



THE COTTONWOOD FALLS COURANT.

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COTTONWOOD FALLS, - - KANSAS.

THE FIDDLE DAD PLAYED ON.

Sarsarty was the fiddler's name; An' he could play, Well, I should say.

BAWLEY'S LAST RUN.

Interesting Story of a Georgia Mule and a Swamp Gator.

THE principal personage concerned in this authentic narrative was known all through the big woods of South-eastern Georgia as Old Tom Krandall's one-eyed mule.

"I taken that animal when hit weren't no bigger'n a pint o' huckleberries, an' th' can't nobody tell me hit ain't the smartest an' best mule in Georgia 'thout bein' called a liar, an' a fightin' liar, t' book.

The numerous negroes on the place believed Old Bawley understood every thing he heard anybody say, and were careful how they talked when he was within hearing distance.

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Young Tom, a lad who was lively and industrious enough, but much given to fishing, 'possum hunting and above all to alligator-catching.

ing gators, the chief implement being a hook of peculiar construction fastened in a stout wooden handle.

"Jedgin' f'm th' racket hit made last night that gator's fifteen foot long—not an inch less," said old Fluker, who had been born a slave on the place and was wont to officiate as oracle-in-chief to the younger generation of dusky Georgians.

Young Tom set his teeth, took a firm grip of the long pole, and in a few moments was prodding vigorously in the cave. The maddened reptile snapped at the hook, it fastened itself in his jaws, and the next instant Tom was jerked prostrate in the mud.

Like a flash of inspiration the thought of Old Bawley presented itself to young Tom's mind.

"Fetch the mule!" he shouted. A dozen youngsters obeyed the order. In five minutes Old Bawley was hitched securely to the rope. Bogus Jackson, a daring young "coon" who had ridden him in many a scrub-race, was perched on his back and instructed to yank the gator out.

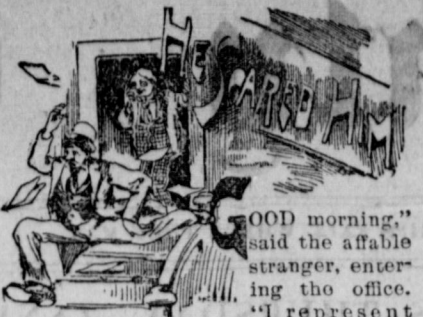
The agent was moving uneasily in his chair, and appeared to hesitate about pressing the matter further. But he made a last rally and said: "I have here, sir, a few statistics, which show the financial standing of our company. It is the firmest and most reliable."

Now on the ground, now in the air, flew the frenzied old mule, and on flew, close to his heels, a limp and soggy alligator, bouncing, banging and zig-zagging wildly, now in the air, now on the ground, now rebounding from some decayed stump on one side and bringing up with a muffled crunch against a tree on the other, but keeping all the time in the general direction pursued by Old Bawley.

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She—Papa thought he was smart putting a receipted gas bill among the presents, didn't he?

Heat and Cold. Miss Slimpurse—Of all things! Here comes Clara Shortcass, with a fur cloak on.



"GOOD morning," said the affable stranger, entering the office. "I represent the Squeehawken Mutual Life Insurance Company—capital, \$6,000,000. I've called to see if you would not take out a policy, and—"



Fever Preventer? I've just come from where it was prevalent. Thanks! Please resume."

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Druggist—So you want to be a druggist, eh? Have you had any experience? Young Bilson (cautiously)—Some.

His Occupation. "Have you no occupation, my poor man?" asked the good woman as she put a plate of beans before the turnpike tourist.

The Youthful G. A. R. Idea. New Minister—And, Johnnie, what are you going to be when you grow up?

N. M.—Indeed? Johnnie—Yes, and then after that every body in the family'll get twelve dollars every month for nothing, just like we do now.—Life.

Naturally. "What is the most striking feature of your celebrated variety show?" "The boxing match, of course."—Munsey's Weekly.

AT THE WINDOW.

The Clerk in the Village Post-Office Has a Life Full of Experience.

The life of a post-office clerk in a town of 2,000 or 3,000 inhabitants is full of pleasantness and all his paths are peace.

"Nothing, madam." "Are you sure?" "Quite sure, madam." "But you didn't look. How do you know without looking?"

"Well, now, that's strange. I should have had a letter yesterday, and I thought it would come to-day sure! Do you suppose it could have been lost?"

"My land! And who gets this money?" "If the letter contains the address of the sender it is sent back to him; but in over 3,000,000 cases out of 6,000,000 no address whatever is given by the writer."

Disregarding the Omen. Landlady (meeting Mr. Growler on the stairs)—Singing in the morning. Don't you know it's unlucky to sing before breakfast.

AN EXCUSABLE MISTAKE.



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Art Criticism. "There's a Verestchagin," remarked one visitor to another in the Portland exposition art gallery.

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He Doesn't at Home.

Wickwire—Not I don't think domestic troubles ought to be spoken of outside the family.

INFORMATION ABOUT WESTERN CANADA.

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He Was Well Oiled. "Won't you try it again?" said the owner of the trick mule. "You'll stick on better next time."

Mr. Growler—It may be, but somehow I never feel like singing after breakfast.—Jury.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment.

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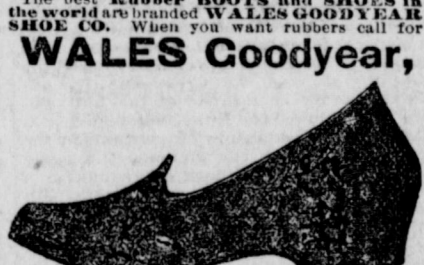
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ADVERTISING RATES.

Table with 2 columns: Line, Price. Includes rates for 1 week, 2 weeks, 3 weeks, 4 weeks, 1 month, 2 months, 3 months, 6 months, and 1 year.

No due bills for patent notices or other goods taken on advertising; that is, we will not advertise for manufacturers of goods and then pay them in addition to the advertising, as such cash, if not more than the articles advertised are worth, for the privilege of advertising in their goods.

TIME TABLE.

Table with 2 columns: EAST, WEST. Lists train times for Cedar Grove, Elmore, Elmdale, Evans, Strong, Hilltop, Saffordville, and Cedar Grove.

1. Any person who takes a paper regularly out of the post office... 2. If a person orders his paper discontinued, he must pay all arrears...

LOCAL SHORT STOPS.

Eli Perkins at Music Hall to-night. It is still freezing of nights and thawing in the day time. Corn is now retailing at 65 cents per bushel...

Mr. W. W. Hotchkiss started back to his old home, New Haven, Conn., Tuesday night, on a two weeks' business visit. Let everybody hear Eli Perkins' lecture to-night. He is really a first-class lecturer...

who may call on him for information or anything else relating to his official duties. On Friday, January 9, 1891, at the home of his brother, Mr. Michael Martin, from 'la grille', and old age, Mr. Richard Martin, aged 75 years...

tea spoons; Mr. Butterfield and wife, silver and gold berry spoon; Mr. Raylor and wife, carving set; Mr. Halseuzer and wife, pair of vases...

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