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Much good has come from the now vanishing hard times lessons are being learned. The masses are at school attending closely to their studies. Speculation, which has throttled industry and enterprise is dying a lingering death, and debt, the "old man of the sea," around the neck of producers, is being shaken off by liquidation. Bad methods and a burdensome, vicious system of taxation, indirect and extortionate, are being discussed, probed and purged. Office holders and free-grabbers are being held up to criticism and censure, and public pilferers are being found out. Great sacrifices have been made and are still being made, by the people, in all walks of life, but error cannot be dethroned and good accomplished without making sacrifices. It has been ever thus. Sacrifice is the star of human progress. It is the big and the great who can make sacrifices for the common good, for the benefit of coming generations. It is the small and puerile who "cry over spilt milk" and bewail their condition. The signs of times point to better methods; the needs of similar government; less law and taxation; less paternalism and more individualism, in both public and private affairs. By following better methods there are going to be better results, better times, better conditions, better men. Going through the fire simply purifies gold; passing through these "hard times" adds to the strength and resources of the people. The experience may lessen their present material wealth, but it aims them for greater real victories and successes and puts progress and civilization, and along with them American institutions, on safer and firmer ground. These times try men's souls, and in trying and developing souls a government of the people, by the people, for the people, will not perish but stand as the work and wisdom of the freest people who ever lived on the face of the earth. Let's strive to be free—to have the necessary intelligence to understand freedom—and in this way to become better, truer American citizens, ever fair and loyal to ourselves and our fellow men. There is no other good worth seeking but freedom; no other port to which men, in all ages, have steered the ship of state; along this route the greatest conquests and victories lie. Free trade is but a feeble step in the same direction, and "hard times" but the darkness and chaos which are the usual result of a change from better to best. The darkest hour is ever just before dawn; good times are as bound to come as day follows night. Let the cry be: "Ever Onward, Upward; Never one step back."

Mr. Editor of THE DEMOCRAT, what is your honest opinion of Hoke Smith.—Petersburg Press.

Our opinion privately expressed might be somewhat different from that held by the editor of the Press, consequently we differ somewhat as to the man as he really is, which would possibly not change the attitude of either of us. He is understood to be a man of medium height, smooth-shaven, about thirty-nine years old and a remarkable writer. He is also somewhat of an orator. He is a very learned gentleman, and also widely known throughout the known world. At the present time we have no personal acquaintance with the gentleman.

The democrats of Marion township will hold a primary election to-morrow for the purpose of nominating candidates for township offices. The voting will be held at the two precincts of the township. There are two candidates for trustee and eight or nine for assessor. The best of feeling prevails and a close election is expected.

CONGRESSMAN TAYLOR has introduced a bill appropriating \$20,000 for a statue of Robert Dale Owen to be placed at the Smithsonian institution. Mr. Owen, while representing this district, secured the legislation for the establishment of the Smithsonian institution, and was chairman of the commission which organized it. Mr. Taylor in this move will have the endorsement of every patriotic citizen of the district.

OUR friend of THE DEMOCRAT ignores the fact that the price of wheat under the present administration has been lower than it ever was under any republican administration, but continues to discuss the rises and the falls that occurred during the republican times, though the price at no time ever touched so low a point as during the present democratic administration.—Press.

The people understand all about it. The price was regulated under the McKinley law. All nations cut off from buying our surplus. One dollar per bushel when Harrison was inducted into office, fifty cents when he stepped down and our, and the price is still fifty cents. Mr. Editor pay the farmer his loss.

An Extraordinary Find.

LACY, OKLA., March 13, 1894.—Ninety miles west of Lacy in Kingfisher county, on the 7th inst, a man by the name of Hayworth was quarrying rock near the Cimmaron river when he came to a perfectly formed human body which had become stone. It was about three feet below the surface in a bed of earth and gypsum gravel, on top of the ledge of rock. It is the body of a large and well proportioned man, with every part intact.—Ears, hands, feet, nose, finger nails and teeth, without blemish or mark, except a small indentation in right side, which is supposed to have been made by a bullet. Seems to have been large and well proportioned, something over six feet long. He lay on his back straight and arranged as by christian burial. From appearances one would think he was an American of Irish parentage. How long this body has lain there, no one in this country seems to know. It is probable however not more than 10 or 12 years. I am aware that petrified bodies are not so rare, but the most remarkable thing about this one is the perfect preservation of all its parts, form and feature.

J. E. BRITTAIN.

The trial of John C. Miller, of Vincennes, indicted by the last United States grand jury for having fraudulently obtained a pension, will take place at Evansville the first week in next month. Miller is totally blind. It is averred in the indictment that Miller was never in the war of the rebellion, nor in any other war, and that he obtained a pension by falsely representing that he lost his eyesight while in the service. It has been represented to the government authorities that Mr. Miller is in destitute circumstances, and he has not been placed in jail. This is the only indictment for obtaining a fraudulent pension that has been returned since the government began its investigation through special agents in Indiana several months ago.

There are many ways of eating oranges, but the Floridian has probably the most common-sense way of disposing of the fruit. He uses a sharp knife and pares the orange much the same as one would peel an apple, taking care not to cut through the white rind that protects the pulp. Then holding the orange at the poles and cutting through the center the seed pots are removed. The rest is easy. As a colored boy in Jacksonville said: "Put yoh face in it and eat till you come to the rind." The white rind forms a natural cup for the juice, and any one who ever tries this method will never think of removing the skin in the old way and quartering the fruit.

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The roads being fine for travel we went spinning along at a 2:30 clip and soon found ourselves within the confines of Lockhart township and the little town of Augusta. This village was laid out by the late Jackson Corn and Charles Beach, two of the pioneers and representative men of the township. While the town is not very large it is a splendid trading point for the people. They have one of the best flouring mill in the county which is operated by A. Seebren and the Beach heirs. It has all of the latest improved machinery and manufactures the finest grade of flour. It enjoys a large local custom and runs the entire year round.

The schools the past year have been under the supervision of Prof. W. S. Corn, one of the ablest instructors in the county, and the people claim to have one of the best village schools in Pike county. The professor is ably assisted by David Corn.

There is one church in the village in which the M. E. and G. B. denominations worship. The attendance at the services being very large.

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W. H. Seales besides being the post master, operates a general store and is enjoying a very good trade.

Among the other business men of the place are the following:

Jesse Agee, dry goods and a general store. Also proprietor of the hotel and livery stable.

Bolen Usery, groceries and provisions.

Frank Seales, druggist.

Jason Hemmaway, blacksmith.

Ralston McClure, blacksmith.


Thomas McCafferty, saw mill.

Drs. Corn & McGlassom look after the sick and injured. Dr. Corn is also a member of the pension medical board of the county.

The citizens are industrious and representative men, with plenty of push and sticktoitiveness about them and very successful in their business engagements. The farmers in the locality are thrifty and energetic, and many of the finest farms in the county are located in that vicinity. The writer enjoyed the day very much and hopes at some future time to again make the village another visit. It is unnecessary to say that our friend Hammond also enjoyed the trip, as that would not be expressing it in terms strong enough. And from the amount of victuals he stowed away at twelve o'clock m. we would later that he was hungry and that the inner man was satisfied. About the latter we promised to say nothing and we have kept our promise.

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