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The St. Joe Mirror is eight years old. It is like wine - grows better with age.

Miss Ida B. Wells has been lecturing in California. She will be in Kansas City, Mo., in March.

If the exodus of Negroes to Mexico continues, there will be a labor problem for the south to solve.

Boys, there are 10,000 more Afro-American females than males in Washington, D. C. The city has 85,000 in all.

The Democratic governor of Illinois offers \$2,000 reward for the capture of an alleged Negro murderer.

No reward when a Negro is lynched on Illinois soil.

Mrs. Harriet Daterte, a colored woman, is one of the most successful undertakers in Philadelphia.

She has carried on the business for about twenty-five years. She furnishes hearses, carriages and all the requisites for funerals.

Rev. W. H. Anderson, of Evansville, Ind., was awarded a judgment for 1 cent in the federal court against the Louisville & Nashville railroad.

The case was brought to test the validity of the separate coach law of Kentucky.

The company had the costs to pay. The case has been appealed to the United States supreme court.

From Gov. Turney's (Tennessee) annual message the following is taken: "There are 1,630 prisoners in the state (Tennessee) penitentiary.

Of these 1,227 are colored males, 301 white males; 36 colored females and 9 white females. I have pardoned 146. There are 278 prisoners between the ages of twelve and twenty-one."

Other southern states can beat the Tennessee governor's report. Will any one say that colored

men are not persecuted in this "glorious" land of "freedom"?

Extra copies of THE BYSTANDER can be procured from our agents. The paper is mailed promptly and will continue to reach its patrons on time as long as the mail and express trains run as regularly as they have this winter.

We publish letters from all of the news centers of the state and know our correspondents will chronicle the same with impartial hands. Are you a subscriber?

The People's Advocate, of Atlanta, Ga., told its patrons that it would have to suspend if cash was not paid in at once. Nearly all who were indebted complied with the request and more are following suit.

It is one of the ablest papers in the country and has courage, intelligence and judgment. The newspapers of the race are doing more for truth, morality and justice than all the other forces combined.

What has become of the Afro-American Republican Clubs? A club should be organized and at work in every city in the state.

In the future, as in the past, nothing can be accomplished by waiting until a few days before election to organize. Commence with the primaries and attend the nominating conventions and do not be silent until the last ballot is deposited and the count begun.

Afro-Americans attempt to do in a few weeks that which other people take one or two years to accomplish. If you are a member of the Republican party act like one, and do not wait until election day to do it.

Attend the caucuses and see that good men are placed in nomination—do not endorse a bad black or white man. If you are interested in good government show it by entering the councils of your party in your respective neighborhoods.

Afro-Americans, organize for good and just government all over this land. Here is missionary work enough for all.

Not a Republican or Democratic paper in Iowa has published the finding of the commissioners of Chatham county, Georgia, and their recommendations to the grand jury in regard to the selling of convicts to labor on canals, in coal mines, etc., and the further fact that many of them were frozen in limbs so badly that they could not work or walk and suffered the severest of pain without medicinal aid.

The majority of them are Negroes of course, and they are given one and two years for the alleged commission of some petty crime. Here in Des Moines such crimes are punished by from three to thirty days in jail by a warm fire and three square meals per day.

Are the Republican and Democratic papers afraid of being accused of flaunting the bloody shirt? There is something very rotten in this government. The senate of the United States wants to pass a law in regard to Choctaw barbarism, but has not one word to say about the crimes committed against Negro men and women.

There is no Choctaw on earth who can exceed a "highly" civilized American in the commission of atrocious crimes and we believe that something should be done with both of them.

The Zion M. E. Church met some time ago and made preparations to celebrate its 100th anniversary.

They claim the largest membership of any Afro-American church in the country. This church wants \$100,000 to celebrate the event with. With people in fair circumstances and an open field in which to seek employment this would not be a large sum.

But when it is taken into consideration that the majority are poor and many of them in actual want; that the field of employment is very small; that the Negroes of the south do not average \$7.50 per month; that they are being persecuted on every hand; that they are crying for schools and school houses; that the women are outraged by white men; that children are sent to convict camps, where their feet and hands are frozen so that they suffer all the tortures known to this or any other world; that every dollar that the Afro-American can spare from his home is needed in this country to relieve suffering and to open the fields of labor—it is in considering these facts and many others that \$100,000 is an enormous sum and will be ill-spent in such an affair.

In raising such a sum think of the number of mothers who wash daily for the support of themselves and their families who will be compelled to contribute. Think of the young ladies who are supporting themselves who will be called on for money. What the Afro-American needs is a religion that will make the world better—better men and better women.

COMMIT TO MEMORY. From Kate Field's Washington.

When virtue pays better than vice; when swarting shops are abolished; when public schools teach girls to earn their own living rather than to despise labor and to walk in the streets; when alleged good women cease to welcome libertines and cast stones at every possible Magdalen; when these same good women decide that there shall be one code of morals for both sexes; when, in fact, the followers of Christ practice what they preach, the social evil will disappear—not before. Laws are worse than useless in the presence of ignorance, poverty, selfishness and undisciplined passion.

OUR FRIENDS WRITE LETTERS

OTTUMWA NEWS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Willie Buckner, of Oskaloosa, was a Sunday visitor in the city, the guest of Mr. and Joseph Weeks. He returned home Wednesday.

The revival meetings at the A. M. E. church are now in progress and will continue as long as the interest now manifested is kept up.

J. E. Woods who has been sick for some time is now convalescing.

Robert E. Crump, of Hedrick, Iowa, was in the city Sunday. He returned home Monday.

The revival meetings at the Second Baptist church closed last Sunday with grand results.

The I. B. W. society met with Mrs. Wells Fowler on Birch street last Friday evening. A very pleasant time was had. At a seasonable hour they adjourned to meet with Mrs. M. Owens on West Fifth street next Wednesday afternoon.

The sad news was received yesterday from Muchaknock announcing the death of Mrs. James Logan, who was formerly a citizen of this city. She was well liked by all who knew her.

Rev. Watts left Wednesday morning to conduct the funeral service.

Mrs. J. B. Cooper was taken seriously ill on last Thursday at the home of Rev. Lomax, and for several days she was speechless, but at this writing she is much improved.

Messrs. L. D. Crawford and Mattison Turner went to Muchaknock Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. James Logan, but as the funeral did not take place on that day they returned home in the evening.

The time to prove real friendship is in time of need. Remember the sick; be not unkindful of those who have the care of them.

Mrs. Mary J. Scott entertained Mrs. Mattie Lomax and Mrs. Garland at her home on last Wednesday, it being the 22nd anniversary of Mrs. Lomax. It was very enjoyable day. Mrs. Scott is a royal entertainer.

The members of the mock congress should thoroughly prepare themselves for their work by the time that the congress shall have convened, as some lively times are expected. The cabinet officers are as follows: Secretary of state, J. E. Woods; secretary of war, B. F. Berry; secretary of treasury, James H. Johnson; secretary of interior, Oscar Williams; secretary of navy, George Lee; attorney general, E. L. Shaw; postmaster general, Isaac Johnson; secretary of agriculture, A. Maulby.

We find this to be one of the best ways to impart knowledge. The interest is great.

A merry party was had at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. King on Tuesday evening. Quite a number of our young folks met there for a social good time, and indeed they were not disappointed. It was a fine evening. Sleighting was good, and they made good use of it. At the house they indulged in such amusements as were proper for them.

Among those present were: Misses Ollie Smith, Hattie Williams, Lily Elliott, Messrs. J. W. Bradshaw, J. E. Mosely, Frank R. King and others whose names we failed to get.

Every member of the mock congress should be a reader of THE BYSTANDER, as it will soon contain news pertaining directly to you. Societies having items of news that they want published should hand them in, otherwise they may be left out. Come right along and get a paper. We will try and have enough to supply you this week.

NEWTON NOTES. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Uncle Charles Graves was 86 Friday. The sewing circle met at A. Hayes' Wednesday.

J. Bell spent the Sabbath with Mrs. J. Bell at her father's, A. Hayes.

Mrs. Thomas Hugh's little children are down with bad colds and stomach troubles.

It is apparent that the literary programs of Newton vicinities are incomplete without the Young Men's Quartette. They rendered several of their choice pieces at the Hamner school house last week and have two engagements to this week.

The names found on the sick list are: Virgie Whitsett, Messdames W. Waldon, J. Green and E. Piller.

Mrs. Hudson attended a Shakespeare oratorical entertainment Wednesday evening.

Ella Waldon started Sunday morning for Parson, Colorado, to visit with aunt, Mrs. Gee. Miss Waldon expects to remain until summer.

Mrs. G. Brown received a valuable package.

One young lady of our city is purchasing a lot.

P. Waldon and sister, Miss Ella, and Miss Fine were invited Friday to take tea at Mrs. Carter's, in honor of her son George's twenty-second birthday.

John Whitsett has about recovered from the sprain of the back which he received in attempting to drag a cake of ice into the ice house.

The names of A. Hayes, L. Mays and G. Watson were cast in the box for jurymen of the year. Mr. Hayes was the fortunate one, his name being drawn out.

Sunday morning the class meeting was a scene of great rejoicing, for a soul was born into the Kingdom of God. One in all his youthful strength had bravely and nobly turned his back upon the world and promised to henceforth devote his time and talents to the service of God. The church is trusting and looking forward when more of our young men may add their names to a church record.

Wednesday eight little girls were invited by Mrs. Moore to celebrate her little daughter's birthday. They chatted and laughed as only misses know how. Supper was served at six. Miss Florence Miller returned thanks. A pleasant evening followed and all presents were useful and pretty. The guests invited were: Bertha Mason, Lula Fine, Florence Miller, Carrie Hedson, Rosey Piller, Mary and Ella Mays and Yutsie Hale.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Since we last appeared in these columns we really had a wedding, and the contracting parties were none other than Mr. Robt. Anderson and Miss Anna B. Watson, who were quietly married at the home of the bride in the presence of most intimate friends and

relatives. This well respected couple have the best wishes of their many friends, as they journey down the rugged path of life.

Revs. R. Nott and Chase, assisted Rev. Coalsom, of the Second Baptist church, in his revival meetings last week.

Mrs. Paulina Arms is a victim of inflammatory rheumatism.

Quite an accident befell Mrs. Atkins while she was from home Monday morning. On returning about noon she found that her room had caught fire. The amount of damage done has not yet been estimated.

Rev. Lewis is confined to his room with throat trouble.

H. S. Stewart is the proud father of a bouncing baby boy.

The young ladies of the city are soon to organize a reading circle. May success attend them in this intelligent effort.

Earl Mosely has returned from his visit to Ottumwa.

Miss Cora Owen froze her ears last week. Wrap them up real good next time, Cora.

Diad of consumption, Mrs. Porter, of Marshalltown, at the home of Mrs. Emerson Jones. The funeral took place at 11 o'clock M. E. church. Rev. Coalsom paid the last sad rites. She leaves a husband to mourn her loss.

Miss Agnes Mason is on the sick list. Quite a number of young people enjoyed a good, old fashioned bob-sled party Tuesday evening. Every one reported a most successful time.

Sunday was "Aid Sunday" at the Second Baptist church. Quite an interesting program was rendered.

Miss T. Arbuckle is suffering with a very severe cold.

Are you up with the times? If so, you will not only promise, but will subscribe for THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER immediately.

OSKALOOSA NOTES. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Mrs. White, of Chicago, is the guest of Mrs. Eliza Warren.

Mrs. M. Gray is growing in interest. Last week was the greatest one in the history of the church. Never before have the people been awakened as at present. The house is well filled every night. Last week seven were reclaimed and a number sought relief at the members' bench. Oskaloosa bids fair to take a leading place among the churches of the state. May the good work go on.

Rev. S. A. Hardison, P. E., passed through the city Thursday en route to Des Moines.

The Oskaloosa people are displaying great hospitality. Rev. Thurman, Rev. Jones and wife were entertained at dinner Thursday by Mrs. Elvira Jones, Monday at Miss Lucie Buckner's, Thursday by Mrs. John Williams and Mrs. Alice Wilson, of Evans, formerly of Ottumwa, visited Mrs. J. B. Jones this week.

Rev. S. B. Jones will soon organize a Christian Endeavor society at the A. M. E. church.

W. T. Buckner spent several days in Ottumwa last week, and returned home Monday.

Sunday was a great day at the A. M. E. church. In the morning the pastor, Rev. S. B. Jones preached the sermon, and was very impressive. In the evening Rev. Thurman preached a good sermon, swaying the people in all directions.

The A. M. E. Ladies' Sewing Circle will give the World's Fair in the near future.

The infant child of Mrs. Wm. Fields, who has been very sick, is improving. Mr. Nate Black was in the city visiting relatives and friends. He was en route home to Washington, Iowa, from Chicago.

Geneva Green, of Newton, is visiting friends in the city.

KEOSAUQUA NEWS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Geo. Anderson was recently called to Keokuk by the illness of his mother.

Walter Heep spent Sunday with friends in Eldon.

The Baptist Sunday school is progressing nicely.

Henry Shaffer departed Monday for West Point, thence to Burlington, visiting friends.

Coasting is quite an object in the city, but very dangerous.

Mrs. America Benning is reported on the sick list.

Miss Lena Reed, of Houghton, is here with her mother, who is very ill.

J. W. Shaffer and Miss Edith Sommerville, both highly respected young people of this city, were united in marriage at the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sommerville, February 5th, at 5 p. m., by Rev. J. B. Jones, in the presence of relatives and many friends, after which all were shown the bountiful table laden with the delicious things to eat, which Mrs. Sommerville had prepared. A sumptuous repast was served by the groom's parents. Many valuable presents were presented them. We wish them a long and happy life. Friends, buy a large and newsy paper that is always on time. Let us advise you to subscribe for THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER. It is all O. K.

MUCHAKINOCK MATTERS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Master Eddie Terrell and Mrs. Peter Reeves are quite ill. Mrs. Lydia Walker is improving.

The entertainment given by the "Willing Workers" proved a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Crank entertained quite a number of young folks at their home on the 11th inst.

Mr. Mason Hughes, who has been very ill, is convalescing.

DEATH BEINGS. About the hour of 5 o'clock a. m., Tuesday Feb. 11th, Muchaknock was again visited by death which summoned from our midst one who was much loved and adored—Mrs. Mattie Logan, wife of J. W. Logan. Sue leaves behind many a man to mourn her loss. Let me say to the bereaved husband, that wife you loved so well is gone—her tongue has been chilled by death and those lips that ever echoed such sweet words are now sealed forever—so strive to meet her in glory. There is no death, nor pains of sadness, but an abundance of peace and joy. We know it is hard to be left alone with three little ones dependent upon a father's care. Only but strive to do the best you can for mother's sake; bring them up in the fear and admonition of God. Now let me say to the beloved sister and brother who stood so faithfully by her bed-

side—your sister is no more—she is gone, but in Heaven above, where all is love, you will see her again. Not long ago she took her seat and sat with us to learn, but now she has run her mortal race and never shall return.

J. B. CHAPMAN, The Blind Man.

KEOKUK. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Mrs. Clemens is very sick at her home, and her death is momentarily expected.

Mrs. Mary Hardin is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Sadie Brooks is convalescent; also Preston Banister.

Mrs. Sarah Johnson and Mrs. Armstrong are seriously ill with the quinsy; also Mrs. Alice Blain is confined to her room with rheumatism.

Mrs. Lenora Boyd, wife of James Boyd, died Saturday morning at 3 o'clock, at her home near Fourteenth and Fulton streets, and was buried Sunday afternoon from Pilgrim's Rest Baptist church; Rev. T. L. Smith officiated. She leaves two children, aged three years and one month.

Mr. Cloud Blain is all smiles now. His wife presented him with a fine eleven pound boy Monday morning.

Mrs. Maria is very sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. Blain.

The Electa Tabernacle will give a masquerade the 14th, and a prize will be given to the one representing St. Valentine most complete.

The revival meetings have closed at the A. M. E. church on Friday evening.

Mr. Edward Wilson and wife have moved here from Quincy.

DAVENPORT ITEMS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Ben Bright is home again on a visit. We are sorry to learn that Mr. John Warwick is growing more feeble and his recovery is doubtful.

The Lincoln Club, of Moline, met with Mrs. T. Young, in Rock Island last Thursday, Mrs. Jenkins, the president, in the chair. After a dispatch of the business, the hostess served a delightful repast. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Sackets in Moline, on the 23rd.

Mrs. R. Richardson was pleasantly surprised last Friday evening, the 8th, by a number of her friends who invaded her home, 323 West Eleventh street, to join with her in commemorating her birthday. Although the invasion was unexpected, the visitors were given a cordial welcome, and after ample explanation had been made all proceeded to enjoy themselves in a befitting manner. The time was delightfully passed in sociality and music. Dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. R. was the recipient of many beautiful presents.

The S. A. L. C. met on last Wednesday at the residence of Mrs. Marshall for the purpose of electing officers, which resulted as follows: Mrs. C. H. Marshall, president; Mrs. W. H. Hill, vice president; Mrs. J. R. Busey, secretary; Mrs. L. Powell, assistant secretary; Mrs. R. Humphrey, treasurer; Mrs. R. Richardson, journal; Mrs. L. Bright, critic.

The Bethel Concert Company will give a Martha Washington tea party February 22.

Rev. S. L. Bean, of Iowa City, was in the city Monday and Tuesday en route to Ripon.

Mrs. R. Richardson entertained at tea, Feb. 3, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bright, Miss Lily May, of Ottumwa, Ill.; Miss Mae Jenkins, of Moline, and Mrs. M. I. Gordon, of Newton.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY AT GALESBURG. Tuesday evening, February 12, not only marked the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday, but also marked the formal debut of Schubert Ladies' Quartette. The organization is composed of Mrs. Fleming Ruff, first soprano; Mrs. Emma Alexander Carter, second soprano; Mrs. Susie Fisher Hazel, first alto; Mrs. Cora Love-Jeffers, second alto. At an early hour the Second Baptist church was comfortably filled with expectant guests, who were amply repaid for their coming. The voices blended in such a manner as to produce one great harmonious chord. The quartette was assisted by John H. Duke, tenor; Miss Julia Aldrich, violinist; Miss Carrie Munson, accompanist. Following is the program, nearly every number of which was encored:

PART ONE. Piano Solo..... I. Puritani, Leybach
Mrs. Cora Love-Jeffers.
Invocation.
Annie Laurie..... Dudley Buck
Schubert Ladies' Quartet.
Eranai Cariani..... Verdi
May Fleming Ruff.
Night in Venice..... Arditi
May Fleming Ruff, John H. Duke,
Wait, Mr. Postman..... Houseley
Mrs. Emma Alexander Carter.

PART TWO. Greeting to Spring..... Wilson
Schubert Ladies' Quartet.
Piano..... Chopin
Nocturne..... Chopin
Chinese Serenade..... Pilego
Mrs. Cora Love-Jeffers.
See the Fair Moon..... Campana
Mrs. Susie Fisher Hazel, Mrs. Emma Alexander Carter.
Angel's Serenade..... Braga
May Fleming Ruff, Violin, Miss Julia Aldrich.
"The Gypsies"..... Brahms
Mrs. Cora Love-Jeffers, May Fleming Ruff.

Last Rose of Summer..... Vogrich
Schubert Ladies' Quartet; Miss Carrie Munson, Accompanist.

Last night the revival at the A. M. E. church was closed, having been ably conducted by Rev. Fairas, of Mystic, Iowa, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Reeves.

Presiding Elder F. J. Peterson has been in the city the past few days.

Rev. J. R. Clemens, of Moline, was in the city Monday.

Miss Ruff and Mrs. Cora Love-Jeffers will give a song and piano recital in Davenport February 22.

SIoux CITY NEWS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Thomas Sturgis was on the sick list last week.

Little Irene Taylor has had the grip. Lewis White has been employed at White & Horne's shoe store, and Ernest Lindsay is at Martin's dry good store.

Henry Riding has returned from Nebraska and South Dakota, where he has been looking after real estate.

James Washington is on the jury.

Mrs. Mollie Carson is on the sick list. Charles Curtis is sick.

Mrs. Matthews is reported quite sick at this writing.

Please hand your items to the agent. Rev. Matthews gave some very good

points on kissing Sunday evening. His advice to his hearers was to kiss the Son. It is hoped our young ladies will not kiss every son they meet because it is a Son.

General class Friday evening; quarterly meeting Sunday, and love feast and quarterly conference Monday evening.

BURLINGTON BUDGET. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Another death occurred here last Tuesday night. The deceased was Mr. Moten Holden. He had only been sick for nine days. He was a well liked young man and a good citizen. He was 30 years old and leaves a wife, but no children. The funeral services were held at the A. M. E. church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday, and were conducted by Rev. Alexander.

Those on the sick list of last week are most all improving.

Mrs. Kenney is

It remains for the Indiana woman to get alimony and breach of promise damages out of the same man. Hats off!

The story that Li Hung Chang is worth \$500,000,000 is untrue. It seems the poor old man is only worth \$50,000,000 all told.

It is painful to infer from recent occurrences in New York that the supply of family skeletons belonging to the four hundred is not half exhausted.

A BROOKLYN woman who sympathized with the strikers threw a stone at a street car and hit it. If such things can be done the new woman has certainly come at last.

It is the impression in Paris that a city is well repaid for the closest attention to sanitary work. The death rate in Paris has been steadily reduced, and is now the lowest on record, less than twenty per 1,000 inhabitants.

It will be noticed that black snow falls in winter in very much the same localities in which they have rainfalls of fish in the summer. It might be possible that these strange phenomena are visible only to the inflated imagination of a sensational newspaper reporter.

A RALEIGH, N. C., paper tells some remarkable things about the late Senator Vance. It says that he often met death with grim humor, and the loss of an eye did not discourage him. A man who is not discouraged by the loss of an eye when he has met death must have been indeed a philosopher of remarkable nerve.

The mayors of New York and Brooklyn have approved Governor Morton's suggestion that a commission of eleven members be appointed by the governor and mayors to frame a charter for "Greater New York," to be submitted to the next legislature. The indications are that the consolidation will be effected within three years.

The Kansas murder case, in which the murderer was acquitted by the jury and his hypnotizer was convicted, an account of which was telegraphed over the country some weeks ago, is one of the most peculiar cases on record. One peculiar thing about it is there was not a word of truth in the story, as has since been fully established.

CYCLONES, blizzards and unusually heavy snow storms in our own country, disastrous gales in Europe and earthquakes in Asia have all marked the beginning of the year. When to these are added so many sharp and quick changes of temperature it looks as if there was an upheaval of material things as serious as it is unaccountable.

The bill which provides for the turning over of the Gettysburg battlefield to the national authorities for a national military park also appropriately provides for erecting on the grounds a bronze tablet, having on it a medallion likeness of Abraham Lincoln, and the address in full which he delivered at the dedication of the national cemetery at that place on November 19, 1863.

ACCORDING to a new ruling of the post-office department, guessing at the number of seeds in a pumpkin or grains of corn in a jar is lottery, and the transmission of such guesses through the mail is, therefore, unlawful. And yet the postal regulations permit the transmission of Prophet Hicks' guesses at the weather as though they were all first-class matter. This may not be straining at a pumpkin seed and swallowing a pumpkin, but it looks suspiciously like it.

A PROMINENT English journal, having a weekly circulation of something like seven hundred thousand, has been giving a weekly prize of twenty-one shillings (about \$5) for the most curious advertisement culled from any paper; but the management have been obliged to relinquish it, as some wise-aces discovered that they could easily invent an outrageously funny ad and insert it in a newspaper for sixpence, and then win the larger sum thereby. This is killed a laudable object.

THERE is an organization known as the National Divorce Reform league, which is working to secure better laws concerning marriage and divorce, and especially to obtain uniformity in such laws. It is understood that twenty-three states have appointed commissions on uniform legislation in relation to such matters, and an effort is making to induce other states to do likewise. There ought to be uniformity in regard to marriage and divorce laws, and the better way to secure it is through agreement among the several states rather than as some persons have proposed by the enactment of a national law.

SYMPATHY will go out to Emperor William in his imprisoning the wretch who parodied his "Song to Agri," and in the confiscation of the publication in which the parody appeared. Parody is the tribute incompetent wit pays to the works of genius. When this gentle if pungent art was degraded to trying to make out that William's music was worth parody, less majesty was righteously called into operation. The miserable bungler should be left in the stocks until he repent and apologize, not to the emperor, but to music and art.

The popular reckoning system of the moderns is the metric. To ascend and descend by tens or multiples of that number is the only satisfactory way to measure value in these days, but this was not the case with the ancients. Three was their popular multiple and this idea they carried into their religion.

A NEW YORK official cannot now accept a pass without violating the state constitution, and this clause has led to the resignation of fifty notaries throughout the state.

SELECTED HAWKEYE MENTION

A SIOUX CITY CRUSADE.

Three Hundred Women Visit the Saloons of That City. SIOUX CITY, Feb. 13.—A meeting of the west side W. C. T. U. and women who have been interested in the Ma-hood crusade and temperance meetings was held. After the meeting 300 women under the leadership of Mrs. H. C. Johnson started out to visit the saloons. They went to Aresdorf's saloon, and when one of them called out, "Show us the man who killed Haddock!" Aresdorf turned pale. They told the barkeeper to clear the room of chairs, according to law, and then read a portion of the law to him. He treated them courteously and after they had sung a few songs they went out. At Aresdorf's saloon and one other the experience was repeated. They went to Manderscheid's saloon, where they were ordered out of the room. They told the proprietor that all they wanted was the law obeyed. He ordered them out of the place and swore at them, calling them vile names, and commenced pushing them back. A bystander appealed to him to be careful and another man interposed. A policeman was appealed to protect the women and he told Manderscheid that he had a right to put the women out. Manderscheid and his son and two or three others commenced to force the women back and treated them roughly, the policeman taking no part. One woman was kicked in the stomach and several were much hurt. The women then went away, but announced their intention of resuming the crusade, however.

ROBBERS AT SIOUX CITY.

The City Again Undergoing an Epidemic of Robberies.

SIOUX CITY, Feb. 13.—A number of robberies have occurred in Sioux City of late, and the authorities believe it is owing to the lack of work and destitution among the people. Late at night two men jumped on board a street car in the suburbs of the city and robbed the motorman of \$9.40, and later James Delaney was arrested charged with being one of the robbers. The motorman who was held up recognized him and he will be prosecuted. A man living in the eastern part of the city was robbed of \$40. He was going home late at night, when two men riding in a carriage overtook him. They asked him to get in and they would take him home. They took him to a school house, where they beat him to insensibility and took the money.

DRUGGIST MULCTED.

A Drunkard's Wife Gets Five Hundred Dollars Damages.

Dows, Feb. 14.—In the court records of this county a case that has recently been decided in the district court that is probably without precedent. To say the least it is unique and may lead to others of a similar character. A Mr. Heilman, living at Eagle Grove, a drinker, was left without means of supporting his family, and so his wife took the matter in her own hands. She instituted suit against the druggist who sold her husband liquor and sought for damages. The case was heard, but resulted in the jury giving the woman a verdict of \$500.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.

Unknown Man May Have Been Murdered.

FORT DODGE, Feb. 14.—A post-mortem examination held over the remains of a man found dead in bed at the Fisher house, showed every indication of his having died from apoplexy. There are other evidences that the man was poisoned for robbery, and there promises to be some sensational evidence produced. The man was blind and partly paralyzed, and came from Sioux City to Fort Dodge and went to bed at the Fisher house. In the morning he was found dead in bed. It has been learned that he has a wife and two children and considerable property in Oklahoma. This leads the authorities to believe that there was some foul play, if he was known to have money.

GRAND ODD FELLOW GONE.

Death of Grand Secretary Garrett, at Burlington.

BURLINGTON, Feb. 15.—William Garrett, grand secretary of the grand lodge, I. O. O. F. of Iowa, is dead from Bright's disease, at his home in this city. He was born in Lexington, Ky., June 18, 1823, and came to Burlington in April, 1836, where he has since continuously resided. He ably filled the office of grand secretary for forty-three consecutive years, and was grand scribe of the grand encampment, I. O. O. F., for the past forty years. Mr. Garrett was also cashier of the Iowa State Savings bank for the last twenty-one years, and senior warden of Christ church. In former years he served as sheriff and clerk of Des Moines county.

NOT GUILTY.

Walton's Second Trial Ends in His Acquittal.

OTTUMWA, Feb. 14.—The jury in the Walton case returned a verdict of "not guilty," and Walton is now free. This was Walton's second trial for the murder of Miss Melinda Amelia Cook, of Eddyville, who died from the effects of an abortion on December 15, 1893. The first trial resulted in conviction and Walton was sentenced to ten years imprisonment.

SURFEIT OF FISH.

Crippled the Ottumwa Water Power Plant.

OTTUMWA, Feb. 11.—The Des Moines river has nearly dried up, and as a result hundreds of fish are finding their way into the pumps at the water power station. It has been necessary to stop them about every hour for the purpose of cleaning out the fish, and the climax came in the crippling of the system so badly that it was found necessary to turn out all the lights in the city. Every street is in total darkness.

ON A TECHNICALITY.

A Convict From Floyd County Granted His Liberty.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Feb. 11.—An important decision was rendered by Judge Wolfe in a habeas corpus proceeding A. F. Tranzo, sentenced on November 2, last, at Charles City to eighteen months in the Anamosa penitentiary on a conviction of larceny, sought to secure his liberty on a writ, and did so. The testimony disclosed the fact that the grand jury of Floyd county had indicted Tranzo on the charge of simple larceny, and the trial jury found him guilty without fixing a value to the property stolen. Petitioner's counsel argued that the power of a court to render judgment in a criminal case depended upon the degree of guilt of defendant, which was determined by the value of the property and that that value must be found by a jury in a larceny case such as the one at the bar; that question must be submitted, and on that value alone could the court render judgment, and that, as that value had not been fixed by the jury, the court was without jurisdiction to sentence the defendant, and hence he should be discharged. Judge Wolfe gave the convict his liberty.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

General Cyrus Bussey Seriously Hurt at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—General Cyrus Bussey, formerly colonel of the Third Iowa cavalry, was severely injured by a runaway horse attached to a hansom sleigh. The accident happened in front of the Ebbitt House. General Bussey was struck by the horse. His clothes were tangled in the harness and he was dragged several feet before falling to the ground, and as a result he has two wounds in the forehead, evidently from the shoe of the horse, but there is no fracture of the skull nor concussion of the brain. The general's condition is considered serious, but not critical.

CONDENSED ITEMS.

A bold robbery occurred at Red Oak a few nights since. Two men entered the jewelry store of L. H. Tanner, found Mr. Tanner alone. When he came forward asking what he could do for them, one of the robbers stated that he could hold up his hands, urging the request with the customary display of fire arms. Mr. Tanner treating the matter as a joke, the request was more forcibly made until it was duly honored by Mr. Tanner. The second robber filled his overcoat pockets with watches, rings, chains, etc., after which they retired in good order. Tanner followed them to the door but lost sight of them. His firing three shots in the air soon caused a crowd to collect. Two men were seen running down an adjacent alley by a neighbor, since which they seem to have been swallowed up by the earth. The loss is quite small, as only cheaper articles were taken. The visitors were evidently not jewelers.

A few days ago Revenue Collector Stackhouse, of Burlington, was subpoenaed as a witness in the district court at Mt. Airy against J. T. Merrill, accused of making illegal sales of liquor. The collector was asked to produce the records of his office and give testimony whether Merrill had paid the government tax, such payment being sufficient evidence to establish violation of the state law where the defendant had not been granted a state license to sell. Collector Stackhouse went to Mt. Airy but did not testify. He claimed that the federal statute did not permit him to take the records from his office; and he held that should he give testimony in this case it would establish a precedent and in a short time he would be doing nothing else but going from court to court in response to subpoenas to testify in liquor cases. He stated his views to Judge Tedford, of Mt. Airy, who coincided with them and excused Stackhouse from testifying.

J. K. Cumberland, the Shelby county murderer, was hanged in the penitentiary at Ft. Madison on the 9th. Cumberland hoped for a respite to the very last. He finally, however, gave up and confessed his crime, the murder of James and Jasper Robinson. He slept well and ate a hearty breakfast. He bequeathed his body to his sister, Mrs. Sarah Boomer of Lexington, Mo. The signature was written in a bold, firm hand, with no evidence of nervousness. At the last moment before leaving his cell he handed the chaplain a stub lead pencil, his only earthly possession, to be given to his little girl, who with his wife and sister, arrived in the city Thursday. Cumberland desired to have his wife admitted to the prison, but fearing it would unnerve and cause him to break down and cause a scene on the scaffold, Warden Jones declined to let them see him and he dropped into eternity without having been granted permission to look once again and through all time into her face.

For farm loans write to the Security Loan & Trust Co., Des Moines, Ia.

At Atlantic recently J. C. Yetzer was examined by a council of physicians empowered by Judge Smith to examine into Yetzer's physical condition and to report whether confinement in jail would be injurious to his health. The physicians' report was that Yetzer's health was such that confinement would not be injurious if the county jail was well ventilated. Yetzer was taken to jail after a vain attempt to secure bonds for \$7,000. Yetzer was very much affected when taken to jail, which is just across the street from his home, and where he has lived ever since the town of Atlantic was started.

Des Moines dispatch: Gov. Jackson has appointed James Wilson, professor of agriculture in the State Agricultural College and director of the government experiment station, to be a member of the joint commission of the states of Minnesota, Nebraska, the Dakotas and Iowa to meet at St. Paul Feb. 14 to devise a plan to be recommended to the several state legislatures for the extermination of the Russian thistle. J. C. Baker, of Emmetsburg, who was the populist and democratic candidate for congress last fall in the Tenth district, was also made a member of the commission.

ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS

LA GASCOGNE ARRIVES.

The Overdue French Steamer Arrives at New York. QUARANTINE STATION, Staten Island, Feb. 12.—La Gascoigne, the long overdue French steamship, limped into port last night with three red lights hanging from her mizzen mast as a signal that she was disabled. The passengers were all on deck, some of them singing and most of them cheering, as persons are wont to do when their minds are suddenly relieved of a heavy strain. For thirteen days the voyage lasting sixteen days the ship has been disabled, one of the main piston rods having broken on the third day out from Havre. For sixteen hours on the fateful third day the vessel heaved to when the break was being repaired. When the break was repaired the steamer proceeded on her way, under greatly reduced speed. When near the banks of New Foundland, La Gascoigne ran into a gale that increased to hurricane force. While off Sable Island February 2, the machinery broke down again and the steamer heaved to again, this time for forty-one hours. During all this period the engines did not make a single revolution. When the second repairs were made the steamer started ahead once more under still further reduced power, headed towards the Long Island coast. The remarkable fact is that during the entire voyage across the Atlantic, La Gascoigne did not sight a steamer until she passed one bound for Philadelphia late Sunday. Late yesterday the French steamer signalled Fire Island, and then proceeded towards the Sandy Hook light ship.

STAMPS OUT TREASON.

Hawaiian Government Maintains a Vigorous Prosecution.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—Steamship advices from Honolulu say: There are a large number of conspiracy cases yet to be tried, and the probabilities are that the court will sit for two or three weeks at least. Great interest is attached to the forthcoming trial of the ex-queen. The government claims to have more than sufficient evidence to convict her. What her punishment will be in case of conviction is hard to conjecture. She is charged with treason. There are six specifications in the charge. The military commission has brought in findings in twenty-four cases. The sentences vary much, all the way from sentence of death to imprisonment for five years, with fines. The lowest sentence for treason by the Hawaiian statute is imprisonment for five years and a fine of not less than \$5,000. The six leaders were all sentenced to be hanged. They are: Charles T. Gulick, William H. Rickard, William T. Seward, Robert W. Wilcox, Sam Nowlein, and Henry Bertelman. Sentence in the last two cases will be commuted, as both men have furnished valuable evidence for the government. Gulick was born in this country; Rickard is an Englishman; Wilcox is a Hawaiian. The only one of the four who is entitled to the protection of the United States is William T. Seward. As yet no date has been set for the executions.

EASTERN WAR.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The Standard's Berlin dispatch says: The support accorded to China by certain powers has given the emperor the idea that he will send no more envoys to Japan, but will address a note to the powers protesting against any Japanese annexation of Chinese territory and leaving the initiating of peace negotiations to the powers interested, even at the risk of the Japanese capturing Peking.

YOKAHAMA, Feb. 14.—Intelligence is received of the surrender of the Chinese forts and warships at Wei-Hai-Wei. The Japanese are in full possession.

NEW KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

Delegates Decide to Form a New Organization.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 14.—The Knights of Labor delegates decided to form an independent organization. A committee on constitution was appointed and are now at work. It is claimed that 75 per cent of the old knights will be represented in the organization.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 15.—The seceding Knights of Labor organized the Independent Knights by the election of William B. Wilson, of Blossburg, Pa., as general master workman. It is believed that the formation of the new organization will disrupt the old, as it is said there are now only 15,000 members to support the Sovereign-Hayes faction, while the newly organized order will have a membership of 45,000 members.

Significance of the Value.

"Do you know," said the Cheerful Idiot, "that it is the easiest thing in the world to tell whether a man is going out on a journey or returning by the way he carries his valise?" "I never thought of that," said the youngest boarder. "What is the difference?"

The Cheerful Idiot settled himself a little firmer in his chair and gloated for a moment before answering. "It is just this way," he went on. "When a man is going away he carries his valise toward the railway station, and when he is coming back he carries it in the other direction."

To the Point.

A young minister, unexpectedly called upon to address a Sunday school, asked to gain time: "Children, what shall I speak about?" A little girl on the front seat, who had herself committed to memory several declamations, held up her hand and in a shrill voice inquired: "What do you know?"

Saddle the Horse.

Judge—I understand the plaintiff is suing for a horse. Attorney—Yes, your honor, but there seems to be a hitch about the evidence. Judge—Well, you can't saddle the responsibility on the court.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

MISSOURI.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 11.—The senate has passed a bill imposing a state license tax of \$1,000 annually on dealers in cigarette paper, and empowering the levy of a similar tax. The house adopted a bill prohibiting all pool selling and book-making.

CALIFORNIA.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 13.—The attempt to kill the woman suffrage bill in the senate was defeated. 48 to 23.

ARIZONA.

PHOENIX, Feb. 13.—The house passed, by a two-thirds vote, the bill granting woman suffrage.

NORTH DAKOTA.

BISMARCK, Feb. 14.—By a vote of 35 to 28, after a long parliamentary struggle, the question of resubmission of the prohibitory amendment was defeated in the house.

THE UNITED MINE WORKERS.

A District Organizer of the A. R. U. Says John McBride Gave Him a Rib.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 15.—At a meeting of the United Mine Workers of America, Mark Wild, a district organizer of the American Railway Union, under Debs, stated that when the American Railway Union last summer was attempting to stop the running of trains on the Hooking Valley road, the mine workers, gave him \$600 in due settlement of the strike on that road. McBride says he gave Wild the money as a charitable donation from the coal operators, the strike having been previously overcome by the railroad company. He declared none of it came from the railroad. A committee has been appointed to investigate.

TERRIBLE FIRE.

Three Killed, Two Missing and Ten Injured.

LYNN, Mass., Feb. 15.—Fire in the basement of the three-story wooden building occupied by W. Henry Hutchinson, hardware, spread to the adjoining property, entailing a loss of \$100,000. Three men were killed, ten injured and two missing, supposed to be buried in the ruins.

CRIME CONFESSED.

The "Q" Train Robber, Bateman, Sentenced.

OTTUMWA, Feb. 14.—Bateman, the express robber, has confessed to the robbing of the Burlington train on January 12, and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

BILL COOK SENTENCED.

He Gets Forty-five Years in the Penitentiary.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Feb. 14.—Bill Cook, the outlaw, has been sentenced in the United States court to forty-five years in the penitentiary at Albany, N. Y.

BREVITIES.

It is said Mexico and Guatemala have settled their dispute.

State Senator Baldwin died at his home in Cascade on the 9th.

John R. Tanner, chairman of the Illinois republican state central committee has thrown down the gage of battle to Mayor Hopkins, of Chicago, at last in the suit the mayor brought against him just before the last election for defamation of character in connection with a circular issued by the republican committee, the particulars of which will be remembered by readers. In a reply filed by Tanner he sets forth the definite charge that on October 31st the mayor through the police collected from one Lizzie Manning \$5, in consideration of the payment of which she was allowed to maintain a certain place which was run in violation of the statutes of Illinois and ordinances of the city of Chicago. This declaration is repeated ninety-eight times, and to each declaration is appended the name of some person from whom it is alleged the mayor, through the police, received a certain sum of money.

Following are the provisions of the bill reported upon favorably a few days ago to the senate by the finance committee, and which action was authorized by a vote of 6 to 5: "That from and after the passage of this act the treasury is hereby authorized and directed to receive at any United States mints from any citizens of the United States silver bullion of standard fineness and coin the same into silver dollars of 41 2/3 grains each. The seigniorage on the said bullion shall belong to the United States and shall be the difference between the coinage value thereof and the market price of the bullion in New York on the day the deposit is made and all expenditures for coinage done and the provisions of this act shall be paid out of said seigniorage, and the secretary of the treasury shall deliver to the depositors of such bullion standard silver dollars equal in amount to the price thereof as offered and whenever the said coins herein provided for shall be received into the treasury. Certificates may be issued thereon in the manner now provided by law."

Another bond issue has been agreed to by Secretary Carlisle unless congress acts in ten days. It will amount to \$62,400,000, or 3,500,000 ounces of gold. This amount, it is thought, will again place the gold reserve in excess of \$100,000,000.

The Blackwell overland mail coach was held up and robbed by two outlaws named Johnson and Stratton near Newkirk, O. T., recently. A posse gave chase, coming up with the robbers in an hour. Johnson was killed and Stratton surrendered and was jailed. It is not known how much booty was secured.

MEXICO AND GUATEMALA.

War Between the Two Countries May Be Finally Averted.

CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 9.—The secretary for foreign affairs officially denies the statement that Guatemala has acceded to Mexico's demands, but added: "We are still hopeful that war may be finally averted." It looks as if the government officials were trying to keep the news connected with the Guatemalan embargo from the newspapers as well as correspondents of outside papers. In spite of the government's efforts, however, the war talk does not diminish.

CONGRESS.

SENATE—Washington, Feb. 8.—Senate passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the relief of the poor of Washington. A message was read from the president regarding the issuance of more bonds. A message was also presented regarding affairs in Hawaii. After a short debate the senate adjourned.

HOUSE—In the house the president's message in regard to issuing more bonds was read and referred. Also one on Hawaiian affairs, and soon after the house adjourned.

SENATE—Washington, Feb. 9.—Amendment to diplomatic and consular appropriation bill providing for a cable to the Hawaiian islands was agreed to and later the bill passed.

HOUSE—Legislative appropriation bill was considered in committee of the whole. A joint resolution was passed to extend the time for making the income tax returns to April 15.

SENATE—Washington, Feb. 11.—A special message transmitting information requested regarding seal industry was received from the president. Postoffice appropriation bill came up and was considered without action.

HOUSE—Senate amendments to Chicago postal bill were agreed to. Legislative appropriation bill was considered but no action reached. Bill passed providing for coinage at the Denver branch mint.

SENATE—Washington, Feb. 12.—Jones, of Arkansas, reported the bill adopted by the finance committee for the unlimited coinage of silver. Calendar. Postoffice appropriation bill was under consideration part of the day. Alabama alleged election frauds occupied a portion of the time.

HOUSE—Among bills passed was one donating cannon to Des Moines. House proceeded to consideration of legislative appropriation bill, which was finally passed.

SENATE—Washington, Feb. 13.—A financial bill on the line of the president's last message was presented by Vilas. It authorizes the issue of \$6,000,000 of thirty year 3 per cent gold bonds to redeem legal tender. Resolution for extending time for making returns on the income tax to April 15 passed. Postoffice appropriation bill was considered, but no action reached.

HOUSE—District of Columbia business occupied the day. Wilson, from the committee on ways and means, reported a resolution authorizing the secretary of the treasury to issue at not less than par in gold coin three per cent thirty year gold bonds to an amount not exceeding \$30,116,375, no part of the proceeds of their sale nor of the notes redeemed with such proceeds to be available for the current expenses of the government.

SENATE—Washington, Feb. 14.—The postal appropriation bill came up and was considered, but was not concluded. A favorable report was made by the special committee allowing \$115,000 to the widows and children of those killed in Ford's theater disaster.

HOUSE—The third attempt of the administration at this session to secure legislation looking to the relief of the treasury failed to-day. After the report of the committee on rules providing for consideration of the bond resolution and a vote at 3 p. m., the resolution was heatedly debated. It was the purpose of Reed and the eastern republicans to pass it to third reading and then recommit with instructions to report Reed's substitute, but the western republicans and 98 democrats voted against the third reading and defeated it. The analysis of the vote shows that 89 democrats and 31 republicans (120 in all) voted in favor of the resolution, and 98 democrats, 62 republicans and 7 populists (167 in all) against.

A SURVIVOR'S STATEMENT.

An Officer of the Ill-Fated Elbe Charged With Murder.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 15.—C. A. Hoffman, the Grand Island, Neb., survivor of the Elbe, makes public a sensational sworn statement by Eugene Schlegel, another survivor, that on the day of the shipwreck he saw a uniformed officer of the steamship take Hoffman's son from a lifeboat in which the boy had been placed by his father. The boy was placed on the deck of the vessel and went down with it. He believes this officer was A. Neussel, chief engineer of the steamer, one of the sixteen sailors to escape. Schlegel charges Neussel with having murdered the boy. Asked whether he intended to bring suit for damages against the North German Lloyd company, Hoffman said he could not decide until he had seen his attorney.

IOWA PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

DES MOINES, Feb. 11, 1895.—Models belonging to abandoned applications, and applications finally disposed of in the United States patent office, if not claimed and removed by the owners, will be sold by the commissioner at public auction on March 26, 1895. Under present rules of practice a model will not be received at Washington unless the inventor himself cannot be clearly illustrated, explained and understood by means of drawings thereof. A. H. Spurr, of Creston, Iowa, has received an Iowa patent (certificate) for the registration of the words "Spurr's Sodium for Pyro Developer." Forms of advertisements, labels and trade marks may be thus protected in Iowa, pursuant to Iowa law.

Six United States patents were issued to Iowa inventors last week. Printed copies of the drawings and specifications of any one patent sent to any address for 25 cents. Valuable information for inventors free.

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BROOKLYN STRIKE.

A Conference Results in the Strike Being Declared Off.

BROOKLYN, Feb. 14.—As a result of a conference between President Lewis and the directors of the Brooklyn City Railroad and ex-Assemblyman John Graham and Police Justice Tigne, the trolley strike begun January 14 has been called off. The men withdrew all their demands except that the strikers be returned to their old places. President Lewis promises to take the men back, but no new men will be discharged to make room for them.

Chattanooga Tragedy.

CHATTANOOGA, Feb. 14.—Robert E. Craig, trustee of Hamilton county, shot and killed A. M. Womble in the corridor of the Russell House. Womble had been in Craig's employ as deputy, but was removed in December. The men never had a quarrel, and the cause of the trouble is not as yet clear. Womble, in an ante-mortem statement, said that Craig invited him to his room and shot him from behind. Both men are prominent. Craig was slightly injured in the fight, and is being guarded in his room.

A Study of Skulls.

The New York Girl—Lord Dunley, did you ever hear the joke about the museum keeper who had two skulls of St. Paul—one when he was a boy and the other when he was a man?

The Englishman—No; what is it?

Like a Slave.

The chief function of the kidneys is to separate from the blood, in its passage through them, of certain impurities and watery particles which make their final exit through the bladder. The retention of these, in consequence of inactivity of the kidneys, is productive of Bright's disease, dropsy, diabetes, albuminuria and other maladies with a fatal tendency. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a highly sanctioned diuretic and blood depurative, impels the kidneys when inactive to remove their sitting function, and strain from the vital current impurities which infect it and threaten their own existence as organs of the body. Cleansing of the blood, and retention of the urine are also maladies arrested or averted by this benign promoter and restorative of organic action. Malicious rheumatism, constipation, biliousness and dyspepsia also yield to the Bitters, which is also speedily beneficial to the weak and nervous.

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A FOOTBALL HERO



It was a great cross to Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett that Roger was apparently quite devoid of ambition. Their two elder boys were so utterly different. Fred had been graduated from Yale with highest honors, and Horace was making remarkable progress at the scientific school in fact, they were both expected to do the contrast all the more striking.

For Roger was remarkably unlike his brothers. He seemed to labor under the impression that he had been sent to college simply and solely for the purpose of learning to play football. Apparently nothing else had power to kindle the slightest enthusiasm in his sluggish breast, and his father and mother argued and expostulated with him in vain.

"Is there any prospective benefit to be derived from these hours spent in scribbling after a football?" his father questioned, severely; to which Roger merely responded in his usual off-hand style, "who knows but I may be elected captain of the varsity team next year?"

"Is that the height of your ambition?" his parent returned bitterly. "I am terribly disappointed in you, sir. I had hoped to make a professional man of you, not a professional athlete, and had even aspired to seeing you some day in our leading law office with my old friend, Wilkinson Smalley, but it's no use. Smalley wants only young men of the highest promise," and Mr. Bartlett sighed wearily.

"It does no good to talk to Roger," he confided to his wife afterward, for hardly ten minutes had elapsed after I had been remonstrating with him about the evils of football before he inquired if I wouldn't bring you down to see the game on Saturday, and informed me that he had saved two tickets for us."

Mrs. Bartlett regarded her husband helplessly. "What did you say to him then?" she queried.

"I told him certainly not," Mr. Bartlett exclaimed, "and I expressed my surprise at his daring to suggest such a thing. Show me some lasting benefit, or any abiding good, that is to be derived from this ridiculous game, I told him, and then come to me to abet you in such folly, but not till then."

And so Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett failed to witness that memorable game in which their youngest son, gained for himself such enviable laurels. Once again the great game over, the victorious team hastened back to their gymnasium with all possible speed; they had some little distance to go, as the gymnasium was not very near the ball grounds, so that in order to reach it they were obliged to traverse the center of the town and cross the railroad tracks.

Roger, who had been detained a moment or so longer than the others, reached the station a short time after they had crossed, and found the platforms crowded with people who were returning from the game, mingled with those who were alighting from incoming trains. As he stepped upon the platform he became conscious that something unusual was going on, and he immediately perceived that the eyes of the multitude were riveted upon a figure half-way across the tracks, a figure pausing there in bewilderment.

"There's a train coming each way," somebody gasped; "why doesn't he get off the track?"

The station agent and one or two other officials were shouting loudly, but the man, who was old and very deaf, appeared thoroughly dazed. As he was prepared to step on the track nearest him he had caught sight of one train coming down upon him, and he now staggered back and was about to plunge in front of the other downcoming express, when suddenly something very unexpected happened.

As the crowd of bystanders shrank back with horror-stricken faces, convinced that they were about to witness the horrible fate which must instantly overtake the old man, a figure in a much-beaked canvas jacket sprang out from among them, and clearing the tracks at a bound alighted beside the swaying form of the other.

figure in front of either approaching engine. In an instant he had tackled the man and thrown him flat upon the ground between the tracks, for all the world quite as if he had been an opponent on the football field; then he dropped lightly on top of him and lay there motionless, while the two trains thundered past on each side of them, and the crowd stood waiting spell-bound.

In much less time than it takes to describe the episode it was over, and what might have been a tragedy had proved to be only a bit of melodrama after all; yet as Roger jumped up and pulled the old man on to his feet, applause and cheers louder than any that had greeted him on the football field rang in his ears.

Abashed and quite overwhelmed by such an ovation Roger made haste to elbow his way through the crowd, and in so doing nearly overthrew his own brother Fred, who happened to be standing directly in his path.

"For heaven's sake was that you, Roger?" he cried, confronting him in astonishment.

"Do let me get out of this," his brother responded impatiently, "they needn't make such a fuss because I knocked the old duffer over, and he bolted in the direction of the gymnasium."

Saturday nights generally brought the scattered members of the Bartlett family together, as the collegians always made a point of coming home to spend Sunday under the parental roof-tree.

On this particular Saturday evening all were assembled before Roger came in. Fred was all agog to describe the scene that he had witnessed, but he unselfishly held his tongue. "I'll not spoil his story for him, but will give him a chance to do justice to it," he mentally ejaculated, as he watched his brother swallowing his soup with untroubled composure.

But Roger said nothing upon the vital subject, and Fred looked at him with increasing surprise as he judicially set forth the respective merits of the opposing football teams, and called attention to their most vulnerable points.

"I'll turn in early to-night, I think," he yawned, as he withdrew from the dining room. "I put pretty solid work into the last half of that game," and he leisurely wended his way upstairs.

"I wish that Roger would put a little solid work into something else," his father volunteered, as he disappeared from the room.

At this, Fred, who had in times past repeatedly scoffed at his brother's athletic proclivities, instantly fared up.

"Father," he burst forth, "you're making a big mistake about Roger. He's got more genuine stuff in him than all the rest of us put together, and if it's football that's done it, the sooner that we all go in for the game the better," and then he proceeded to give a graphic account of the afternoon's experience, which caused his father to blow his nose loudly and repeatedly, while his eyes glistened with happy pride, and sent his mother weeping in search of the sleepy athlete, who couldn't understand what he had done that was worth making such a fuss about.

A few days later Mr. Bartlett received a note from his old friend, Wilkinson Smalley, which ran somewhat as follows:

DEAR BARTLETT—I hear that your Roger is going in for the law and if so I wish him. When he gets through with the law school you can hand him over to me for he is just the material that I'm on the lookout for, and you may rest assured that I'll take care of him.

THE WILL OF GOD.

So Henry Watterson Speaks of the Death of Abraham Lincoln.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—In his address at the celebration by the National Union of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, Henry Watterson said: "In the preceding conversation (between President Lincoln and the confederate generals, Stevens, Campbell and Hunter) Mr. Lincoln had intimated that payment for the slaves was not outside a possible agreement for reunion and peace. He based that statement upon a proposal he already had in hand to appropriate \$400,000,000 to this purpose. I am not going to tell any tales out of school. I am not here for controversy. But when we are dead and gone, the private memorabilia of those who really knew what terms were offered the confederacy—within ninety days of its total collapse—will show that in the individual judgment of all of them the wisdom of the situation said accept. And why were they not accepted? It was the will of God that there should be, as God's own prophet had promised, a new birth of freedom, and this could only be reached by the complete obliteration and extinction of the very idea of slavery. God struck Lincoln down in the moment of his triumph to attain it; God blighted the south to attain it. But he did attain it and here we are this night to attest it. God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. But let no southern man point his finger at me because I canonize Abraham Lincoln, for he was the only friend we had when friends were most in need."

A VISION OF HEAVEN.

That is What a Party of Woodchoppers Say They Saw.

MONT RIGA, Conn., Feb. 14.—Woodchoppers living on the mountains were treated to a wonderful mirage at an early morning hour. It showed to the most minute detail a land far more beautiful than this earth. The sight lasted a few moments and then vanished. Stretching from east to west was a land of many colors. It seemed to those who gazed on it in spellbound admiration that heaven had opened its doors. A city whose streets were like gold was plainly depicted. Strange buildings were also dimly defined. Here and there were seen little white-winged angels floating about. Thrones of white material were also discovered. It seemed as though strange music could be heard. The on-lookers were so enraptured that they sank down in the snow upon their knees and stretched forth their hands. Suddenly the streets seemed changed into fire, while back and forth across a fiery mist strange beings floated. This lasted only an instant. Then this sight changed and for the last time the golden streets appeared.

STATE TREASURY SHORTAGE.

Heavy Claims Filed Against the Ramsey Estate.

CARLYLE, Ill., Feb. 14.—When Rufus Ramsey, who died suddenly two months ago, went into the state treasury two years ago he thought he was the richest man in southern Illinois. Within a week over half a million dollars in claims have been filed against the estate. The most startling is that of five Chicago bankers, his sureties as state treasurer. When Henry Wulff succeeded the dead man as state treasurer he found a shortage of \$363,540. The bondsmen have so far suppressed the fact in the hope of reimbursing themselves out of the dead man's estate. Now F. M. Blount and Carl Moll, cashiers of two Chicago National banks, have filed in the county court claims for the full amount of the shortage. In the claims filed it is specifically alleged that the shortage is of the amount named; that the bondsmen made it good, and that the claim is filed for the reimbursement of the bondsmen.

DEBS' TRIAL POSTPONED.

Until the First Monday in May on Account of a Juror's Illness.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 13.—Judge Grossman has postponed the Debs trial until the first Monday in May on account of the serious illness of Juror Coe. He discharged the jury and will summon a new one when the hearing is resumed.

Back with Rich Trophies.

Last spring we made notice in these columns that Mr. Henry A. Salzer of the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., America's leading seed grower and merchant, was in Europe in search of rare seeds and novelties for the American farmer and citizen. Judging from their new catalogue, his trip was an eminently successful one. It is bristling with novelties of especial merit we name the Bismarck apple, bearing the second year; the Giant Flowering Star Pheox, the German coffee berry, and for the farmer, the Victoria rape, Germanica, Vetch, the Lathyrus silvestris, the Giant Spurry and Giant Incarnate clover, Sealine, and dozens of other rare things. This wide-awake firm is in the van, and their catalogue, which is sent for a postage, would be cheap at \$1.00 per copy.

WILL OF GOD.

Half a dozen churches in New York bear upon their spires or weather vanes the figure of a cock, though doubtless without any intent on the part of the builders to preserve an ancient superstition. As an inn sign the cock goes back to days before the Christian era, but the bird became invested with a sort of sacredness among Christians after he had announced the apostasy of Peter. One legend has it that Christ was born at cock-crow, and the bird was invested in the middle ages with a superstitious halo of sacredness.—New York Sun.

Josephine's Watch.

A New York collector owns a Louis XIV watch that is said to have once belonged to the Empress Josephine. While she lived at Malmalson she presented it to Abbe Blanchard, and he in turn gave it to his niece, Marie Feotig of Strassburg. This watch, which was purchased at the Feotig sale in Strassburg in 1879, occupies the center of a black enamel and gold cross and is decorated with the figure of a kneeling angel and heads of saints.

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