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Mark Twain at Seventy

SAMUEL LANGHORNE CLEMENS, better known as Mark Twain and generally regarded as the dean of American humorists, will be seventy years of age on the 30th of November. He was born in Florida, Mo., in 1835. It is an old belief that there is nothing like laughing to keep a man young, and the friends of Mr. Clemens have sometimes congratulated him on the fact that joke making has not apparently been to him a wearing occupation. It has been suggested that what age he shows has come perhaps from the efforts of the humorist to be serious.

Mr. Clemens never graduated from a college, but Yale has made him a doctor of literature and the University of Missouri has conferred upon him the degree of doctor of laws. The humorist has said that these degrees greatly increased his respect for himself.

Mr. Clemens has been in numerous occupations. He has been printer, pilot on Mississippi river steamers, soldier of the south for three weeks only, private secretary, miner, editor, publisher, humorist and historian. In all except the last two he fell short of brilliant success.

In 1870 at Elmira, N. Y., Mr. Clemens married Miss Olivia L. Langdon. She died not long ago. Some years since the humorist was a guest at a dinner in Buffalo, where he once edited a newspaper, and he told a story of his experiences in connection with his wedding journey. "I notice many changes since I was a citizen of Buffalo," said Mr. Clemens. "I miss the faces of many old friends. They have gone to the tomb, to the gallows, to the White House. Thus far the rest of us have escaped, but be sure our own turn is coming. I remember one circumstance of bygone times with great vividness. I arrived here after dark on a February evening in 1870 with my wife and a large company of friends, when I had been a husband twenty-four hours, and they put us two in a covered sleigh and drove us up and down and every which way, through all the back streets in Buffalo, until at last I got ashamed and said, 'I asked Mr. Slee to get me a cheap boarding

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Commissioners' Proceedings.

McCook, Neb., November 9, 1905.
 The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Present: D. A. Waterman, Samuel Premier and C. B. Gray, county commissioners, C. E. Eldred, county attorney, and E. J. Wilcox, county clerk.
 Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.
 On motion the claim of James E. Ryan justice of the peace for Indianola precinct for \$22.05, police judge fees was rejected.
 On motion the board of county commissioners were appointed commissioners to view road No. 891 and examine into the expediency of locating said road.
 On motion the demand of I. M. Beardslee for refund of taxes on lots 3 and 4, block 4, original town of McCook for the year 1905, amounting to \$20.70 was rejected.
 The following claims were audited and allowed and clerk was instructed to draw warrants on the county general fund levy of 1905, as follows:
 W. H. Smith, use of building for election \$ 5.00
 C. P. Gentry, same 5.00
 Malen Campbell, same and putting up booths 6.00
 John Colling, same and putting up booths 6.00
 H. H. Berry, same 5.00
 W. W. McMillan, same 5.00
 M. J. Campbell, same 5.00
 School district No. 20, same 3.00
 School district No. 23, same 3.00
 School district No. 31, same, claimed \$3.50 allowed 3.00
 School district No. 35, same, claimed \$5.00 allowed 3.00
 School district No. 51, same 3.00
 School district No. 58, same 3.00
 School district No. 82, same 3.00
 J. L. Gentry, putting up election booths 2.00
 J. H. McKiver, same 2.00
 G. W. Cramer, same 2.00
 J. H. Huntwork, judge of election and returns, Alliance precinct 7.50
 Samuel Premier, same, Alliance precinct 3.00
 Frank A. Premier, same 3.00
 O. S. Vandoren, clerk, same 3.00
 D. L. Beaman, same 3.00
 H. E. Woods, judge, same, Beaver precinct 8.50
 J. A. Strain, same 4.00
 Soren Simonson, same 4.00
 Chaussy Messner, clerk, same 4.00
 Sam G. Bastian, same 4.00
 Chas. Skalla, judge and returns Bondville precinct 6.20
 H. Colling, same 3.00
 Jno. B. Colling, same 3.00
 Mike Esch, clerk, same 3.00
 Chas. Dutcher, same 3.00
 Geo. Harrison, judge and returns Box Elder precinct 3.00
 James Modell, same 3.00
 Malen Campbell, same 3.00
 Thurston Doyle, clerk, same 3.00
 Wm. Soxon, same 3.00
 Wm. Sharp, judge, Coleman precinct 3.00
 Robert Moore, same 3.00
 Earl Barger, same 3.00
 Wm. Rozell, clerk and returns 6.00
 Harry Wales, same 3.00
 T. F. Gockley, judge and returns, Danbury 7.00
 F. E. Lafferty, same 3.00
 N. H. Graham, same 3.00
 Otto Puelz, clerk, same 3.00
 Geo. R. Miller, same 3.00
 Herman Bohling, judge, Driftwood precinct 3.00
 George Plumleigh, same 3.00
 E. C. Gochring, same 3.00
 J. H. Wade, clerk and returns 4.00
 A. W. Dutcher same 4.00
 Sam Young, judge, East Valley 4.00
 C. M. Barber, clerk, same 4.00
 I. A. Lyman, judge, same 4.00
 S. W. Clark, same 4.00
 W. E. Finch, clerk and returns 8.00
 J. H. McKiver, judge of election and returns Fritch precinct 7.00
 Emmett McCool, same 3.00
 Andrew Barber, same 3.00
 Chas. Goben, clerk, same 3.00
 William Barber, same 3.00
 Alex. Ellis, clerk and returns Gerver precinct 6.50
 Joe Reiph, same 3.00
 Joshua Gerver, judge, same 3.00
 Elsworth Hilpot, same 3.00
 John Calkins, same 3.00
 Harvey Rowland, judge, Grant precinct 3.00
 Fred Wesch, same 3.00

A. Peters, same and returns 6.50
 August Wesch, same 3.00
 Andrew Anderson, same 3.00
 Henry Crabtree, judge and returns, Indianola 7.50
 John W. Dutcher, same 4.00
 C. B. Hoag, same 4.00
 E. C. Crabtree, clerk, same 4.00
 Butler A. Jones, same 4.00
 W. H. Booth, judge and returns Lebanon AL Abbott, same 9.00
 Wm. Staples, same 4.00
 M. C. Stephen, clerk, same 4.00
 Lem. Fiechter, same 4.00
 E. Oxley, judge and returns No. Valley 8.00
 G. W. Arbogast, same 3.00
 Joseph Ohlson, same 3.00
 Joseph Walkington, clerk 3.00
 D. C. Baker, same 3.00
 J. A. Brinton, judge and returns Perry precinct 5.70
 M. Plummer, same 3.00
 Henry Corcoran, same 3.00
 Geo. Troendly, clerk, same 3.00
 A. C. Hipple, same 3.00
 Elias Canaga, judge, Red Willow precinct 3.00
 F. C. Smith, same 3.00
 A. P. Day, same 3.00
 H. H. Thomas, clerk, same 3.00
 S. R. Smith, same and returns 6.50
 P. J. Hickman, judge, Tyrone 3.00
 C. S. Blair, same 3.00
 Axtell Bookman, same 3.00
 W. C. McTaggart, clerk and returns 3.00
 Ernest Pearson, same 3.00
 A. D. Johnston, judge, Valley Grange 3.00
 T. A. Endsley, same 3.00
 J. W. Phillips, same 3.00
 R. P. Value, clerk and returns 5.40
 A. L. Overman, same 3.00
 J. S. LeHeu, judge 1st precinct, 1st ward 4.00
 Willow Grove precinct 4.00
 S. B. McCarl, same 4.00
 S. H. McLean, same 4.00
 C. F. Lehn, clerk, same 4.00
 N. J. Campbell, same 4.00
 J. P. Notley, judge, 2nd precinct, 1st ward 4.00
 Willow Grove precinct 4.00
 Geo. W. Dillon, same 4.00
 M. J. Clark, same 4.00
 W. A. Middleton, clerk, same 4.00
 Conrad Kreiger, same 4.00
 S. D. McClain, judge, 1st precinct, 2nd ward, Willow Grove precinct 4.00
 W. H. Harmon, same 4.00
 Chas. Weintz, same 4.00
 L. Thorgrimson, clerk, same 4.00
 F. D. Burgess, same 4.00
 John Wentz, judge, 2nd precinct, 2nd ward, Willow Grove 4.00
 Jacob Steinmetz, same 4.00
 Walter H. Lench, same 4.00
 F. W. Spencer, clerk, same 4.00
 J. W. Calloun, same 4.00
 R. W. Devore, appointing judges, clerks of election 30.25
 A. C. Crabtree, posting election notices and delivering ballots, claimed \$30.00 allowed 20.00
 Alex. Ellis, posting election notices 1.50
 First Nat'l Bank, adding machine paper 5.00
 Cook Journal Co., supplies 119.00
 McCook Republican, printing ballots and election notices 108.20
 F. M. Kimmell, election and office supplies 282.60
 F. M. Kimmell, printing delinquent tax list, etc. 166.00
 L. W. McConnell, supplies 13.28
 A. Guy, mdse. paupers 24.25
 H. C. Whitmore, meat for pauper 12.80
 J. A. Wilcox, mdse. for same 14.46
 J. A. Wilcox, same 17.50
 J. A. Wilcox, same 14.90
 E. G. Cairne & Co., coal for pauper 12.00
 Barnett Lumber Co., same 7.15
 B. G. Gossard, postage 11.50
 R. W. Devore, office expense 3.05
 E. J. Wilcox, compiling 1905 tax list 305.40
 E. J. Wilcox, office expenses 36.75
 Robert Getchall, filling well 6.00
 S. B. McLean, taxes paid under protest 2.34
 J. E. McLeod, same 6.90
 Red Willow county F. Co.-Op. G. & L. S. Association, same 52.80
 M. Hoefly, work on court house 8.50
 Andrew Phillips, janitor for October 25.00
 McCook Water Works, water tax 4th quarter 15.00
 McCook Electric Light Co., lights for October 3.50
 R. W. Devore, preparing bar docket 8.60
 R. M. Osborn, jailor's fees 8.00

Mrs. T. M. Phillipi, care of child 1.00
 R. L. Lear, blacksmithing 6.00
 A. J. Markward, same 4.00
 D. A. Waterman, commissioner services 27.30
 Samuel Premier, same 56.15
 C. B. Gray, same 28.30
 W. C. Bullard, coal for pauper 3.55
 And on the bridge fund levy of 1905 as follows:
 J. L. Gentry, bridge work 3.50
 Geo. W. Cramer, same 7.00
 C. C. Burt, same 9.00
 J. H. Russell, same 9.00
 Frank Premier, same 6.00
 I. M. Beeson, same 3.00
 Fred Hoagland, same 9.00
 Charlie Miller, same 9.50
 Alfred Randel, same 6.00
 Nelson Boyce, same 16.00
 George Morris, same 3.00
 Samuel Hoagland, same 9.00
 T. H. Masters, same 9.00
 Charles Masters, same 35.00
 Fred Masters, same 12.00
 Bert Masters, same 12.00
 Geo. Younger, same 6.50
 Otis Coburn, same 13.00
 Robert Barber, same 3.00
 Geo. Loomis, same 3.00
 Joseph Morris, same 2.00
 Martin Rinck, same 1.00
 Jackson Teeters, same 6.00
 Edward Rinck, same 6.00
 Frank Rinck, same 1.00
 William Randall, same 1.00
 Barnett Lumber Co., lumber 246.85
 E. G. Cairne & Co., same 473.25
 W. C. Bullard, same 25.45
 W. A. DeMay Lumber Co., lumber 55.05
 Choice cured cows 3.75 to 4.25
 W. T. Coleman, nails, etc. 14.70
 And on the county road fund levy of 1905 as follows:
 G. W. Dillon, road work 12.00
 Howard Jones, same 2.00
 Frank G. Lytle, same 3.00
 Solomon Premier, same 4.00
 Ted Cain, same 18.00
 Frank Cain, same, claimed \$91.50 allowed 61.50
 The following official bonds were examined and on motion approved:
 Robert Latting, overseer road district No. 6. F. P. Rariff, overseer road district No. 30.
 Annual settlement of the following road overseers of highways were examined and on motion clerk was instructed to draw certificates on road districts as follows:
 Solomon Premier, overseer district No. 2, certificate No. 291, \$30.00.
 Andrew Anderson, overseer district No. 25, certificate No. 284, \$24.00.
 W. M. Hindman, overseer district No. 24, certificate No. 285, \$12.00.
 J. Hagie, overseer road district No. 34, certificate No. 288, \$30.00.
 Charles R. Lee, overseer road district No. 37, certificate No. 289, \$22.00.
 On motion the board adjourned to meet December 9th, 1905.
 D. A. WATERMAN, Chairman.
 E. J. WILCOX, County Clerk.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS AT KANSAS CITY

THE WEEK'S TRADE REPORTED BY CLAY, ROBINSON & COMPANY, LIVE STOCK COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

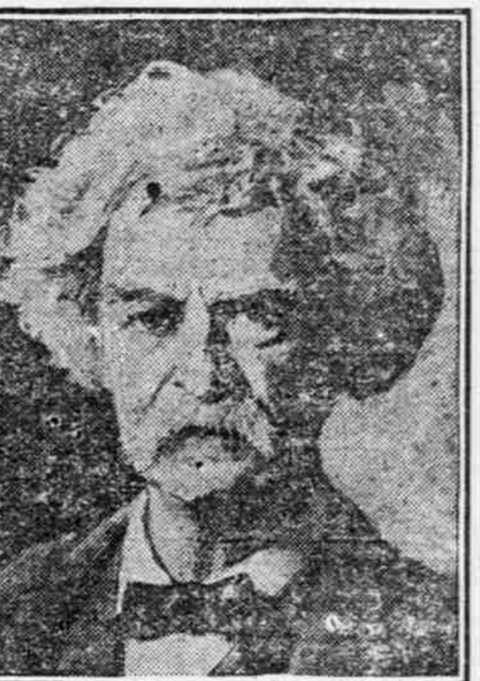
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Kansas City, Nov. 22, 1905.
 Receipts of cattle thus far this week are 45,900; last week, 47,000; last year, 47,927. Monday's market for beef steers was slow but generally steady and practically similar conditions prevailed on all other classes. On Tuesday trade for beef steers was steady to 10c higher; cows steady to strong, stockers and feeders active. Today beef steers of good kind were strong to 10c higher; others slow. Cows and heifers were steady to strong; stockers and feeders slow but unchanged. The following table gives prices now ruling:

Extra prime cornfed steers	45 15 to 55 65
Good	47 50 to 55 15
Ordinary	3 25 to 4 75
Choice cornfed heifers	4 00 to 4 50
Good	3 50 to 4 00
Medium	2 50 to 3 50
Choice wintered cows	3 75 to 4 25
Good	2 75 to 3 25
Medium	2 25 to 2 75
Choice fed steers	4 00 to 4 25
Good	3 25 to 3 75
Choice wintered cows	2 50 to 3 00
Good	2 25 to 2 75
Veal calves	5 00 to 6 00
Good to choice native or western stockers	3 25 to 3 75
Fair	2 25 to 2 75
Common	2 25 to 2 50
Good to choice heavy native feeders	3 00 to 4 00
Fair	3 00 to 3 50
Good to choice heavy branded horned feeders	3 25 to 3 50
Fair	3 00 to 3 25
Common	2 50 to 3 00
Good to choice stock heifers	2 50 to 3 00
Fair	2 25 to 2 50
Good to choice stock calves	3 25 to 4 00
Fair	3 00 to 3 50
Good to choice stock calves heifers	3 00 to 3 50
Fair	2 50 to 3 00
Choice wintered cows	3 50 to 4 00
Good	3 25 to 3 50
Fair	3 00 to 3 25
Choice grass cows	2 75 to 3 00
Good	2 50 to 2 75
Common	2 00 to 2 50

Receipts of hogs thus far this week are 37,500; last week, 41,300; last year, 37,764. Monday's market was barely steady; Tuesday steady to 5c lower, and today weak to 5c lower. Bulk of sales from \$4.65 to 4.77 1/2; top 4.80.
 Receipts of sheep thus far this week are 11,300; last week, 25,000; last year, 10,402. Monday's market was steady; Tuesday steady and active, and today strong. We quote: choice lambs, \$6.75 to \$7.00; choice yearlings, 5.50 to 5.75; choice wethers, \$5.25 to 5.50; choice ewes, \$4.75 to 5.00.

ORDER OF HEARING.
 State of Nebraska, Red Willow county, ss. At a county court, held at the county court room, in and for said county, November 16th, A. D. 1905. Present, Frank Moore, county judge. In the matter of the estate of Mary A. O'Connell, deceased, praying that the instrument, filed on the 16th day of November, 1905, and purporting to be the last will and testament and codicil thereto of the said deceased, may be proved, approved, probated, allowed, and recorded as the last will and testament of the said Mary A. O'Connell, deceased, and that the execution of said instrument may be committed and the administration of said estate may be granted to Catherine O'Connell as executrix. Ordered, that December 2nd, A. D. 1905, at ten o'clock a. m. is assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at the county court to be held in and for said county, and show cause why the prayer of petitioner should not be granted; and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the McCook Tribune, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks, prior to said day of hearing. FRANK MOORE, County Judge. (A true copy) [SEAL] Boyle & Eldred, attorneys,—11-17-05.



MARK TWAIN.

house, but I didn't mean that he should stretch economy to the going outside the state to find it.' The fact was there was a practical joke to the fore which I didn't know anything about, and all this fooling around was to give it time to mature. My father-in-law, the late Jervis Langdon, whom many of you will remember, had been clandestinely spending a fair fortune upon a house and furniture in Delaware avenue for us and had kept his secret so well that I was the only person this side of Niagara Falls that hadn't found it out. We reached the house at last about 10 o'clock and were introduced to a Mrs. Johnson, the ostensible landlady. I took a glance around, and my opinion of Mr. Slee's judgment as a provider of cheap boarding houses for men who had to work for their living dropped to zero. I told Mrs. Johnson there had been an unfortunate mistake. Mr. Slee had evidently supposed I had money, whereas I only had talent, and so, by her leave, we would abide with her a week, and then she could keep my trunk and we would hunt another place. Then the battalion of ambushed friends and relatives burst in on us, out of closets and from behind curtains, the property was delivered over to us and the joke revealed, accompanied with much hilarity. Such jokes as these are all too scarce in a person's life. That was a really admirable joke, for that house was so completely equipped in every detail, even to house servants and coachman, that there was nothing to do but just sit down and live in it. Well, the house isn't ours now, but we've got the coachman yet."

A friend wrote the humorist asking his opinion on a certain matter and received no reply. He waited a few days and wrote again. His second letter was also ignored. Then he sent a third note, inclosing a sheet of paper and a two cent stamp.

By return mail he received a postal card, on which was the following: "Paper and stamp received. Please send envelope."

"There are only thirty-five jokes," the humorist once declared. "You may set that down as a first principle. All others are variations. Only thirty-five jokes exist. Perhaps some American will discover the thirty-sixth. But there are more than thirty-five ways of being funny, and sometimes a person is funniest when trying to tell the truth."

Boyle & Eldred, attorneys,—11-17-05.