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An Amateur Salvage Company.

Mr. C. J. Thompson's friends tell this story of him: "Mr. Thompson himself says it is exaggerated.

Much disturbed by fires occurring in the neighborhood, Mr. Thompson decided to organize a fire company in the family, realizing that a little precaution might save him considerable in time of danger. He accordingly thoroughly drilled the different members in their respective duties, and awaited, but as no opportunity for action offered, he selected a morning to give a false alarm and test their efficiency. Leaning from the back parlor window, he shouted, "fire" at the top of his lungs.

The echo of his voice had not died away, when a sofa and two chairs grazed his ear on the way downward, four oil paintings swept down the leader, a washstand and two trunks slid past him, two bed data and a mattress struck him on the head, and in an upward glance seeing the legs of the library table appear at the second story window, he withdrew and started up stairs.

Half way up he met the round marble slab from the center table which glided between his feet without a word, and struck the servant girl behind him who was carrying the children up stairs for safety, and she and her burden landed in the hall.

Gaining the second floor he was in time to see his eldest daughter carefully remove the bureau drawers one by one, and drop them from the window. Before he could speak he met a stream of water from a fire engine, which took him in the face, and heard the front door being opened by the fire department, while the parlor windows stepped out to admit the ladders. Turning to fly to his wife with a gridiron and an almanac in one hand, while the other was occupied with a baby and a glass of wooden toothpicks, and at the same time there was a deafening crash which proved to be two mirrors and a parlor stove tied together reaching the ground, while a fireman, as in hand, inquired, "Where is the fire?"—Detroit Free Press.

An old lady who had no relief for modern church music, was expressing her dislike of an anthem when a neighbor said: "Why, that is a very good anthem. David said it to Saul. To this the old lady replied: "Well, well, I wonder for the first time understand why Saul threw his javelin at David, when the lad sang for him."
may succeed, it is necessary that it secure not only the support of our business men, but the active interest of our citizens. We think we are not mistaken in believing that a paper which advocated West Side interests and devotes itself to West Side news will receive the support of both these classes.

In editing the paper, it shall be our aim to insert, each week, the news of interest to the citizens of our part of the city, and also original contributions from any of our readers on matters pertaining to the West Side. Space not occupied thus, will be filled with choice selected matter. In order to make the paper such as we would like to have it be, we will need the help of all our friends.

We need news all the time. If any thing of interest has happened in your part of town, do not hesitate to drop in at our office as you pass, and inform us. Your kindness will be appreciated.

We have placed the subscription price of the News very low, in order that no one on this account may be hindered from taking the paper. It will be sent three months for only twenty cents, or, six weeks for ten cents. If you would like to receive the paper regularly, subscribe at once. If one of our solicitors does not call upon you, step into our office at 1210 West Third Street, and have your name placed upon our list without delay.

The Centennial.

One hundred years ago, on the thirtieth day of April, the United States of America started out on its glorious career. There had been prior to this time a confederation of states known as the United States, but after a checked career of thirteen years, it quietly passed away, and its place was taken by a nation bearing the same name. The old United States was merely a confederation of sovereign states. There being no central government with sufficient authority to enforce its laws, or even to command respect, nine states abandoned the old organization, and formed a new government.

Before the new government went into effect two other states joined it, leaving only two of the old confederacy which refused to join the new United States. Accordingly on April 30th, 1789, (George Washington and John Adams became) president and vice-president of the new nation, consisting of eleven united, not simply confederated states. Before the first term was ended the two remaining states, North Carolina and Rhode Island, ratified the constitution, and took part in the new government.

The Improvement Association.

The West Side Improvement Association held an adjourned meeting in the Miller Drury block last Thursday night. There was a less attendance than last week, owing to the G. A. R. celebration, but in many respects the meeting was the best yet held. In the absence of the regular programme, Messrs. J. C. Patterson, Wm. Mc Kee, A. W. Drury, S. L. Herr and others were called upon to speak upon the advancement of the business interests of the West Side. They responded in a number of neat speeches, in which several points in regard to the subject were brought out.

The president announced the committees on Private Property, Streets and Alleys, Sanitary Conditions, and Business Interests. Several committees appointed at the last meeting made partial reports, but no action was taken.

The next meeting will be held Thursday evening, May 2nd, in the rooms of the West Side Republican Club on Third street, just east of Williams. An unusually interesting meeting is expected. Go early and get a good seat. Every property holder and business man should be present.

LOCAL NEWS.

Miss Florence Shelly is quite sick with scarlet fever.

Mr. Geo. Rhodes of Amity Street is happy. It is a girl.

Rev. S. D. Clayton was in the city a few days this week.

Mr. John E. Fault has been re-elected rodman to the City Civil Engineer.

Mr. Jesse Smith of Arcana is visiting Mrs. and Mrs. E. N. Gilbert a few days this week.

Walker Keeler, a little boy living on First Street, fell from a fence and broke his arm last week.

Rev. George Miller, of Iowa, is visiting at the home of his brother, Rev. D. B. Miller.

Chas. E. Surface had the pleasure of a visit from his father and sisters, of West Seoul, this week.

Mr. Joe Corey and wife, and Miss Emma Weaver, of Trenton, Ohio, have been visiting Dr. J. T. Landis.

"Little Joe" Hoffman has wiped off his chin with a razor.

The G. A. R. and Odd-Fellow celebrations have kept the city pretty well stirred up this week.

Arno Moore and family, of Xenia, spent a few days this week, in the city, the guests of Rev. J. H. Graybeill.

The new building of the Society of Christian Endeavor, of the Broadway M. E. church is nearly finished.

Dr. W. H. Negley, of Cincinnati, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Christina Hoffman, at her home at 1829 West Third Street.

Mr. David Shoop and Miss Nettie Solomon were married last Thursday, and will make their home on Second Street.

A small fire occurred at the cooper shop of Gottlieb Weggert, on Washington Street, last Friday. Loss, about $25.

Mr. J. E. Gilbert of Germantown who has been in this city attending Miami College, is on a visit to Westerville.

Those who attended the Easter entertainment given by the Sunday-school of the Broadway M. E. church last Sunday night, will not soon forget it. It was excellent.

The revival services at the Broadway Christian church will be continued through the coming week. The sermon on the revivalist Rev. S. H. Bashor of the Progressive Brethren church, are highly spoken of.

A number of Miami City ministers and laymen will soon start for Pennsylvania to attend the sessions of the United Brethren General conference which convenes at York, May 9th. An exciting session is anticipated.

Dr. Walters is erecting a substantial three story business block adjoining his building on Third street. There will be two nice store rooms on the first floor, which should be occupied by two first class stores.

Misses Eleanor Smith and Mattie Holt of Miami City, have received appointments to speak at the closing exercises of the first year class of the Central High School. Miss Smith obtained the highest grades of any in the class. Mrs. Bessey Dillon will start for Richmond next Tuesday to attend the marriage of her niece Miss Bertha Hoffman to Mr. Ed. Thistlethwaite of that city. Miss Hoffman's good Dayton friends will help them happiness during their future life.

These who saw Howard Horn sligt from the train last Tuesday afternoon, and saw the boat upon which he carried in his arms, and the smile extending about two inches beyond his face on each side, knew that once that he had just been up to "Freble County, Sir."
Mrs. Henry Wagner has a nice tulip bed. But for several years now, just as the flowers are nicely in bloom, thieves have entered the yard at night and stolen them. It is to be hoped that the person who could be guilty of such an act lives out side of Miami City, and even out side of the city. He is much needed here.

A good joke is on one of our Miami City coal dealers. Last week a woman came into his office and wanted to buy some coal to whitewash her fence. She evidently thought that such an enterprise dealer would keep a quality of coal that would do almost any thing, from painting a carriage to whitewashing a fence.

The Street property on Third, near Jefferson, was sold last week for $16,600. It has a frontage of over 184 feet, so that each front foot brought $1,000. If our West Side people wish to get such prices for their property, they should go to work and boom up the business interests of our part of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gilbert will start on a trip east, about the second of May. They will visit New York, and attend the commencement exercises of Union Theological Seminary, where their son, Mr. Will Gilbert, graduates this Spring. They will also be present at the great Y. M. C. A. meeting in Philadelphia, next month, and will attend the sessions of the U. B. General Conference which meets at York, Pa., on the 9th of May.

Saturday afternoon, as several Miami City boys were taking a trip to the Bluffs in a boat, a gun which they carried was accidentally discharged. The load took effect in the ankle of Stanley Kepler, whose parents live on Euclid street. The lad was conveyed home in the patrol wagon, and a physician was summoned. It was found that the bones of his ankle were badly shattered. A great number of splinters were removed by the doctor. It is hoped that the foot may be saved, but it is to be feared that he will always have a stiff ankle.

The closing exercises of the Union Biblical Seminary will be held in the Summit Street U. B. church, next week. Pres. Grant will preach the baccalaureate sermon, Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Bishop E. B. Keplar will preach the annual sermons in the evening. Monday evening, the literary societies will hold their anniversary and Tuesday evening, Dr. Colby will deliver a lecture.

The regular commencement exercises will occur Wednesday morning at nine o'clock, at which time the graduates will deliver their orations, and the students will hear the reading of their grades for the year.

GENERAL NEWS.

The prohibition amendment to the constitution of Massachusetts has been defeated by about forty thousand majority.

General Eichhanger having been compelled to leave France, fled to Belgium, but the authorities of that country warned him to leave. He then crossed the English Channel and took refuge in Great Britain.

The German government does not like it very well that Mr. Bates, one of the American commissioners to the Samosia conference, has written two articles on the subject in dispute for publication.

The passengers of the last steamer Dan­mark have been sav. Soon after the ship was disabled the stormer, Missouri, came to its aid and tried to tow it into port. When it became evident that the Danmark would sink, the captain of the Missouri threw forty thousand dollars worth of his cargo into the sea to make room for the seven hundred passengers to come on board his own ship. The Missouri then made for the Ann island, which is about 800 miles west of the city of Gilberth. A part of the passengers were landed there and the remainder were brought to Phil­ delphia. Captain Mullen, of the Missouri, received an ovation when he landed, and he has since been presented with the medal of the Philadelpitia Humane Society.

The Great Race.

Promptly at noon the trumpet of Troop D, 3th Cavalry, at a sign from Lieutenant Wake, sounded the "drummer call." It was the signal agreed upon for the start. Immediately there went up yells and cheers. A hundred pistols discharged their contents into the air but failed to echo the joy, the enthusiasm, the feeling of relief on the part of the crowd that the supreme moment had arrived at last. Away dashed the horsemen in a mad gallop, lashing their horses as if life depended upon reaching the top of the hill first.

They were followed close bybug­ gies, hackboxes, and road wagons, and the roar of all the other teams mingled with the Tyson of the horses, and the cheers and shouts of the crowd.

"There he is!" cries an old man, slipping his hand, "there, do you see on the white horse, there he goes?"

The white horse is the first to disappear behind the crest of the hill. A second one, and another rider is in the little clout of dust raised by the rider on the white horse. "Oh, he can't beat our white man," proudly exclaimed the old woman. It is her son, the only child, who rides the mare.

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How a Hedgehog Killed a Serpent.

The hedgehog cautiously approached the sleeping reptile and seized the end of its tail between his teeth. Then he rolled himself up into a compact ball and awaited developments. The snake, awakened by the pain, turned up on his enemy and fought with his fangs. The hedgehog, retaining his hold, allowed himself to be dragged back and forth during the struggle, and, meanwhile, the serpent's jaws had become lacerated and useless from constant assaults upon the spine of its enemy. In a few minutes the serpent had become exhausted with its efforts, and the hedgehog, unrolling himself, disembowelled the serpent and ate his meal. In this case the hedgehog does not kill the serpent directly, but obliges him to kill himself by dashing upon the sharp spines.

A Big Gun.

A correspondent of the Army and Navy Journal asks: “What is the largest piece of ordnance that has ever been successfully fired?” and receives the following answer: “If you include in the term ordnance every thing that carries a projectile, we should answer fourteen miles. This is the straight tube conveying natural gas from Murrayville to Pittsburg. To clear the tube out, a projectile known as the ‘gun ball’ was inserted in the end at the gas well, closely fitting the interior. The gas was then turned on full force and the gun ball fired through its full length, coming out at the other end in a few minutes.”

A Bomb Test.

A Washington dispatch says: “The inventor of a new kind of bomb, for which a patent is pending, came to see the Commissioner, who happened to be out. He brought with him a specimen bomb, which was enclosed in a pasteboard case, and he showed it to the Commissioner’s private secretary, Mr. Wil Montgomery. The inventor said it would go off as soon as it touched water, and this specimen would make a noise like a fire cracker. The private secretary had some curiosity to see the bomb tested, and sent out and procured a pail of water. When the bomb was thrown into the water, the effect was startling. The water was forced up with violence to the ceiling, and fell in a shower pretty well all over the room, while the noise of the explosion was like the report of a cannon. A few of the spectators could wipe the water out of their eyes, they pronounced the test a great success.

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