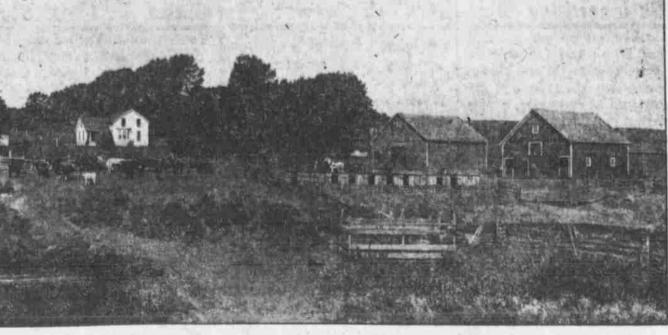


HIGH SCHOOL, BLAIR,



FARM SCENE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.



HE same atmosphere and sur- tion of the Territorial Government in 1851, they made little effort to cultivate the soft One man who, between 1853 and 1856, trav- thus beaten in all their political plans. roundings that prompted the The proclamation dividing the territory in to any greater extent than to have it bear eled as a steamboater from St. Louis to The first school of any kind established range horse to buck, prompted counties, was isued by acting Governor enough for their subsistence. Speculation the head of navigation at Fort Benton, at Fontanelle was in the winter of 1855 and the early settlers of Washing. Thomas B. Cuming, on the 18th day of seemed to possess all. More claims were Mont., was Charles Seitz, and from a Miston county to become boomers. October, 1854. The surface of the county staked out with a view of selling as soon souri river steamboat he unloaded at De who was a partner in the first marriage ton county to become bodiners. October, 1854. The surface of the county to become bodiners. October, 1854. The surface of the county to become bodiners. October, 1854. The surface of the county to become bodiners. October, 1854. The surface of the county to become bodiners. October, 1854. The surface of the county to become bodiners. October, 1854. The surface of the county to become bodiners. October, 1854. The surface of the county to become bodiners. October, 1854. The surface of the county to become bodiners. October, 1854. The surface of the county to become bodiners. October, 1854. The surface of the county to become bodiners. October, 1854. The surface of the county to be one point of the surface of the county to be one point of the county to be october, 1855. The surface of the county to be october, 1855. The surface of the county to be october, 1855. The surface of the county to be october, 1855. The surface of the county to be october, 1855. The surface of the county to be october, 1855. The surface of the county to be october, 1856. It was an epoch of bigsted presents a beautiful diversified succession as land values increased. The six barrels of whisky, which hopes and unfulfilled prospects. It was a of rolling prairie land, hills and valleys, purpose of home building. Town lots in constituted his main stock of goods in the whittler in the fall of 1856. Thomas Gibber as teacher. On the last seven railroad and white the first store he established at that place. So in 1857 the six barrels of whisky, which in the town, being united with Henry town of Blair was established in 1869, with county has fifty-one miles of railroad and whittler in the fall of 1856. Thomas Gibber as teacher. On the last seven railroad stations. There are 45 miles seven railroad stations. There are 45 miles seven railroad stations. There are 45 miles seven railroad stations. That the territory which now comprises mill, which for some years was run by services in the new town were held on the sound the public highway in the county, and two direction towards the Missouri, and years of 1856 and 1857. One thousand dollars the public highway in the county of Washington, for a long of the public highway in the county of Washington, for a long of the public highway in the county and two direction towards the Missouri, and years of 1856 and 1857. One thousand dollars the public highway in the county and two direction towards the Missouri, and years of 1856 and 1857. One thousand dollars the public highway in the county and two directions. tion. The most extravagant pretensions southerly toward the Elkhorn. About 60 for a business lot, was a medium price in the county of Washington, for a long Samuel A. and Silas Francis. One of the platform of the railread station, by the were covered by accomplishment, heretofore marked only by the large of the surface of the county is De Soto, and the same in Fontanelle and period, was a favorite resident place of the county are owned and
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fore marked only by the large of the county is De Soto, and the same in Fontanelle and period, was a favorite resident place of the county are owned and fore marked only by the lapse of years. A comparison of the past with the pres- bottom land, and 10 per cent broken and money, the majority lost, especially when There is little tradition or authentic facts ducted by George Hindley. ent gives us a better understanding of the bluff land. Throughout, the soil is ex- the panic of 1857 came, and many found to back up the statement of the historian, growth made the last fifty-four years. In ceedingly fertile. The bottoms of the Mis- themselves without ready cash, and loaded other than the evidence that lies in the 1856 the total population of Washington souri river vary in width from two to down with town lots, which had depreciated portance. The location of Blair is some times and second prize twice, and during county was 207; ten months later, the seven miles.

1,240, in 1870 it was 4,400, in 1880, 8,600; in ington county, which was passed February was represented by the stores and black- the treaty of October 9, 1832, the Pawnees Soto, started a flatboat ferry across the one for a city, and in all, it is a beautiful This county has 218,000 acres in farms, 1890, 10,800, and in 1990 the county had over 22, 1855, designated Fort Calhoun as the smith shops, the banks, newspapers, etc., sold all their land south of the Platte and Missouri. At this time De Soto could boast residence place. records of it, only those that lie buried in log cabin, which in 1854 was built by the mill on the river bank close to Cuming to their reservation until 1859. In 1854 the perous place until in 1859 the Pike's Peak town. The principal manufacturing plants in the dairy industry. At present the the strata of the earth's crust, the little subscription, money was raised for the section of Nebraska now known as Washington county, was the abiding place of
ington county, was the abiding place of
ington county as the section of a building of logs and cotton
being but a few head in the county, which tickness on the high blow was received when the city of Blair ing Co. is the most important of its kind. animals that exist today only in skeleton. It matters little to people living in this the first building erected for court pur- settling up of the county business changed. hill back of the town site of old De Soto, was started. De Soto was one of the most in the west. This is the official publication day whether it was 1,000 or 10,000 years ago poses west of the Missouri river.

Agriculture received more attention, new on one Fourth of July, when a party of noted homes of pioneer journalism in Nethat such conditions existed, but that they In 1858, when William Clancy was a membusiness enterprises were started, and the patriots were digging a hole for the erecbusiness enterprises were started, and the patriots were digging a hole for the erecbusiness enterprises were started, and the patriots were started there.

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In 1858, when William Clancy was a membusiness is still a corn and live stock county. Last

did exist in the light of modern knowledge, ber of the territorial council, and Peter S. new county gradually assumed the busiis a matter indisputable. At a more re- Sullivan in the house, both from the town ness like ways and aspects of the older cent time, before the advent of the white of De Soto, the legislature removed the settled country to the east. man in Washington county, it was a para- county seat from Calhoun to De Soto, and dise for animals, buffalo, elk, deer, beaver it remained there until the fall election of The winter of 1857-57 was very severe. dise for animals, buffalo, elk, deer, beaver it remained there until the fall election of prospects. This city formerly stood about three newspapers.

and foxes, all were in abundance and at 1886, when by vote of the people the county The price of provisions became exorbitant; In building up Nebraska in the early two and one-half miles north of Blair and In the fall of 1892 an elegant postoffice bushels of oats. It is also one of the first Long before white man set foot upon the

cupied the river shore and were there in in the farming districts opposed this move, sold today for \$125 an acre, the early part of the nineteenth century. In order to convince the doubters of the them compared to other nations mentioned 000 court house.

upland or rolling prairie; 30 per cent river Cuming City. Some speculators made Indians, is plain to the archaeologist, and the first blacksmith shop was consadly in value.

which at one time were a powerful nation, and had it proped up by placing heavy enough to pay their way and keep them duced their number, and even in Lewis a convincing argument to the farmers, and sufficient funds to carry them across the Washington county is one of the original the great and a few others be friendly to white settlers. the hard times suffered the keenest

In 1854 when Nebraska had been admitted Fontanelle March 14, 1855. poats were sunk opposite De Soto; one, cities of the state.

tion of a flag pole, a skeleton of an In- life four papers were started there. dian chief was found; also a skeleton of a Notable among the defunct towns of was an eye witness to this discovery.

and forces, all were in abundance and at 1895, when by vote of the production of the first home on the prairies and slopes and along seat was again located at Calhoun, and potatoes, from \$4 to \$5 per bushel, and days, many towns had mushroom growth, was named in honor of Governor Cuming, was established by the United States govthere remained until 1862, when by popular bacon and pork could not be had at any to melt away soon after birth, while others In 1857 the town had fifty-three dwellings ernment, and is considerable of an orna- fruit. At present there are growing and vote, Blair was made the county capital. price. Harlow Carpenter of Fontanelle which came into existence after decades, and several business houses, but it has ment to the town. From the beginning a in full bearing 102,000 apple, 1,700 pear, The first court house at Blair was of bought a hog of a neighbor for which he have not yet reached the pinacle of great- long since entirely disappeared. land embraced within the limits of Washington county the Indians had made it The time came when the pride of the many with the \$45 an eighty-acre tract of land disappointments in establishing and develtheir home and hunting ground. They oc- citizens demanded a new court house. Many on the Eikhorn bottoms that could be oping towns and cities. With brightest prospects, Fontanelle formed its exist-When Lewis and Clark made their expe- importance of a new building, the comdition up the Missouri river, the Otoes, missioners decided the court house unsafe, ington county with much more than money | ized at Quincy, Ill., to establish a city in Washington county. Eight of the party were there. But continuous warfare re- timbers about the exterior walls. This was for a year or so and many came with only were selected to visit this county and select a site. The party reached Kanesville,

and Clark's time, there were but few of the bonds were voted for the present \$50,- Missouri or up by steamboat from St. or Council Bluffs, Ia., and crossed over to the Omaha side early in August. Omaha Louis. The spirit of speculation died out then had not half a dozen houses. There Few of the early pioneers had an eye to and many left the county. Only those re-Washington county is one of the original the great agricultural value of Washington mained who were determined to make a of the Omaha Indians, and one known to were too poor to leave. Gold was nelle the party was directed to the place discovered at Pike's Peak, and westward that has since been famous in state hiswent thousands of seekers after wealth, tory as the town of Fontanelle. This loca-Freighting across the plains became an tion so pleased them that without further important industry. This was the begin- exploration they paid the chief \$100 for the ning of a new era, one of almost continued right to claim and locate twenty square prosperity. Among the prosperous wealthy miles of land, and the party returned to residents of the county are those who in Quincy and gave a glowing report. The territorial council incorporated the city of

as a territory, steamboating was reaching. The height of Fontanelle's greatness was its greatest importance on the Missouri, reached the first few years of its life. It and a dozen years later its decadence com- was the first capital of Dodge county, and menced. Along the Missouri, town sites in 1856 came within one vote of becoming were selected according to the river land- the territorial capital, and it has often ngs, and the founders of the town of been hinted that only for the fact that De Soto had this point in view when they one member of the territorial council who chose a location for their town. The bed cast his vote for Omaha, and thereby enof the Missouri, both above and below riched himself to the extent of sixty Omaha Omaha, is strewn with the hulls of steam- town lots, Fontanelle would have been the boats, wrecked by running into snags and city of territorial government, and perhaps sandbars. In the early 60s, two steam- today would have been one of the big

the Bertrand, which sunk near the landing It is plain that the early settlers of opposite the town; the other, the Cora, Fontanelle were enterprising and alert to which went down near the bar on the op-, everything that would assist the building posite of the "island." The flood of 1857 up of their town, but lacked dismally in spread from bluff to bluff, the river in the diplomatic, wire pulling qualities necesplaces being from eight to ten miles wide, sary to sway legislative bodies, and were

1858, with Miss Emily Strickland as teacher.

De Soto was founded by a lawyer and of pottery, implements of warfare, with March 7, 1855. In May, 1857, Isaac Parrish, eighty feet above the Missouri river and it that time no other one county has won number had increased to 751; in 1890 it was The territorial act, reorganizing Wash- The business of the county prior to 1860 here and there ancient burial places. By who was the first newspaper man of De has a natural drainage. The site is an ideal first prize more than twice. county seat. The first session of the United in the towns; the lime kiln, saw mill, grist agreed to remain both of the Platte and of fifteen or twenty business places and It is the trading point for the farming tivation. The county has been making States district court was held in 1855 in a mill and shingle factory. They had a saw west of the Loup river. They did not move more than 500 inhabitants. It was a prostown site company. In 1856, by popular City, and one at Elkhorn and Fontanelle, number of Pawaces was estimated at 4,000, excitement caused many to leave. From are the Acme flouring mills and a corn poses, also as a school house. This was were brought in by the settlers. With the De Soto. Early in the sixtles, on the high blow was received when the city of Blair ing Co., is the most important of its kind Agriculture received more attention, new on one Fourth of July, when a party of noted homes of pioneer journalism in Ne- office of the Danish Lutheran Church, and

> Fred Bugeon, now a merchant of Blair, early days an important place with bright city, including two substantial banks and they sold and shipped out 663,000 bushels prospects. This city formerly stood about three newspapers.

paid for town lots sold in one day. Hun- 4,418 pupils of school age. dreds of buildings were in process of con-Boom days for Blair were quick in passing.

community for the country surrounding, wonderful progress in the last few years town. The principal manufacturing plants farmers of the county have 4,000 acres year. Every line of the mercantile business is still a corn and live stock county. Last is well represented, and some of the general year the farmers sold and shipped out dian chief was found; also a skeleton of a Notable among the defunct towns of stores carry a large stock. In all there 17,300 head of beef cattle, 58,300 head of fat horse on which the skeleton was astride. Washington county was Cuming City, in are about sixty business places in the hogs and 5,500 mutton sheep. Besides this

> lively interest has been taken in the edu- 11,000 peach, 8,000 plum and 9,000 cherry The building of the Sioux City & Pacific cational matters by the people of Blair, trees. Taking it all in all, Washington railroad was the means of bringing the The city has three public schools, includ- county is one of the very best counties of city of Blair into existence. The town was ing a high school. The county has fifty- the state.

surveyed and platted and named after its four school districts, with sixty-one school founder, John I. Blair, on the 16th day of buildings. Five of these are high schools. March, 1869. Sixty-one thousand dollars was The county has ninety-three teachers, with

The valuation of Washington county is operated by the people living on them. The first few years of its existence, its In the county collection exhibit at the growth was rapid, and it bid fair to be- state fair for the last eleven years Washcome a city of more than ordinary im. Ingion county has won first prize seven

with 132,000 acres under a high state of culseeded to alfalfa. On these farms over 8,000 head of cows are kept, and last year 550 hand separators were in use. The farmers sold and shipped out of the county last year more than 126,000 pounds of but-



MONDAY AFTERNOON CLUB OF BLAIR.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT HOUSE, BLAIR.

Collection of Short Tales Selected from the Story Teller's Pack

land embraced within the limits of Wash-

in the annals of that trip.

England college, in his mo-

One summer, some years ago, he spent pu'." a vacation of several weeks at a farmreceived a letter from his farmer land- "this is the stone."-Cleveland Leader. lady inquiring if he would like to return. In reply he stated that he would be very glad to pass another summer vacation with A small Wichita boy's father is a demo-

made about the place. ways, and if she is still with you I trust He tried to stay loyal, however. you will at least not allow her to wait

condition of your place would be room and said: greatly improved if the pigsty were moved back a few rods farther from the house learn to read. It's no use, I tell you, in his place and said: "Friends, I would or done away with altogether.

deciding about coming." The somewhat particular president was reassured by the receipt of the following

service in his Scottish home, tells this tale sell everything and go. him said Sandy McDermott; gi'n ye the di'mon', McGregor?"

"Nobbut myself," was the answer. Ye've been trating yersel', eh?" 'No that, eyether," McGregor made re-"But ye ken I'm execopter of the estate o' Sammis McDougal,"

"Hush, mon," said McGregor, looking " "Fis a' I' th' will First, it said, said Jacob. his lawfu' debts were to be paid, which

known and flourishing New pun' for th' buryin'. D'ye mind?" "Oh, aye," responded McDermott.

ments of relaxation tells the "An' then he wished th' execuoter to back to the Kansan; following story at his own ex- procure as handsome a stone as could be had in a' Grasgy fer a matther o' seventy jail."

her, provided some needed changes were crat. But at the grandfather's house all "First," wrote the college president, are republicans, and when he visited at the latter place he heard a good many One day his aunt was helping him

through with his lessons, when he sud-Secondly, I would suggest that the sant- denly flung his book into a corner of the mine, down in Mississippi, who went to "Auntie, it's no use. I'm not going to

Why, I've got to be a democrat, anyway." "I will wait until I hear from you before Kansas City Journal.

Old Indian Bests Sensior. The recent death of Jacob Jackson, the

'Mary has went. We hain't had no hogs in politics, recalls the time he floored Herald. on the place since you were here last." Senator Long when the special senate committee visited Indian territory, seeking information.

Alexander Wright, brother of the county move the full bloods to Mexico, and he mons, his general theme being "Humility." auditor, who is visiting Cleveland for a urged the committee to recommend the re- In the course of his sermons he necessarily vacation period, and who is in the public moval of all restrictions so that they could dwelt upon the nothingness of man without anent one McGregor, a thrifty man in a He was questioned closely by various gentle nuns of the Villa Convent, and the zealously at school that he was nicknamed he happened to be appointed as a cadet nating with an apt anecdote a point he

land of thrift, who was seen in Glasgow senators, particularly by Senator Teller of convent school pupils made up of many "the stewpot," became the man who, urg- to the Naval acamedy at Annapolis from wishes to make.

Wearing a lustrous sparkler in his cravat. Colorado. In a fatherly way the senator, young ladies, girls and small boys.

In one of the early cases he so brilliantly wearing a lustrous sparkler in his cravat. Colorado. In a fatherly way the senator, young ladies, girls and small boys. "Who who had once served as secretary of the At the conclusion of the sermons, says up her home and rejoin him because he was ginia. "Oh, aye," ventured the questioner, the serious troubles that had befallen the ice, turned to the sanctury boys, lads of Years at a stretch rather than leave his great friend of my family," he said. "One "You seem bent on giving the court all deceased's tombetone. Kickapoos, who had tried to settle in 10 or 11 years. "What are you?" inquired magnificent life work unfinished.

tended going to Old Mexico himself.

"Of course, then, you will have to go.

heard about him he was in jail." Quick as a flash the old full blood came

"Yes, sometimes even senators go to

In view of the fact that Senator Burton, discovered, to her great horror, that some Long's colleague, had just been sentenced of the small members of her class had ators on the committee.-St. Louis Globe child's mythology at school. She deter-

Senator Williams is Reminded.

"The fix of many of my estimable repub- on his shoulders?" lican brethren in congress, who want to ing anything but neat and orderly in her botter flung at democracy and its friends, revise the tariff, but are afread of the responded. gentlemen who conduct the highly protected infant industries," said John Sharp Williams, "reminds me of a neighbor of could not be standing on it. Now, what

prayer meeting one night. "After the spirit got to moving he rose like to confess my sins, but the grand jury is in session."

'Go shead,' shouted the leader: 'go ahead, brother. The Lord will forgive." "I know,' replied the penitent, but he Choctaw Indian who used to be so active kin't on that grand jury." - Rochester

Heeding the Sermon.

A well-known prelate of the Cleveland the help of grace. His auditors were the

have been listening. I am nothing."

was onnoicessary under law. Then, it said, But the father of the Kickapoo movement diocese chuckled as he unfolds the tale. too." He did both, and much more. The the first cadet to be appointed from that to help ye do HE dignified president of a well th' execooter was to set aside thirty-fi' got into trouble. I believe the last time I The seed has evidently fallen on arable account of his rise from position of student territory." ground.

A Modern Idea.

mined to destroy this belief by simple logic

"Atlas, Miss Mary," a little girl promptly

"Yes, Now think. If he was supporting the world on his shoulders, of course, he supported Atlas?"

A ponderous silence prevailed for a minute, then the little girl spoke up: "Oh, I know! He married a rich wife."-Harper's Weekly.

"Grand Old Irishman of China,"

If genius consists in an infinite capacity for taking pains, says the London News. then Sir Robert Hart, "the Grand Old Man of China," has demonstrated the possession of considerable genius throughout his remarkable career. No trouble has been too Jacob had been telling of him plans to re- diocese recently preached a series of ser- great for the diplomacy of Sir Robert Hart; no demand for the exercise of patience until 1873, when his only son was born. has been too exacting. The Irish lad who "even stole fifteen minutes from his lunch How Bob Evens Went to Annapolis. and brilliant jurist, who presided over the hour to work at Hebrew," and worked so Admiral Evans tells the story of how Jenkins Hains trial, has a way of illumiterest in Indian affairs, called attention to himself of the garments of the altar serv. remained at his post in China for thirty delegate to congress from Utah, was a reticent witness:

the venerable priest of one of the two When he was six years old, some sixty- an officer in the navy. I told him, 'You who sat in the dock one Sunday morning said: Senator Long, during the entire hearing, boys. Quick as a flash came back the an- seven years ago, his imagination was fired bet I do.' He then explained that there with a bandaged head. had been very witty. Long took a hand in swer. "I am an Irishman, and I am proud with tales of the departed Hart family was an appointment to be made from "Prisoner," said the magistrate to this place." "An' ye has yer han's in the pile the quizzing Jacob, finally asking him if he in- of it." "And what are you?" he asked the and his Dutch ancestor, Captain von Hardt. Utah, and said that if I was only a resi- man, 'you are charged with having been "I'll carve he's gone to heaven," if you other lad. Crossing his little hands upon King William had given the township of dent of Utah I could get the appointment, drunk and disorderly. What say you- want me to," remarked the tombetone "Yes, I'm the father of the movement," his breast, he quietly rejoined, "Father, I Kilmoriarty to the captain. "When I'm a As soon as I could get my hat and catch guilty?" man," the little fellow said solemnly, "Til a train I was on my way to Salt Lake " "That's wot you're paid to find out, there's no better place than Kentucky Per The aged administrator of the Cleveland buy back Kilmoriarty-and I'll get a title, City, and I got the appointment. I was growled the prisoner. 'I ain't got no call New York Times.

interpreter of the Chinese maritime customs is a romance of steady effort by a man of great force of character and all the power that has been wielded by this company with Mr. Roberts, president of quiet man with the inscrutable eyes.

Caution, of course, he learned in the "Your grace," said Mr. MacVeagh. "Mr. "Who was it that supported the world Oriental school. Once a lady asked him to Roberts, who always travels with his counaccept a rose, and he offended her by say- sel, will undoubtedly get you passes over ing: "I should prefer to consider the matter all the railroads in the United States if in before answering." But, brought up in return you will get him a pass to para-Wesleyan traditions, he never absorbed dise." any eastern fatalism. In 1896, he felt that "I would do so gladly," flashed the archthe road was open for his return home- bishop, "if it were not for separating him yet he felt that, half hidden, there were from his counsel." obstacles waiting to be met. He opened On one occasion Archbishop Ryan comhis Bible at random and read the text plained to a Philadelphia editor that one Robertson poured out some medicine and "Paul said to the centurions and to the of hels sermons had been badly reported. soldiers, Except ye abide in the ship, ye "I am sorry," the editor responded, "but

mediately to remain in China. Notable dates in his life have been marked by a curious coincidence. In the quired." year he was born, his birthday, February 20, fell on the twenty-third day of the Chinese first moon. Once more it fell on the twenty-third of the first moon in 1854, phia Record. the year he came to China, and not again

day he asked me if I did not want to be possible trouble. You are like the man After due cogitation the near relative

Philadelphia's Witty Divine.

Archbishop Patrick J. Ryan of Philadelmodest manners. "A small, insignificant phia is as famous as he is eloquent as a get the tailor to mend my valst," drawled A Philadelphia Sunday school teacher Irishman," he was called, but in the divine, and many are the stories told of his a Swedish foreman, showing his employer records of Chinese development he towers quick repartee. When Wayne MacVeagh, among the tallest figures. Upon Li Hung former attorney general of the United house in a Maine town. The next season "Aweel, mon," concluded McGregor, to jall, Jacob's repartee was thoroughly taken as literal truths the tales of ancient Chang he exerted great influence in various States, was counsel for the Pennsylvania appreciated, especially by the other sen- god and goddesses which they had read in crises-perhaps the world will never realize railroad he called upon the archbishop in

the Pennsylvania system.

can not be saved." That decided him im- one of our best men, who is likewise a "What is his name?" the prelate in-

> "Killpatrick," answered the editor. "And he came mighty near doing it," was the archbishop's final shot.-Philadel-

> > A Story from the Beach.

Judge Frederick E. Crane, the young ward.

conducted, before his elevation to the

Bulletin.

Too Much.

"Ay tank Ay go across the street and a very ragged vest.

In a few minutes the Swede returned with his vest untouched.

"Aren't you going to have it mended?" asked the boss. "Ay tank not in that shop," replied the Swede. "Ay ask him what he charge an he say 'Two dollar.' Then Ay askhim, 'Will you take the valst in part payment?"

an' he wouldn't do it." - Everybody's Magazine. --

A Test of Friendship. Just before Artemus Ward's death, offered it to the sick man, who said. "My dear Tom, I won't take any more of that horrible stuff."

Robertson urged him to swallow the mixture, saying: "Do, now-there's a dear fellow-for my sake. You know I would do anything for you."

"Would you?" said Ward feebly, grasping his friend's hand for the last time. "I would indeed," said Robertson. Then you take it!"

Ward passed away a few hours after-

Patriotic.

That Kentuckians have a very high regard for their native state is illustrated by this ancedote told by one of them: Once a Kentuckian died. So a near relainterior, and had always had a keen in. The Leader, the prelate, while divesting certain to be returning home "next spring," "William H. Hooper, the first territorial bench, Mr. Crane said to an obstinately tive went to the local tombatone artist to arrange about an inscription on the

"Carve on it, 'He's gone to a better

artist, "but as for that other inscription-