

COMMENT & DISCOMMENT

A plan for the old-fashioned Saturday night bath is more or less of a novelty, but Brother J. H. Sweet of the Nebraska City Press is peculiar in a lot of respects. Mr. Sweet has an idea that the folks who sneaker when Saturday night is mentioned, are those who don't take to water that often. This stuff of his is simply horrible in its implications, but it makes pretty good reading:

The Nebraska legislature has a great many great problems before it. We would suggest to our legislative friends that they do something about the need for more personal cleanliness. The tendency of so many people to make perfume and to let water take the place of the old-fashioned Saturday night "tub" is a menace to free institutions, especially in the winter season when a man can't run out into the open air to avoid an interview. There are too many dirty necks and too few bathroom exercises in our well known country.

Some four or five hundred years ago perfumes were used to cover up physical deficiencies. But that was the day before bathrooms had been invented and the man who laved the whole surface of his body considered it a sure method of suicide, just as some of our ancestors, not so remotely removed at that, considered the "night air" to be so dangerous that it was carefully excluded from sleeping rooms.

We know a man who argues that bathing in the winter is a foolish custom, conducive to much physical ailments and a sure invitation to the undertaker. He has a habit of arguing his side of the question in our presence and at a time when the temperature does not permit us to open the windows. We quite agree with him that the undertaker, unless his olfactory nerve has been entirely removed, would never go near enough to grab him.

Small wonder, isn't it, that youths and maidens are so chuckle-headed? One only has to consider the actions of their parents, as a whole, to get at an understanding of the reason. The parents at Torrington, Wyo., have just cast an overwhelming majority against the supervised high school dance, and the superintendent has issued an appeal to them to co-operate with him in keeping the young people at home nights.

It has always been a popular belief among schoolmasters that children should study at night—every night, if possible. The faculty has always held that if "midnight oil" is to be burned, that oil shall not be gasoline. Having been a student a good share of our career—if you call it a career—and having managed to "get by" the examinations and the rest of the stuff with no more effort than the average young man of our age and bulk, we have noticed particularly that the popularity of night study has, as a rule, been confined to the faculty. And we are inclined to believe that it is only theory with the most of them.

Of course, there are the "grinds" and those who have homes that are so attractive that they are hard to leave. These people have some excuse for studying nights. The average youth, boy or girl, forgets school just as soon as possible after leaving the building, and while there may be regrets at recitation time that a little more study wasn't engaged in, youth is naturally light-hearted, and one failure at recitation, or forty, doesn't make much difference to the average pupil.

Parents who have grown up are prone to forget their dancing days. And most parents have gone through a period when they would rather dance till three in the morning than do anything else. We had our siege of it, and can recall without very much difficulty how peeved the whole bunch were when the owner of the best dance floor in the city refused to allow us to dance a single minute past midnight. Personally, we look back on those days with a good deal of bitterness. If that man hadn't been so stubborn, we might yet have a normal weight. As it is, all we have to depend on to keep our weight down is smoking, and that doesn't seem so efficacious as it was half a dozen years ago.

As a matter of fact, the inclination to dance is a perfectly normal one, and these Torrington parents, who vote against it so strongly, can't stop dancing, no matter how they feel about it. They won't have any more luck controlling natural inclinations by their vote than did the naval governor of Guam, who issued a proclamation forbidding whistling on the island, under the stars and stripes and an order from the commanding officer. All they will succeed in doing is to put an end to supervised dances. But the public dances are going strong in Torrington, or were the last time we inquired into the matter.

The supervised dance has been found the best way to deal with the dancing problem as it applies to youth. There is hardly a university or a college that doesn't have regular supervised dances for its students, and even the Y. W. C. A. and some of the churches have been known to donate their basements for such a purpose. If young people will dance, why isn't it better that they should go to a place that is regulated, and dance under strict chaperonage, rather than to one that is run on a catch-as-catch-can basis? We ask to know.

So many crazy questions are sent out to people in all walks of life these days that a South Carolina publisher has devised a questionnaire for his readers. It may sound silly and insane to the readers of this column, but

TO THE FARMER

You cannot sell your crops unless men are working.

Men cannot work unless you buy the things they produce.

If you buy clothing, shoes, underwear, hats, stockings, farm implements, household articles, you give employment to factory workers who produce these things, railroad workers who transport them, clerks and stockkeepers in wholesale and retail stores, miners, who supply the coal to run the plants and railroads, and countless others, all users of farm products.

They can not eat bread made of your wheat, wear clothing made of your wool, shirts made of your cotton, cannot consume your corn, oats, vegetables, fruit, etc., unless they are working.

They cannot work unless you keep on buying. If you stop buying—business stops—your business and their business.

This is the greatest country on earth and will continue to do business—but—you can give it a bad bump unless you keep on buying the things you need.

Perfectly safe too—now that prices are down.

Keep on buying Now—cautiously.

It is no worse than many of the questions shot at newspaper publishers these days. It follows:

SOME QUESTIONNAIRE.

1. Are you married or single? Why?
2. Do you drink near-beer? Why?
3. What is your favorite flower? Why?
4. Are you troubled with insomnia? Why?
5. Did you withdraw any money from the bank during the past year? Where did you get it to put it in?
6. Does your wife play the piano? What effect does this have on your rent?
7. Are you a light eater or heavy? If heavy, state how and why?
8. Has your yearly expenditure for rent increased since the shortage of houses prevents frequent moving?
9. Are you on friendly terms with your relations? Why?
10. If possible, give the name of someone less intelligent than yourself, yet making more salary.
11. State average monthly grocery bill and payments, if any.
12. State briefly (no profanity allowed) what your wife thinks of being married.
13. Do you drink and where do you get it? (This information will be treated as confidential.)
14. Exclusive of bartenders, how many people depend on you for support?
15. Do you keep chickens? Does your wife know about it?
16. Does your wife take in washing to help support the family?
17. Have you suggested this to her? If so, state results and name of hospital.

WAS IN DESPAIR SAYS MRS. WEIGEL

Didn't Think Any Medicine Could Help Her But Takes Tanlac And is Well and Happy

"I have a better appetite, sleep sounder and have more life and energy since taking Tanlac than I've had before in ten years," said Mrs. W. A. Weigel, 4106 Biny St., Omaha, Neb.

"Nine years ago my stomach began giving me trouble and I was going down hill gradually and recently I became almost helpless. My appetite was so poor I didn't care to eat and suffered so much that I actually dreaded to go to the table. Finally I got so weak and nervous I couldn't get any restful sleep and went down hill rapidly.

"I suffered so long and so much and had taken such a quantity of medicine I began to think there was nothing made that could help me. But when I began taking Tanlac it took hold of my troubles and in a short time the indigestion was gone. I now feel like a new woman, am just as well as I ever was and I owe it all to Tanlac."

Tanlac is sold in Alliance by F. E. Holsten; in Hemingford by the Hemingford Mercantile Co., and in Holland by the Mallory Grocery company.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Eva Treat died at her home in Alliance, January 17, 1921 at 9 o'clock a. m. Deceased was the mother of Mrs. Jack Miller of this city. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. A. J. Kearns, were held Tuesday afternoon at the Miller undertaking parlors, and the body was shipped to LeMars, Ia., for interment. Mrs. Miller accompanied the body, being met in Omaha by her husband, Capt. Jack Miller.

Eva Wealthy Daily was born in Waterville, N. Y., March 22, 1843 and was married in 1864 to Thomas Treat who died three years ago. Three children were born, of whom two are now living. Mrs. Jack Miller of Alliance and Wayland Elmer Treat of Chicago. One brother also survives. Mr. and Mrs. Treat made their home in Le Mars, Ia., for more than thirty years, until the death of the former, after which Mrs. Treat came to Alliance to be near her daughter.

W. C. T. U. PROGRAM FOR 1921

Jan. 27—Business meeting—Legislation. Roll call—Current Topics. Hostess, Mrs. A. R. Acheson.

Feb. 10—"Americanization." Roll call—Respond by items on Americanization. Hostess, Mrs. W. M. Wilson.

Feb. 24—Business meeting—Legislation. Roll call—Current Topics. Hostess, Mrs. Epler.

March 10—"Parliamentary Usage." Mrs. W. E. Cutts. Roll call—Respond by items on "Parliamentary Usage." Hostess, Miss Mabel Young.

March 24—Business meeting—Legislation. Roll call—Current Topics. Hostess, Mrs. J. J. Vance.

April 14—"Scientific Temperance." Mrs. J. A. Keegan. Roll call—Items on Temperance. Hostess, Mrs. Harry Blasus.

April 28—Business meeting—Legislation. Roll call—Current Topics. Hostess, Mrs. Lena Williams.

May 12—"Mother's Meeting." Mrs. F. M. Phelps. Roll call—Help Hints for Mothers. Hostess, Mrs. Harry Wells.

May 26—Business meeting—Legislation. Roll call—Current Topics. Hostess, Mrs. J. L. Overman.

June 9—Flower Mission, Mrs. L. S. Dye. Roll call—Items on What Has Been Accomplished by Flower Missions. Hostess, Mrs. Fred Blaine.

June 23—Business meeting—Legislation. Roll call—Current Topics. Hostess, Mrs. Patterson.

July 14—Social Meetings and Red Letter Days, Mrs. J. J. Vance. Roll call—A Red Letter Day of Our Lives. Hostess, Mrs. Kearns.

July 28—Business meeting—Legislation. Roll call—Current Topics. Hostess, Mrs. J. A. Bacon.

August 11—"Women in Industry." Mrs. J. A. Bacon. Roll call—Items Pertaining to Women in Industry. Hostess, Mrs. Gentry.

August 25—Business meeting—Legislation. Roll call—Current Topics. Hostess, Mrs. Rev. Smith.

Sept. 8—"Health." Roll call—Items Pertaining to Health.

Sept. 22—Business meeting—Legislation. Roll call—Current Topics. Hostess, Mrs. W. H. Glass.

Oct. 13—Institute, Mrs. J. T. Barkhurst. Roll call—Current Events. Hostess, Mrs. F. M. Phelps.

Oct. 27—Business meeting—Legislation. Roll call—Current Topics. Hostess, Mrs. S. O. Carr.

Nov. 10—"Soldiers and Sailors." Mrs. T. A. Cross. Roll call—Items Pertaining to the subject. Hostess, Mrs. I. E. Tash.

Dec. 8—"Anti-Narcotics," Mrs.

Harry Blasus. Roll call—Current Topics. Hostess, Mrs. W. E. Mounts.

Miss Grace Shean attended a house party given by Miss LaRue Haworth of Sidney last week-end and reports a most enjoyable time.

Miss Opal Russell is attending the county superintendents' meeting this week in Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bennett have been called to Rushville by the serious illness of the former's mother.

A number of the Hemingford young people were in Alliance for the dance Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury were called to Oskaloosa, Iowa, Sunday, by the sudden death of the former's father.

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THE UNIVERSAL CAR

The Ford Sedan is the favorite family car, seats five comfortably. While an enclosed car with permanent top, it has large windows, and may in a minute be changed to a most delightful open car with always a top protecting against the sun. In inclement weather it is a closed car, dust-proof, water-proof, cold-proof. Finely upholstered. Equipped with electric starting and lighting system and demountable rims with 3 1/2-inch tires all around. A real family car. Anybody can safely drive it. It has all the conveniences of an electric car with the economy which goes with Ford cars, low cost of purchase price, small cost of operation and maintenance. Won't you come in and look at it?

COURSEY & MILLER
Alliance, Nebraska

Announcing the Opening of---

The Fern Garden

of The Alliance Hotel, on

Saturday, January 22nd

There will be dancing and refreshments on Alliance's finest dance floor. Special decorations have been arranged for, to give our patrons a delightfully pleasant evening's entertainment. You'll be pleased with the music, too, in the

Alliance Hotel Orchestra

Under the Personal Management of "Billy" Ackerman of Bridgeport

Music Starts at 8:30 :- :- :- Don't Overlook an Evening Like This

NOTHING HAS BEEN SPARED TO MAKE

The Fern Garden

ATTRACTIVE

The finest dance floor obtainable has been laid, together with special appropriate decorations will make THE FERN GARDEN doubly attractive to both younger and older sets.

This room is available for any occasion where banqueting and dancing may be combined. Private receptions, organization dinners, etc., will find it ideal.

A DINNER EXTRAORDINARY IN THE

Palm Room

Sunday, Jan. 23

from 5:30 to 8:30—\$1.25 per Plate

A Special Shipment from Seattle, Washington, of

Alaskan Reindeer

will be served to our Alliance patrons.

Special Music

The above extra special dinner will be in addition to the Special Sunday Dinner. Patrons may choose either.

THE ALLIANCE HOTEL

J. M. MILLER, Proprietor