

The Sultan Abdul Aziz of Morocco is about to marry 2,000 wives which discounts most of the double life stories now extant.

If Emperor William is half as good at fighting as he is at wearing honorary uniforms, he will prove a whole wilderness of ferocity when the time comes.

A Yale graduate tried unsuccessfully to hold up a train in Texas, and the howl about college training unfitting men for active pursuits is still unconfounded.

There was some difficulty in getting the Midwinter fair buildings up, but compared with the onerous task of getting them down the former effort appears light and easy.

The summer rumor that lawn tennis is superseding the bull-fight as a popular amusement in Spain would astonish even the few Anglo-fashionables who have taken it up in the Land of the Cid.

According to the newspaper portraits Li Hung Chang must be a very near relative of the Chinese quack doctors who have furnished the press with pictorial advertisements at sundry times.

A LONDON newspaper, the Humanitarian, quotes statistics compiled by a clergyman to prove that divorces have increased in England at a faster rate than the population since 1868, and also that the ratio of increase has been greater in England than in the United States.

POLITICIANS should take advantage of the suggestion of Professor W. A. Eddy, who estimates that bodies suspended one thousand feet in the air exert a pull at the earth's surface of fifteen times their own weight. Does this fact explain the present popularity of amateur ballooning?

ALAS, Yosemite! It is said that some Chicago capitalists have perfected plans for running electric cars from Merced into the valley. About 7,000 people now visit the valley yearly, but by cutting off the stage-ride with electricity, it is believed that 30,000 people will go every year.

The Gerry society of New York has been distinguishing itself by arresting a little girl for selling papers on the street. The occupation may not have been a desirable one, but as the child had a sick and starving mother at home it was probably the best and the only thing she could do.

The fool-like practice of dropping from a height with a parachute is being followed, like that of shooting Niagara, by both men and women. Two balloons were blown up within the last few days. Only a morbid taste can enjoy as a sport a practice involving such frightful perils.

THE candidate for American consul at San Francisco says that in case of war he would fight for Garibaldi there is no suspicion that he is not in the honor sought. When the name of the president or mayor he really takes offense at a suggestion that he will walk while the effort to make a silk purse out of a pig's ear has ever baffled human ambition.

One of those current dietetic fads could so final announcements that the size of a woman's shoe should be just half that of her glove. How futile are generalities! It's all very well for a woman who wears a No. 2 shoe to wear a No. 4 glove—if she can; but shall all women who wear a No. 4 shoe be forced to buy No. 8 gloves? And must the No. 6s that do so much abound all appear in No. 10 gloves? Heaven forbid.

The investigation of the charges of brutality against Superintendent Brockway of the Elmira reformatory prison has closed with vindication. The punishment of prisoners does not appear to have been more severe than frequent than the good discipline of the prison demanded. Mr. Brockway has long held a high rank among the advocates of prison reform, and the assaults upon him have been especially virulent.

It is not worth the while for American people to jolly over the fact that the departures from American ports have exceeded the arrivals in the last few months. It will be found that most of those who have gone have gone on excursion tickets. They have not forgotten to secure their return passage. Moreover, the class that is able to take excursions of this kind is not apt to be a class against which objections are raised.

SAYS a newspaper writer: "Smooth-faced men are, as a rule, impressive and little given to loquacity. As smooth-faced men may be supposed to be regular clients of the barber perhaps loquacity becomes hateful to them in course of time."

In a recent story the young man finds the girl not a bit glad to see him when he calls and mentions to her that he notices it "in a dull, toneless voice." And she replied that she couldn't help it in a voice that "matched his for graveness."

SINCE Col. Ingersoll came out with his defense of suicide his letter has been found in the pockets of two persons who had taken their lives by their own hands. At this rate the ranks of his disciples will begin perceptibly to diminish.

A CONNECTICUT farmer has committed suicide because of the loss of several acres of tobacco. Tobacco is not to be won by the man who will not apply the same principle to the sale of his crop.

SELECTED HAWKEYE MENTION

BURGLARS.

Several Residences Entered—The Thieves Captured. WATERLOO, August 27.—Several residences in Waterloo were burglarized, among them the residence of Frank Hecker. Two fellows entered as this place and held revolvers at the heads of Mr. and Mrs. Hecker, threatening to shoot if any outcry was made. Mrs. Hecker shouted for help and the fellows skipped. Mr. Hecker fired at them. Eight or ten shots were exchanged, but the burglars made their escape. Later on they entered two other houses and took a pair of shoes at each place, as they left their own outside of Mr. Hecker's residence, and when he commenced firing at them they could not stay to get their shoes. The officers got on their trail and captured them in the timber along the Black Hawk. Each was heavily armed, and they had two fine gold watches and quite an amount of jewelry. They were identified and when they were captured they had the stolen shoes on their feet. They claim to have come from Marshalltown.

PEAT BEDS BURNING.

Over a Hundred Acres on Fire in Clinton County. CLINTON, August 29.—The fire which was started in the Goose Lake bottoms, in Clinton county, nearly six weeks ago, is still burning, the rains which have fallen having had no effect in stopping its progress. Several farmers tried ditching about the burned district with but partial success, and the fire continues to eat its way eastward. But little smoke arises. There are now over 110 acres in the burned district, the fire extending from six to eight inches in depth. There is generally a top dressing of ordinary soil of a few inches, and below this extends the peat beds to a depth of several feet. This top remains as a crust until the peat is burned from under it and then it caves in.

OUTRAGED BY FIENDS.

A Widow Sacrifices Herself to Save Her Child. DES MOINES, August 28.—Mrs. Kate Potthoff, widow of August Potthoff, lives near Greenwood Park, this city, with her children, a boy and a girl. She was awakened at a midnight hour by two villains who demanded her money. She gave them all she had—\$5, and then the men threatened to outrage her 10-year-old daughter if she did not submit to their desires. Upon seeing one of the men approach the child's bed she gave up and submitted. She is now in the doctor's care. The villains have not yet been captured.

SENSATIONAL ASSAULT.

A Reporter of the Iowa City Republican the Victim. IOWA CITY, August 30.—J. E. Reizenstein, a reporter of the Daily Republican, was choked, knocked down and kicked by Hon. E. Clark and son, Earle, because of the reporter's failure to leave the sidewalk when ordered by his assailants. The Clarks were arrested. Mr. Clark had a grudge of long standing against Mr. Reizenstein for alleged misrepresentation of the former's financial standing, etc., and the assault was entirely unprovoked. A minister of the city was roundly cursed by Mr. Clark for appealing to him to desist from the attack.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Populists Nominate Another Minister. NEW HAMPTON, August 29.—A mass convention of the populists of the Fourth congressional district met here and after several ballots the Rev. C. A. Marshall, of McGregor, was nominated. Mr. Marshall is a well known Congregational minister, now stationed at that place. He has always been a republican, having served four years in the state senate from the county some years ago.

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Democrats Fail to Endorse the Populist Nominations. NEW HAMPTON, August 31.—The Fourth congressional district democratic convention was held at New Hampton and Hon. Jas. F. Babcock, of Chickasaw county was nominated upon the first ballot. A strong effort was made to bring about an endorsement of C. A. Marshall, the nominee of the populists, but without avail.

DAMAGE SUIT.

To Recover \$20,000 Damages for the Death of a Son. CLINTON, August 30.—William Riner has set a price of \$20,000 on the head of his son, who was killed by a policeman in a saloon, in June. He brought suit for that amount against Andrew Anderson for selling liquor to the boy, which, he alleges, caused his death.

A WINDFALL.

DEBUREAU, August 31.—Byron Harris, son of a laboring man of Dubuque, has been left \$15,000 by an uncle, who died recently in Troy, N. Y.

CHEAPER THAN CORN.

Wheat Flour Mixed With Bran for Hogs. FORT DODGE, August 29.—The singular sight is witnessed here of farmers hauling wheat flour to the country to feed to pigs. It is mixed with bran and is cheaper than corn.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Democrats Nominate Mayor Daniels of Cedar Rapids. CEDAR RAPIDS, August 30.—At the Fifth district democratic congressional convention, Mayor William P. Daniels was nominated by acclamation.

THE CROP REPORT.

The Condition of Crops but Little Improved. DES MOINES, August 29.—Considerable improvement is noticed in corn in districts which had the heaviest rainfall. Some of the more advanced fields will be matured beyond danger of frost within two weeks. Decided improvement is noticed in favored localities in the condition of pastures and meadows but in the larger part of the state stock still requires extra rations. Potatoes give promise of a yield of 20 per cent of a crop.

CONDENSED ITEMS.

George Griswold, a clerk in Weiser's drug store at Decatur, committed suicide by taking morphine.

In a bicycle race from Atlantic to Des Moines, for \$50 a side, between Glen Jones and Wm. Malone, the latter won in 7 hours and 27 minutes.

The large barn on the farm of J. W. Cherry, in Highland township, Union county, together with 300 bushels of oats, a large quantity of hay and a team of horses, two wagons and a lot of machinery, burned.

Iowa leads in corn, butter, hogs and many other things. Her laws make safe and sure industry for Iowa insurance and the many good companies show the wisdom of favorable legislation. One of these home companies, popular and strong, is the Des Moines Fire. This company is managed by Des Moines men. J. G. Rounds, president, and J. S. Clark, secretary and manager. This is the leading company in volume of business and is careful and conservative.

The members of the Church of Christ met in state convention in the city of Des Moines last week. General Drake, president of the association, is visiting Europe and the meetings were presided over by Dr. M. S. Johnson, of Mason City, one of the leading men in the church organization in the state. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Gen. F. M. Drake, vice president, M. S. Johnson; recording secretary, T. F. Odeweller; treasurer, W. W. Williams; corresponding secretary, A. M. Haggard; state evangelist, G. L. Brokaw. Trustees of Drake University were chosen as follows: J. B. White, W. W. Williams, P. C. Frick, J. N. McCash.

Two suits have recently been commenced at Des Moines against F. M. Hubbell, one for \$6,163 asked by T. D. Stout and M. C. Henry, and the other for \$2,662.50 claimed by M. E. Henry. The action is a result of the Des Moines driving park failure two years ago. These two plaintiffs allege that F. M. Hubbell had upwards of \$28,000 worth of shares in the company, but that he has only paid about \$8,000 for his stock. The plaintiffs maintain that they secured a judgment against the Des Moines Driving Park, but if being unable to settle the judgment, they ask judgment against Mr. Hubbell for the amount because they hold that Mr. Hubbell has not paid more than \$8,000 for his \$28,000 worth of stock in the park.

Every year of the State Fair the society has taken particular pains to secure attractions for the fair which would be both pleasing and edifying. This year will eclipse any and all others in this respect, and no one who can spare the time and money should fail to attend the meeting this year, which opens August 31, for the management has arranged for one continuous round of pleasure, from start to finish, for the entertainment of guests. Balloon ascensions and parachute leaps have been a feature of the past. This year the thrilling novelty of a man fired from the mouth of a cannon in mid-air, attached to two balloons, will be given. This feat is one grand to behold and is performed only by Messrs. Stillson and Graves. It is the most wonderfully thrilling novelty of the age.

A strange case of poisoning occurred at Darby Grange, near Dubuque a few days ago. A picnic party including several prominent families of Dubuque was held there and after partaking of supper a number were taken violently ill with all the symptoms of arsenic poisoning. Those affected were Mrs. Joseph Herod, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Will Willis and children, the children of Dr. Allen Staples, their nurse, Miss Lizzie Cleaver, and others. Physicians were summoned, who worked all night, barely saving the patients. Mrs. Willis and one of Dr. Staples' children are still in a serious condition. It is thought the poisoning was due to eating of corned beef purchased at a leading market. None who had not partaken of the beef were affected. The matter is being investigated by the health physician.

A Mason City dispatch says: The celebrated Pollock affair has at last found its way into the court. The facts in brief in the case are that two years ago Miss Wittall, a lady of high parentage, came from England to make her home with her uncle, George Pollock, a wealthy citizen of Cerro Gordo county. Almost a year ago Pollock, his wife and Miss Wittall suddenly took their departure for Seattle, Wash. While there Miss Wittall suddenly died and her remains were brought to Mason City for interment. Neighbors suspected that all was not right and the coroner, acting upon demand, exhumed the body, finding Miss Wittall had died from childbirth. Indignation ran high and Pollock left. Later he accused James Wittall, brother of the unfortunate girl, of bringing ruin to his sister, and now Wittall has instituted a slander suit for \$10,000, and Mrs. Pollock sues for divorce and division of the property.

Ed Simons of Charles City was before United States Commissioner E. R. Mason at Des Moines recently upon a charge of selling liquor without a government license. He pleaded guilty and added that he was forced to commit the crime to secure money to purchase food for his family. He had served a sentence in jail for violating the prohibitory law and during this time a child was born to his wife. Although he told his pitiful story well Commissioner Mason was forced to bind him over under \$200 bonds, which he could not furnish, and so went to jail.

Mrs. Smith, of Corning, went to Creston one day last week in search of two runaway daughters. She informed the police concerning her mission, and the two runaways were traced to a house of ill fame on Walnut street. When the officers arrived they were informed that the girls had just left, having learned that their mother was on their trail, and persuaded a couple of young men to drive them into the country. At last reports the broken-hearted mother had been unable to reclaim them from the world her lost treasures, and was still in the city, penniless.

Breckinridge Finds a New City. LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 28.—George O. Barnes, a well-known evangelist, delivered a sermon here last night in which he begged all Christians to vote for Col. Breckinridge. It created a tremendous sensation.

President Newell Dead. YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Aug. 28.—John Newell of Chicago, president and manager of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway company, died of pneumonia at the Todd house here yesterday afternoon.

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Illinois Soldiers in Reunion. JOLIET, Ill., Aug. 29.—Soldiers from all parts of this section came to this city yesterday. They are here to attend a week's encampment. Tents have been erected and the first camp fire was held last night.

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ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS BUSY.

WASHINGTON, August 30.—Sergeant-at-Arms Snow, of the house, has had an exceptionally busy session, as his office was largely responsible for the quiet of the capitol during the Coxy excitement and, aside from this, there have been several innovations in docking the salaries of members and of making arrests, all of which is under the direction of the sergeant-at-arms. The new system of docking salaries of absentees has left an aggregate of several thousand dollars, perhaps \$20,000, of the forfeited pay of members, in the hands of the sergeant-at-arms. This goes back into the treasury, so that the government gains considerable by the transaction. It has resulted, also, in keeping members in Washington, and there has hardly been a time since the docking began that the house was unable to do business for want of a quorum. This constant presence of a quorum has done away with the necessity of arresting members, which was the most objectionable duty of the sergeant-at-arms. The new system of counting members "present but not voting" in order to make a quorum has further improved and made effective the new method of doing business. The experience of the session have shown that the system now in force will be permanent, at least as long as the present managers of the house are in authority.

AMERICANS MISTREATED. Story From Bluefields Which Calls for Investigation. NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 27.—From information received in the steamer Gussie, of the Southern Pacific line, the Nicaraguan government has defied the governments of both the United States and Great Britain and has taken into custody representatives of both nations. The commanders of the war vessels which have been at the seat of disturbance for the past month have stood tamely by and permitted the soldiers of Nicaragua to arrest the subjects of their respective countries and made no protest and the consequence of this apathy may be the loss of possibly a dozen lives and the confiscation of the property of the prisoners. When the Gussie left Bluefields the people of that town were in hourly anticipation of the Nicaraguans attempting further indignities and threatening the peace of the place by placing the remainder of the American and native population under arrest. The officers of the Gussie, familiar as they are with the condition of affairs in the disturbed country, consider that a crisis is at hand and the time for action on the part of the United States is now or never.

IMMIGRATION. All Legislation Failed in the Session Just Closed. WASHINGTON, August 29.—Representative Stone's bill for consular inspection of emigrants coming to this country became involved in a conference committee deadlock and thus goes over to the next session. As the bill passed the house it directed United States consuls at foreign ports to inspect immigrants before they embarked. When the measure reached the senate the Hill anti-anarchist bill was adopted as a substitute. Thus the house and senate passed radically different bills, and there was no way of harmonizing them in conference. It was determined to try and get the anti-anarchist bill through the senate as a separate measure, but this failed. If it had succeeded the conferees might have reported in favor of the Stone bill. As it is the whole subject goes over until next session.

ILLEGAL CURRENCY. The States Cannot Imitate United States Notes. WASHINGTON, August 29.—The attorney general has sustained Chief Justice of the secret service, on every point against the issue by the state of Mississippi of special warrants similar to United States notes. Upon the showing made by Chief Justice and recommendations of Secretary Carlisle, Attorney General Olney instructed the United States attorneys at St. Louis, Chicago and Jackson, Miss., to begin proceedings against the St. Louis Bank Note Company, Western Bank Note Company, Chicago, and persons in Mississippi who are responsible for the issue of the warrants, and all parties who passed them as United States money. It is assumed that under the instructions of the attorney general actions will be begun against Governor Stone, the auditor and other state officers.

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BREVITIES.

Governor Waite of Colorado was arrested on the 28th by a deputy United States marshal on the charge of opening and detaining a letter.

At Martinsburg, W. Va., Representative Wilson, chairman of the ways and means committee, was renominated for congress. Mr. Wilson made a notable address to the convention, denouncing the senate and the trusts.

Parsons, Kan., dispatch: A purse of \$25,000 is offered by Kansas, Indian Territory and Texas citizens, for the Jackson-Corbett fight to take place at Wagner, Indian Territory, where there are no laws to prevent such contest. Richard K. Fox has telegraphed Jackson and Corbett's acceptance of the offer, provided the money is deposited in New York.

Congressman Amos J. Cummings, of the house committee on naval affairs, presented to the house a preliminary report of the investigation of the armor plates and bullets furnished the government by the Carnegie Steel Company. The committee finds that the charges of fraud have been sustained, scores the company severely and recommends that fifty of the suspected plates in use be tested. It also finds that the government inspection was neglected, but no charge of dishonesty rests upon the inspectors.

It is announced that an important movement is on foot among the labor organizations, which may have an effect on politics, to arrange a coalition and establish permanent headquarters in Washington for the purpose of influencing legislation. The Knights of Labor are at the head of the movement, and it is reported the visit of Hayes and Martin, of the executive board, in Washington last week was largely to look over the field and pave the way for the establishment of quarters. Several populist members of congress were consulted and offered their assistance in furthering

