

OIL DRILLER'S PAINFUL MISHAP

WOMAN RESCUES HIM FROM ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH.

The Man Was Suddenly Stricken With Paralysis and Was Unable to Move Hand and Foot

Lee F. Cypher, an oil-well driller, living at Sistersville, Tyler county, W. Va., was the victim of a terrible mishap which caused a total paralysis of his legs, arms, face and throat. It was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People which cured him and enabled him to resume his work.

"I might almost as well have been totally paralyzed," he says, "for I was unable to move and could swallow only with the greatest difficulty. It was in February, 1899, after a severe attack of grip, that I first noticed a numbness in my hands and feet. It increased and I put myself under a physician's care, but, instead of getting better, it grew worse till I could not walk and was obliged to take to my bed. I was perfectly helpless and, on account of the paralysis of my throat, hardly able to take enough nourishment to sustain life. Nothing helped me and the outlook was dismal.

"But a Mrs. Smith, of this place, who had been cured of locomotor ataxia by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, recommended them to me and I began to take them. In a short time I could see they were helping me and I continued taking them till they cured me and I was able to return to work. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills drove every trace of the paralysis out of my system."

The cure of Mr. Cypher is additional proof that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are not an ordinary medicine. They are wonderful in their potency in nervous troubles, small or great, and as they are on sale in every drug store throughout the country they are within reach of all. That they could cure such a severe nervous disorder as that of Mr. Cypher proves the power of the remedy in lesser troubles, such as sciatica, neuralgia, nervous headache, St. Vitus' dance and nervous debility.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are sold by all dealers, or will be sent postpaid on receipt of price, fifty cents a box or six boxes for two dollars and a half, by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

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A Good Move

One of the latest organizations, and one whose objects are certainly to be commended, is the National School of Co-operation, with headquarters at room 14, Office block, Topeka, Kas.

Its officers are as follows: James Butler, president. Vice Presidents—Samuel M. Jones, Toledo, O.; N. O. Nelson, St. Louis, Mo.; E. F. Keys, Chicago, Ill.; J. S. Canaday, Minden, Neb.; John Reece, Broken Bow, Neb.; Dr. E. Englehard,

Rising City, Neb.; Walter Vrooman, Trenton, Mo.; Alon O. Wardall, Topeka, Kas.; John Armstrong, Concord, Okla.; Wm. Butler, Farmington, N. M.; E. S. Swift, Grass Valley, Cal.; Leo Vincent, Boulder, Colo.; C. J. Lamb, Dryden, Mich.

Otis S. Allen, secretary. Trustees—W. D. Gilpin, Topeka Kas.; secretary Alliance Co-operative Insurance Co.; James Butler, Topeka, Kas.; secretary Farmers' Co-operative Grain and Live Stock association; C. B. Hoffman, Enterprise, Kas., president Kansas Milling Export Co.; John W. Breidenthal, Kansas City, Kas., manager Banking Trust Co.; H. N. Gaines, Topeka, Kas., editor Farmers' Advocate; S. H. Allen, Topeka, Kas., jurist; C. Vincent, Omaha, Neb., editor Central Farmer.

It is incorporated under the laws of Kansas for a term of 99 years and not being organized for profit has no capital stock. Its objects are as follows: "1st. To teach the principles of co-operation and its advantages when applied to fraternal, social, educational and business transactions.

"2d. To enroll and get together farmers, laborers, business men and women, in all honorable avocations of life for the study and application of co-operative principles in business affairs, which will enable them to secure the same advantages that are obtained by labor organizations in all their various branches and the benefit of association that is received by organizations in all other lines. It will go further; it will aid all existing organizations by teaching them to apply co-operative business methods in a way that will greatly inure to their benefit by showing them how to become stockholders and part owners of the business in which they are employed.

"As a means to accomplish the above purposes, local schools, county institutes, state and national assemblies will be formed for the study of all business problems affecting the interest of its students. Teaching will be done by means of printed lectures mailed to the instructors of each local school at least once a month or oftener if deemed advisable. Also by oral lectures and the publication of an official paper and official departments in one or more papers. Each student in good standing shall be entitled to a copy of the official paper or a copy of a paper containing an official department until the school publishes its own official paper; then the official paper shall be furnished said students or scholars. The lectures will be diversified, covering the leading and essential industries and business avocations, such as—

- Co-operative shipping.
- Co-operative selling.
- Co-operative manufacturing.
- Co-operative insurance.
- Co-operative stores.
- Co-operative banks.
- Co-operative ice plants.
- Co-operative packing houses.
- Co-operative mining.
- Co-operative dairying.
- Co-operative telephones

and other industries where co-operation can be applied to advantage."

Although the latter part of the second paragraph smacks of Judge Grosscup's "peopleization" scheme of overcoming the trust evil—with which The Independent is not much in sympathy, because joint-stock ownership is at best only a make-shift solution—yet this school can accomplish a grand work, especially among the farmers, by making them acquainted with the various ways in which co-operative institutions are conducted.

A Sectional Matter

Editor Independent: In looking over a recent Independent I see that Senator Aldrich came very near giving himself and the east away on the tariff question when Senator Dolliver was making his speech, and declared that the Dingley bill put a high rate on a number of articles for the purpose of having them traded down. Now it is a notorious fact that the east has preyed upon the south and west ever since there has been a protective tariff in this country; in the first place, because they had the majority in congress to carry any measure that was to their interest, and now that the west and south are increasing so much faster than the east, they are afraid that our representatives in congress may become as sectional as they themselves have always been and not allow them to have everything their own way.

It has been for a number of years that we could say nothing about uniting the west and south on any subject of interest to these localities, but the east was up in arms at once and accusing us of wanting to array one section of the country against the other, although they were practicing the closest kind of sectionalism them-

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selves but were very careful to keep it quiet, so the west and south would not catch on to their trick. I have been wondering why some one has not shown up the conditions existing in regard to the manufacturing business of the country. I was a protectionist as long as I thought our industries needed the protection in order to live, but am decidedly opposed to a tariff that causes millions of dollars to be put into the industry on account of the great profits there is in it, until there is such an overproduction that we have to turn the world up side down to find a market for our goods.

And there is another objection I have to business as it now stands. We have to send the raw material to the east to get it made into goods that we need and then have it sent back to us, and then send our food supplies there to feed the operatives and pay all the freight both ways on the goods and also on our foodstuffs. Now, if we had sufficient manufacturing plants in each state to produce what we need we would save the larger part of the ware freights, get more for our foodstuffs, and the operators would get fresh food instead of stale and withered stuff. Those eastern fellows all know this, therefore are afraid of the west.

Why do we not wake up to our own best interests and insist on having our goods made at home? Then there is another objection I have to the present condition, it is the high tariff making it possible to make so much better profits on investments other than farming, that our lands have ceased to be a first class investment;

therefore, our lands have decreased in value until we cannot sell in this country for enough to pay for actual cost of improvements. So the farmers are struggling along living on coarse grub, wearing coarse clothing, voting 'er straight and thanking their stars that they are allowed to live in the grandest government on earth.

J. W. ZORNES,
Mountain Grove, Mo.

J. N. Hamilton, Dakota City, Neb.: If the present form of The Independent was better put together I would prefer it to the old form; but it comes apart so easily that I call it a nuisance. I hope for prosperity for you—and no fusion for our party hereafter, with the democratic party at least.

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