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ROCKEFELLER ON OVER-CAPITALIZATION.

Speaking regardless of the methods by which his enormous fortune has been accumulated, it can be said that John D. Rockefeller occasionally has some very sane thoughts. For instance, he says that "properties should be capitalized at only their legitimate value." And then he says further, as to the general business condition of the country:

"On its surface it is good. Business is booming and everyone seems to be satisfied. But there is an undercurrent that does not look so good. I have not quite made up my mind if the increased production of gold is responsible or not. It is impossible to see how such a situation will work out. Personally, I do not like the outlook."

It appears from this expression that John D. Rockefeller is not prepared to say what causes the undercurrent of dissatisfaction that makes the outlook bad to him. He is not sure that it is the over-production of gold. Possibly if he were pressed he would admit that the over-capitalization of "properties" of which he spoke has something to do with the financial uneasiness that gives him gloomy thoughts of the future. Water is all right in its place, but it is not a desirable investment in the form of stocks.

FOR SALE—Two Tennessee Jacks, one 14 and other 15 hands high. For sale at the right price. Robert Hanlin, R. F. D. 2, Ft. Recovery, O. 75.

FOR SALE—Cigar wagon, with electric light and storm front on, set double buggy harness, set single buggy harness, and a cutting box. D. H. Hunsicker, Decatur, Ind. 70-61

W. B. PATTON'S NEW PLAY

"The Slow Poke" Here Next Tuesday Evening.

Mr. W. B. Patton's production of "The Last Rose of Summer" in this city is fresh in the public mind and the announcement that this company will play an engagement here in his new play, "The Slow Poke," will meet with popular approval. Local critics say it stands at the head of plays of its class. It is real, human and powerful and is one of the most interesting heart stories of western life that has been presented in years. The play alone stands on its merits, yet nothing has been slighted in the way of mountings and effects. The scenic equipment this season is of the most costly and elaborate character and many new and novel effects are introduced. The stage has revealed no more picturesque and interesting a character than that of the big hearted westerner, Barry Ware, "The Slow Poke," which Mr. Patton so admirably presents. It is a characterization possessing a distinct charm of its own, for which Mr. Patton's genial, sunny nature and unique personality is so fittingly suited. He possesses that rare quality of genius that has been given to but a few—a quality that denotes the real artist. The supporting company is an excellent one and the engagement will prove one of the season's most enjoyable offerings.

At the Bosse Opera House, Tuesday, April 2.

NOTICE.

All K. of C. members are requested to be present at the lodge room at five fifteen, standard time, Sunday morning, to attend the Communion in a body. By order of

75-2t. C. N. CHRISTEN.

No eastern markets were obtainable today owing to the fact that this is Good Friday and is duly celebrated in the east by a holiday. The markets will be obtainable tomorrow and will be run corrected as usual.

The leak in the Standard Oil main near the Chicago & Erie railroad bridge has been plugged and the shameful waste has been stopped. Wonder old John D. won't lower the price of crude stuff to make up for the loss sustained.

A young man who seemed to have a pretty fair sized load of booze on board, arrived at noon on the train east on the Clover Leaf and while getting off the car struck the brakeman a terrific blow on the jaw, nearly knocking him under the train. The blow was struck without any provocation whatever and it seemed as though the young man was merely looking for trouble. The company at one o'clock wired Agent Dull to secure the services of the marshal and arrest the fellow and they would prosecute him.

69-6t

FOR SALE—Some extra fine strong breeding Barred Plymouth Rock cockerels, \$1.50. Inquire of D. F. Ault, 21 Pixley Blk, Ft. Wayne. 72-6t

FOR SALE—One 3-year-old gelding, one yearling mare; one fresh cow with calf by side; two Duros with pigs by side; B. P. Rock, W. Wyandottee, R. C. Brown Leghorn and R. C. R. I. Red Eggs for hatching. Inquire of E. S. Christen, Decatur, Ind. Phone F-12. 76-6t

FOR SALE—Some people never recognize a rebuff notice the slightest hint that can be construed as an invitation.

Down at the bottom of their hearts most people believe a little in fortune telling and spiritualism and the mysterious generally.—Atchison Globe.

ARTEMUS WARD'S FUN.

How the Humorist Used to Win Laughs in His Lectures. However much the audience might laugh, even to a tumult of merriment lasting a minute or two or perhaps longer, Artemus Ward stood with the gravest men and unmoved face. He could not help laughing while writing or planning a good thing, but no necromancer was ever more self poised when he stood before his audience.

The greatest fun of the whole was the manipulation of the panorama itself. Things would go wrong every now and then, and the audience would fairly scream with laughter, supposing that was a mistake, while as a matter of fact Artemus was always at the bottom of it all.

For instance, the prairie fire would go down at the wrong time and then break out again when the scene it was to illustrate had wholly passed, or the sick looking moon would refuse to stay down in the midst, while the lecturer was apparently almost overcome with vexation and despair. Then the wrong music would be played, and the house would break out into roars of laughter, as when he touched upon one really pathetic recital and the piano ground out "Poor Mary Ann."

In the midst of a really instructive talk on the Mormon question or a truly impressive description of the mountain scenery around Salt lake he would stop as if a sudden feeling of distress had come over him which must be explained, and, pointing to an absurd animal in the foreground of a picture, he would tell the audience how he had always tried to keep faith with them, but mistakes must sometimes occur.

I have always spoken of this animal as a buffalo and have always supposed he was a buffalo, but this morning my artist came to me and said, "Mr. Ward, I can conceal it from you no longer; that is a horse!" The effect was simply indescribable.

When quiet came again, he would suddenly become wholly lost to everything around him as he described some absorbing and thrilling incident, turning it into ridicule the next minute by the innocent and apparently merely incidental remark, "I did not see this myself, but I had it from a man just as reliable as I am."—Enoch Knight in Putney's.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

If you must be frank, be frank with yourself.

Every defeat develops a lot of new excuses.

Most men are optimistic as long as things are coming their way.

Pleasing people is like laughing. It has to be done without an effort to be effective.

The most sincere person in the world does not mean it when he says, "I don't care."

Some people get credit for being patient when the fact is they are merely afraid to talk back.

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Only One Caution.

Some sage said that "life would be tolerable if it were not for its amusements." Many people give most cordial assent to this dictum. No objection can justly be made to it except that it is not true.—London Saturday Review.

Had to Do It.

Mrs. Turnbull—It's too bad your husband cut off his flowing beard. Mrs. Crimble—Yes, he had to do it. I gave him a diamond scarfpin for a birthday present.

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GOING TO PAPER THIS SPRING?

John W. Edwards wants to do your spring paper hanging, house and sign painting. Call him if you need anything in his line.

73-1*mo

EGGS FOR SALE—R. C. Buff and White Orpingtons. Winners of 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th prizes at Decatur Poultry Show. Chicken with best record of all breeds. \$1.00 per 13. J. B. Drummond, Decatur. 74-18t

FOR SALE—One bay brood mare, 7 years old, in foal; one brood sow, with pigs by her side. Inquire of John Scheiman at the City Coal and Feed Yard.

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