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He Kept his Word.

The man who is constitutionally incapable of telling the truth is a difficult subject to manage. He requires such drastic treatment as Colonel Cockerill, the managing editor of the New York World, once administered to a man who never told the truth—when a lie would answer. Cockerill was then editor of a struggling weekly in a Western town, and one morning a fellow walked into the office, saying, "If you'll send me your paper, I'll bring you a load of wood next week." The editor suggested that he would prefer to see the wood first.

"Oh, that'll be all right," said the subscriber. "Just send me your paper, and—"

"See here. How am I to know that you are going to keep your word?"

"Easy enough. If that load of wood isn't here by next Saturday, you'll know that I'm dead. If I'm livin', I'll bring it myself, or I'll send it, one or other."

"All right. I'll send the paper and take the wood."

The paper was sent. A week passed, and no wood came. Another week went by, and still no wood.

The editor wrote a glowing obituary of his delinquent subscriber. He paid a touching eulogy to his manliness and integrity. He said that his word was his bond, and that in all his dealings he was reliability and honesty personified. There was not a degree of praise and exaltation that the editor did not use upon his subject.

The next morning editor Cockerill, looking through the office window, saw the "corpse" approaching, with fire in his eye and a copy of the paper in his hand. The editor suddenly became busy. The door opened. In walked Mr. Delinquent.

"Say, there!" he exclaimed.

The editor turned, and started in amazement. "What!" said he. "You alive? I thought you were dead. Let me congratulate you."

"Of course I'm alive. What do you mean by this infernal piece in your paper?"

"Oh, that?" said the editor blandly. "That? Why, you told me if the load of wood you promised wasn't here in a week, you'd be dead, and I took you for a man of your word."

The fire faded out of the delinquent's eye, and going closer to the desk, he said, "See here, young feller, it's no use trying to get ahead of you. I'll bring that wood next Monday, if it rains brimstone and pitchforks."

And for once in his life he kept his word.

New Jersey is trying to claim Noah, because he was a New-ark man. Yes, but you know he looked out his Arkansaw land. Give the South a fair show in this thing,—Collegiate.

A facetious young man calls a female institute a "Vennor weather prediction" because it contains so many misses.

The letter D is truly an old salt, having followed the C for years.
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Removal.

We are glad to inform the friends of the News that we have secured a neat little office on Third Street, near the corner of Third and Broadway, where our business will be conducted hereafter. Persons wishing to subscribe for the paper or to insert advertisements will find us in the new building at 1210 West Third Street.

The British House of Commons has authorized Lord Hamilton's naval expenditures, estimated at about $100,000,000. Alas for peace!

President Harrison, who has been besieged by office-seekers for a number of months past, has at last been compelled to take refuge within the strong walls of Fortress Monroe. If these walls are strong enough to keep out an American office-seeker, they ought certainly to withstand any attack which may be made against them by a foreign enemy.

Oklahoma.

There will no doubt be trouble in Oklahoma when the great race comes off, one week from next Monday. The number waiting on the line ready to enter is four times the number of claims to be taken. All see that some will be left, but no one wants to be one of them. Fast horses have been brought from a great distance, so that their riders may get ahead of the crowd, and get their pick of the claims. Four enterprising men have a balloon on the line. They expect to ascend on the appointed day, and float over into Oklahoma. As soon as the hour of noon arrives, they will descend and get their claims long before the great wave of people arrives. If the wind blows the wrong way, they will, no doubt, take up claims in Dakota.

In addition to those waiting on the border, there are a large number of boomers hiding in the woods within the line. They have been waiting for years to get into the coveted land, and now they fear that other men with fast teams and balloons will get ahead of them, and get the claims they have picked out. If so, they will make trouble for some one.

LOCAL NEWS.

Ed. Ellis returned from his eastern trip yesterday.

Arthur Austin, a former Miami City boy, is now in Canton, Ohio. Samuel Patterson is home from a visit to his parents in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Joe Vance and party have returned from their California trip.

Perry Zehring is laying the foundation for his new house on Home Avenue.

A number of improvements are being made on the grounds of the Orphans' Home on Summit Street.

Dave Hoffman (“Little Dave”) is back from Sandusky on a visit to his parents and friends about Dayton.

Henry Ruse will sprinkle Third Street from the Railroad to Mound Street; Mr. Barlow will sprinkle from Summit to Cyrus.

About nine o'clock Wednesday morning, a small fire occurred in the rear of the residence of Mr. Snyder on North Broadway. An old barrel of linseed oil and some hot coals came too close together, and caused a flame, which threatened for a while, to become a serious fire. After a sharp struggle the flame was got under control with only a slight loss.

The hose reel at the Baxter Street engine house is to be replaced by one of the new style hose wagons.

Yesterday Eugene Staley and Wiley Decker went fishing at the Bridge Street bridge, and caught forty-eight goggle-eyes.

It seems impossible to get a new depot on the other side of the river, but Miami City gets a brand new girt sign on its station without asking for it.

Mr. George LaRue of South Hawthorne Street has presented his large collection of bird eggs to the Dayton Public Library.

Rev. M. R. Drury of the Telescope is on a trip to Iowa, to attend the session of his conference, which met this week.

Mrs. Bishop Edwards has returned from a visit of several months at the homes of her children, in Illinois.

The Society of Christian Endeavor of the Broadway M. E. Church are about to erect a small frame building in the rear of the church for the use of the society.

The crossing at the corner of Euclid and Home Avenues is in a terrible condition. The councilmen from the third ward should see that it is put in better shape at once.

The trunk factory of W. L. Denny, on the corner of Williams and Holt Streets, was consumed by fire Thursday night about twelve o'clock. The building with the machinery and stock was totally destroyed. The loss was about $8,500.00.

Rev. W. M. Beardshear, formerly pastor of the Summit Street U. B. Church, has resigned the presidency of Western College at Toledo, Iowa, to accept the position as superintendent of public instruction at West Des Moines, Iowa.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Pittsburgh Brewers' association have formally resolved to boycott, in trade and in politics, every man in that county favorable to prohibition. “Lay on McDuff!”
President Harrison sent into the Senate 350 nominations, all the important ones of which, excepting three, were confirmed.

A regency has been decided upon for Holland.

Bismarck was 74 years old on the 31st ultimo.

The decrease in the national debt for March is $13,605,655.

Senator Sherman will spend the Summer in Europe.

King John of Abyssinia has been defeated and slain in battle, and the country is said to be in a state of anarchy.

Rev. Samuel Small is to be an independent candidate for Congress in the fifth Georgia district, hoping to secure Republican support.

President Harrison has been petitioned to pardon the ten Apache Indians now confined as United States prisoners in the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus.

There is some talk of the Democrats of Ohio running Judge Thurman, a son of the "Old Roman", for governor.

Certain leading men of the South propose to call a convention of Southern protectionists, no matter what their party affiliations may be, to meet in Chattanooga in May.

At Portland, Oregon, a man refused to pay a Chinaman ten cents due for washing, whereupon the Chinaman gave him a sound drubbing. The police comforted the sufferer by advising him to pay his wash bills hereafter.

The Republicans of Chicago, having nominated Raymond, a machine candidate, over Amberg, anti-machine, were defeated by 10,000 votes; but Amberg, who was finally nominated for city clerk on the same ticket, was elected.

Senator Teller introduced a resolution in the Senate, the day before adjournment, providing that hereafter all executive nominations shall be considered in open session.
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