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We see that educational men and journals are making a good deal of noise about industrial and technical education. The proper place for this kind of education is the workshop, and the method a system of apprenticeship, covering in every case three to five years. The smattering of a mechanical trade which boys may obtain at school does more harm than good. No boy can obtain a thorough knowledge of any craft under five years steady application to it, and that under the best order of personal instruction. The instructor must be as much interested as the apprentice. Thirty years pretty steady application to a trade and contact with thousands of men who profess to be journeymen at it, convinces us that not one man in a hundred who gains his living by it is a really accomplished workman. Not one in fifty know as much about it as a well versed apprentice should have acquired by the end of his term. Skilled workman are growing fewer every year, while the number of incompetents is steadily increasing. What is needed is not an opportunity for "tinkering" in the schools, but a return to the old-fashioned system which prevented a man from obtaining work as a jour unless he had his graduation papers from the boss who taught him the trade.—Topics.

PRINCE BISMARCK perhaps received the heaviest left hander of his long career when Tom Ochiltree drew his portrait in the American House of Commons. Tom said: "Bismarck, the arrogant chancellor, intoxicated with the alcohol of egotism (beer?), a sycophant of imperialism, had acted a characteristic part." When the chancellor finds some English scholar capable of rendering these memorable words into resounding German, and not afraid to do it in his presence, he will send for old Von Moltke to swear in seven languages.

A SALT LAKE machinist has invented what is called a "balance engine," and it is so constructed that there is no friction either in the pistons or in the valve. The latter is so free from wear and tear that the steam escapes in steady columns instead of in puffs, as in ordinary engines.

MR. BURDETTE, of the Hawkeye, was brutally assaulted by an insurance agent. There are moments in an editor's life when even a humorist can extract no fun from the situation.

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF AN ORDINANCE TO PREVENT CERTAIN ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE AND PROVIDING FOR IMPROVING SAME.

BE IT ORDAINED, By the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of McCook:

SEC. 1. That section 2 of an ordinance to prevent certain animals running at large and providing for impounding same be amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 2. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, a majority of the Board concurring therein, may at any meeting of said Board appoint any suitable person who is a resident of the village, having the qualification of an elector, as Pound Master, who shall hold his office until the end of the village year, or until removed by the Board of Trustees, and who shall take and subscribe an oath to faithfully and impartially perform his duties as such officer, and he shall give bond to the village in the sum of \$500, with two or more good and sufficient sureties, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty, and it shall be the duty of said officer to enforce the provisions of this ordinance, and he shall be entitled to such fees and compensation for his services as is therein provided, and wherever any person shall find any animal running at large, contrary to the provisions of the preceding section, he may immediately take up and impound said animal.

SEC. 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

Passed and approved March 25th, 1884.

Attest: J. E. BERGER, Chairman.

F. M. KIMMELL, Clerk.

ORDINANCE No. 11.

REGULATING THE PLANTING AND GROWING OF SHADE TREES IN THE VILLAGE STREETS.

BE IT ORDAINED, By the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of McCook:

SEC. 1. It shall hereafter be lawful for any person owning a lot in this village to plant shade trees in the street in front of said lot.

SEC. 2. That if shall be unlawful for any person to plant any shade or other trees in the streets of this Village within less than eight feet from the front of said lot, if the same be a residence lot, or within less than ten feet if it be a business lot, and that if but one row of trees be so planted, such shall be the distance at which the same shall be planted from the boundary line of the street, and if more than one row of trees be planted, the second row shall be four feet from the first row, and in no case more than twelve feet from the boundary line of said street.

SEC. 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

Passed and approved March 18th, 1884.

Attest: J. E. BERGER, Chairman.

F. M. KIMMELL, Clerk.

A TEMPERANCE LECTURE.

The following extracts were taken from one of the lectures of J. J. Talbot, who recently died from the effects of a drunken debauch at Elkhart, Indiana:

"But now the struggle is over, I can survey the field and measure the losses. I had position high and holy. The demon tore from around me the robes of my sacred office, and sent me out, churchless and Godless, a very hissing and byword among men. Afterward I had business large and lucrative and my voice was heard in large courts, pleading for justice, mercy and right. But the dust gathered on my books and no footfalls crossed the threshold of the drunkard's office. I had money, ample for all necessities, but it took wings, and went to feed the coffers of the devils which possessed me. I had a home, adorned with all that wealth and the most exquisite taste could buy. The devil crossed its threshold, and the light faded from its chambers; the fire went out on the holiest of altars, and leading me from the portals, despair walked forth from me and sorrow and anguish lingered within. I had children—beautiful to me at least as a dream of the morning—and they had so entwined themselves around their father's heart that no matter where it might wander, ever it came back to them on the wings of a father's undying love. The destroyer took his hand in his and led them away. I had a wife whose charms of mind and person were such that to see her was to remember, and to know her was to love her. For thirteen years we walked the rugged path of life together, rejoicing in its sunshine and sorrowing in its shade. The infernal monster would not even spare me this. I had a mother, who for long years had not left her chair, a victim of suffering and disease, and her choicest delight was reflecting that the lessons taught at her knee had taken root in the heart of her youngest born, and that he was useful to his fellows, and an honor to her who bore him. But the thunderbolt even reached there and did its most cruel work. Other days may cure all but this. Ah, me! never a reproach from those lips; only a shadow of unspoken grief gathering on her dear old face; only a tender hand laid more lovingly upon my head; only a closer clinging to the cross; only a piteous appeal to heaven if her cup was at last not full. And while her boy raged in his wild delirium two thousand miles away, the pitying angels pushed the golden gates ajar, and the mother of the drunkard entered into rest. And thus I stand, a clergyman without a church, a barrister without a brief or business, a father without a child, a husband without a wife, a son without a parent, a man without hope—all swallowed up in a maelstrom of drink."

THE Mr. Lauer, of Omaha, whose brutal treatment of his wife was the subject of a special dispatch from that point in Wednesday's paper, is heartbroken over the exposure. His friends claim that "his temper is so terribly high that he does things while under its influence that he would not think of doing when in his right mind." We have heard that plea before. But we have noticed that these men with terrible tempers seldom or never lose control of them in the presence of an able-bodied man. It is only when their rage is excited by a woman or a child that it becomes so slippery they cannot hold on to it. We do not remember to have heard of Mr. Lauer as a fighter, hence we conclude he has a temper of the slippery kind. We have a sort of extra-judicial opinion about a man who has it, to the effect that New Jersey justice is about the only thing that will reach his case.—Topics.

OSCAR WILDE says Americans are always in a hurry. They made some haste, it must be admitted, in forming an opinion of the English clown.