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# The Commoner.

Payne, or rather of the ways and body else, came among them wear- aid in defending the Alamo. While means committee, and made it over ing the coarse front of the local on his way he learned that the Alamo into a changeling of his own, is not Brooklyn boss and telling them how had fallen. by any means the truculent type to vote, he would find an exit by of boss that you would expect to the window. All that Aldrich ever then proceeded down the Colorado see, having been acquainted long does is to suggest, and never that and earnestly with Pat McCarren except in the deftest and most deliand others. No, not at all.

Aldrich is a boss who is a gentleman. Not too much of a gentleman, you understand; but still, when to a blind horse. you consider that from George B. Cox clear eastward to Izzy Durham, is to go down to history as the authe boss is a plug that you wouldn't thor of one of the dozen tariff bills admit into your house or allow to of the republic's history-though in talk to your wife, it's something to fact no tariff bill ever has an aufind a boss who can pronounce his thor, and all are composites-is a words; who doesn't say "pronounciation" for "pronunciation," nor say, "I'm pleased to meet you," nor "Was your lady friend with you eagle type-more so, in fact, than at the park today?"

Certainly George B. Cox couldn't stand that acid test. As for some prominent, and handsome, too. Unbosses further eastward-well, I understand you have a movement His color is ruddy and high. His on over there for harmony in the figure is clean-cut, straight and high; democratic party, and perhaps I had his manner active as that of a better say no more.

consider it seriously, is the most astonishing boss of whom history and mentally, a high-class man. makes mention. Of course C. J. Caesar is the crack example in that cline to be interviewed. line; and yet even C. J. never did succeed in beating the senate to its ONLY SURVIVOR OF HOUSTON'S knees, though he thought he did, and Aldrich has, and has kept it up for years.

Once, being much moved of curiosity, I asked a senator of the Aldrich clique what it was that moved him and those like him to this Aldrich subserviency. He was frank over Texas last month, was an event got up pretty close General Houston about it. He did not deny that he of special significance to Alphonse sent word to Colonel Sherman to atsat at the feet of Aldrich.

"But," he said, "I've tried to break away from him, and I can't. of Texans who, commanded by Gen-He is a hypnotist. He finds your eral Sam Houston, met and crushed weak spot, and comes and coaxes completely the overwhelming force you. He is as lovable a man as ever of Mexican soldiers upon that battleyou saw, and in the first place, no- field. body wants to antagonize him. Then, if they did, there is that hypnotic piano-playing of his. No, you can't beat him."

"Piano-playing on what kind of a weak spot?" I asked.

cate manner.

It answers the purpose, though. A suggestion is as good as a wink

Personally this man whose name tall, handsome man, utterly unlike the usual type of boss. His eyes are dark and keen-somewhat of the the eyes of any other man I have ever seen. His nose is firm and der it rises a big white mustache. panther. Altogether the author-so But Aldrich, when you come to far as it can have an author-of the next famous tariff bill is, physically

As to his political morals, I de-

### VICTORY

An Austin, Texas dispatch to the New York Herald says:

The celebration of the seventythird anniversary of the battle of San Jacinto, which took place all Steel, of Mexia, this state, who is tack this position. We were ordered the sole survivor of the little army

Mr. Steele is ninety-four years old, but is still full of strength and vigor.

during the past winter and was the quickly as possible and the man who recipient of signal honors at the first got his gun reloaded moved on, is cheaper to use Woodworth Treads hands of the legislature. He accept- not waiting for orders. I rushed in- than to run the bare tires. On rough, "Oh, I see what you mean," said ed invitations and delivered an in-the senator. "No, there is not even teresting address before the house the second volley was poured into the tire expense. They have been on the market for the suggestion of crooked influence and senate, which met in joint ses- them in that timber they broke and y A large painting of Mr. Steele was "hall of fame" in the state capitol. Now I think this senator person One other man, Captain Zuber, of Mr. Steele has in his possession the When only seventeen years old Steele left Hardin county, Ky., when he joined a company of volunteers commanded by Captain Daggett and marched to Old Washington, this state. It was found on reaching that place that Texas had not yet declared whereupon he immediately started has a yellow streak in it."-Balti-

In company with other patriots he river and joined the army which General Houston was gathering about him. As General Houston and his gathering force of patriots and adventurers moved onward toward the Buffalo bayou and the San Jacinto river, General Santa Ana and his army followed closely, hoping to get the Texans in a close position and make an attack.

The Texas army found itself in a cornered position on April 21, 1836, and in order that it might be a fight to the death the only bridge leading across the water course over which retreat might be made was destroyed by order of General Houston. Mr. Steele gives an interesting description of the battle of San Jacinto, which took place on that day. He says:

"After dinner on April 21 Santa Ana, who was close upon us, received about five hundred additional troops under command of General 3-STROKE SELF-FEED HAY PRESS. Cos. We received orders to prepare for battle. We advanced upon the Mexicans in the following order: Houston, with the artillery, in the center; the cavalry on the right and Colonel Sherman with his troops on our left. The Mexicans had thrown up breastworks out of their baggage about a hundred yards south of a belt of timber, where they had stationed their artillery.

"Santa Ana's right was placed in a thick grove of timber. When we to move forward and hold our fire until orders were given. When we got within sixty or seventy yards we were ordered to fire.

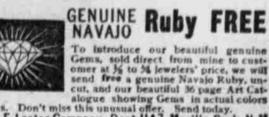
"Then all discipline so far as each side. Very easy to apply. Any-Sherman's troops were concerned was one can put them on the tires without at an end. We were all firing as rapidly as we could and as soon as He spent several weeks in Austin we fired every man reloaded as

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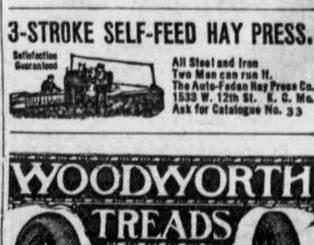


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on Aldrich's part, nor even the sus- sion to hear him. He was voted a picion of greasing the wheels in handsome gold medal by the state, other ways than money. No, it is and this insignia of his faithful milall his personal magnetism and his itary service was presented to him wonderful capacity for hitting on with most impressive ceremony by a the weak spot in each man's make- committee of legislators. up; the knowing of the exact thing needed to make him an Aldrich also purchased by act of the legislajanizary. I've fallen in line with ture and will be hung in the Texas him, and so will all the rest."

was telling me the exact truth, so Austin, who was in General Housfar as he knew it; and I know, too, ton's army, is still alive, but he was that nothing so vulgar as cash ever not an actual participant in the batenters into the calculations of the tle of San Jacinto. It was this batmen high up in the senate. It is the that won for Texas her indepentrue that J. B. Foraker's dealings dence from Mexico and marked the with the Standard Oil company, and overthrow of General Santa Ana as a Joseph Weldon Bailey's reputed military despot. dealings likewise and therewith, may seem to discount this statement of original muster roll of General Housmine; nevertheless, I insist that vul- ton's army. He has used this roll gar, sordid spondulicks does not en- on several occasions to disprove ter into the calculations of the aver- claims of persons that they were in age senator in dealing with such a the famous battle. matter as a tariff bill.

But personal advancement does. But success in the party does. But where he was born, and went down success back at home in your own the Ohio and Mississippi rivers in a little state-sometimes a state of boat to Lake Providence, La., where less population than a Brooklyn he worked until November, 1835, ward-does.

And of these things Nelson Wilmarth Aldrich takes full advantage. And thus it is that he has a senate of slaves at his heels.

Anybody who thinks the senate can be bossed, in the sense in which the her independence, and the company Third ward republican club can be of soldiers disbanded. Steele rebossed, is plumb ignorant of the na- mained in Washington until the deture of the senate. The senate is claration of independence was signed composed, in the main, of high-class gentlemen, and if Aldrich, or any- for San Antonio to join Travis and more American.

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"I was running on a little in front of our men when I was shot down. 'Dave' Rusk was standing by me when I was shot. He told some of the men to stay with me, but I told him, 'No, take them on.'

"One of our men in passing asked me if he could take my pistol, but by this time I was bleeding at the nose and mouth so I couldn't speak; so he just stooped down and got it and went on. After lying there a little while I managed to arise to a sitting posture and drink some water which I had in a gourd. This stopped the blood from coming into my nose and mouth. While I was sitting there one of our men who had been lying down behind me came up and asked me if I was wounded. I told him I was, and he offered to stay with me, which offer I accepted."

Mr. Steele has lived in Mexia for many years. He has 170 descendants.

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