

St. Thomas Reporter.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1880.

ODE TO LAWYERS.

The devil came to the earth one day,
And into court house wended his way,
Just as an attorney with very grave face
Was proceeding to argue the points in a case.

Now a lawyer his Majesty never had seen,
For to his dominions none ever had been;
And he felt very curious the reason to know
Why none had been sent to the region below.

'Twas the fault of his agents, his Majesty
thought,
Why none of these lawyers had never been
caught:

And for his own pleasure he had a desire
To come to the earth and the reason inquire.

Well, the lawyer who rose with visage so
grave,
Made out his opponent a consummate knave;
And the old devil was much amused
To hear the attorney so greatly abused.

As soon as the speaker had come to a close,
The council opposing then fiercely arose,
And heaped such abuse on the head of the
first

As made him a villain of all men the worst.

Thus they quarreled, contended, and argued
so long,

'Twas hard to determine the one that was
wrong;

And concluding he'd heard quite enough of
the fuss,

Old Nick turned away and soliloquised thus:

"If all they have said of each other be true,
The devil has surely been robbed of his due;
I'm satisfied now, 'tis all very well,
These lawyers would ruin the morals of hell.

"They have puzzled the court with villainous
cavil,

And I'm free to confess, they have puzzled
the devil;

My agents are right to let them go bail,
If I had them they'd swindle me out of my
tail."

A NIGHT IN A SLEEPING CAR.

If people who do not "go down to the sea in ships," but who go down the land in sleeping cars, could be insured that the train would not run off the track during the night they would sleep better. There is always a feeling that an accident will happen the night a man is on a sleeping car, where an accident never happened before. No man likes to be found with a pair of red flannel drawers on, from down at the heel and worn in the vital parts. No matter how handsome a man may be in undress uniform, he does not desire to be observed. There is something about the sleeping car curtains that is not right. They should be arranged to button on the inside, and that a person can be practically in retirement. But where they open about six inches in the middle every time you hoist your leg to get it in your trousers, and open four inches on each end when the porter walks through the aisle, and a woman in the opposite berth is trying to see out of the opposite window and hook her corset lying down, it is awful. When a man gets in his berth in a sleeper, he swears that he will simply pull off his coat and boots and hat and bunk in, and then if anything happens he will not be a total wreck. He lays for half an hour trying to go to sleep and finally decides that his collar and necktie are the cause of his wakefulness, and he takes them off and puts them in his boots. In half an hour he takes off his vest and puts it under his pillow. In twenty minutes he concludes he will slide his pants off, and if there is a smash up he won't look any worse in his shirt and drawers than the rest of the crowd, anyway. He gets almost asleep when his drawers begin to make him itch, and as there is an enormous hole in them he argues that his bare legs can't cause any mere remarks in case of a collision than drawers with the principal part torn out, so he slides them off, kicks them down toward the foot and tries to go to sleep. Then he begins to take an account of stock and thinks what he would do in case the cars run off. His clothes are scattered so that he couldn't find them in two hours. The porter has his boots in the front of the car, his coat and hat are in the upper berth, his vest under the pillow, his pants and drawers scattered all over him, everything is falling out of his pockets, he feels his watch and chain crawling up his spine, a bunch of keys works up amongst him, his tobacco box has got under his shirt, and he can't sleep a dollar and a-half's worth to save him. Then he thinks how he would look, if the car rolled over, crawling out of one of the ventilator holes, and landing in a tamarack swamp, in a foot of snow, with nothing on but a shirt.

How little he cares for his pants now, but how valuable they would be on his person, in case of an accident. So he puts

his feet in the legs of his pants and rolls them down around his ankles, so that in case of an accident he can grab them and pull them up around him in a hurry, and look well enough to appear in company. He drops into a dose, the train stops suddenly, and an engine on a side track blows off steam, and he thinks everything is lost, and he raises up to pull his pants up, when he bumps his head on the bottom of the upper berth and wakes up and curses the man that invented sleeping cars. Then he goes to sleep and in about five minutes, it seems to him, he feels his arm shaken, a colored man says "St. Thomas, twenty-five minutes for breakfast," he turns over, finds that it is broad daylight, and he has got to figure out how to dress himself with those curtains constantly gaping open, without showing his astonishment and chagrin to the woman opposite, who has already got up and had her bed made, and is reading a book, looking ever the top of the page as though she wanted to see how a man could dress himself laying on his back, so she could tell her husband when she gets home. We say sleeping cars should be made with box stalls for men.

BUSINESS LAWS IN DAILY USE.

The following compilation of business laws contains the essence of a large amount of legal verbiage:—

If a note is lost or stolen, it does not release the maker; he must pay it, if the consideration for which it was given, and the amount, can be proven.

Notes bear interest only when so stated.

Principals are responsible for the acts of their agents.

Each individual in a partnership is responsible for the whole amount of the debts of the firm, except in cases of special partnership.

Ignorance of the law excuses no one.

An agreement without a consideration is void.

A note made on Sunday is void.

Contracts made on Sunday cannot be enforced.

A note made by a minor is void.

A contract made with a minor is void.

A note obtained by fraud, or from a person in a state of intoxication, cannot be collected.

It is a fraud to conceal a fraud.

Signatures made with a lead pencil are good in law.

A receipt for money is not always conclusive.

The acts of one partner bind all the rest.

"Value received" should always be written in a note, but it is not necessary.

No consideration is efficient in law if it be illegal in its nature.

Checks or drafts must be presented for payment without unreasonable delay, and during business hours.

A note endorsed in blank is transferable, by delivery, the same as if made payable to bearer.

If the time of payment of a note is not inserted, it is held payable on demand.

If a letter containing a protest of non-payment be put in the post-office, any miscarriage does not affect the party giving notice.

Notice of protest may be sent, either to the place of business, or to the residence of the party notified.

The loss of a bill or note is not sufficient excuse for not giving notice of protest.

If two or more partners are jointly liable on a note or bill, due notice to one of them is sufficient.

An endorsement may be written on the face or back.

An endorser may prevent his liability to be sued by writing "without recourse," or similar words.

All claims that do not rest upon a judgment must be sued within six years from the time when they arise.

An oral agreement must be proved by evidence; a written one proves itself.

Joint payees of a bill or note, who are not partners, must all join in an endorsement.

"Acceptance" applies to bill and not to notes.—Chamberlin, Whitmore.

A MILLION.

A million of bank notes, placed one above another, would form a pile 416 feet in height; and if they were spread out, they would extend over 250,000 square feet. If a person were counting money, and able to count 100 a minute, and worked at it 10 hours a day, he would take 17 days to count a million. A thousand men would take 45 years to reckon a quadrillion.

Time required to count a billion—that is a million times a million, which no one is able to count, however easy it may be to write. Supposing a person can count 20 a minute, then an hour would produce 12,000; a day 282,000; and a year, 105,120,000. If therefore, Adam, at the beginning of his existence, had begun to

count, and continued to do so, and were counting still, he would not, even now, according to usually supposed age of our globe, have counted nearly enough. To count a billion, therefore, then, it would require 9,512 years 34 days 5 hours and 20 minutes, according to the above rule.

SHORT ENDS.

Wonder if the sailor lads ever swing with their girls on the navigate?

Weddings are an Irish invention, having originated in Dublin.

Who was the first female barber? Delilah; she was a hair-cutter simply.

For ladies only—There is talk of establishing a Six days' Talking Contest.

When Bret Harte says to his best girl, 'Adieu!' she yells back at him, 'Good-bye, Sweet Harte, good-bye.'

It is said that the reason that ladies are like arrows is because they are all in a quiver when a beau comes.

'Can't say I admire your style of acting,' as the landlady said to the strolling player when she caught him stealing her spoons.

Lemons, like girls, never amount to much until they are thoroughly squeezed; so says one who ought to know all about it.

Lot's wife got salted because she turned around to notice how a dress was cut that a woman had on who was running into Sodom to see the fire.

A lady asked a sailor whom she met; why a ship was called 'she.' The son of Neptune replied that it was because the 'rigging cost more than the hull.'

Why did not Cain make good sugar? Because he wasn't Abel.—Spirit as well as sugar comes from cane; what evil resulted from this Cain's spirit? Abel got slewed.

What is it about this 'Grandfather's Clock' that all you parographers are hitting at? Where is the clock? Where is the grandfather? What is the matter with the old time-piece?

After marriage a young couple always want at least a half dozen chairs in every room in their home, while before, they find one in the parlor will answer every purpose, with space to spare.

'Anything bite you, dar?' inquired one Dutchman of another, while engaged in angling. 'No, nothing at all.' 'Vell,' replied the other, noting pite me, too.'

An Irish post-boy having driven a gentleman a long stage, during torrents of rain, was asked if he was not very wet? 'Arrah! I wouldn't care about being very wet if I was,' so very dry, yer honor.

If a boy's boots were made of cast iron covered with tar and gravel and then painted four coats and varnished, mothers would still have cause to wonder how on earth that boy got his feet sopping wet.

'So you would not take me to be 20?' said a young lady to her partner while dancing the 'Jones Polka' some time ago: 'what would you take me for then?' 'For better, for worse,' replied he.

When the girl who has encouraged a young man for about two years suddenly turns around and tells him that she can never be more than a sister to him, he can for the first time see the freckles on her nose.

Newly-married husband: 'This is a friend of mine, my dear; a friend of twenty years standing.' His bride: 'Good gracious! Then pray give him a seat; for I'm sure he must be tired.'

'Ye'r drunk again, ha!' 'No, my love,—hic, not drunk, but hic, slippery. The fact is, my—hic, love, somebody has been rubbing the bottom of my boots till they are as smooth as a pane of glass.'

Method of growing apple trees from choice roots, by shoots, which do not afterwards require grafting. The shoots are severally inserted into a potato, and plunged into the ground, leaving but an inch or two of the shoot above the ground. The same with cuttings of geraniums, myrtles, and scarlet fuchsias.

The boy sat in the gallery
At the female minstrel show,
'I'm too far back, he sadly said,
In tones both soft and low.

'I'm too back,' he sighed again,
But he could no further go;
For he saw his sedate father's head
Loom up in the forward row.

A man has just been arrested in Springfield for having five wives scattered about the country. Five wives are rather more than one man's share, and each wife no doubt objected to being asked to put up with the fifth part of a man. But it may be said for him that he was doing all in his power to get the sex married off, and that he possibly thought that the woman would take the view that the fifth part of a loaf was better than no bread. The worst punishment that could befall him would be to put him in a room and let the five women go in together and discuss the matter with him.

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BELIEVING that the extraordinary growth and rapid development of the Town of St. Thomas and surrounding country—both in wealth and population—has been amply sufficient to warrant the establishment of another journalistic venture, the subscriber has decided to inaugurate a new departure in this connection.

In accordance with this design, (therefore, the ST. THOMAS REPORTER will make its debut in the arena of journalism about the 15th inst., and in point of mechanical execution and variety of contents will brook no superior. It will be a twenty column sheet of four pages, and will be published, at present as a weekly journal, issued from the office of publication every Friday at noon, thus being enabled to give a concise summary of the more interesting doings and sayings which may transpire in the vicinity during the week.

The personnel of the new candidate for public favor will be of a somewhat novel nature, the leading characteristics being Personal, Society and Sporting, in addition to which Local matters will be made a specialty. The term Personal in this sense must not be interpreted as signifying anything scurrilous. So far from it, that nothing calculated to injure or even attack the private character of any citizen will be permitted to find a place in its columns without the most exceptionally justifiable cause and only in the public interest, and the tone throughout will have a tendency to promote in some measure the morality and well being of our embryo city. The Society news will comprise an epitome of the happenings and gossip circulating in the higher and more exclusive circles, and the Sporting column will be replete with the very cream of matters invaluable to those of sportman-like proclivities, selected under the supervision of a person well qualified to speak thereon.

A not unimportant feature will be found in the local news, which will contain a correct, unbiased and thorough digest of everything of local interest which may occur to be thought worthy of presenting to its readers, and special attention will be devoted to this department. Municipal matters will be handled in a fearless manner, and the artifices and shortcomings of those who hold the public welfare in their trust will be freely ventilated, while its columns will always be open for a frank and candid discussion of matters pertaining to the administration of local affairs.

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It used to be the fashion once, but now it's out of date, for old folks to monopolize the subject of debate.

At table father sought discussion to prevent, lest angry passions be inflamed by heat of argument;

The newer fashion that prevailed the seed of mischief sowed, and sparks from many anvils flew.

It may not need a heavy chain to hold the well-trained beast, but when the links are broken, lo!

For in those days we did not need across the sea to roam, to learn the little courtesies that should be taught at home;

But now-a-days the juveniles on weighty subjects talk, a sceptic is the little child.

LEAP-YEAR SPUNK. A Detritter who was out in the country the other day to look after some poultry got stuck in a mud hole, although having a light buggy and a strong horse.

'Stranger, it's leap year and I'm going to pop! Will you have me or not?' 'I—I'm already married!' he faltered.

'Well, that settles me and I won't ride. I'll take a cut across the field over to old Spooner's. He's got four sons and a fool nephew and I'll begin on the old man and pop the crowd clear down to the idiot, for I've slumixed around this world just as long as I'm going to! Good-by, sir—no harm done!'

A story is told incidental to the birth of the late Prince Imperial. A newspaper editor who had got into trouble took a petition for grace to the Tuileries, and asked leave to place it in the baby's hands.

He was led to the cradle and put the document inside it; whereon the emperor, who was present, inquired what the baby said, and being told, 'Nothing,' remarked with a smile, 'Well, then silence gives consent.' It is fortunate that the baby did not cry out when he received the petition, for the joke would have missed fire.

LENTEN REGULATIONS.

The following are the regulations for the observance of Lent in this Diocese:— 1st—All days of Lent, Sundays excepted, are fasting days.

2nd—By dispensation, the use of flesh meat is allowed at every meal on Sundays and at one full meal on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, excepting the Saturdays in Ember and Holy Week and Holy Thursday.

3rd—An entire abstinence from flesh meat is enjoined every Wednesday and Friday in Lent, and the above excepted days.

4th—The following persons are exempted from abstinence:—Children under seven years; and from fasting, persons under twenty-one; and from either or both, those who, on account of ill-health, advanced age, hard labors, or some other legitimate cause, cannot observe the law.

5th—Fish and flesh meat are forbidden at the same meal on any of the days of Lent.

6th—The use of lard in the preparation of food, of eggs, milk, butter, and cheese, is permitted during Lent.

7th—The season within which all who have attained the proper age are obliged to make the Paschal Communion commences on Ash Wednesday and terminates on Trinity Sunday.

Upon a traveller telling Gen. Doyle, an Irishman, that he had been where the bugs were so large and powerful that two of them could drain a man's blood in one night, the General replied: 'My good sir, we have the same animals in Ireland, but they are called humbugs.'

Two young men were out fishing the other day, and on returning were going past a farmhouse and felt hungry. They yelled to the farmer's daughters: 'Girls, have you any buttermilk? The reply gently wafted back to their ears: 'Yes; but we keep it for our own calves.'

Frosty nights and bachelors.—They turn the bedding quickly back and then they tumble in, roll up into a little lump—their knees up to their chin. And then unto themselves they say, just loud enough to hear: 'By George, this thing has got to cease before another year.'

Whom did Adam marry, and when did he marry her? One Eve. What was her bridal dress? Barely nothing. Not even a ribbon! No; she had no need of one, she was a rib-bone herself. When Adam and Eve were in the gardening business, what time did they commence picking apples? In the fall.

The friends of a wit expressed some surprise that, with his age and fondness for the bottle, he should have thought it worth while to marry. 'A wife was necessary,' he said, 'they began to say of me that I drank too much for a single man.'

'How did you come to get married?' asked a man of a homely friend. 'Well, you see, he replied, 'after I had vainly tried to win several girls that I wanted, I finally turned my attention to one that wanted me, and then it didn't take long to settle matters.'

A western paper proposes the following marriage vow for its lady readers, when occasion requires: 'I will continue to my husband as long as he is loveable, honor him as long as he is honorable, and obey him as long as his commands are just and reasonable.'

Julia.—'Oh, Charlie, I've got a new feller; perfectly splendid! The other was too miserable for anything.' Bings overhears this extraordinary language of his beloved Julia, and thinks it is all over with him, and that the world is hollow. 'Poor feller,' how was he to know that the dear girl is only talking about the sewing machine?

A queer excuse was made a few days ago by an old lady.—The good woman was subpoenaed to appear as a witness on a rather delicate case. She did not come, and a Bench Warrant was issued for her appearance, on which she was brought into Court. The Presiding Judge thought it was his duty to reprimand her. 'Madam, why were you not here before?' 'I couldn't come, sir.' 'Were you not subpoenaed, madam?' 'Yes, sir, but I was sick.' 'What was the matter, madam?' 'I had an awful bile, sir.' After a pause: 'Upon your honor, madam?' 'No sir, upon my arm.'

The editor of a Fort Plain paper has his office and residence connected by telephone. Yesterday Mr. Skidd, of Little Falls, an old friend, called on the editor and expected to remain for dinner. The editor hurried to the telephone and shouted to his wife: 'Mr. Skidd, will be up with me to dinner; lay an extra plate.'

'Now,' said the editor, 'Mr. Skidd, you may converse with her.' As the gentleman was about to approach the instrument these words were plainly heard: 'You tell Mr. Skidd we don't keep a hotel on wash-day.' Mr. Skidd excused himself for a few moments, and was next seen eating fried clams in the Rainbow Saloon on the corner.

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ATLANTIC EXPRESS, 8.55 a. m., (daily), arriving at Buffalo 1.25 p. m.

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