

about constitutional law, stop flying of kites all the time, and promise not to lift your hand against "the governor" any more except to defend him from his enemies, as a dutiful son ought to do by his father, who is one of the nicest old gentlemen in the world, and would do anything for his boys if they only treat him right. We'll stand by the old man yet, and when you make up your mind to do the same we'll give you a pretty good "shake" over it.

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We are wonderfully tickled with Mr. Benton's very moderate rectification of our sins of commission in connection with his splendid paper read at the Washington Convention. With the other (the Chicago) business we had nothing primarily to do, as we copied it entirely from another journal—just now we can't say exactly which one—and consequently took it as a man does his wife, "with all faults." We worried a good deal over that Washington Convention report. We knew that although it was generally excellent, it was defective in spots—as all reports usually are. Never knew them to fail in this respect. We have been there ourselves, and know just exactly what we are talking about. The best reporter on the face of the earth will make mistakes; if he doesn't, the speaker whom he is elaborating will; if either or both forget this plain part of their duty, they may rest confident that the compositor will attend to it; and even though the compositor should fail, we have the proof reader to fall back upon as *un dernier ressort*, who, as a general kicker, may be also regarded as a *piece de resistance* in that direction. Seeing, then, that "the ordinary course of events" which so worried the framers of the United States constitution, (which, by the way is an exceedingly weak one, though probably Friend Benton

doesn't think so) also dominated the reproduction of his excellent paper, there is nothing left for us to do but to compliment Mr. Benton upon the excellent character of his paper, the *suaviter in modo* with which he lets both our reporter and ourself escape the "waling" which one of us deserves—(our modesty prevents us from saying which of the two)—and of finally thanking our stars for the opportunity afforded us of permitting him to speak for himself upon a matter which has occasionally disturbed our rest for quite a number of nights.

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We received, somewhat too late for attention in our last issue, a letter from Mr. Pringle, Superintendent of the Canadian Apiarian Department of the World's Fair, calling our attention to an entirely accidental and unintentional omission of all reference to the telegram received from him at the Walkerton Convention in reference to the subject of honey freight rates to which the attention of the convention was called, and which was subsequently discussed. How it is that Mr. Pringle's telegram and absence and the discussion referred to escaped our attention at the time, and our subsequent consideration, is something which we cannot explain satisfactorily even to ourselves. It is barely possible that we may have been temporarily absent from the Hall when the telegram was read and Mr. Pringle's absence referred to, as well as when the subject of freight rates was subsequently discussed. That is the only way in which we can account for the very regrettable omission. It is strange, too, that neither the reports of the *Globe* or *Mail*, in which Mr. Pringle's absence from the meeting was referred to as a matter of general regret, came under our notice. We are not accustomed to overlooking or slighting in any way members of