of \$57 97

GENERAL FUND.

Dr. cr.

Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 1st day of August, 1906, 146 89
To amount received since said date, 132 98

By amount disbursed since said date, 211 86
By amount to balance, 67 41

Total, . . . 279 27 279 27

Balance to credit of said General Fund as actually counted by us on the 12th day of November, A. D. 1906, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his Report on the first day of November, A. D. 1906, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of \$67 41

SCHOOL FUND.

Dr. cr.

Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 1st day of August, 1906, 508 06
To amount received since said date, 664 20
By amount disbursed since said date, 293 04
By amount to balance, 877 22
Total, - 1170 26 1170 26

Balance to credit of said School Fund as actually counted by us on the 16th day of November, 1906, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his Report on the 1st day of August, 1906, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day making a total balance of \$877 22

RECAPITULATION.

DATE AMOUNT
November 12, 1906, balance to credit of Jury Fund on this day, 57 97
November 12, 1906, balance to credit of General Fund on this day, 67 41
November 12, 1906, balance to credit of School Fund on this day, 877 22

Total Cash on hand belonging to Terry County in the hands of said Treasurer as actually counted by us, 1003 20

WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially Commissioners this 16th day of Court Terry November, A. County, D. 1906. Texas.

(SEAL) W. N. COPELAND, County Judge.
S. A. Shepherd, Commissioner Precinct No. 1.
W. H. Gist, Commissioner Precinct No. 2.
J. N. Groves, Commissioner Precinct No. 3.
J. J. Adams, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, by W. N. Copeland, County Judge, and S. A. Shepherd, and W. H. Gist, and J. N. Groves, and J. J. Adams, County Commissioners of said Terry County, each respectively, on this, the 16th day of November, A. D. 1906.
W. T. DIXON, County Clerk Terry County, Texas.

Affidavit

OF

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FROM

August 1st, August Term, to November 12th, November Term, 1906.

Filed this 19th day of November, A. D. 1906.

W. T. DIXON, County Clerk, Terry County, Texas.

Recorded this 16th day of November, A. D. 1906, in Book 1, pages 113, 114 and 115 of the Minutes of the Commissioners' Court.

W. T. DIXON, County Clerk, Terry County, Texas.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ACTS.

A Call Meeting of the Club is Held Wednesday—The Road Work to be Pushed.

Several directors and the road committee of the Commercial Club met at the First National Bank Monday afternoon to take up the road question.

C. A. Doak of Tahoka, was present at the meeting and explained that a company had been formed at Tahoka to purchase a traction engine for the purpose of hauling freight, and informed those present that unless the sand beds leading north were removed the people of Lynn and surrounding counties would have their freight shipped to Plainview and transported overland from there. He said that he was sure that if the Big Springs and Tahoka road was placed in good condition the trade from that country would continue to come to Big Springs.

When we are informed that the road to Plainview is two miles shorter and much better than our country road we can realize the necessity of getting busy.

The road committee were ordered to proceed at once with the work as the legal entanglement has been settled and the money subscribed for this work. The secretary was instructed to advertise for bids on this road, and the committee was given power to act on all bids by Dec. 1st, 1906, and have work started immediately. All persons who subscribed for this road fund are hereby ordered to be prepared

to pay said subscriptions before Dec. 1, 1906.

No delay should be taken in this matter and there is not a citizen but what realizes the need of immediate action. A town cannot afford to lose any trade territory but if progress is to be made an increasing effort to secure new trade territory should be manifested. — Big Springs Herald.

The road which is to be worked is the one between Lamesa and Big Springs. In the same issue of the Herald we notice an ad. for bids on this work.

Corporations Have Rights

There has been some grand and learned speeches made before the higher courts at Austin, Texas, lately, on the interesting subject of trusts and combinations. A Judge Priest, an attorney of exceptional ability, takes exceptions to the rulings of courts that corporations have no right, or should not be permitted to make agreements or have understandings with one another. He says that such laws are the rankest kind of Socialistic propaganda, and that it springs from the very depth of envy and tyranny, and is upheld by cheap politicians and blatant demagogues, and that if sustained as a matter of statutory policy, the capitalist could find no outlet for his money unless he ran the risk of confiscation, and likens it to the Praetorians of Rome. There is a smack of truth in what he says.

An Odd Italian Custom.

A New Year's method employed by the Italian peasant girl to learn what Hymen has in store for her is to stand in the doorway of her home facing the road and kick off one of her slippers with sufficient force to send it backward over her head and back into the room. If the slipper falls on the sole, the toe pointing toward the door in which the girl stands, she takes it as an omen that before the new year dies she shall have walked out of her parental home and entered another house as its mistress and as a bride.

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Look out for big crops next year. The weather we are going through is disagreeable but is certainly the poor man's fertilizer.

We are in receipt of the Lakewood, New Mexico, Progress, a paper published in that enterprising town by J. M. Wood & Son. In it is an item that a settler in that section, after the recent storm had moderated some, went out, and on a ten acre patch of ground, killed 286 rabbits in a half day. Wonder if they were holding a convention there?

At Carlsbad, N. M., three stockmen living in that section were frozen to death in the recent storm. In the city itself there was a coal famine, and that necessary article popped up from \$9 a ton to \$25. In Deaf Smith county, this State, a prairie fire raged in that section a day or two before the storm, and as it is composed of large pastures and herds of cattle, considerable damage was done to stock.

Missouri still has the reputation of producing the nerviest train-robbers in the United States. One of these gentlemen, single-handed, went through three coaches, with a mask and six-shooter, took up a collection, and then proceeded to an unfrequented part of the train and leisurely rode along for a station or two, until the railroad employes telegraphed ahead and had officers ready to nab him when he jumped off and was captured. The spirit of Jesse James still soars over Missouri.

Harry K. Thaw who murdered the Architect White in a sensational manner last spring at a garden party in New York City, will soon be tried. While no evidence has been taken to base an opinion, there is one thing that can be said in favor of the accused: he has not used his notoriety to drum up sympathy, and has curbed his fool friends from acting silly about him, and says that all he asks is a square deal. He is related to some of the bluest blood in England and America, but he don't ask any consideration on that account.

Feminine Attire.

It is hard to see why one thing is proper and another improper in feminine attire, why what a woman doesn't wear at the opera would be considered shocking in the daytime and what she wears while bathing in mixed company would make the first policeman she met on Fifth avenue speechless with amazement.

It is on record that when the dreadful balloon crinolines of the middle of the last century were abandoned there were many stern moralists who did not approve of the way in which the Miss Flora McFlintners of the time began to show the natural curve of their figures. Dear good old days of nice people with nasty minds, who blushed at the thought of having legs, and whose vocabulary was a mass of polite words that were apologies for the fact of sex.

After all, it is a good thing that the "pull back" skirt is to go. It is ugly. And, unlike most other eccentric evolutions of the sartorial mind, we found it impossible to grow accustomed to it, in spite of its universality.

Thousands of Christmas Presents. All kinds of them, at Reagan's Drug store, BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS.

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West Texas on Wheels.

An Exhibit Car Will Visit North and East.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Nov. 19.

West Texas along the line of the Texas and Pacific railroad, all the way from Fort Worth to El Paso, is to be advertised in a way that will attract to it the attention of the people east and north, and will no doubt bring people to that section.

E. M. M. Riley, immigration agent for the Texas & Pacific railroad, has been making his headquarters in Fort Worth, has this matter in hand and the plan he proposes to carry out can but be productive of much good. As an advance agent of this campaign Mr. Riley has sent out a publication devoted exclusively to the territory to be exploited and this in due time will be followed by that which will convince any one of the greatness of the plains country as an agricultural country.

An exhibition car will be filled up containing samples of the various products of the West

Texas country, including the different fruits, melons, corn, cotton, oats, wheat, rye, the different varieties in the different parts of the State. This car will be run all over the north and east in charge of a force of men qualified to talk up Texas, making stops at different cities from which descriptive literature will be sent out broadcast inviting the people to visit the car and be convinced that the claims made of Texas are true.—West Texas News.

Why Hickie Raised the Price.

The late Mr. Hickie was a noted second-hand bookseller of Dublin. His bookshop was the favorite haunt of bishops, clergymen of all creeds, professors and scholars generally in search of rare volumes. A story is told of an encounter Mr. Hickie had with a Catholic priest only a few days before he retired from his beloved bookshop to die. A young priest called on him, and, taking up a book, inquired the price. "Half a crown, father," said Hickie. "But," said the priest, "I can get it for a shilling and 6 pence from Mr. Blank." "Of course," said Hickie, "but, you see, 'tis a Protestant book, and I think you shouldn't buy a Protestant book, so I put half a crown on it that you might leave it behind."

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R. L. Perminter,

BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS.

Manager.

Governor-elect Thomas Campbell has been busy fixing up official plums on the executive tree preparatory for a grand "shake down" soon.

Figures on Smiths.

Some statistician has figured that there are 600,000 Smiths in the United States. Three thousand are employed by the United States government and nineteen Smiths die every day. In New York alone there are 126,060. Including the Smythes, the Schmidts, Shmidts and other variations, the family is roughly estimated to comprise 1,000,000 in this country.

Special Delivery in Germany.

In any large city of Germany a special delivery card or stamp, costing less than eight cents, will cause a message to be shot by tube anywhere in the city. A messenger will carry it from the point of reception to the receiver, and will wait for an answer. Message and answer in Berlin take about two hours.

Betting on the Yachts.

My old friend B. is having a lot of fun, Victor Smith says, finding takers of the following bet: In offices in the vicinity of City Hall park, where he is well known, he offers even money that Shamrock will win at least two races if five are sailed, wagers to be limited to \$5. He has been astounded at the numerous "suckers" who eagerly snapped at the bait. Smart chaps bet \$5 and wanted to bet more. Some begged for the privilege of betting it ten times. A few have seen through the trick, but others will not tumble until they receive their money back.

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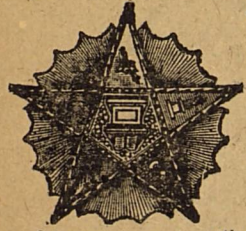
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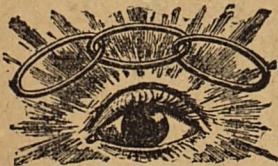
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LOCAL ITEMS

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B. Everett was in town Monday afternoon.

Ray Brownfield had business in town last Saturday.

Rev. J. S. B. Cash, who has been spending a few days with his charge here left Monday afternoon for Gomez.

J. C. Green left Tuesday for the railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Welch are entertaining a little stranger at their home a boy who arrived last Wednesday.

Mr. Scott came in Monday afternoon from Big Springs.

Mr and Mrs. Noah Bell were shopping in Brownfield Monday.

D. T. Hanker and Edgar Galbreth had business in town one day this week.

W. J. A. Parker, M. V. Brownfield, W. N. Copeland and W. R. Spencer attended District Court at Tahoka this week.

Mr. Underwood returned Monday from Big Springs.

T. J. Price took charge of the District and county Clerk's office last Saturday. He intends to bring his family over as soon as possible.

Geo. W. Meill, of Gomez, came over Monday. He expects to remain with us and help Mr. Price in the clerk's office and work on an abstract of the county.

Judge W. N. Copeland has purchased W. J. Duncan's residence in Brownfield. He will move into it as soon as Mrs. Duncan is well enough for Mr. Duncan to give possession.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Powell and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robinson are now occupying Mr. Brownfield's rent cottage southeast of the square.

Dr. J. W. Ellis was in Gomez Thursday on a professional call. The young folks had a dance at the Court House Thursday night.

B. Everett has been spending a few days in town this week

A party of Jones county prospectors passed through Brownfield on their way south. They had been out two months and camped out during the recent cold spell with no protection except a windmill and no fuel except the fence around it which they made good use of. With the exception of the loss of a horse they fared fairly well.

Jack Bryan was in town Thursday.

S. A. Shepherd had business in Brownfield Wednesday.

W. R. Spencer left Wednesday for Fort Worth and Austin.

W. J. Byrd, of Gomez, was in town Tuesday morning.

W. T. McPherson, of Gomez, was in Brownfield Saturday.

J. T. Heflin and E. F. Shafer are at work on Mr. Shafer's home north of the town section. They will have it completed in a few days.

J. L. Randal left Wednesday for Big Springs to bring back a load of freight.

Jack Edwards, who has been working for W. J. Satterwhite and Claude Criswell left this week for his home in Fort Worth.

Ed Copeland, of Lubbock County visited his parents at this place this week.

For Sale!

6 Registered Hereford Males; Twos past. At a Bargain.

To be seen at my place 2 miles west of Brownfield, Texas,

J. J. LANE,

Wanted

J. R. Hill is in the market for Butter and Eggs. He will also pay the highest market price for Hides.

We are glad to number among our exchanges the Lubbock Leader, a new paper started at Lubbock by Dale & Son. Mr. Dale is an old hand at the paper business and well in touch with the plains country and its interests, he having been one of the first settlers in Terry county. We wish him much success.

Rev. Sweeney Married

The friends and acquaintances of Brother Sweeney were very much surprised when he came in from Conference this week to learn that he had married, but nevertheless such is the case. He was married to Miss Pearl Lide, of Chappell Hill, near Brennon, on the 15th of this month at the home of the bride, and from there he and his bride attended the Conference of the M. E. church at Brownwood. We understand Miss Lide was one of the most accomplished and talented young ladies of her part of the State and we assure her that her choice for a companion through life was a wise one as Rev. Sweeney is a rising and progressive preacher and ere the gray hairs adorn his temples he will have made his mark in this world as a very able minister of the gospel.—Stanton, Texas, Reporter

Maids and Matrons.

Another afternoon delightfully spent was that at the home of Mrs. W. R. Spencer Wednesday, the 21st. inst. The afternoon, as the reader will remember, was very cold, the ground being covered with snow. The outlook was very discouraging, until a good Fairy, or was it a little bird? put it into the head of one of our gallant townsmen to bring horses and sleigh, when presto! we were transferred as if by magic to the warm cozy home of our hostess, who had prepared a blazing fire in anticipation of our coming and attended to our frost-bitten toes in the proper form. There was a goodly number of our members present, and we noted with pleasure the presence of one new member, Mrs. John Powell, who has cast her lot with the Brownfield folks. The topics of the day were discussed, and quite an interesting discussion was held as to what books we might obtain for the literary part of our work. Mrs. Spencer Sharp gave us some brilliant ideas along this line. The Biography of Washington Irving, by Miss Sallie Harris, was both interesting and instructive. At a suggestion from Miss Sallie Harris our next meeting is to be "Diversion Meeting," at which time every lady is to bring a gentleman with her. When Miss Harris and Mrs. Sharp will do the honors,

I shall not attempt to enumerate all the mental feasts which our hostess had in store for us. But the delightful refreshments with which she regaled us made us almost despise that clause we learned in table Etiquette in early childhood, which said, "Don't ask to be helped to the same thing twice." Mrs. Spencer is an ideal hostess, and richly deserves the position she holds in our high circle. Every one expressed themselves in a very appreciative manner, and on taking their departure declared that every meeting was better.

Those present were: Mrs. Jno. Powell, Mrs. Dr. Ellis, Mrs.

Spencer Sharp, Mrs. Alma Dial, Miss Sallie Harris, Irene Copeland and Miss Dora Daugherty

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The "Missing Link." Down in New Zealand, comparatively small as the land is, there are many animal and bird mysteries still. They say that there is a brand-new—that is, new to the world—type of animal on the order of the duckbill down there. Darwin always thought that some day a veritable lizard bird (not a flying bird, but a true missing link between the birds and the reptiles) might be found there.

Necessity of Etiquette.

Etiquette is necessary as a sort of public dress rehearsal of that fraternal graciousness of character that recognizes the right of the other one to our consideration. Dr. Trall, the celebrated hygienist, often said: "If it were not for women, men would soon revert to barbarism." So much for social form with its civility, cordiality, sincerity and interest.

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Geology.

The geological mystery of Texas is the Llano Estacado or Staked Plains, which is in reality a great, steep-sided island in an ocean of land. Its elevated surface embraces fifty thousand square miles, almost perfectly smooth, unbroken by trees and carpeted with deep, rich grasses upon which millions of herds find their existence the year round.

Two streams, the Canadian and the Pecos flow around it, and both have cut nearly one thousand feet below the level. The wall of this vast table land can be seen for a distance of 50 miles. The soil is rich and productive and from six to thirty feet deep. There is a porous sediment of soil, sand, gravel and salt in horizontal layers to a depth of two hundred feet, then beneath a great floor of sands, clays and granites, in part the Trinity sands and in part the red beds.

There is little surface water, the soil being porous as a sponge. The one stream that traverses the plain breaks suddenly out of the ground, ripples over pebbly bottoms for ten miles, then mysteriously disappears. The spongy soil has sucked it up.

More than a thousand wells have been dug in the porous strata, from which the water does not flow, but is pumped to the surface by windmills and the Staked Plains thereby has become an enormous pasture for countless herds of cattle.

The water evidently soaks into the ground, and is stored in the mortar beds and grits, and prevented from going farther down by the underlying red beds.

In years to come this great Staked Plain may serve purposes that are but vaguely dreamed of at the present day.—Ector County Democrat.

Strange Animal.

A strange animal, half tiger and half panther, has been brought back from the Congo by a Belgian and placed in the zoological gardens at Antwerp.

No Use for Firemen.

Most Mexican cities have no fire department, as they are built almost entirely of stone, with stone floors and roofs, leaving little to burn.

The Ears of Insects.

Simply because a bee has no ears on the sides of its head it is no sign whatever that it is wholly without some sort of an auditory nerve. This is proved by the fact that grasshoppers, crickets, locusts and flies all have their ears situated in queer places—under the wings, on the middle of the body and even on the sides of their legs. The common house fly does its hearing by means of some little rows of corpuscles which are situated on the knobbed threads which occupy the place which are taken up by the hind wings of other species of insects. The garden slug or shellless snail has its organs of hearing situated on each side of its neck, and the common grasshopper has them on each of its broad, flat thighs. In some of the smaller insects they are at the bases of the wings and in others on the bottom of the feet.

Is Jewish Exclusiveness Being a Legend Rather than a Reality?

"Is Jewish exclusiveness being a legend rather than a reality?" asks the London Chronicle in connection with the following data from Australia which would seem to suggest an affirmative answer. In New South Wales, according to the recently published matrimonial statistics, during the last year no less than sixty-seven Jewish selected husbands from the Church of England, while 17 mated with Catholics and 11 found their affinities in the Presbyterian fold. One hundred and fifty-one Jews were united to Anglican wives, 62 to Catholics, 13 to Presbyterians, 12 to Methodists, 4 to non-denominationalists and 2 to Congregationalists, while a solitary son of Israel is reported to have wed a Baptist. Altogether out of 781 Jewish marriages, 343 were more or less mixed.

Joel Chandler Harris.

SOUTHERN AUTHOR RECOGNIZED BY SOUTHERN NEWSPAPER.

The much-loved Southern writer, Joel Chandler Harris, to whom the world is indebted for Uncle Remus, is about to receive substantial recognition in a new form. The Dallas News announces the consummation of a deal by which it secures the exclusive rights in the Southwest to publication of Uncle Remus' stories, illustrated in color by J. Conde, the artist, who has drawn the pictures for the Uncle Remus books of the past. The service will begin July 1.

This is a step in the right direction, as the Harris stories are really instructive, as well as entertaining to young and old alike. The News is to be congratulated and commended for this recognition of the South, whose merit is winning favor more and more.

NOTICE!

I have the accounts due Stokes Wolcott Co., late doing business at Gomez, Texas, for collection. I will be in Gomez for ten days or two weeks. All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said firm will please call and settle, and save costs as these matters must be closed. Yours respectfully,
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War From a Thumb Bite.

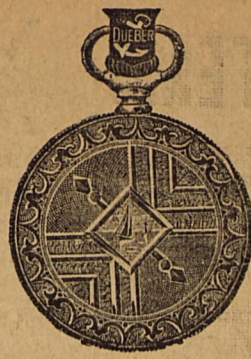
Perhaps the most portentous if innocent incident in the proceedings leading up to England's war with King Theodore of Abyssinia was—a thumb bite. The British consul was practically a prisoner at his court when Mr. Stern, a British missionary, called upon the "king of kings." The first mistake of the Englishman was to seek an audience immediately after the king had dined too liberally with his court. The second was his choosing as interpreters two utterly incompetent men. The inefficiency of this pair so angered the dusky monarch that then and there he ordered them to be beaten. Mr. Stern, "unable to bear the sight, turned around and bit his thumb." Now, he was not aware of it, but to bite the thumb is in Abyssinia a defiance and a threat of vengeance. The quick eye of the king caught the innocent menace, and he had the missionary also beaten. From that sprang the war, the defeat of the forces of the king and his death by his own hand in his ruined city of Magdala.—London Standard.

The Eternal Wilderness.

We still have our "unmanstified" places. And there shall come to us a wilderness here and another there where now there is none, for everything moves in circles, which is not at all a new discovery, and the man who today laments a dearth of the wilderness may live long enough to find himself one day wielding an ax as dull as the pen he now bewails with—and forty miles from a grindstone. We shall not remonstrate with the writers who are picturing us going to eternal smash for want of tall timber. Their work is not without its good effect in staying the denudation of our nearby recreation grounds, and we are content to watch the wily old wilderness creeping up in the rear of the advancing army of invasion, reaching out with sure, silent fingers and reclaiming her own, building anew her razed stockades and unfurling to the winds her defiant banners.—Recreation.

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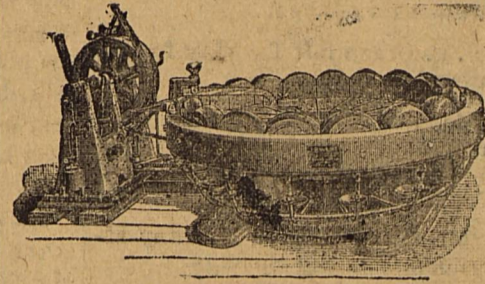


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