

Most bow-legged person, pair pants...

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Andrew Stewart has returned from the lakes.

Presiding Elder Peterson was at home this week.

Miss Sarah Lee left for Lake Okoboji Friday evening.

Mr. Taylor Drake, a colored man from Oskaloosa, is a guard at the Anamosa penitentiary.

A. S. Barnett, editor of the Des Moines Avalanche, was arrested Saturday on the charge of seduction.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy offer special inducements to those desiring to attend the state fair.

At 813 Walnut street may be found the very best of fresh and salted meats, sausage, poultry and game.

Gov. Jackson's speech in receiving the Iowa battle flags on August 10, was one of the grandest addresses ever delivered before the people of Des Moines and Iowa.

Frank Hughes arrived in the city Sunday. We were glad to see Frank. He is looking well.

Boyd Gray, the colored wheelman who is making a tour of the United States is in the city.

Winnipeg, Brother Denny's place in his recent home, our sad hearts and in the church that he loved so well can never be filled.

Whereas, Since the solemn edict went forth that man should return to dust, from whence he came, our bounds are set and none can go beyond them; and

Whereas, Brother Denny, the beloved husband of our friend and co-worker, Mrs. Denny, has lived usefully the time allotted to him and the Divine Creator has, in His own way, called Brother Denny from the labors of this world to enjoy sweet rest and to be ever more with Him in the bright life beyond the shadows; and

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The funeral was under the auspices of the Masonic order, of which he was a member, and the sermon was eloquently and feelingly preached by Rev. Laws of St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, of which deceased was also a member.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Harriet Beecher Stowe Reading Circle:

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The big gong which once called "Front" to the hotel counter is going out of date. It made too much noise. The clerks find it more convenient to call a boy by tapping with a pencil or giving a low whistle.

The clerk glanced at him in a tired sort of way and softly gave a drawn-out whistle.

The young man flushed up and looked with surprise at the clerk, who was entirely unconcerned.

"She is my sister," said the young man with considerable dignity.

"Confound you, sir, don't you believe me? Your conduct is very strange."

"I beg your pardon. I was calling the boy. Here, chase this card up to 312."

Why She Had Done It. "You don't mean to say that you have gone back to kerosene?" exclaimed the caller.

"Yes," replied the housewife, "I had to do it."

"No. It was to keep my husband out of St. Elizabeth's. He got an idea that the bills were not being made out correctly, and was putting in six hours a night, when he should have been sleeping, trying to read the metre for himself.—Washington Star.

Boys and Girls. Dr. J. A. Gilbert of the Yale psychological laboratory, has just completed some tests regarding the mental and physical developments of the pupils of the New Haven public schools, showing that boys are more sensitive to weight discrimination, that girls can tell the difference in color shades better than boys, and that boys can think quicker than the other sex.

Longevity. A Paris physician who lived to the age of 107 ascribed his longevity to placing his bed so that it stood north and south, in the direction of the great magnetic currents.

OF THE FUTURE. WILL TRAVEL LIKE THE WIND OVER THE EARTH. The Motive Power Will Be Electricity and One of the Engines Has Already Made Its Trial Trip in France—It Means a Revolution.

Strolling along the boulevards, I stumbled across one of the foremost French engineers of the day, M. Bunnau-Varilla, the same who held the highly responsible position as engineer-in-chief of the Panama canal, and one of the most distinguished members of the Ponts et Chaussées, the greatest engineering institute of France.

"What is the most interesting thing in the engineering world?" was the natural question to put to him, and the question which was put by the New York Herald man without delay.

"By far the most interesting engineering experiment of the present time and of the greatest interest to the world at large is," he replied, "the new electric locomotive which recently made so successful a trip to Nantes. It means a perfect revolution in the world. It means that in the future we are going to compress great distances in very short times, and, as the saying is, 'Time is money,' both the traveling public and the commercial world can readily appreciate what it signifies."

"I regard this invention of M. Heilmann as the definite solution of the problem of the practical application of electricity as tractive power as applied on railroads."

"What, according to you, are the practical advantages which this electric locomotive offers? Would you explain them so that the general reading public can understand easily?"

"One of the first advantages is that with perfect security a gain of speed over that of an express train of 33 per cent can be secured. That addition of speed can be obtained, and, at the same time, a considerable economy of coal effected."

"M. Heilmann has, for the first time tried what no one had thought of before. To put it simply, his locomotive carries its own electric station along with it. It makes the necessary electric motive power as it goes."

"The machine is slightly more expensive than an ordinary locomotive but that is nothing compared to the economy which is effected in the consumption of coal. That is of itself an enormous result."

"There is besides another very strong advantage which every railway engineer will readily appreciate. It is this: Most of you know, and yet some may not, that it is impossible to drive the ordinary locomotive further than 200 kilometres at the utmost. When the ordinary locomotive has done that distance it must be changed, cleaned and rested. But with this electric locomotive we can go ahead indefinitely."

"The reason of that is simple. It is merely that the engines on board the steamship are protected, while those on the steam locomotive are exposed to the elements. In this new electric locomotive the machinery is housed in and therefore completely protected. So this locomotive, given coal, and of course there is no difficulty about that, can go from Paris to Constantinople without changing. On the ordinary trains now running the locomotive is changed from seven to forty times between here and Constantinople."

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