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S.H. Wright (1825-1905) edited the mathematics department of the *Yates County Chronicle* from 1872 to 1880. In the beginning the column was limited to easy and popular examples, and supported by local contributions. According to the editor, "It advanced gradually in interest, and become a medium of higher mathematics, and was supported by mathematicians of distinguished abilities, in various parts of the United States. Our highest aim is to make the Department acceptable to all, and especially interesting to its contributors." We discuss Wright's interesting life and several problems that appeared in his column. (Received July 28, 2008)