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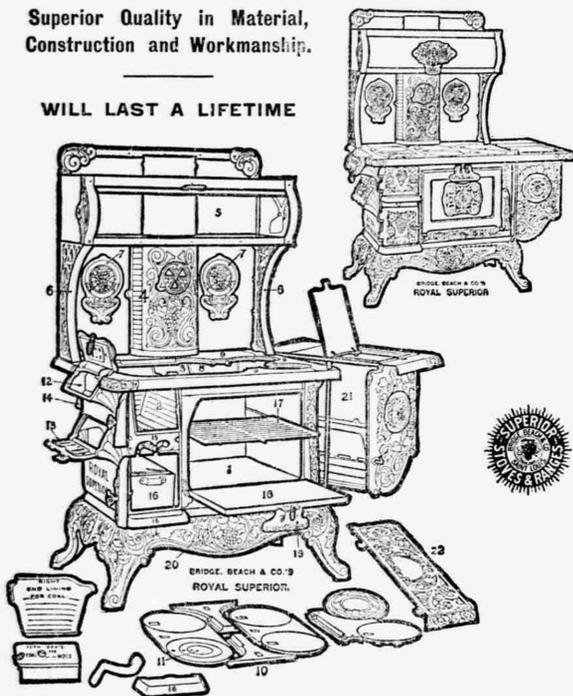
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Amazed at Mayes.

The editor of the Rushville Standard had a naughty streak in him and, his corns being tender, he turned viciously upon THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT last week for its article of the week previous, regarding the Rushville fire. He says in part as follows:

In the first place Jess Veach did not burn out. Tom Sutherland left Rushville three years ago and has not been here since. As to nearly every man in Rushville being a member of the fire department to keep from paying poll tax and to avoid being called on the jury is only a synonym of how THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT editor came to join the fire department of his hamlet. The By-Laws and Constitution of the Rushville Hose Co. forbid more than twenty-five active members. We now have only sixteen members and they are there to protect the town from fire—not to avoid paying poll tax or being called on the jury. As to the hose being rolled up wet and had "frozen as hard as a bone and flat," we will say that whoever makes that statement, he or she, is a liar by nature and could not tell the truth if they were forced to it. In less than one minute a steady stream of water was playing through the hose, and they were in good shape. The greatest care in keeping the hose and fire apparatus in shape for such emergencies has been exercised and the one who criticises is a cynic pure and simple.

If we believed this article to be a fair sample of his "Standard" we would let it pass as unworthy of notice. We reported what was reported to us regarding the fire and sought to show some reason why the fire department of Rushville couldn't get to the fire in time to do effective work, and the fact that Rushville people immediately thereafter held a meeting to talk over the many needed things, such as a "hose tower for draining and drying the hose," "a chemical engine" and "increased water supply," there must have been something to the statements reaching Valentine that the hose was frozen and that only a short delay is dangerous in the beginning of a fire. We quote from the Rushville Standard of Feb. 12th, reporting the fire which doesn't indicate that we were entirely wrong:

When the firemen reached the scene flames were busting through the roof in several places, but in spite of this, we believe had it not been for the defective water system the fire would have been confined to the one building. But the supply of water was limited and the pressure so slight that the stream could not be thrown more than twenty feet, and it was not strong. Some difficulty was experienced in getting the water started which also retarded quick action of the company.

Regarding the mistake as to who were burned out, our reporter's recollection of who occupied those buildings might have been at fault but it was not so serious a blunder as to warrant the condemnation indulged in by the "Standard." The personalities injected rather reflect upon the writer who seems to be tender upon the subject or possibly has been harboring ill feeling. We quote further from the Standard that our readers may know exactly whose buildings burned:

There were five buildings, they being the Dale store building H. O. Morse's building, occupied by J. W. Grubb as a furniture store, the Armstrong & Ward store building, the M. P. Musser store building and the Jack building, which was occupied by Donald Brown as a general merchandise store. Most of the goods in all of these buildings were gotten out, but are more or less damaged. Mr. Brown carried no insurance on his stock and none of the buildings were insured, Armstrong & Ward carried \$3000.00 on stock and J. W.

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We will close by asking, How would you like to be assigned to the Annanias club?

The tone of your article doesn't indicate a desire simply for correction but rather has a quarrelsome tone. Butt your head against your old prouty and take a dive or two in the ink can and you'll feel better. Climb up to the rack, get your hooks onto some slugs and go after them with your shooting stick. If you have quins enough to stand a siege, lock yourself in the forms and chase yourself.

Valentine wants a better water-works system with twin reservoirs on the hill north of town, for fire protection, to drink and to water our lawns, shrubbery and gardens at the lowest possible cost for the best article obtainable, and if Rushville gets in line, instead of quarrelling over trifles, they'll profit by their bitter experience of Monday night, Feb. 8, 1909.

Dear Brother Mayes we are amazed to read your stuff. Is your brain crazed with fire and smoke? It never phased us, for we put water on.

Your language used is so uncouth. Would think it bolted up in a youth. Does it hurt you to tell the truth When you put water on?

If not all your men are in it. Do your "By-Laws" keep them from it. And, "in lesser than a minute." That you all put water on.

"A steady stream of water was a playing through the hose." It was: Oh, what a fire they might have had— But they put water on.

If your hose was not froze up, then. And your system in good shape, then. And no use for any more, then. For to put the water on—

Then "twas all a little bluff, sir. And there was no fire at all, sir: If there was, we put it out, sir. For we put the water on."

How They Love The Laboring Man.

The Chicago Tribune recognized as the mouthpiece of the western clan of tottering republicanism, comes out editorially, with a statement that amazes even their own whipped-into line supporters.

Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell, and other labor leaders, met in the office of Sec. Strauss to try and devise some means to relieve the distress of the unemployed. And lo! listen to editorial wisdom:

"A conference over the unemployed, can be of little use until there are reasonably accurate figures of the men who want work and cannot find it."

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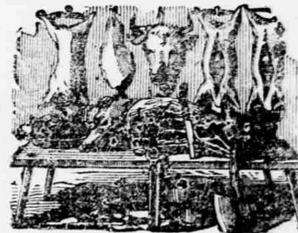
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