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NORTH COLEMAN.

Reports would indicate that they are having a very interesting literary in the Ryan district.

We are having a very fine winter, thus far, which makes it most favorable for stock and economical on feed.

Hogs are the principal product the farmers have to sell, just now; and they are receiving a good round price for them.

Spring Creek will have a Christmas tree, which the old and young will enjoy, if your correspondent is not mistaken.

There was a rag sewing-bee at Mrs. Carothers' recently, the ladies turning out a large stint of work and doing justice to a fine dinner spread by the hostess.

The people of this neighborhood are somewhat afraid to turn their stock into corn-stalks on account of the so-called corn-stalk disease. Quite a number are losing horses and cattle.

The old folks and the young folks are about to organize a Christmas hunt. The party getting the lesser number of points will provide the oysters for a supper, unless other arrangements shall be made.

The school at Spring Creek is now being taught by a Mr. Thompson, who changed schools with Miss Greve. It is to be hoped that there will not be any more changes in the teacher of this school, this term.

August Flower.

"It is a charming fact," says Prof. Houton, "that in my travels in all parts of the world, for the last ten years, I have met more people having used Green's August flower than any other remedy, for dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach, and for constipation. I find for tourists and salesmen, or for persons filling office positions, where headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system by frequent use, and is excellent for sour stomachs and indigestion." Sample bottle free at A. McConnell's. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.

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HIS START IN LIFE.

IT WAS A GOOD ONE AND WAS THRUST ON HIM BY ACCIDENT.

The Incident Wouldn't Have Happened if a Short-sighted Real Estate Auctioneer Had Not Forgotten His Eyeglasses.

"I owe my start in life to the fact that an estimable old gentleman forgot to put his eyeglasses in his pocket one morning," said a prosperous business man from a sister city. "It's rather a curious story," he went on, "and I'll tell it as briefly as possible. A good many years ago, when I was a young fellow of 25 or thereabouts, I drifted into Louisville in search of a job that didn't materialize, and the upshot of it was that I found myself practically broke in a strange city. Up to that time I had always worked for small wages and had never succeeded in accumulating as much as \$50, but I had an abiding faith that if I could once get hold of a modest stake I could launch out for myself and make some money."

"One morning, when I was wandering about with only two or three silver dollars in my pocket, looking for a chance to go to work at anything that might offer, I dropped into a big down stairs room where some real estate was being sold at auction. A large crowd was present, and there was an indescribable feeling of tension in the air that warned me something unusual was about to happen.

"While I was standing there, only vaguely interested, the auctioneer, who was quite an elderly gentleman, put up a piece of improved city property and after a considerable pause received a bid of \$200. I could see that the smallness of the amount excited surprise, and I was also aware of a commotion in one corner where half a dozen previous bidders were gathered together in an excited group. They seemed to be quarreling about something, and meanwhile the auctioneer was indignantly appealing for a respectable offer.

"'Make it \$2,500!' he shouted. 'Does any gentleman bid \$2,500?' He looked directly at me, and I made a gesture of denial. 'Thank you!' he exclaimed, greatly to my surprise. 'The gentleman over there bids \$2,500, and, if I can help it, no combination of buyers is going to be allowed to dictate prices at this sale!' With that he suddenly knocked down the property to me.

"'No sooner was this done,' continued the story teller, 'than a great uproar of protests arose from the group in the corner. They insisted that they had been given no chance to bid, but the auctioneer stood firm and, calling me to the platform, requested my name and address and a 20 per cent cash deposit on the \$2,500.

"By that time I realized, of course, that some extraordinary chance had thrown a fine piece of property into my hands at a fraction of its real value, and I did some quick thinking. 'I've sent a messenger for the money,' I said as coolly as I could, 'and I'll have it here in 15 minutes.'

"The auctioneer looked at the clock. 'All right,' he replied, 'I'll give you that limit.' 'Then I took a desperate chance. I pushed through the crowd, which was already interested in the next sale, and beckoned to a little fat man who had been one of the loudest kickers a few moments before.

"'Look here,' I said, drawing him aside. 'Do you want to be my silent partner for an hour or so?'

"'What do you mean?' said he. 'I gave him the truth in a dozen words. 'Now let me have that \$500 deposit money,' I added, 'and we'll share the profits, whatever they are.'

"The little man looked at me shrewdly. 'This is a big joke on all of us,' he said, grinning, 'and I guess I'll risk the deal.'

"At the same time he counted out \$500 and put it in my hands. I raced back to the desk with the cash, clinched the sale and before noon had the deed in my possession. Then, to make a long story short, my silent partner offered me \$1,000 cash for my interest, and as \$1,000 looked about as big as a mountain at that stage of the game I promptly accepted. That thousand, fortunately placed, gave me the start that has kept me going ever since.

"But what about the eyeglasses, did you say? Why, the auctioneer, as I afterward learned, was very near-sighted, and on the morning to which I refer he had forgotten his glasses. That was why he mistook my gesture of disapproval for a sign of assent and forced me, in spite of myself, into a good thing. I never understood the exact true inwardness of the deal, but the facts in the rough were that a clique of speculators had formed a combine to keep down prices, but, owing to some misunderstanding, failed to bid promptly on the property which I secured. The auctioneer was on to the game and anxious to break it up; hence his precipitancy in knocking down the lot to yours truly. I heard, later on, that my portly silent partner made \$8,000 out of the transaction, but I didn't begrudge him the money. The \$500 he gave me on faith that morning was worth fully 10 per cent a minute."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Just an Advertised.

"But suppose," one of the spectators said, "the parachute should fail to open after you have detached it from the balloon—what then?" "That wouldn't stop me," answered the daring aeronaut. "I'd come right on down."—Chicago Tribune.

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