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We are informed that the local school board has ordered an election for the purpose of voting bonds for the erection of a new high school building, and to repair the old building. In the event that the bonds carry the present building will be used for the grades. This is a move in the right direction and one that will bring credit to Clayton. A town is known to a great extent by its schools, and Clayton can and must be in the front rank in everything. Vote for the bonds and for the advancement and prosperity of your town. Don't argue location—we will have plenty of time to settle that after the expenditure is authorized.

Christ was born 1454 years before movable types were invented by Gutenberg and was crucified 1451 years before the same event for trying to learn lost humanity great and fundamental truths. No doubt he rode an ass, because Ford's had not been invented at that time. But those facts have nothing to do with the point under discussion. We contend that a compositor "sets" type, and that he does not "sit," "sat" or "sot-ter" type, as is contended by our theological and professorial (our invention) friend. Presuming along the same lines of presumption as those followed by the all-wise professor, we might ask the answers to the following famous queries: "Who struck Billy Patterson?" and "How old is Ann?"

Next thing we know some jumped up failure at everything on earth who has had about 30 cents worth of experience in the art preservative, will be telling us that a printer's "devil" is a printer's "angel," and that a printer's "angel" is a printer's "devil"; or that an "alley" is a hall of fame; or that a "stick" is a club; or that a "quoin" is a silver dollar; or that a "sit" means getting fired; or that "thirty" means to commence. An old printer's hard-earned knowledge of his trade is monumental ignorance when compared with the youthful learning and wisdom of a year-old novice. Our "book learnin'" is nothing to brag about, and our grammatical errors should be accepted as a matter of course.

There is a story floating around the state to the effect that after securing the aid and influence of the sheepmen politicians of the state to pass a tax law which will protect the corporations, the representatives of the corporations are now willing to assist the assessors and the tax commission to get as much other property on the tax rolls as possible, and the first fruits is a little increase of the number of sheep to be returned by certain sheep men of something more than six hundred thousand. The information given to the tax commission indicated that this number, in six or seven counties alone, have been taxless in the past. This like the sheepmen politicians had run into the double-cross.

And the people are thoroughly wise, professors and foreign profit gatherers to the contrary notwithstanding. The people of this country know the difference between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1, or the difference between 15 and 31, and all the high sounding professorial dops ever written cannot rob them of their knowledge. They want to build homes and they are going to build homes, and the man or company who realizes that fact is the man or company who will reap the greatest profit in the long run. The people want a square deal and you can bet your last shingle that they got it. The fruit has already budded, and we could tell a few more state secrets if we pleased.

Roosevelt makes us tired. It is disgusting to read the jingo utterances made by him and his tribe.

No, no, Maggie, it hasn't been forgotten, you only thought it had. The people of Union county have a pretty clear understanding of the "jimmy" and couldn't forget the durned thing if they wanted to. They remember the little instrument and its still smaller manipulators as the means through which their regularly elected representatives were denied their rights in the last legislature, and the majority of the voters of the county practically disfranchised. The "jimmy" and its wielders and defenders are marked for the discred. One cannot insult an electorate without accepting the consequences. "The people of Union county did not send me here—" "You're dead right they didn't."

Business in Clayton was never better at this time of year. Farmers and ranchmen crowd the stores every day buying and paying for implements and supplies of all kinds. We say "buying and paying for" advisedly, as the customers who ask credit are few and far between. That fact proves the enviable position of the Union county man. Union county people are prosperous, and a little hustle and the natural advantages of the country has made them so. Do you not wish to join us?

There is a story in circulation in Santa Fe which reasonably explains the trouble between the traveling auditor and Secundino Romero, while Sec. was sheriff of San Miguel county. According to the story, the traveling auditor found rich and juicy payments to the sheriff for probate court costs at numerous terms, but upon examination of the records of the probate court there were no such terms mentioned. Now it transpires that the records of the probate court in that county are by no means complete, and are said to be several years behind in the writing up, and while the terms for which Secundino drew his fees were in all probability actually held, there is no record. It makes no difference however, as the legislative system can be adopted, and any time in the future when the necessities demand it the records can be written up, and written up right, too, just like that senate journal was written up, after the senate quit.

It is likely that Lieutenant Governor De Baca will, at the general conference of the lieutenant governors of the United States to be held in Tennessee soon, take occasion to give to the world his views on some kinds of legislation and certain varieties of legislators. If he does present a paper to the conference it will certainly be warm reading, as he is one official who says what he thinks, and says it out loud.

If Governor McDonald and Lieutenant Governor De Baca keep up their work of trying to make justice in New Mexico equal to all men, they will be busy for some time to come. De Baca, while acting governor, recently pardoned two men serving time for robbery because the third man engaged in the job was never punished, although arrested and indicted.

The president is right. His Philadelphia speech will go down in history as one of the greatest utterances ever made by an American. As long as it can be accomplished with honor, it is the president's duty to maintain peace with all nations. The United States is the greatest nation on earth not at war, and in view of that fact she will be in a commanding position when the belligerent nations have exhausted themselves and desire peace.

We suppose we are credited, as usual, with the latest lop of \$20 per. Not guilty.

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A few days ago one of the most intelligent ladies of the city stumped us with the following: "Can you tell me if Mr. Guyer ever 'sit,' 'set,' 'sat' or 'sotter' on anything long enough to hatch an idea?" We pleaded the statute of limitation and refused to answer on advice of counsel.

The trees on the courthouse yard are growing vigorously, and the grass is coming up nicely. The trees and grass will be a big improvement to the county's property, and an improvement that all good citizens will be proud of.

### Commendable

How fine the attitude of the great majority of the newspapers of the United States has been in this crisis, and in fact throughout the whole trying period of the war; especially as compared with the attitude of men like Roosevelt, who might reasonably be expected to be leaders in the example of calmness and reason.

Almost without exception the powerful newspapers of the country, in their editorial utterances, and in their much more influential news pages, have counseled caution; that we "wait a bit" before making up our minds, and that we do not "rock the boat." As the Lusitania went down, with her freight of American lives, it would have been possible for the newspapers, following the example of Roosevelt, to have aroused a sentiment throughout the country which would have made war almost unavoidable.

Instead, the newspapers of this country, almost without exception, have remained calm, judicious and wise in counsel. They have given a fine example of patriotism. A few there have been who have given free expression to the natural bitterness all must feel over the sinking of the

Lusitania. The majority even have foregone that privilege in behalf of national good sense and judgment. With the powerful newspapers from coast to coast standing shoulder to shoulder for mature judgment; or, in other words, standing behind the president, the raving of demagogues will do the minimum of damage.—Albuquerque Herald.

### "US"

Consider the editor. He weareth purple and fine linen. His abode is amongst the mansions of the rich. His wife hath her car that can hit it up in two ought nothing.

Lo! All the people breaketh their necks to hand him money. A child is born unto the wife of a merchant in the town. The physician getteth twenty-five golden plunks. The editor writeth a stick and a hair, and telleth the multitude that the child tippeth the beam at nine pounds. Yea, he lieth even as a centurian. And the proud father giveth him a cramo.

Behold, the young one groweth up and graduateth. And the editor putteth into his paper a swell notice. Yea, a peach of a notice. He telleth of the wisdom of the young woman, and of her exceeding comeliness. Like unto the roses of Sharon is she, and her gown is played up to beat the band. And the dress-maker getteth two score and four iron men. And the editor getteth a note of thanks from the S. G. G.

The daughter goeth a journey. And the editor throweth himself on the story of the farewell party. It runneth a column, solid. And the fair one remembereth him from afar with a picture card that costeth six for a nickel.

Behold, she returneth, and the youth of the city fall down and worship. She picketh one, and lo, she picketh a lemon. But the editor calleth him one of our most prom-

inent young men, and getteth away with it. And they send unto him a bid to the wedding feast, and behold, the bids are fashioned by Munigummary Hawbuck, in a far city.

Flowery and long is the wedding notice which the editor printeth. The minister getteth ten bones. The groom standeth the editor off for a twelvemonth subscription.

All flesh is grass, and in time the wife is gathered into the silo. The minister getteth his bit. The editor printeth a death notice, two columns of obituary, three lodge notices, a cubit of poetry and a card of thanks. And he forgetteth to read proof on the head, and the darned thing cometh out "Gone to her last roasting place."

And all that are akin to the deceased jumpeth onto the editor with exceeding great jumps. And they pulleth out their ads and cancelleth their subscriptions, and they swing the hammer unto the third and fourth generations.

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