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PINE BLUFF, ARK., NEAR DESTRUCTION

COSTLY BUILDINGS SWAY ON EDGE OF CAVING BANKS OF THE ARKANSAS RIVER.

WATERS REACH HIGH STAGE ON RAMPAGE

Mark of 25 Feet is Touched and Many Begin to Vacate Edifices, Fearing for Their Safety—Fall to Stem Raging Current.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 3.—The Arkansas river reached a stage of 25 feet Wednesday and rose rapidly. The bank of the river in the rear of the Jefferson hotel and county court house began falling into the river in large sections Wednesday. The court house annex was vacated by the officials who consider the building unsafe.

Evacuation of the annex to the Jefferson county court house began Wednesday. Orders to move everything that could be taken away were given by County Judge Gould, when he saw the extent of the rise in the Arkansas river during the night. The treacherous current had left at daybreak a scant dozen feet between the brink of the river and the court house walls at the nearest point. Caving went on all the time.

Court Moves Out. Circuit court, which was in session, has been moved to the city hall. Conditions were almost as bad at the Jefferson hotel across the street from the court house. The boiler room of the hotel seems doomed. Work was begun Wednesday towards removing valuables from the rear of the building. Many persons believed the rear wall of the hotel would go, but it was thought the main part is safe.

A discouraging feature of the night was the failure of the patent current deflector and destroyer. Great things had been claimed for it and men were kept busy until late at night constructing the conveyance under direction of an agent of the company holding the patent. It was wrecked without being given a show of proving its worth. The terrific current caught up the big logs which were to serve as buoys and tossed them out like sticks.

River Rages Against Banks. It grasped the contrivance on wire which had been rolled into a big cylinder, and lightly bound with wire, and wrenched it apart. Then the whole mass of debris was thrown upon the shore. Reports from above showed considerable more water was coming. The current comes sweeping around the point north of Pine Bluff and hits the bank head on. The current began Wednesday to work in behind the facade mats. They are being forced up to the surface, showing the current is behind them eating its way into the bank.

Business was suspended while citizens worked and watched the work of destruction. The river reached 24 feet at 11 o'clock and was rising fast. The swift current has put the government boats out of commission, as they cannot stem the current.

HE CARRIED THE GOLDFISH HOME Or, Rather, He Meant to Do It, but Fate Was Against Him.

When Clerk D. P. Conry of the West hotel won a bowl of goldfish in a raffle he was the proudest man in the twin cities. He bore his prize triumphantly into the hotel, and everybody admired the fish. At last someone asked him what he was going to do with them.

Unfortunately, Mr. Conry had not thought of that before. It was a wet, rainy night, and the prospect of carrying home a bowl of mixed water and goldfish was not alluring. A thought struck him.

"I'm going to give them to Louis Fay," he announced, shoving the dripping globe at his assistant.

"You are not," said Mr. Fay, backing away. "I don't want them."

"Then you just keep them for me tonight," suggested Mr. Conry. "I'll be around first thing in the morning."

But Mr. Fay wouldn't do that, either, unless Mr. Conry would put the fish in the safe and take a receipt. This Mr. Conry hesitated at, because he had never heard of keeping goldfish in a safe, so he tried to give the fish to each of the bellboys in turn, but without success. Then he tried the bartender, the carpenter, the elevator boys and the engineer. Nobody wanted goldfish.

Finally, he had to start home with them. Few persons, however, have ever attempted the feat of carrying a large bowl of goldfish wrapped in paper, while standing on the platform of a crowded car. Mr. Conry was shoved and pushed and jostled. And all the time he was getting wetter and wetter.

"Seems to me," he said, "that this is the wettest night I ever saw."

When he got home he prepared to exhibit his prizes to an admiring circle. "I've got something here," he said, "that will almost tickle you to death. These are the rarest specimens of their kind in the whole world. Cost me \$22.50 apiece, just because they were so rare." Then he unwrapped the package.

"I don't see anything but a piece of a glass bowl," said one of the bystanders.

"What!" ejaculated Mr. Conry, grabbing at the globe.

But that's all it was. Somebody had knocked the bottom out.—Minneapolis Journal.

Blodgett Estate Is \$12,000,000. Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 3.—The will of Delos A. Blodgett, multi-millionaire lumberman who died a month ago, was opened Wednesday. The bulk of the estate, estimated at between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000, is left in trust to the three young children of Mr. Blodgett by his second marriage.

Running Champion Dead. Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—Dr. John B. Taylor, the former champion quarter-mile runner of the University of Pennsylvania, died at his home Wednesday from typhoid-pneumonia.

Roosevelts Wedded 22 Years. Washington, Dec. 3.—The president and Mrs. Roosevelt Wednesday celebrated in a quiet way the anniversary of their marriage at St. George's church in London 22 years ago.

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TWENTY LIFE MAXIMS OF THOMAS DAVIDSON OF THE ADIRONDACKS.

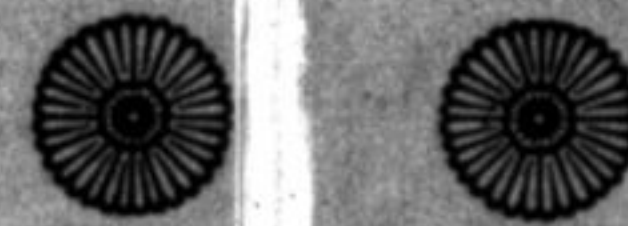
Thomas Davidson of the Adirondacks is dead, but he has left twenty life maxims for those who may wish to follow in his footsteps.

These maxims are:

1. Rely upon your own energies, and do not wait for or depend on other people.
2. Cling with all your might to your own highest ideals, and do not be led astray by such vulgar aims as wealth, position, popularity. Be yourself.
3. Your worth consists of what you are, and not in what you have. What you are will show in what you do.
4. Never fret, repine or envy. Do not make yourself unhappy by comparing your circumstances with those of more fortunate people; but make the most of the opportunities you have. Employ profitably every moment.
5. Associate with the noblest people you can find; read the best books; live with the mighty. But learn to be happy alone.
6. Do not believe that all greatness and heroism are in the past. Learn to discover princes, prophets, heroes and saints among the people about you. Be assured they are there.
7. Be on earth what good people hope to be in heaven.
8. Cultivate ideal friendships, and gather into an intimate circle all your acquaintances who are hungering for truth and right. Remember that heaven itself can be nothing but the intimacy of pure and noble souls.
9. Do not shrink from any useful or kindly act, however hard or repellent it may be. The worth of acts is measured by the spirit in which they are performed.
10. If the world despise you because you do not follow its ways, pay no heed to it. But be sure your way is right.
11. If a thousand plans fail, be not disheartened. As long as your purposes are right, you have not failed.
12. Examine yourself every night, and see whether you have progressed in knowledge, sympathy and helpfulness during the day. Count every day a loss in which no progress has been made.
13. Seek employment in energy, not in dalliance. Our worth is measured solely by what we do.
14. Let not your goodness be professional; let it be the simple, natural outcome of your character. Therefore, cultivate character.
15. If you do wrong, say so, and make what atonement you can. That is true nobleness. Have no moral debts.
16. When in doubt how to act, ask yourself, What does nobility command? Live on good terms with yourself.
17. Look for no reward for goodness but goodness itself. Remember heaven and hell are utterly immoral institutions, if they are meant as reward and punishment.
18. Give whatever countenance and help you can to every movement and institution that is working for good. Be not sectarian.
19. Wear no placards, within or without. Be human fully.
20. Never be satisfied until you have understood the meaning of the world, and the purpose of your own life, and have reduced your world to a rational cosmos.

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It is well to be careful of one's company. Franklin says: "He that lives with cripples learns to limp," and "He that lives with wolves learns to howl."—The Young Reaper.

Capped Them All. In a small village school, a teacher asked the scholars in her class to write a sentence, finishing with the two words, "bitter end." One boy wrote, "The Russians had to fight to a bitter end." Another said, "The Easter holidays have come too soon to a bitter end." But the sentence that capped them all was written by a boy of ten. It ran thus: "Our bull pup ran after Murphy's cat yesterday, and as she was running through the wooden fence he bitter end."

cannot do wrong without suffering from an atom and a molecule. "An atom," he explained, "is the smallest of an element that can take part in a chemical combination. Now suggest an illustration?" "Well," he said, "what is it?" "Wellington at the top of the hill," he said. "Up, guards, and atom!"

Something to Show. A man was busy in his office the day when a traveler, without being announced, rushed in. "I have something to show you," he said, slipping a card into the visitor, slipping it up to the desk. The man looked up. "And I have something to show you," he said politely. "Pardon," said the traveler. "I have something to show you," replied the man of cloth, rising and crossing the room. "It has a handle and a knob, and it will show you. Good-day."

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