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A man is no better than his conduct. He may be rich, learned and wise, but he will be measured by his conduct when he stands up for final measurement.

The average foxy old politician is up on the fence now, waiting to see which way the cat will jump since the Bryan incident. When the cat takes its leap, you are going to hear them roar, but until then, they are going to be maim.

The stockmen and farmers are planning to have a big exhibit of Sterling County's products in September. It will be a sight worth going a thousand miles to see. Let everybody go to work and help to make it a red letter day for Sterling.

Flockmasters here report that this spring's clip of wool is about twenty-five per cent short in weight. They explain this by saying that owing to the heavy rains in the spring, the wool is almost free from dirt. They say the wool is of splendid quality.

In other words, Mr. Bryan has plucked the white plumage of the dove of peace and stuck one of the feathers in his bonnet.—Houston Post.

The Post failed to tell us where Mr. Bryan stuck the other feathers. Poor bird! Forced to give up its white plumage to decorate a man's cap, etc.

When Mr. Taft and the Republican party failed to carry out "My Policies," Teddy Roosevelt quit them like a steer in the road. When Mr. Wilson and his cabinet failed to adopt "my policies," Mr. Bryan took the high-tail and went. Teddy and Billy want the world to distinctly understand that they have "policies," and if they are not accepted right there is where they take out.

Notwithstanding Chancellor von Bryan quit Mr. Wilson because he feared the President's note to the Kaiser was a little too firm in his demand that the murder of American babies and women cease, it is turned out that the Kaiser is well pleased at the note and will cheerfully comply without further trouble. If Mr. Bryan will now shut up and keep quiet, he will earn the country's gratitude. This is no time to rock the boat.

Dr. Dernburg is to leave America well so far as we are able to count noses nobody cares a "dern" when he goes or in what "dernberg" he lands.—Matagorda Tribune.

We hear that the Doctor "has" went. If he ever returns, it is to be hoped he will keep his "dern" head closed. If he is so anxious about the welfare of Germany, it is likely he could get a job from the Kaiser patching stomachs, so they would hold sauer kraut.

The trees planted out in the court yard in March are most all living and flourishing. In a few years these trees will be the pride of Sterling County. It is to be hoped that next season our Commissioners will spare a few dollars and have the yard set in trees and provide for their care. The money now expended for the trees amounts to about 75 cents per week, but if sub-irrigation pipes were installed, the trees could be watered automatically and without cost for labor.

It is to be hoped that the wool growers of Sterling will get together and build a warehouse in which could be stored about a million pounds of wool. If men in other towns can store wool and make more money than the producer gets out of it, surely our people can do the same thing. A warehouse in Sterling would draw patronage from Lion, Reagan, Glasscock, Howard, Mitchell, Coke and Tom Green counties. The proposition is too good for our people to let get past them.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH

ONE DAY

At

HARGRAVE'S

A Mexican who was convicted of petit theft at the last term of County Court, is doing service for the county to pay his fine.

There is not a ruler on the globe who has an educational equipment equal to that of Woodrow Wilson, and we doubt if he has a peer among the rulers of the earth in the matter of sound judgment in a crisis. Whatever may be the crisis we can rest assured that Mr. Wilson will be on the side of justice and mercy. Firm, without being aggressive or offensive, with the olive branch in one hand and a club in the other, he stands for the rights of humanity without seeming to be aware that he is challenging the plaudits and admiration of the world.

If the prohibition and woman suffrage questions were settled little Morris would be without a end to chew. It requires stalwart men to handle the other questions.—Wylie Rastler.

"Little Morris" is not the only one who will lose his "end" when these questions are settled. When a man goes to Congress with these two questions weighing upon his mind, he is like a fiddler with only two strings to his fiddle: the tunes he can't play on two strings are not on his program. Yes, it does require brains to handle other questions. It is hoped that these two questions will be settled soon, and some attention given to the needs of the country.

Those who favor a peace-at-any-cost policy call to mind the days of 1807 when Congress passed the "O, Grab Me" Act. In order to keep down trouble between this country and England and France, this act forbade any American ship to leave port. This law proved so ruinous to the people that it was quickly repealed. Such a law passed now would stop factories, reduce wages, and cause strikes which would bring more misery on us than a war with a foreign nation. Bryan's policy of keeping our people from the high seas would bring on a war among ourselves within six months; for there is not yet been born a labor leader who is so patriotic that he would not call a strike when wages are cut down.

Edison calls his latest invention the "Telescribe." It is a combination of the phonograph and telephone. If you had a telescribe in your home and a neighbor wanted to borrow your News-Record and were to call you up about it and you happened to be out, the phone would record the borrower's request and tell it to you when you took the receiver down. Then if the borrower happened to be out when you called, you could tell him that he ought to subscribe for his home paper and quit dead-beating, and the first time he took the receiver in phone would deliver your message. It is said that Mr. Edison worked 37 years on this invention. He predicts that the thing will soon come into universal use.

THEN AND NOW

When the writer was a boy, the merit of a sermon was measured by its duration. We sat and nodded through a sermon once that lasted three and a half hours. Although the children lulled their hunger by crying themselves to sleep in their mothers arms, the dogs howled themselves hoarse and the mules brayed for their fodder until their efforts were reduced to stage whistles, yet, it was conceded to be the greatest sermon ever preached under that pine brush arbor.

In those days a boy who dared to leave the "meetin'" before the "preacher got through," was forced to take his slumber face downward—owing to the wakeful sensation of the intendment of his rear anatomy, caused by coming in contact with a hickory switch in the hands of his parents.

In these days of "moral suasion," a sermon is also measured by its duration, for no boy can be counted on to sit for more than an hour and listen to a sermon; therefore, the sermon of thirty or forty minutes has come to stay.

The preacher of today, while he is no better at heart than his predecessor, yet, he is an improvement over the old timer in his methods. He has learned, through the object lesson of empty pews, that human endurance has a limit, and that when he keeps his congregation more than an hour to endure his efforts he is forcing that endurance to the breaking point, and therefore he has learned to feed his hearers with the kernels of the Word with the chaff and straw threshed out.

Conscience And Conscious

There is some consolation in the thought that "conscience makes cowards of us all." When an irate subscriber threatens to sweep up the office with us we just set him down as a man without a conscience, and jog serenely on.—Stanton Reporter.

There seems to be a difference between "conscience," the "still, small voice" within us, which admonishes us to go slow when about to do a rash act, and "conscious" which endows us with knowledge of a fact. The Reporter's irate subscriber is more often restrained from wiping up the office with his editor by being conscious that the office shotgun is loaded, than through the "still, small voice" of conscience. The man who gets on his ear and threatens to slam you down on the hard surface of the State of Texas, if made conscious of the fact that he will come out of the operation looking as if he had just emerged from a joint argument with a pair of wildcats, can easily attribute his failure to perform the rash act to consciousness. Consciousness, and not conscience, more often makes us have cold feet.

Holland's Magazine, or Farm and Ranch, 6 months, 25c.—Christian Aid Society.

The Campfire Girls In Camp

Under the leadership of Miss Bennie Belle Roberts and Mrs. L. B. Cole, the Camp Fire Girls of Sterling City are having the time of their lives at the C. N. Crawford ranch on the river six miles east of town.

The girls went into camp last Monday morning and enjoyed the day fishing and swimming as only girls can, until the storm came up in the afternoon and caught them away from shelter, giving them a severe fright as well as a pelting and drenching. The roar of the storm, with the hail beating them black and blue, while big trees crashed to the ground, was a scene that they will not likely forget soon. No wonder they wanted their mamas.

They came home next day, but by Wednesday morning they were as brave as ever and returned to their camp, where the laughter and squealing indicate that the youngsters are having a time that they will long remember.

THE STORM

Last Monday evening a hailstorm, accompanied by a heavy wind, passed across the Divide and down China Valley, doing great damage to crops, poultry and buildings. The track of the storm was from two to three miles wide, and in places the destruction of crops was complete.

The Divide school house was torn to pieces and the damage to windmills and other buildings in that vicinity was considerable. A good rain fell in the wake of the storm.

While wind reached an alarming velocity here, it was plainly seen that the storm was passing to the east of us and little damage was done.

An Invitation

W. F. Kellis, Pres., and Emette Westbrook, Sec'y of Stock Fair Association.

At a meeting of the President, Secretary and Advisory Committee of the Farmers' Institute of Sterling County held at the Court House on June 12th, an invitation was extended to the Officers and Directors of the Sterling County Stock Fair Association to meet in joint session with the Advisory Committee of the Farmers' Institute at the Court House, at 3 o'clock, P. M., on July 3rd, to formulate plans for a joint public meeting of the people of the county, probably in September.

I hereby extend to you, and through you to the Association, the above invitation.

Malcom Black, Sec. Farmers' Institute

Catches a String of Fine Bass

G. P. Hunton, the Temple printer and all-round fisherman who is visiting and fishing here, came in last Tuesday evening with a string of

bass that made him blow like a porpoise to carry. Two of these fish could have swallowed a beer bottle without blinking.

While such strings of speckled beauties are quite common among the natives here, it was indeed a great sight to the Temple man.

Dr. A. C. McDaniel, of San Antonio, accompanied by his two daughters, passed through here Wednesday on an automobile tour which will carry them through Colorado Springs, Denver, Salt Lake City, Yellowstone Park, Seattle, San Francisco, and other points. It will be remembered that Dr. McDaniel was stationed here in 1905, and engaged in selling the H. & T. C. lands. At that time he was in very poor health, but now he is robust and seemingly in perfect health.

A. A. Rutherford, C. L. Coulson, Green Williams and G. C. Potts are fishing on Middle Concho.

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