

#### Tax Shark Millikan

The Kokomo Dispatch, with characteristic enterprise, has collected and published the details of the career of Mr. Frank M. Millikan, the new secretary of the republican state central committee, who, for some ten years past, has operated as a tax-title shark in Howard county. A tabulated statement, taken from the county records, shows that Millikan has purchased at tax-sales 182 town lots and more than 6,000 acres of land in Howard county, paying for this property the sum of \$7,299.51. The greater part of it has been redeemed at the extortionate rates allowed by law, so that he has, probably, received in cash from that source more than his entire investment. In addition to this he has obtained title to thirty-nine lots and 1,044 acres of land, which are valued at over \$70,000. The amount paid for the land to which he has title was a little over \$1,000. It would appear, therefore, that this Shylock has found tax titles as profitable as holding one of the Dudley letters.

The character of the dealer in tax titles is well known in Indiana. He is a man who starts out to make money by taking advantage of the misfortunes of his fellow-men. If he has any native instincts of decency and humanity, he invariably quits the business after his first investment, and always blushes when he remembers that he ever engaged in it. When a man continues in the business he may always be set down as a heartless, rapacious money-grabber—a Frankenstein of the business world, in whose scales mercy and compassion bob up to the ceiling like feathers when a dollar is placed on the other end of the balance. Millikan stuck to it.

There is a peculiar appropriateness in putting this style of man in charge of the affairs of a party which represents the organized cormorants of the country—a party whose organ is devoted, or can easily be induced to be, to the interests of the coal operators, the school-book trust robbers, the gas monopolists, the tariff ring, and all the others of that goodly gathering of corporate and individual capitalists who are seeking to amass fortunes by the sweat of other people's brows. He is their kind of citizen. He understands and unites in their feelings. When their hearts beat, his beats—once a month on an average. It was an eminently fit selection. If Mr. Millikan can fry the fat out of republican capitalists as he has out of the Howard county unfortunates, the republican committee will be able to pay as much for votes as it did in the last campaign.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

#### Hints to Housewives.

Washing the face in water melon juice is said to remove tan, sunburn and freckles.

A teaspoonful of ammonia in the water in which silver is washed reduces the labor of keeping it bright.

If by chance a fishbone lodges in the throat a raw egg immediately swallowed will usually detach it.

Treat tired or inflamed eyes with a bath of warm water five parts and witchhazel one part, three times a day.

As a dressing for ladies' shoes glycerine renders the leather soft and pliable without soiling garments which come in contact.

White zephyr articles, if but slightly soiled, are readily cleansed by rubbing with dry flour and hanging out of doors on a clear, breezy day!

A writer in the St. Louis Medical and Surgical Journal says a 2 per cent. solution of sulphate of copper applied to the skin and allowed to dry will cure prickly heat in a few days. It should be used night and morning.

Chemists say that it takes more than twice as much sugar to sweeten preserves, sauce, etc., if put in when they

begin to cook as it does to sweeten after the fruit is cooked. Salt should not be added to oatmeal until it has boiled at least ten minutes.

To kill cockroaches and waterbugs the following may be used: Boil an ounce of pokeroor in one pint of water until the strength is extracted; mix the decoction with molasses and spread it in plates on the kitchen and laundry floors and in the closets or anywhere where the vermin may trouble you.

The eating of large quantities of potatoes has been tried as a means of relief from foreign bodies that have been accidentally swallowed. The whole intestinal canal is thus dilated proportionately, and the foreign body is carried through. Professor Billroth and Dr. Salzer affirm that many surgical operations might be avoided in this way, such articles as a twenty-gramme weight, a set of artificial teeth and a needle having been successfully removed.

#### Queer Salutations.

The Hindoo falls in the dust before his superior.

The Chinaman dismounts when a great man goes by.

It is common in Arabia Petraea to put cheek to cheek.

In Germany brothers kiss each other every time they meet.

Germans consider it an act of politeness to kiss a lady's hand.

A Japanese removes his sandals, crosses his hands, and cries out, "Spare me."

The Burmese pretend to smell of a person's face, pronounce it sweet, and ask for "a smell."

A striking salutation in the South Sea Islands is to fling a jar of water over the head of a friend.

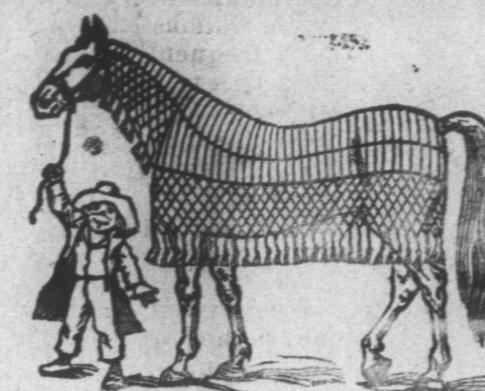
In some of the South Sea Islands natives spit on their hands and rub the face of the complimented person.

The Australian natives practice the singular custom, when meeting, of sticking out their tongues at each other.

The Arabs hug and kiss each other, making simultaneously a host of inquiries about each other's health and prospects.

The Turk crosses his hands upon his breast and makes a profound obeisance, thus manifesting his regard without coming into personal contact with its object.

A Moorish gentleman rides at his friends at a gallop,



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shoots his pistol, and fancies that he has done everything in the line of courtesy which can be expected of him.

An Englishman, meeting his brother after twenty years of separation, will say: "How do you do, Jack?" will shake hands, and will be quite contented with an answering "How are you?"

The savages of the Pacific Ocean rub each other's noses to show their friendship, varying this peculiar greeting by rubbing their faces against the hands or feet of those for whom they wish to show their respect and affection.

In Siam a man throws himself on the ground and waits to see whether he will be raised up and welcomed, or kicked away, the choice of reception being usually made according to the personal cleanliness of the self abused saluter.

A race known as the Kal-mucks resort to a salute very similar to that of the Esquimaux. They, too, rub noses, but before they reach the same spot they sink upon their

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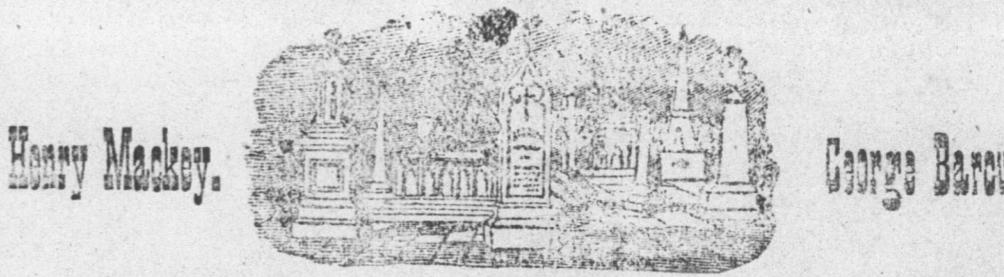
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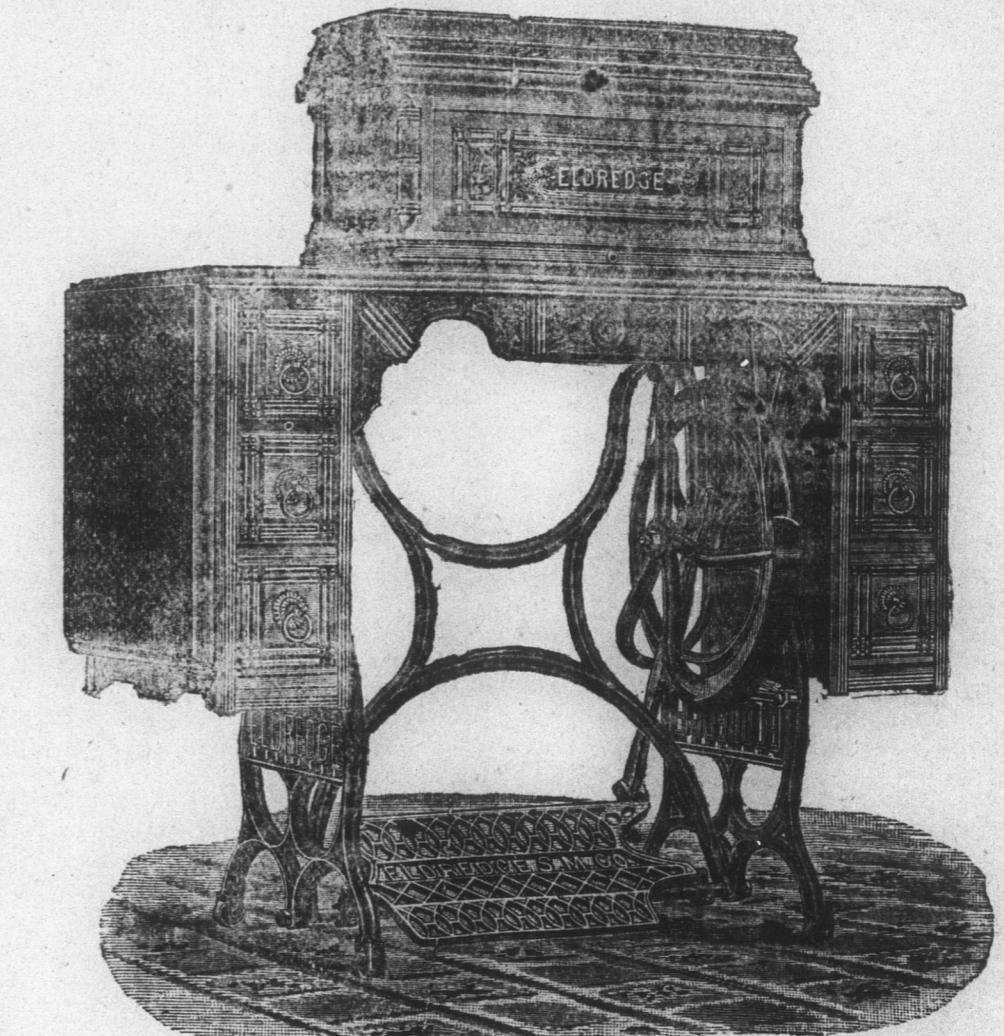
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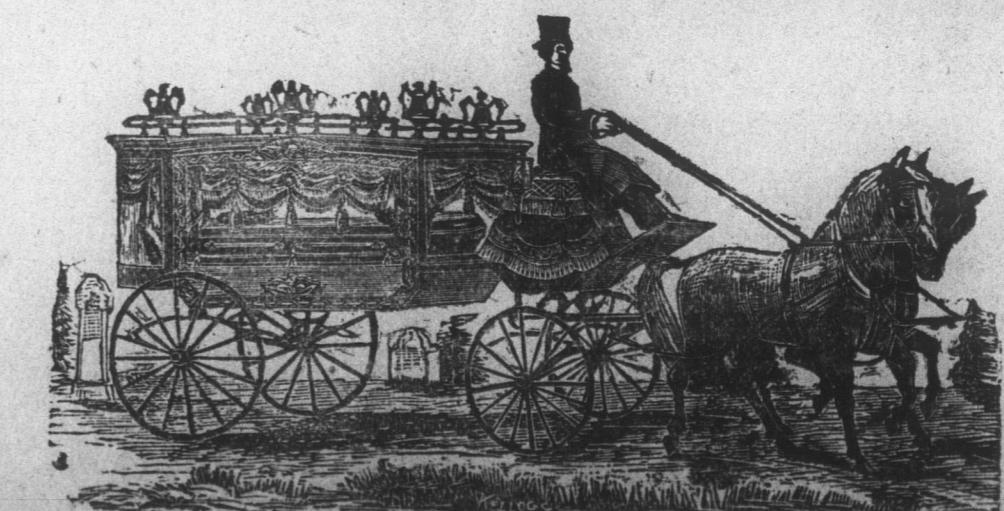
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