

THE CHAMPION

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Except that we have long ago ceased to be surprised at anything the DeSoto Board of County Commissioners will do we would be astonished at their action in naming this year as their official organ, a newspaper that is one only in name, whose heaviest stockholder, we understand, lives out of the State. A paper without a home, an editor or an outfit. And this, in spite of the fact that there are four reputable weekly newspapers in the county whose editors live at home, have their own outfit and whose ability to properly execute the county printing can not be questioned.

We had been informed that the county commissioners, in asking for bids on county stationery, were not looking for something for nothing, but expected to allow pay for the blank stationery as well as wages for the printer. With this understanding we made our bid. The bid that was accepted is lower than a fair quality of blank stationery can be bought for at wholesale. The only charitable explanation of this matter is that they expect to make up the deficit in some other way. It is certain they do not propose to use worse stationery this year than last.

We learn with regret of the serious accident that recently befell Commissioner King, in which he received several broken ribs. He can ill be spared from his county duties and we trust will soon recover.

Coxey's Army.
Coxey's army started from Coxey's home in eastern Ohio in the spring of 1894 to carry, as Coxey said, a "petition in boots" to congress for relief from the hard times then prevailing. On arriving at Washington it was denied access to congress, and those of the pilgrims who disregarded the order to "keep off the grass" of the capitol grounds were sent to jail. Coxey himself was condemned to a term in jail. The "army" at last crossed the Potomac and settled down in a sort of hobo camp on the Virginia side. There it was allowed to remain for several months until complaints from Washington induced the governor of Virginia to break up the camp and disperse the campers.

Odd Marriage Ceremony.
Polynesia is probably the only place in the world where the marriage feast takes place without the presence of the bridegroom. For some unexplained reason the young man is "sent into the bush" when negotiations are opened with the family of his bride, and he remains there during the subsequent festivities. It is only when the guests have departed and the girl is left alone with his parents that messengers are dispatched for him.

A Scotch "Bull."
General Wade constructed military roads in the highlands of Scotland. An obelisk was constructed to commemorate his achievements on which was inscribed the following "bull," intended to distinguish between natural tracks and made roads:
Had you seen these roads before they were made,
You would lift up your hands and bless General Wade.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Peace River Lodge No. 66, F. & A. M. meets Friday night on or before the full moon in each month.
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Two very pleasant ladies of Mississippi are spending the winter with Mrs. Leslie Dishong. They are Miss May Etta Baker, cousin to Mrs. Dishong, and Miss Lily Word, her sister.

F. Morqus, who is one of the most quiet of our business men has without bluster or noise resumed business at the old stand of his saddle and harness store where he has a long building erected in which are on sale both jewelry and harness and shoes. Call and see him or Mr. Jernigan who attends to the jewelry department.

A Healing Gospel.

The Rev. J. C. Warren, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, Belair, Ga., says of Electric Bitters: "It's a Godsend to mankind. It cured me of lame back, stiff joints, and complete physical collapse. I was so weak it took me half an hour to walk a mile. Two bottles of Electric Bitters have made me so strong I have just walked three miles in 50 minutes and feel like walking three more. It's made a new man of me." Greatest remedy for weakness and all Stomach, Liver and Kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee at Ed Greene's Drug Store. Price 50c.

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Luckiest Man in Arkansas.

"I'm the luckiest man in Arkansas," writes H. L. Stanley, of Brown, since the restoration of my wife's health after five years of continuous coughing and bleeding from the lungs, and I owe my good fortune to the world's greatest medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which I know from experience will cure consumption if taken in time. My wife improved with first bottle and twelve bottles completed the cure." Cures the worst coughs and colds or money refunded. At Ed Greene druggist. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

The most remarkable winter on record. No frost up-to-date in DeSoto county. Lots of rain and some stiff breezes but no cold to speak of. Peach trees in bloom for a month past.

Frightfully Burned.

Chas. W. Moore, a machinist, of Ford City, Pa., had his hand frightfully burned in an electrical furnace. He applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve with the usual result: "a quick and perfect cure." Greatest healer on earth for Burns, Wounds, Sores, Eczema and Piles. 25c at Ed Greene's druggist.

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Little Difference.

"Really," said the X ray operator to the surgeon, "there is only a grammatical distinction between our professions."

"Do you think so?" said the surgeon. "Certainly. I see bones, and you saw bones."—Bysander.

The Modern Way.

Villain—If I should kiss you, I suppose you'd go and tell your mother. Modern Shepherdess—No; I should go and tell my lawyer.—New Yorker.

Prescription by a Rival.

Florence—I should like to do something that would make him miserable for life. Mabel—Then why don't you marry him?

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Side Talks by the Office Boy

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The Cattle Shooting Habit.

The irate farmer who orders the city sportsman off his "lands" is always incomprehensible to the man with the gun. His stories of damage to his cattle are unbelievable, but there seems to be some reason for the rural objection to city gunners. "To know how widespread the cattle shooting habit is," said a government meat inspector, "one should take up a position beside an inspector at a packing house and note how many cattle are flayed revealing a charge of bird shot in their bodies. Some are peppered on one side only, others on both sides. I don't know whether the cases are all accidental or whether the hunters shoot the cattle full of bird shot just for fun, but mighty few, either native or range cattle, reach the packing houses without carrying souvenirs of some glorious hunting trip."

Plenty of Talk.

"You say that public official had nothing to say?" said the editor. "Yes," answered the self confident reporter, "but he talked three-quarters of an hour before I discovered it."—Washington Star.

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