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A BLUNDER OF A COMPROMISE.

In another part of the NEWS will be
found the action of the commissioners
on the subject of the ferry. It will be
seen that they adopted a compromise
measure, reducing the rates as originally
made but making them practically a re-
strictive tariff against the farmers. The
NEWS has made a single-handed fight for
a free ferry, fully sustained by public
sentiment but unassisted by the other
newspapers of the city. We still insist
that this ferry should be free but the
Commissioners, having blundered into
making a toll, were too stubborn to re-
tract and the farmers must pay for it.

Let us hope that the work will be pushed
as rapidly as possible, and in the mean-
while the NEWS will collect a few facts
and store them away for further discus-
sion of Commissioners' court. There was
no earthly reason why the ferry should
not have been made free. A gigantic
blunder was made when a \$3,000 draw
was ordered, worse one when the con-
tract was made with Ferryman Gosnell
and outrageous charges established. The
present draw was put in without the use
of a ferry. The Vandalia bridge was re-
built without trains being stopped, yet
the commissioners in their wisdom grant
the bridge company thirty days to put in
a draw. Nonsense! Such lack of judg-
ment is amazing. The commissioners
went on a jaunt to Pittsburgh and
spent \$150 of the people's money to ar-
range the contract. Then they refused to
make the ferry free because it would cost
not over \$300. The economic idea did not
strike in until after two of them had
been to Pittsburgh and had spent \$150.

The reduction of the ferry charges is a
confession that the commissioners have
blundered. But halving the charges does
not decrease the error. It is enormous
as before.

Make the ferry free!

The Hamilton scandal, which has been
agitating upper tendon in New York,
seems about to end as such affairs generally do. "Between two stools the woman
comes to the ground;" but in this case
that seems the proper place for her. The
stabbing of the nursery maid brought
matters to a crisis and the infatuated hus-
band, unable to bear the publicity, gets
out of the country, the usual resource of
men. The fellow who has come between
husband and wife, after the custom of
these contemptible curs, turns state's
evidence and lays the blame on the
woman. The weak, faithless wife meets
with the inevitable result and is left to
bear the punishment. There is very little
variation in this old, old story. Sin and
its consequences are the same now that
they have been in the past and will be in
the future but frail human nature profits
nothing by observation. The most un-
fortunate feature connected with such
cases is that they are placed before the
public in so sensational and realistic a
manner that everybody reads and enjoys
and the real atrociousness of the crime is
lost sight of.

It is suggested that the most desirable
form of suicide is dynamite. It is sure
to act and it disposes of the victim in so
effectual a manner that the relatives are
saved all the trouble and expense of fu-
neral ceremonies. This is a fact, but
there is the coroner to be thought of. Have
we a right to cheat him out of his
fee, which is his only means of making a
living? In the case of the two men at
Jacksonville, as reported by the dis-
patches to-day, all that was found
was a toe. Now a coroner
could hardly be expected to sit
on a toe and yet the law requires that
there must be official record of the death
of the man who owned the toe and the
manner in which he came to his death.
The witnesses of a dynamite explosion
are hard to find when they are needed
and when collected their testimony can
hardly be called available, except to
prove the fact that there was an explo-
sion. If a would-be suicide wants things
done decently and in order he will not
select dynamite as the means. To be
sure if he is in a hurry he can attain

more speed with dynamite than
with cold poison or a rope or
a dagger or a revolver, anyone of which
may miss connection. But then not
only does he play a mean trick on the
industrious and overworked coroner, as
we have shown, but he also interferes
with the rights of two other members of
the profession, the doctors and the news-
paper men. The former lose the chance
of airing their wise opinions as to the
cause of death, whether it was heart-fail-
ure or failure of the heart and whether
the subject took his own life or whether
it was taken for him. Then the report-
ers are deprived of a fine opportunity to
do some "space" writing to expound their
wild and wonderful theories; to rifle the
pockets of the deceased and secure his
pawn tickets and unpaid bills, finding
therein sufficient cause for the act. The
undertaker also loses a fee and the morbid
curiosity seeker is deprived of the ghastly
pleasure he finds in such cases. Taking
all these things and many others into
consideration, it is conclusively shown
that no suicide who has any regard for
his fellow men will be selfish enough to
make his exit through a can of dynamite.

CONLEY AND CARDIFF, two prize fighters,
had all arrangements completed for a
"scrap" near Ashland, Wis. Governor
Hoard promptly telegraphed to the sheriff
to arrest principals and accessories
should they attempt to fight. The contest
did not take place. This is the way a
northern Governor does. In the Sullivan-
Kilrain affair the fight was permitted
to take place in the presence of thousands
of spectators, among them the sheriff of the
county. All the participants were allowed to leave the state,
and then the Governor raised a great
hue and cry, ran down his men, convicted
them and made a vast amount of
cheap notoriety for himself. Of the two
methods we consider that of Governor
Hoard much the more sensible, dignified
and efficient.

YESTERDAY was "Presbyterian" day for
Philadelphians. The establishment of
the "old log college" which was dedicated
in 1726, was really the founding of Pres-
byterianism in the United States. This
"log college," built by William Tennant
on his farm twenty miles from Philadelphia,
was the nucleus of Princeton College,
one of the oldest and best institutions of
learning in the United States. About
25,000 people were present and President
Harrison was given the usual ovation.
The excitement continued for five minutes,
cheering, shouting, waving of hats,
handkerchiefs, etc., after which the
audience subsided and let off the surplus
steam by singing "Nearer my God to Thee."

A "MODERN SAMSON" is on exhibition
in London, whose feats of strength are
marvelous. With a blow of his fist he
can demolish anything that comes in his
way. He is 31 years old, just the age of
John L. Sullivan, and evidently his super-
ior in muscle. If, now, we were in
favor of prize-fighting we would advocate
a contest between these two men, not
only as a magnificent spectacle of athletic
strength but as a possible chance of getting
rid of the Boston bully.

THE position of base ball umpire in
North Carolina can hardly be said to be
desirable one. Leon Dorgan, son of the
Congressman from the Sixth District of
South Carolina, being dissatisfied with
the decision of umpire Marshall, of
Wadesboro, N. C., picked up a bat and
killed him. If, however, he could be
tried by a jury of base ball players they
would doubtless return a verdict of "justifi-
fiable homicide."

THE Gazette has at last admitted the ex-
istence of two newspapers in Terre Haute
besides its blanket-sheet publication, the
News and the Express. The Gazette re-
fused for years to permit the name of the
Express to appear in its columns, but
when the Express published the story of
the purchase of the lot from the Rose Or-
phan Home, a change came over the
spirit of Editor Ball's dream.

FAIR LUNA may have the nightmare
Sunday night. Star gazers are warned in
advance, for the Chinese will offer the
queen of night roast pig and cakes.
Should a shooting star fly across the
heavens its mission will no doubt be after
the paregoric bottle.

PROF. HUXLEY says of the oyster: "When
this slippery morsel glides along
the palate few people imagine they are
swallowing a piece of machinery more
complicated than a watch." True, but a few
hours later we can plainly feel "the
wheels go round."

Frosts are reported at many points in
the west and north and we may congrat-
ulate ourselves that the heated season is
practically over. It was very short what
there was of it and there was plenty of
it such as it was.

A CONVENTION of Dairy Commissioners
is to meet in Cleveland to discuss laws
against adulteration. We had supposed
that in the quantity and quality of the
water used every dairyman was a law
unto himself.

MAJOR CREIGER, of Chicago, is in New
York, where he discussed the World's
Fair question with Mayor Grant. No
blows were struck, although there are
plenty of blows about the fitness of each
city.

YESTERDAY could hardly be called
"field day" for the commissioners, but it
was "road day" and many farmers were
present to make themselves heard on this
most vexing question.

THE Gazette is not in favor of a free
ferry. Of course not; the News advo-

cated a free ferry and the follower could
not help being contrary.

TANNER is unpopular. Why not give
our Jim Johnston another chance for the
plum?

PEOPLES' COLUMN.

To the Editor of the News:

Will Mayor Danaldson and the city
council consider the paving of North
Center street between the Van and the I.
& St. L. P. R. The forty-three who
signed the remonstrance are not all prop-
erty owners, but consist of whole families.
The property owners are all able to pave
said street and it should be done at once,
but if they keep kicking it will never be
done. The street improvement is badly
needed and if the city council order to
that effect it will surely have to be done
in spite of their complaining. Very few
like to walk in mud over their shoes and
would acknowledge the same if they were
on the right side. I am in favor of a side-
walk and hope it will be ordered at once.

HERE AND THERE.

Frank G. Carpenter, the newspaper
man, who, in company with his wife,
traveled around the globe, going west,
has returned to Washington, after a year's
absence.

THE Fast Set, the Masculine One, and the
Fashionable and Learned Classes—Under-
neath the Little Eccentricities Are
Goodness and Brightness.

Just now it is fashionable to declare
that the girl of the period is typical of the woman
of the future. What is the typical girl of
the period? And what is the period? It is a
period of rapid advancement in every way;
there is but little time to sit down and think,
or to fold the hands and rest, if one would
keep up with the world. There is so much to
see, to do and to hear that repose is not to be
thought of. No one rests out; one wears out.

GIRLS OF THE PERIOD.

FROM THESE ARE TO COME THE
WOMAN OF THE FUTURE.

The Fast Set, the Masculine One, and the
Fashionable and Learned Classes—Under-
neath the Little Eccentricities Are
Goodness and Brightness.

This, then, is a fast period, and we have a
"fast girl" that it has produced. But is she
the prototype of the woman of the future? Not
alone, for there are many varieties of this
American girl of the period. For the
period is not only fast, but it is also complex,
and this complexity produces more than one
type of girl. We have the fast girl, and her
opposite, the domestic girl; there are, also,
the learned girl, the masculine girl and the
fashionable girl.

The domestic girl is brought up carefully
at home, where all her thoughts are centered.
She sympathizes with her brothers and sisters
in their little troubles and takes care of
them when they are ill. She helps in the
housekeeping, superintends the servants,
takes charge of the household mending, and
is perfectly happy in so doing. Her manner
is quiet and affectionate, her smile ready
and her disposition cheerful. Her amusements
are in her home, and for outside excitements
she has her church, her Sunday school and
Dorcas society. But even these do not interfere
with her home duties. She is always
ready in every emergency to do what is nearest
and, it is to her that the family looks in
time of trouble. The domestic girl is sweet
and kind. She is not brilliant, nor beautiful,
perhaps, but you love her just as much as if
she were.

The learned girl is also a product of the
period, and, since the period has produced
her, we ought to be fond of her. We are
fond of her in a way, but sometimes she
knows just a little too much. She wants to
go to college, and after she gets there she
makes the best of her opportunities and
graduates with honors. She is clever, hard
working and ambitious. She is inclined to
look down upon girls who know less than she
does, and she rarely indulges in anything so
frivolous as a flirtation. She has views, and
she longs to express them. Frequently these
views are swallowed up in matrimony; but
occasionally they are expressed from the
lecture platform, or printed in a magazine
devoted to showing woman's superiority over
men.

The masculine girl is sorry that she was
not born a boy. But as it is too late to waste
much time over that unalterable fact, she
goes to work to be as manlike as possible.
She wears the most masculine looking hat
that is in keeping with the fashion, and tilts
it just a little on one side. She has her coats
and jackets cut like a man's, and frequently
walks with her hands in her pockets. If she
carries an umbrella she uses it as if it were a
cane, and wishes it were. She affects to dis-
like girls and their amusements; she assumes
masculine attitudes, uses slang and whistles.
But at heart she is a genuine girl, sincere and
amiable, and enjoys what other girls enjoy.
Her assumed masculine airs are amusing, and
we like her for them.

THE FASHIONABLE GIRL.

The fashionable girl has perhaps been more
seriously considered as the typical girl of the
period, and more severely criticized than the
types mentioned above, and yet she is no
worse than they are. She occupies the niche
for which she was born, as they do, and fills it
as creditably. She has been accused of
heartlessness, artificiality and selfishness,
because these things are inculcated from her
very youth. Then, surely, it is not her fault.
She goes from a luncheon to a tea, from that
to a dinner, and afterward to the opera and
a ball. The greater part of her life is given
to dress and society. She has little time to
cultivate her mind, for one entertainment
follows another in such rapid succession that
her life is one of constant excitement.

Very often the heart becomes a little hardened
and the mind dulled to much that is best
and beautiful in life; but that this is not
always so we have ample proof among the
many happy homes of the fashionable girls,
both before and after marriage.

These are all girls of the period, and their
types may be found in every city and town
in the United States. They represent different
phases of the American character, and are
each admirable and interesting. Who
can say that one of these types is more
representative of the American girl of the period
than another? If we are going to criticize
them and say that the fashionable girl is in-
clined to be heartless, do we not sometimes
find the domestic girl a little dull and
complaisant, despite her many virtues? Does
not the fast girl occasionally shock our sense
of refinement? Is not the learned girl a little
pedantic and didactic? And do we always
like a girl who tries to be manly? But, after
all, is this not criticizing them too severely?
We do not want our girls to be all alike.

It is the variety that is so charming. We
must like them for what they are, not for
what they are not. The graco and tact of
the fashionable girl are, in their way, as
admirable as the more sterling qualities of her
domestic sister; the high spirits of the fast
girl are breezy and refreshing; for their
naturalness; the learned girl is to be respected
for her energy and perseverance in her
studies and for her earnest views of life,
while the masculine girl is not uninteresting.

From these girls we shall have our women
of the future, and who shall say that the
promise is not good? For underneath the
gay spirits, artificiality, pedantry and affectation
of manliness are to be found sincerity,
fearlessness, independence, and the native
tact and brightness that make the American
woman the most charming in the world.—
Miss Palfrey in New York Star.

THE CALIFORNIA METHOD.

Mr. Bleeker—Here's an account of a
man who got shot while assaulting a
Judge out in California.

Mrs. Bleeker—Dear me! What did
they do then?

Mr. Bleeker—Arrested the Judge.
Puck.

THE RAZOR DIDN'T IMPROVE.

"I really don't see what is the matter
with my razor to-day. It is so dull that
it doesn't cut at all," said Johnny's pa.

"Why, pa," said Johnny, "it was sharp
the other day when I used it to make a
shave with."

—Epoch.

SARCASM.

Cleopatra committed suicide 1,919 years
ago yesterday. New York has a monu-
ment to her, but it is unnecessary to add
that the monument was a gift from a
non-resident.—Chicago News.

HERE TOO.

"I cannot sing the old songs,"
She walked in accents sad.
"I cannot sing the old songs,"
And every one was glad.—
Boston Courier.

REFORM.

It is evident that the Republican party
is preparing to make a vigorous effort to
cure the internal revenue system of the
tobacco habit.—Chicago News.

HE'S A GAY LOTHARIO.

Belva Lockwood considers the Prince
of Wales "extremely handsome." He is
not often called an Apollo, Belva dear.—
Chicago News.

REFORM.

The "most valuable cat's eye in the world"
has gone to London from Ceylon. It weighed
originally, when found by a laborer, four
hundred and seventy-five carats. He sold it
for thirty rupees. It has been cut and now
weighs one hundred and seventy carats, and
is insured for thirty thousand rupees.

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