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Katydid—Katydidn't

"Simply as a matter of information," we take this means of informing all our friends, and we have quite a few, that we have never, to our knowledge, been "slew," "hip and thigh," with "the jaw-bone of an ass;" and had never realized until our esteemed contemporary "saved the country," in its last issue that we were in such close proximity to such a blood-curdling, painful and unhappy demise. Never before had we been "cast out into outer darkness;" and we have never been in "paradise," whatever that may be, nor set fire to any "straw-piles" in that Elvian, supposedly happy and highly interesting region; and we are not "consuming this day" in any "Hightite-by-proxy" (our dear friend spells it both i and y) garden; and "Wilhelm the I," to us, looks like a "dirty deuce in a new deck;" and we don't own "Calamity Ann's" burro, nor "Guyer edits it" goat; and we never gave \$175 for anything because we never had \$175 all at once to give; and we never made any "refutation over opposition," because we haven't got any opposition; and we never yelled "Stop Thief," because a thief wouldn't stop if we did; and we don't know anything about the "Manassehites (unless they're the guys who scrapped at Bull Run during the late unpleasantness) Moabites, Perezites and 'Hightite-by-proxy';" and "Turkey-in-the-Straw" is all rot to us, because we neither fiddle nor dance; and we haven't advocated one thing with our talk and pen and industriously kicked the same thing on the shins with our No. 10. But on the quiet (For the love of Mike don't let "Guyer edits it" get hold of it) we did sit in a convention that several of our dear friends were quite sure we wouldn't sit in; and we mashed that seat down through the kindly and present help of a proxy, and said proxy was a plum good one, too—it delivered the goods. There's your "Hightite-by-proxy" in a nut-shell. And in our opinion Mr. Guyer is a fair citizen, perfectly harmless.

Thursday's mail brought us a beautiful little communication from Santa Fe, bearing the heart-rending information that "The problem of determining the salaries to be paid county officials is worrying the legislators." We don't believe it, because you can't worry anything or anyone that is minus a conscience. We suspect Johnny Conway, superintendent of schools of Santa Fe county, and who is said to have a state office bee in his bonnet, as being the author of the above mentioned tearful epistle, as it registers a vigorous kick against the alleged intention of the hard-hearted legislators to give the grapes to the sheriffs, clerks and treasurers, and put school superintendents on a section hand wage scale. We agree, Johnny, that it is a dirty shame, but we fail to see how anything better can be expected from a legislative majority that has no regard for the rights of the people. Such an outfit cannot be ex-

pected to overexert itself in the great cause of education, and in justice to school superintendents and mere pedagogues.

Thanks are due, and are hereby extended our esteemed contemporary, who seems to take especial delight in designating us by altogether foolish and wholly outlandish cognomens, for the favor extended in its last week's issue. We simply asked for information, and since our contemporary has been so good and obliging as to furnish it, it is only right to acknowledge the favor. The Citizen, issue of January 8th, was sent members of the legislature simply because it was sent. That is definite and satisfactory, and we wish again to kindly thank the editor for the information vouchsafed.

Press dispatches from Santa Fe breathe the expressed hope of republican legislators that the fool people in the disfranchised counties will speedily forget the wrong done them, bury their resentment and shout vivas for the perpetrators of their disgrace. It is said this lovely condition is to be brought about through the enactment of oodles of wholesome legislation. Where's that Australian ballot system law? While the governor and all other democratic officials are being so rigidly regulated, why not jack-up Hugh Williams and his partner of the corporation commission. Freight and passenger rates are something awful. Show us that the Santa Fe railroad isn't IT.

"Guyer edits it says that we, The Clayton News, is the "official airgun" of "something, it is hard to determine just what." Our contemporary has evidently overlooked column one, line two, of our editorial page, if it can be so dignified. However, if the statement found there is not definite enough, we respectfully refer all interested to page two, column two, line one-hundred one of this issue.

Senator Barth had the punch, and Charles Spiess is evidently a wiser and sadder corporation attorney

SERVIA'S BATTLE HYMN.

Rise, O Servians, swift arise!
Lift your banners to the skies.
For your country needs her children
Fight to make her free.
Rise, O rise, and crush our enemy.
Rise and fight for liberty.
Free the Save and Drina flow.
Let us, too, unfetter'd go
O'er the wild Moravian mountains.
Swift shall flow sweet freedom's fountains.
Down shall sink the foe.
Rise, O rise, and crush our enemy.
Rise and fight for liberty.

Two Minute Title Talks

Aim High.

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