



THE BLACK RANGE.

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The Albuquerque Journal knows no rest from advocating the narrow gauge system of railroads which are intended to radiate from its city and it is possible that it yet may accomplish something with the work encouraged by its talk.

The eastern papers have become aware of the fact that the associated press wires at El Paso are handled by a nest of stupendous liars whose chief aim is to advertise themselves, and they are saying some very hard words about Sidney Shaw-Eady the boss preparator of the lot.

The territorial press convention that met at Albuquerque on Thursday, got in their work on a great deal of liquor and finally decided to have a banquet on Thanksgiving day—Socorro Sun.

The RANGE surmised that the organization would amount to about as much as here stated. They usually do.

Walter Hadley of the Las Vegas Gazette, has gone to Philadelphia to get a wife. Not a great while ago most of the New Mexico editors were bachelors. At the present rate of stepping off they will soon be all benedictines—always excepting Miss Edith Gordon of the Springer Stockman.

The best record ever made by a horse in harness was that scored by a young pacing horse named Johnson who on the 9th instant at Chicago made his mile in 2:10 as given by two of the judges but in 2:09 1/2 as claimed by the horseman and one judge. This brings another hitherto unknown horse into prominence.

Copp's U. S. Salary List and Civil Service Rules, is the title of a recent publication of 160 pages just received. It gives a list of all the salaried officers of the government and samples of the rules to be observed and questions to be answered by applicants for position. The man who can support himself any other way is foolish to seek to become a slave to Uncle Sam but it will do it this work will assist their efforts greatly.

Last Tuesday Ohio and Iowa held their state elections. The latter as usual went straight republican the majority as from returns received being estimated at 30,000, while in the former elected the republican governor by about 3,000 and a majority of the legislature. The prohibition amendment was probably carried. It is similar to the already adopted by Kansas and Iowa. The poll in both states was unusually large.

The trial of Moore and Casey for the murder of Gossett and Elsing in the American Valley last May, is now in progress at Albuquerque and it promises to go hard with the accused. The testimony of McAlister, one of the parties in the gang which is supposed to have done the killing, was particularly damaging and after it was given the accused who heretofore were out on bail were locked up. As usual, in such cases, the leader of the crowd W. C. Moore, is still at large and promises to remain out. He is the smartest and therefore the worst one of the lot. Citizens of this country with whom the RANGE editor has talked know him in the panhandle of Texas where it was known that he was operating in the same death methods with those whose ranches he desired to possess that he adopted in the American Valley.

All reports from Colorado concur in the statement that there is a drowsiness about that country in nowise inferior to the sleepiness existing here. The editor of the RANGE while in Denver last month noticed that notwithstanding the exposition was in active progress and that eight hundred locomotive firemen were assembled in conclusion that the place was dull and full of complaints of slow times. The hotel men and those engaged in business generally talked that the city had not been so dull since the years antedating the Leadville excitement. And Denver is a reliable index of the entire state. The fault however is not in Denver and it is not in Colorado any more than it is in New Mexico but it is the reaction which is taking place after an undue excitement and wasteful profligance in the business of mining. The Leadville boom made fortunes for many and ruined thousands. While it lasted everybody of a speculative spirit dashed recklessly into the mining business and we are simply raking the gold gone by the whirlwind. People noted in times past that there could be money lost in mines and they want none of it. Now they want stock ranches and other investments where there is no chance for loss as they think. In a few years they will find that there are two sides to every cloud and that the silver lining does not extend clear around and they will eschew that which they now covet and will return to their old loves. Times are dull and prospecting uninviting at present but let us all hold on and the moving ball will bring us to the top sometime. We are too late now for the mining boom of 1878, but we can be here for the one to follow. Or, many a fortune has been made in mines without the aid of booms and who knows but there

may be more money to the property owners in working their claims than in selling them. While there is no sale for mining property of any kind those now discovered may as well be worked. If they play out there will be plenty of time to hunt others ere the reaction takes place.

Fishing in the Geysers.

"Speaking of fish," said the smiling stranger, "if the president wants to have some genuine fun, he wants to cast a line in some of them geysers. That's where you get fish. I got in there once about a year ago, and kitched 1,000 smelts in an hour and a quarter! And trout! Well, I should whisper in an undertone! I'm shouting gentlemen, when I say a man can take a trout out of one of them geysers that'll weigh half a ton! I've done it."

"I thought the water in the geysers was warm," clipped in an unbelieving listener.

"Hot, stranger, hot," protested the unabashed Wyoming man.

"And you pretend to say those fish live in hot water?"

"I never alluded to the possibility, stranger. I didn't even think of it. Them fish I kitched was dead, every fish of 'em dead and cooked. There's where you get the bulge on all other kind of fishin'. You get the fish all ready for the table!"

"That sounds reasonable," observed a keen-eyed man. I think he's telling the truth. "Say, how do you catch those fish?"

"With worms, stranger," responded the Wyoming man, eagerly rejoiced to find a friend in the crowd. "You bait your hook with angle worms, and the fish takes right hold as soon as your sinker touches bottom."

"Then we are to understand that dead and cooked fish will bite a hook, are we?" asked the keen-eyed man.

"In them geysers, stranger. They won't do it anywhere else. In them geysers they are hungry for worms, and beside that they ain't cooked until you land 'em. You see, the water at the bottom of them geysers is cold, and it's the hot water at the top, together with the friction, that cooks 'em. You don't see it anywhere but in the geysers, but there you never miss it."

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LEGAL NOTICES.

Notice of Pre-Emption Proof.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, LAS CRUCES, N. M., October 14th, 1883. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at Las Cruces, N. M., on the 29th day of November, 1883, viz: JOHN MONTANA on pre-emption declaratory statement No. 107 for lots 4 and 5 sec 25 and 26 sec 26 sec 27 sec 28 sec 29 sec 30 sec 31 sec 32 sec 33 sec 34 sec 35 sec 36 sec 37 sec 38 sec 39 sec 40 sec 41 sec 42 sec 43 sec 44 sec 45 sec 46 sec 47 sec 48 sec 49 sec 50 sec 51 sec 52 sec 53 sec 54 sec 55 sec 56 sec 57 sec 58 sec 59 sec 60 sec 61 sec 62 sec 63 sec 64 sec 65 sec 66 sec 67 sec 68 sec 69 sec 70 sec 71 sec 72 sec 73 sec 74 sec 75 sec 76 sec 77 sec 78 sec 79 sec 80 sec 81 sec 82 sec 83 sec 84 sec 85 sec 86 sec 87 sec 88 sec 89 sec 90 sec 91 sec 92 sec 93 sec 94 sec 95 sec 96 sec 97 sec 98 sec 99 sec 100 sec 101 sec 102 sec 103 sec 104 sec 105 sec 106 sec 107 sec 108 sec 109 sec 110 sec 111 sec 112 sec 113 sec 114 sec 115 sec 116 sec 117 sec 118 sec 119 sec 120 sec 121 sec 122 sec 123 sec 124 sec 125 sec 126 sec 127 sec 128 sec 129 sec 130 sec 131 sec 132 sec 133 sec 134 sec 135 sec 136 sec 137 sec 138 sec 139 sec 140 sec 141 sec 142 sec 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### FAIRVIEW.

Mrs. Geo. Richardson is ill with a fever.

Col. Branson of Engle, has gone to Philadelphia on business. The Colonel is now heavily interested in the Lake Valley properties.

The well at Silver Hill in the Cuchillos is eighty-seven feet deep and has a fine head of water. Smokey Jones and Maxfield are driving down their combination shaft on the Johnny and Tip Top and Taylor and Brockway are erecting log cabins for winter occupation.

Gilmore, the chap who stopped with the Riley boys sometime last June and who became quite well known in these towns, is at Albuquerque ready to testify against Scott and Casey in their trial for the American Valley murders.

The well of the Riley Brothers, on their ranch above Robinson has been sunk twenty feet deeper than heretofore, making it some seventy odd feet deep. It is supposed that the cement was cut through, as a fine stream of water was tapped at the bottom.

Tom Butler, Chris Olsen and Joe Peers are now over on the Nigarrita ranching. They and three others of the boys who are in with them have six miles of running stream and as fine a stock range as there is in New Mexico. They are located at the eastern base of Mogollons, northwest of here.

The county commissioners at their last meeting ordered an election for school districts numbers 1 and 24, but entirely forgot or refused to permit the organization in district number 25, which is Fairview and Robinson. The petition is supposed to have been sent in but the commissioners gave no sign of its receipt.

Next week there will be a change in the running time of the trains on the Santa Fe road, so that the passengers will just about meet at Engle at noon. This will necessitate the running of the stages at night to make connections and will not make a very pleasant change to the people here, and less agreeable to the stage employes. The drive between Chloride and Grafton will be particularly disagreeable.

W. C. White has returned to the range from his three months trip south. Mr. W. has been in Tomstone since he left putting in his time steadily at work. The more he sees of other lands the more he is impressed with the conviction that there must be something here and he proposes to stay by the camp. He returns to do his assessment work on his claims and to contribute what ore he can to the concentrator when it starts. If he runs out of ore on his own ground he will try and lease something from a more fortunate owner.

### GRAFTON.

Some of the ladies who have tried them state that the prickly pears which grow on the broad leaved cactus make the finest kind of preserves and jelly.

C. C. Upham who is known in this section for his work of surveying for the A. T. & S. F. railroad, has been appointed chief engineer of the Tampico division of the Mexican central.

The present chilly nights are the harbingers of winter which prompts the careful citizen to make his home warmer if possible. This is a semi-tropical climate, but good warm quarters are desirable for winter use.

It was found upon trial that the engine of the Royal Arch was too small for the work of hoisting the water from the bottom of the shaft and the work is now suspended until a larger engine can be procured.

The Humboldt house at Engle was re-opened for the accommodation of the traveling public, last Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers since they closed the house have had more trouble to turn away guests than they previously had to keep them and they concluded to return to the previous arrangement.

A party is on dit at Grafton for next Wednesday evening. It purports to be a dance but rumor says that it will have matrimonial trimmings. It is time for something of the sort for the society landscape is getting to be as drouthy as the bosom of mother earth.

Judge Adams has commenced drifting from the bottom of the shaft for ledge of the Alaska. The rock of the present shaft was so much more expensive to work than there was reason to anticipate judging by former work on the same property, that the depth of the same is not so great as it was intended to make it with the fund set aside for the purpose. However, the drift will tap the ledge over a hundred feet deeper than it has been seen before and that will be a pretty good test for it. There is no trouble from water yet and there is not likely to be as the Judge's facilities for handling any ordinary flow are ample.

The military reservation of Ojo Caliente has been jumped—been taken up as government land for ranching purposes. Kean St. Charles, Charley Froelich, Johnny Canada and a comrade from Grafton have claimed and now do occupy the houses of the post, the entry having been made last week. The boys are fine, pleasant fellows, enterprising and active, but slightly misguided. Some fine morning a company of blue jackets will come along and notify them to move and they will move at once, mourning the grub eaten and time spent in the attempt to beat Uncle Sam out of some of his hard earned stealings. The post has been appraised by three different parties and when somebody wants to buy it the sale will be made and no notice of the boys occupying the buildings will be paid when title is transferred and possession given, any more than of the rats about the place. They will simply be gotten rid of in the quickest and easiest way possible. The ranch isn't an extra good one anyhow and Kean and his friends are losing valuable time there which might be improved by getting hold of homestead lands which they can hold.

### CHLORIDE.

The range has delightful weather if it has little else.

Austin Crawford has been to Fort Craig and back since the last issue of RANGE.

Harry Benny went up the gulch yesterday to begin work on the Little Pittsburg.

Alex Bently went back home to Nebraska, to see Mrs. B., starting Saturday. He will doubtless return in the course of time.

Judge Holmes has received word from Capt. Bryant, stating that he arrived safely at his home in Tecumseh, Nebraska, and that he was purchasing hogs for winter feeding.

The wife of Fred A. Richards who is well-known here in the range being one of the early prospectors, died at her residence at San Marcial on Sunday evening. The cause of her decease was confinement which occurred about a month previous.

While enlarging the Colossal shaft this week a 1,200 pound chunk of mineral was shot down. It had to be broken in three pieces ere it could be hoisted and then it broke the windlass. The ore block was put together on the dump and is handsome to look at. It is solid ore most of it being first class.

Jim Blain has been off prospecting in the Mogollons, but he's back again. He found some excellent indications of wolframite and some large veins of oxidized steers but he wasn't greeno-kite enough to elevate to either and therefore he mosedrite home without them.

The concentrator is being packed and loaded upon the cars at Central City, Colorado, this week, for shipment hither. Mr. Castle will personally attend to its transfer at Denver and hasten its journey south. No unnecessary delay will be permitted in getting it here and in setting it up.

John Stone and Trumbor & Beebe have the first south extension of the Walking John claim on Mineral creek, upon which they do a day's work occasionally nowadays. The claim has a nice mineral streak from which an assay of seven hundred dollars has recently been made. It is without doubt a pretty good piece of property.

Andrew Kelley writes from his ranch at Ojo Caliente asking for information regarding the present intentions of the gentlemen who a short time ago were so keen to organize a Knights of Pythias lodge in Chloride. Mr. Kelley has paid for the charter and it is of no use to him individually. Stand up, gentlemen and grasp a handle.

It reminds one of other and better days to see the children in their best clothes and testaments in hand on their way to Sunday school. Mrs. Dr. Blinn is trying to preserve in her memory that this is presumably a Christian land and she has established a Sunday school at her residence as the only public observance of the day possible.

I. H. Gray has sold his house recently purchased of C. C. Harris to H. N. Castle, of Topeka, the deed having been transferred and the purchase money paid. Mr. Castle proposes to occupy it this winter with his family together with G. F. Lyman and wife of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the building being capable of accommodating two families. Mr. Gray refused a higher price than that received from Mr. Castle in order that nothing might stand in the way of Mr. C.'s becoming a citizen of Chloride.

Henry E. Rickert went up to the Albuquerque fair, returning this week. The only piece of Black range ore there was some copper mineral which Mr. Mooney from the north Palomas was exhibiting. Arizona had the best exhibit of both agricultural and mineral products beating New Mexico on her own ground. The attendance was good, many of the visitors being from the east. The best horses in the races were two-forty animals and made about that time.

The RANGE rejoices to note the interest which the miners of this entire sec-

tion of country without regard to district or town are exhibiting in the probable establishment of the concentrator at some point within reach. The hearty feeling of satisfaction apparent in all quarters at the bright prospect, augurs well for the success of the enterprise, for it looks very much as if every ore-bearing claim in the Cuchillos or at Grafton and Hermosa as well as at Chloride would be worked by owner or lessee to keep the concentrator running.

A meeting is called and posters are out announcing the same, of the people who are interested in the concentrator scheme and in the town of Chloride. Mr. Castle writes that he will prefer to locate his machine at Chloride provided he is assured that a sufficient flow of water can be had here. It is to determine whether the citizens will give the assurance desired or whether it will be best to let the works be put at some point where water is known to be plentiful beyond pre-adventure that the meeting is called. Let everybody attend.

J. M. Briggs, superintendent of the Hagan's Peak Tunnel company, and Dr. Ely, one of the prominent stockholders both of Albuquerque, are visiting the range this week taking observations of the property and planning future work. Mr. Briggs has after much hard toil succeeded in overcoming the adverse reports sent abroad by malicious parties and raised cash enough to pay up past indebtedness and leave a residue with which to go ahead with the work. The RANGE would be glad to see it pushed along.

There is now not a single custom assayer in the Black range. At one time Grafton had one, Fairview had one, Robinson had one, Hermosa had one and Chloride had one, but now all have either left the range or gone into other business; Charley Winters being the last to close up. The quickest and most satisfactory returns from assays now can probably be had from Aloys Preisser at Engle. He has the theoretical and practical knowledge of the business and not another laboratory in New Mexico equals the one he has to work with.

The property owners who dodged both the assessor and tax gatherer and who thought to get free from paying tribute to Uncle Sam for the protection to life and property, which he don't give, and to the county and territory for the mangling of the public business, were horrified to receive on Wednesday's mail a notice that their taxes were delinquent to about double the actual sum which they should have been. But they can't help it. They must pay now and trust to do better next year.

Mr. Castle's report of the concentrating qualities and assay values of the test ores taken by him to the Black Hawk works in Colorado, and which is made public in this issue of the RANGE is encouraging beyond all expectation to the property owners here, as it was to Mr. Castle himself. Undoubtedly the tests on the smaller amounts sent were very uncertain, and even with the largest bulks the work could not be conducted as satisfactorily as wished but as the errors were made were likely to be on the inefficient rather than on the too efficient side the knowledge gained was sufficient to place it beyond doubt that the Black Range ores are generally concentrating ores and that their values are sufficient to make the working of them profitable. There is no doubt in the minds of anyone now that the works will prove profitable to the owners and an incalculable benefit to the country. Mr. Castle has shown excellent judgment in his management of this business up to the present time. Had he purchased the Black Hawk machine without testing its working ability it would have been a failure here as there, and had he attempted to make the trial with the few sacks of ore at first contemplated he would have been obliged to return for more ore or give the scheme up, for as it proved half of the carload taken was lost ere it was determined what changes and additions were necessary to make the plant capable of fulfilling requirements. But he took enough ore to the mill and he hired competent men to make the run and give their judgment, and he bought and added what they told him to, and now he has a satisfactory concentrator. Its capacity of sixty tons daily will serve the needs of the range for some length of time probably. There will be attached to the mill sampling works complete from which to purchase the ores brought in and for sale.

### FULL RETURNS

From the Black Range Ores Tested at the Colorado Concentrator.

The full returns in detail of the values and concentrating qualities of the ores recently taken by H. N. Castle to Central City, Colorado, for a test has been received from that gentleman and given below in his own language. The assay samples were caught from the pulp passing through the machine at the rate of two tons per hour. Mr. Castle had the best experience he could get to assist him in making the trial and there is no guess work about anything he did in this connection. The concentrator which he tried at Black Hawk, as he found it failed entirely to accomplish that which it was expected to, but additions and changes were

made until it worked like a charm. Three weeks were consumed in experimenting and getting the ten ton taken hither run through in a satisfactory manner. Of the ores, competent mill runs assert that all of those shipped by Mr. Castle are concentrating ore, some of course being more difficult than others. The assays were made by the chemist of the Agricultural college at Manhattan, Kansas, and there could be no prejudice nor bias entering into his work. The following are the assay returns and Mr. Castle's remarks concerning the workings of the individual ores:

SILVER MONUMENT, works No. 1 in every way. Through concentration; 95 per cent. saving; value 56 ounces silver; runs 12 tons to one. Sample bags of first-class ore run \$397 per ton silver.

WHITE SIGNAL, works first class especially that from the tunnel; 90 per cent. saving; value 39 ounces silver. That from the shaft was also good ore and of good concentrating quality; value 47 ounces; can work it close.

BLACK KNIGHT, some loss of blue and green but general saving good; 87 per cent. saved; value 54 ounces silver; with larger amount can adjust the machinery to the work and save nearly all.

COLOSSAL, works No. 1 in every way. Through concentration; 93 per cent. saving; value 39 ounces silver; runs 12 tons into one; can use to advantage.

DREADNAUGHT. When there was any separation of mineral in the ore a good concentrate was obtained; with mineral minutely diffused it all came through as concentrates, or if water was strengthened it all passed away in waste; ore will have to be sorted, then it is good concentrating ore; value 44 ounces silver; with care can save 90 per cent. and run seven or eight tons to one.

PALOMAS CHIEF. Did not get the machinery adjusted to save any ore; but upon examination by mill men they say it will run and concentrate well. By hand trial a good separation was obtained; value of sample 26 ounces silver; can work it by care.

DEFIANCE. Works very fair; some loss of blue ore the value of which was 27 ounces silver; 90 per cent. saving; value of sample 67 ounces.

MIDNIGHT. First class; can save the full limit; all black oxides also; value 37.7 ounces; can run 12 to one.

LITTLE PITTSBURG. Only fair; blue and green difficult to save, 80 per cent. a good amount of saving; will run near 40 ounces.

MONTE CRISTO. Works only fair; blue and green difficult to save; can save almost 80 per cent. of mineral; value of sample taken 39 ounces.

SILVER GLANCE. Good; will save up to 90 per cent.; some loss of green and blue; value 43 ounces; can run ten to one.

WHITESHIELD. Good; concentrates well and with little loss; value 51 ounces; can run 10 to one.

COPPER BELT. Not so good as the others; could not adjust the machinery to so small an amount of ore; can give no definite report. A fuller test will be necessary when the machinery is in operation; value 23 ounces.

ALTA. By care can concentrate but can run but few tons into one; as with all the ores containing blue or any green the specific gravity of those colors is so slightly different that it will make a dirty concentrate. Value of sample 37 ounces.

BUFFOM. Only fair; when mineral is diffused it is almost impossible to concentrate but when it is separate from the gangue it is all O. K.; value 44 ounces.

BLUE DANDY. Works very fair; some loss of blue ore; value 27 ounces silver; can save 86 per cent. and can run eight to nine tons to one.

READJUSTER. Good ore to concentrate; like the Colossal as to concentrating qualities; value 31 ounces; can run ten to one; can use all you can bring of it.

The Colossal, Silver Monument, Dreadnaught and Midnight ore mixed gave 12 1/2 per cent. copper, 4 1/2 ounces silver and one-tenth of an ounce of gold. To run properly and make a fair test about fifteen tons of each kind is required.

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**FOOLISHNESS.**

A Nebraska woman of thirty-eight years has twenty-one children.

A tramp linkened his shoes into corporations because they had no soles.

"Could ye lind me the loan uv a pipe an' tobacky?" said Pat; "I have a match."

"Oh, she was a jewell of a wife!" said Pat, murning over the loss of his better half, "she always struck me with the soft end of the mop."

"When you come to put the style on sister," said a little boy who was compelled to eat an orange unnaturally, "it takes all the fun off."

Clerk of the court: "Owen Doherty. Are you Owen Doherty?" Prisoner: "(with a merry twinkle in his eyes)—"Yes, begorra, I'm owin' everybody."

"I always have sense enough to know when to stop drinking," remarked Sandy. "I thought you generally stopped because you hadn't cents enough to keep on," said Zenas.

An Irish soldier, on hearing that his widowed mother had been married since he quitted Ireland, exclaimed: "Murther! I hope she won't have a son older than me; if she does I shall lose the estate!"

A California paper, boasting of the agricultural resources of the country, says that mineral wealth is a matter of secondary importance. Yes, mineral wealth of a country is generally a matter of minor consideration.

A colored girl in Atlanta, Ga., was knocked over by an engine, and in a few minutes got up as if nothing unusual had happened, and looking after the engine, said: "You's got a heap ob politeness to serve a lady dat way."

"Forever and for forever farewell, Cassius. If we do not meet again, why, we shall smile," said Brutus, and how pleasant it is to contemplate that "age does not wither nor custome stale" this delightful habit of "smiling" when friends meet.

"No," said the sad-eyed man, "I never press a young woman to play upon the piano. I tried it once to my sorrow."

"Why, what followed?" asked a half-dozen eager voices. "She played," replied the sad-eyed man, "I shall never forget the lesson I learned that day."

Mrs. Ramsbottom says: "I prefer Shakespeare's hysterical plays to all others, though I like the sentimental and rehumatic plays very much." But she says she cannot understand why he didn't make a play out of the sad story of Oliver Cornwell and Charles the First.

A conceited young country parson, walking home from church with one of the ladies of his congregation, said, in allusion to his rustic audience, "I preached this morning to a congregation of asses." "I was thinking of that," observed the lady, "when you called them beloved brethren."

A noted physician says that in hot weather people should eat moderately and refrain from all work. Most people who would refrain from all work in hot weather would be very lively to eat moderately. They would have to unless the neighbors sent something in.

On an East Hartford tombstone: "Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Hannah Smith, second wife of Deacon Moses Smith; she departed this life May 25th, 1799, in the fifty-third year of her age. Deacon Smith's executors kept all her property, and refused to pay any of her funeral charges, even the sexton's bill. This monument was erected by the friends of the deceased."

An Illinois woman recently discovered that her husband proposed to elope with the housemaid. Did she weep and shed tears and kick up a fuss? Not a bit of it. She just wrote a letter purporting to arrange for her elopement with a neighbor, and let it fall into his hands. And it about drove him mad. He fired the servant girl out of the house, and sat up all night with a shotgun to shoot the villain who was after his wife, and has been since then the most devoted husband in Illinois.

You must dip your pen in tears and roll out touching obituaries when some old codger of your town "shuffles off the mortal coil," when, if you were to give him his just deserts, your effusion would run somethin like this:

"Squire Stubbs, the greedy old sinner, He's gone where they don't collect rent; He took my paper for over three years, And never has paid a cent. But when he gets to that place down there, And Satan at him gets a chance, He'll wish he'd been more manly and square, And paid for three years in advance."

De edycation ob a man is his silver, but his common sense is his gold. Fortune sometimes comes ter de one what least expects it, but it is more apt ter come ter der man what works fer it. De wust boy don't allers turn out ter be de bes' man. I has know'd good boys ter drag along an' finally amount to sunthin'. Yer kant allers judge ob a man by his public walk. It's sometimes de nicest steppin' man dat runs down de heel ob de shoe. De 'oman what is de wurst 'bout runnin' 'round de neighborhood tellin' tales is de one what complains de loudes' when somebody talks about her. De wust lick I ever got was from a man what didn't want ter hit me. Now I'se mighty keerful 'bout crowdin' a man. When a pussion says dat he wanster fight, yer's safe; but when he tells yer he doan want ter fight, den stop right where yer is.

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