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**Oh no indeed!**

The editor of the JOURNAL secured "long time payments" on a pair of new pants last Thursday and boarded the afternoon train with the intention of visiting the metropolis, Chadron, having a limited railroad ticket and trusting to the tender mercies of the Chadron eating houses for a supply of appetite destroyer. The next day the following appeared in the Herald:

"W. E. Patterson is on a visit to his relatives in Greenfield, Iowa, and Mr. L. O. Hull officiates in his place."

The Herald was in error (which is very frequently the case,) as ye editor returned Friday, after a day spent very pleasantly among old and new acquaintances at the former place. We can only surmise that the scribe for the Herald must have gathered his information from the same source as when he "wrote up" the memorable herd law demonstrations. They are both of that peculiar type of truthfulness that has characterized the Herald's columns for "many moons."

Before we would go on a journey so far, far away Charlie, you might have known we could not leave without first bidding you an affectionate good-bye. No indeed. Do you think we could be so ungrateful for the many kind words you have spoken of us and the gentlemanly assistance you have so frequently shown? Do you think we have forgotten the encouragement you, with that brotherly affection so natural to you, have ever and anon strewn upon the many thorny places in our crooked pathway? Oh no indeed!

Perhaps the editor of the Herald was musingly wishing that Patterson and the JOURNAL were both in Iowa, or in some other far away place, and in a fit of semi-conscious exuberance wrote the above, thinking what a pleasure it would be were it only true, and in the same semi-conscious state published it.

Hat Creek Democracy writes from Clare in last week's Herald. This is a new kind of Democracy to the average American as the following, which he says is taken from an American standpoint and not from a political one, will show:

"As there seems to be a great squabble over small offices, we would think the old and maimed veterans, such as U. P. Davis, J. W. Hunter and others too numerous to mention, who had the nerve at the call of their country, to shoulder their musket and march to the field of battle and offer their breasts as targets for rebel bullets, should be preferred for the offices before men whose only deed of patriotism that they seem capable of would be to wave their hats after federal victories, shed briny tears and strew faded flowers over dead heroes' graves."

Now if Hat Creek Democracy had only presented and stood upon his "American stand-point" at any time four years prior to the 4th day of last March his sincerity would not be so questionable. It might be well to call his attention to the sublime manner in which the plan he advises was carried out by the democratic administration. Harrison for instance. What a gallant "old soldier" was here rewarded by democratic appointment.

The Railway Age claims that there are a very large number of new railroads projected, the entire amount footing up over fifty-three thousand miles. If talked of roads are built there will be expended in their construction over \$1,600,000,000.00, a sum so large that it appears quite improbable that any large portion of the projected roads can be built soon. Still the indications are that there will be a large amount of railroad building in this country the present season.

The reporters have informed the country that James G. Blaine, the son of the plumed knight, has lamed his back working at his chosen trade of machinist. We are glad to know that the boy is "humping himself." It is honorable to get a lame back that way, but there are thousands of just as deserving young men working themselves lame every day and the great dailies say nothing about it.

Says the Denver Republican: That Buffalo judge did right who, a short time ago, refused to naturalize a man who was a common drunkard and a wife beater. The courts ought to stand as sentinels at the gates through which foreigners pass to American citizenship. Citizenship in this republic should be lifted to the plane of a high privilege.

A recently arrived Englishman in New York City the other day attempted to post a letter in a fire alarm box. In a little over a minute engines, hose carts, ladder trucks and fire companies were bearing down on him from all directions. He forgot to curse "the blasted county," and did not recover his senses in time to escape being made the subject of Yankee merriment.

The Lincoln Journal is authority for the statement that there is salt enough in the salt mines of Kansas to supply the world.

A noisy divorce case on trial in Chicago, the Carter case, is drawing full houses. It is singular what respectable people find attractive about such a case.

The reduction of the public debt during April amounted to \$12,378,234.00. The total debt now, less cash in the treasury, is 4,161,005,428.00, less than half of what it was at the close of the war.

Chauncey M. epew was the orator on the occasion of the Washington centennial celebration in New York City. It is hardly necessary to say that he did full justice to the occasion. He is recognized as being among the closest thinkers and finest orators in the country.

Another victim of the "didn't know it was loaded" shooting affray was sent to the "unknown beyond" in less than five minutes at Hill City, Kansas, recently. The shot was fired by a friend, just in fun, who thought the pistol unloaded. So long as persons persist in pointing fire arms at each other the office of fool-killer is practically vacant or so overburdened with work that additional help is sorely needed.

Our city marshal, Carpenter, went to Chadron Wednesday with a prisoner arrested for personating a United States detective and swindling one of our farmers to the tune of \$100. These men ought to be dealt with to the extent of the law, but when a man forty years old, and who has lived twenty years in the west, can be swindled by such men it is time for him to have his eye teeth cut.—Whitney Champion.

The Boomerang says Fort Laramie is to be abandoned as a military post, and a portion of the troops will be ordered to Omaha and the remainder to Fort McKinney and other frontier posts. It is also reported that Camp Carlin is to be broken up and the supply depot removed from Cheyenne to Omaha. Captain Humphrey it is said will be placed on the staff of the department quartermaster general at Omaha.—Lusk Herald.

A Georgia physician writes to the Constitution of Atlanta, that the solution used in the hand grenades now offered so extensively for sale is easily and cheaply made by taking twenty pounds of salt, ten pounds of sal ammoniac (muriate of ammonia, to be had of any druggist), and dissolving in seven gallons of water. When dissolved it can be bottled and kept in each room in the house. In case of a fire one or two bottles should be thrown with force into the burning place hard enough to break them, and the fire will certainly be extinguished.

After every election no matter if it be national, state, county or city, the cry of illegal voting goes up from one or both sides of the question at issue. It is more than probable that there is some truth in the claim in many instances so that it is to the interest of all good citizens to do all they can to prevent such crimes. It was hoped that the legislature would pass the election bill known as the Australian system, but it failed to get through, but even with the laws we now have there is no use of illegal votes controlling an election, provided the judges and clerks of election do their duty, and the leaders of the respective parties use due diligence. It is the right of any and every voter to challenge the vote of any person whom they may think does not possess the necessary qualifications to make him a legal voter. If the challenged party is a legal voter it is no disgrace and if on his examination by the judges of election it is not desired to withdraw the challenge, the vote can be sworn in and even then it does not in the least degrade the voter if he be honest and entitled to vote. But here is where the mistake is made by many election boards in not making the proper record of the vote. If a man is challenged and he is questioned under oath as to his qualifications let the record show that fact. If he then swears in his vote that also should be noted and then if any question arises in regard to illegal voting the poll lists can be referred to and matter taken to the courts in proper shape. We have seen men get mad and want to fight because their vote was challenged, and it always looked as if that was pretty good evidence that they were not acting in good faith in the matter, for it is but a moments work to take the oath and that is all that is necessary. The carrying of such a practice into effect is not a party matter, for it is to the interest of all parties whose members are loyal citizens, to see that the purity of the ballot is protected. The working in of a few illegal votes may bring success to a party in some cases but a party boosted into power by such means cannot long hope to remain in the ascendancy, for society will not countenance such criminal acts. If a man swears in his vote when he has no right to participate in an election, he should be punished severely and if it was made almost certain that an illegal voter would suffer the most severe penalty prescribed by law, those offering to vote would be pretty certain to keep away from the polls unless they had a right to deposit their ballot, and the result would be that the free ballot would be a pure and honest means of electing men to administer the affairs of the government.—Nebraska Reporter.

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