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AN IMPORTANT FACTOR.

It is no wonder the country editors are such an important factor in politics and legislation. Papers read at the meeting of the State Editorial association this year show an alertness and a grasp of public questions not excelled anywhere. John C. Applegate's paper on the railroad question, and Frank M. Eddy's dissertation on the paper trust are documents of which the association should be proud.—*Minneapolis Journal.*

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The Hollyhock

I may be an old-fashioned man and hardly up-to-date;
At getting next to modern things I may be rather late;
But I don't care—I have my likes, and think old-fashioned flowers
Are prettiest of all that grow in this old world of ours.
The tender, scentless, things that grow in hot house under glass
May be to some the proper thing, I'm not one of that class—
You take them if you like them, I'll take other flowers in mine,
The hollyhocks that nod and bloom in tall and stately line.

The hollyhocks are nodding cheery welcome as I walk
Through the garden, and of old days and of old times to me talk.
And they whisper tales of childhood when all days were free from care,
When the nights brought dreamless slumber and the world was bright and fair.
Whisper stories of my childhood, bring the old days back to me,
And within the deep-belled blossoms faces of my loved I see.
So I love these friends of childhood with their colors rich and fine,
Hollyhocks that nod and blossom in a tall and stately line.

Rainbow colors flashing sunlight when the springtime breezes blow;
Sentries guarding memories happy as adown the path I go;
Cheery welcome in the whispers from their vari-colored throats
As they bend and nod to breezes in their quaint green-tinted coats.
Who would pass these old-time flowers with no thoughts of other days?
Who could pass their friendly blossoms on less friendly flowers to gaze?
Give me these old-fashioned flowers 'round which memories entwined—
Hollyhocks that nod and blossom in a tall and stately line.

A Legislative Idyl

The general committee of the state senate was called to order by the chairman.
"Gentlemen," said he, "we are gathered to consider a number of bills and decide whether or not they should be allowed to become laws. The honorable body of which we are members looks to us to sift the good from the bad, in order that the honorable body's time be not wasted. What is your further pleasure, gentlemen?"
"Mr. Chairman," said Senator Scrooge, "the bill I have in my hand, No 223, is a bill supported by the laboring men and it asks that the state compel the prison contractor to brand his goods 'convict made.' Now I am of the opinion—"
"Mr. Chairman!" shrieked Senator Scoot, "that there bill ain't no good. We are a gettin' several thousand dollars a year from that there contract, and it ain't no fair tryin' for to discriminate against the man that pays us the money. Them labor agitators what are push'n' this here bill are selfish, so they are, and they ain't entitled to no consideration. I move we recommend that there bill for indefinite postponement."
"I second the motion," said Senator Smooth, lighting a perfect that looked

Whether Common or Not

By WILL A. MAUPIN.

exactly like the cigars to be found in the prison contractor's private desk.
The motion prevailed.
"Mr. Chairman," said Senator Scringe, "the bill I have in my hand seeks to prevent the employment of children under the age of fourteen years in any mill, mine or factory. I introduced the bill by request, but personally I am opposed to it."
"Mr. Chairman," said Senator Skynce, "I am opposed to that bill because it is aimed to destroy the right of an employer to employ whomsoever he pleases. A man has got a right to employ labor where he can get it the cheapest, and this bill seeks to compel him to pay extortionate wages. I believe that children should be put to work as soon as they are big enough. It keeps them out of mischief and teaches them habits of industry. I am opposed to the bill and move we recommend it for indefinite postponement."
The motion was seconded and carried.
"Mr. Chairman," said Senator Skimp, "the bill I have here provides relief for the general public. It is a bill to reduce the freight rates. I believe freight rates are too high, but this bill, I believe, makes too great a reduction. With some amendments I believe it would be a good bill, and I desire to offer —"
"Mr. Chairman," said Senator Skeem, "we ain't got no time to fool away discussin' that there measure. It is growin' late an' I am anxious to git through and go home. I got just an hour to catch the train to get home over Sunday and look after some personal business, an' I move we kill that there bill right here and git it out of the way."
And it was so ordered, the committee being unanimous in its desire to take advantage of the annual passes provided by courtesy of the railroads.
In one time and two motions the committee proceeded to kill a bill to compel railroads to handle live stock expeditiously, a bill to make public service corporations liable for injuries sustained by employes while in discharge of their duties, a bill to compel railroads to provide sites for independent elevators, a bill to abolish passes, a bill to regulate common carriers, a bill to compel railroads to furnish cars to independent shippers, and other bills of a like nature.
When the senate convened on the following Tuesday every bill demanded by the corporations went through with a rush, and the lobbyist of the principal railroad corporation in the state put trip pass book No. 57 back into his desk, and took out book No. 58 and softly ran the 100 leaves through his fingers.
"The railroad pass is a courtesy," he whispered to himself, winking at the inkstand, "and in no sense a bribe. But I'm glad the other fellows have no similar 'courtesies' to hand out. It might make things a bit more difficult for us."
Too Previous
The shade of Warren Hastings strolled sadly along the banks of the Styx.
"Why mournest thou?" queried the shade of John Law.
"Alas, that I should have missed such a great opportunity."
"What opportunity did you miss?" queried the shade of the Mississippi Bubbler.
"The opportunity that would have

come to me had I lived a few hundred years later and been allowed to dodge the facts by submitting myself to the investigation of a commissioner."

Pulling a copy of the Stygian Daily News from its ghostly pocket, the shade of Hastings turned to the Washington date line and resumed its re-reading of the Garfield beef trust report.

The Excuse

"I did hope that the late congress would do something for the people."
"Perhaps it would have done so had it not been so busy doing things to the people."

Experienced

"Look here, Biggsby; did you say I was a liar?"
"No, I did not. That's not what I said."

"What did you say?"
"I merely said that your assertions were on a par with the 'gentlemanly agreements' of the railroad managers."
"That's all right. But if you had called me a liar we would have had trouble right here."

Brain Leaks

True love is implicit trust.
Piety consists of doing, not of looking.

The more we put into life the more we get out of it.

It takes more than dogma and creed to make a Christian.

We strengthen ourselves by the exercise of lifting up others.

Satan wastes no time scheming to get hold of a heart full of hate.

The happiest man is he who makes the best he can of the worst he gets.

Some of our greatest joys are recalling the sorrows we have outlived.

It is impossible to make a mountain of dollars high enough to reach heaven.

The giving of a kind word often accomplishes more than the gift of much gold.

Some men train their consciences to approve of evil, and then calmly insist that they are doing right.

The greatest reformer and teacher the world has ever known never carried a "big stick," never swaggered, never insured peace by preparing for war and never posed.

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