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Remittances must accompany these orders. Miss Ida B. Wells is in Denver and is being greeted by large audiences.

Let no man be called a leader who does not do right, no matter what his profession or calling.

The New Orleans and the Denver riots are condemned by all men who believe in the supremacy of the law.

Henry Vanness, a Negro, has been conductor on the Rockville, Conn., branch of the New York and New England railroad for seventeen years.

Let every one do all they can for the amelioration of the condition of unfortunate people of all races. There is no need of asking the question "who are our leaders?"

A Republican club is being formed in Atlanta, Ga., of men who were formerly Democrats, and some who have held offices by the suffrages of the Democrats of that state.

There are no separate schools in that city. She is competent and there can be no opposition to her being made a permanent teacher in the schools except that of color.

Thornton Parker, a Negro, was tried at Winchester, Va., on the 15th inst. A squad of militia was placed around the prisoner in the court room.

The trial lasted five hours and the jury found him guilty of "attempted" rape in forty minutes and the judge at once sentenced him to be hanged April 9.

George Die, a bachelor, died in Egbert county, Georgia, two years ago, leaving an estate of \$125,000 to seven illegitimate Negro children.

A big contest followed, and the trial of the case ended in a decision in favor of the Negro legatees. There could be many more suits instituted on the same ground with reasonable show of success.

The grand jury in session at New Orleans have found indictments against thirty-five of the participants in the disgraceful riot which occurred in that city last week.

We hope that every guilty man will be punished. The mayor and the governor should not be forgotten for their crime of omission to perform the duties which they took oath to perform.

Some members of the A. P. A. in Michigan have been exposed in their attempts to "work candidates for all there was in it."

Their "florence" was for sale. It will be well for the Negroes of Iowa to see that the self-styled leaders do not injure them by such methods.

The Negroes of Ottumwa are to be commended for the bold stand they took in repulsing an adventurer.

Geo. E. Taylor is using the columns of his paper to push his candidacy for city clerk of Oskaloosa.

He had not one word to say last fall in favor of the six Negro candidates for offices in Mahaska county until after election, and when they had been elected by handsome majorities without his assistance.

He is for Taylor first and last and all the time, and Taylor only. An exchange says: There are two colored Roman Catholic priests in the United States.

They are Rev. Augustus Tolton, pastor of St. Monica's church, Chicago, and Rev. Charles R. Uncles, professor of Epiphany College, Baltimore.

There are twenty-eight priests in the United States, engaged exclusively in work for colored people. It is said there are 200,000 colored Catholics in the United States.

The Roman Catholics are making strenuous efforts to convert colored people. A Negro Methodist Conference in session at Richmond, Va., refused to pass a resolution to hold a memorial service in honor of Frederick Douglass.

It is to be regretted that this conference is composed of such small and narrow minded men. The public and private life of Frederick Douglass was above reproach which cannot be said truthful of all ministers and his whole life is an example that they could follow with profit.

His life was one of deeds, not words alone and the small amount of money he acquired during a long life was not extorted from the hand of the old and feeble, nor those who had all they could do to support themselves and their dependents.

A bishop is very seldom a poor man when he dies. That conference, like any other, would have honored itself by holding a memorial meeting for Frederick Douglass.

Harriet Talley, a Negro woman, was lynched in Tennessee near Petersburg, on "suspicion of being guilty of incendiarism."

The next case we will probably hear of will read that a Negro has been lynched "on suspicion that he was thinking of committing incendiarism or rape."

The American people will find sooner or later that they have dallied with this growing evil too long. It is spreading into every state in the Union.

It effects all laws and brings them into contempt. The Nation dallied and compromised the question of slavery. We all know at what enormous cost the evil was finally crushed.

We believe it is better to reconstruct than to reconstruct. Do what is right at the beginning and the occupation of the reformer will be gone. Justice may cry in a feeble voice, but it will never die, and will cry in tones of thunder some day if her appeals are not answered.

The all-absorbing question in the State of South Carolina is "how can we disfranchise the Negro?" The registration law does not fill the bill.

Educational qualification leave the white and black vote of the state about equal and this plan has been dropped as not feasible.

There will soon be held a constitutional convention in that state for the sole and only purpose of disfranchising the Negroes.

The leading speakers talking it before large meetings and the newspapers publish it to the world.

White men of all classes are to be allowed to vote and the Negroes must be suppressed. Ex-Congressman George W. Murray and others have taken an interest in behalf of the Negroes and asked Governor Evans to call an extra session of the legislature.

He has taken the question under advisement. The registration law will undoubtedly be brought before the Federal court.

White supremacy in the South depends on keeping the Negro in ignorance.

The Terre Haute (Ind.) literary club has been started by a paper from the Rev. Dr. Hickman, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

who presented a long array of arguments in favor of solving the Negro problem in the south by amalgamation of the two races.

Dr. Hickman stated that he presented the argument for what it was worth.

Born a Virginian, and himself a slaveholder at the breaking out of the war, the idea was naturally repulsive to him.

but he expressed the conviction that, despite our prejudices, the problem is destined to be solved in just this way.

and he contended that mixed races have in the past produced the strongest people.

He laid down, as a fundamental principle, this: "A mixed race in competition with a pure race, other conditions being equal, will be the intellectual and physical superiors."

There is no natural repulsion between the races. White and colored children play together with perfect freedom.

The repulsion, he thinks, comes later by education and surroundings. It is due, he contends, largely to former conditions of servitude of the Negro and, he thinks, is not found in Europe.

The Negro has many traits which in amalgamation improves the white man.

We are in receipt of a copy of the New Orleans Times and suppose we are indebted to A. O. Smith for the favor.

It gives the full details of the riot and condemns the inactivity of the mayor and the governor.

In an editorial it directly charges the governor and mayor with failure to do their sworn duty.

The mayor was in full sympathy with the rioters and has but recently escaped from an impeachment trial.

It takes more courage to speak as in the case of Al Todd, who was taken away from this city two weeks ago by Wm. Clark without the proper papers and taken to Unionville, Mo., and shot down like a dog without trial, judge or jury.

The law is plain in this case and we hope the state will do its duty to bring his murderers to justice.

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OUR FRIENDS WRITE LETTERS

OTTUMWA NEWS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Mrs. W. H. Mason went to Albia last week to see her daughter who was very ill. She returned home Monday.

She reports her daughter much improved. The grab-sack social at the Second Baptist church Tuesday evening given by the juveniles was fairly attended and a very good time was enjoyed.

Mr. Harry Owens is reported on the sick list this week. Charles Mason, of Albia, was in the city last week the guest of his sister, Stella Mason.

He returned home Saturday. George Wagner is on the sick list this week. Mr. W. F. Watts attended the executive board meeting of the Baptist Association which met at Colfax last week.

returned home Saturday. The Stewardess of the A. M. E. church gave a very interesting social Tuesday evening, which was well attended.

All had a good time. Little Lloyd Young has been on the sick list for several days, but at this writing is much improved.

The Douglas memorial services have been postponed for an indefinite date as it could not get a hearing last Friday night.

However, it will be held before long. Mrs. Frank Alexander, who has been sick for some time is convalescing and is expected to be able to get on from work this week on account of the grip.

Columbus Good met with quite a misfortune last week while working at the packing house.

He jumped onto a plank which was across one of the vats, it broke with him and let him down into the vat which was but a moment before full of boiling water and grease.

One of his feet was badly burned. Had it not happened that it was just emptied he would have been scalded to death. He is much improved at this writing.

Robert E. Crump, of Hedrick, was in the city Sunday, the guest of Miss Eva Harris. While the state of Iowa does not seem to endorse lynching and mobbing, African Americans, it has suffered.

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J. Bell closed his shop in Colfax and by the urgent request of his friends at Freemont, Neb., his former place of business, started for that place Monday.

Mr. Bell's kind and merry disposition has won the esteem of all in our city and his departure is deeply regretted.

The concert given by Miss Emma Mays was a grand success. The concert was largely attended.

The zeal and talent displayed by the little people placed many honors upon their names. An interesting feature of the concert was the choice and well rendered songs by the quartet.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller gave a dinner Friday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Bell. The guests invited were: Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Waldon.

Miss Lettie Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Bell spent a social evening at the home of Mrs. Moore last week.

Mr. C. T. Lucas and daughter, Lena, went to Grinnell Friday to visit her brother, J. B. Lucas.

BURLINGTON BUDGET. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Mr. Morris, one of our well known citizens, had quite a bad streak of luck last Saturday.

His house caught fire about 3 p. m., but as luck would have it, they saved (as it is reported) everything but the parlor carpet and a few pic and ornaments.

Rev. Alexander left for Iowa City Monday, to preach the funeral services of the pastor's wife of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross are on the sick list this week. It was quite astonishing, but while Mrs. Rebecca Brooks and Rev. J. W. Brown were talking of olden times this week, they discovered they were kindred.

Mrs. Brook being his aunt. Grace Johnson is slightly improving. Rev. Washington returned to his home Tuesday, being so sick he was unable to preach.

Mr. Harvey Earley's son, Raymond, has been suffering with a bad cold the past week; also the grand-child of Mrs. Millie Simmons.

Mr. Bert Johnson is expected to leave our city soon. It is rumored that he will leave Sunday for Galesburg, Ill.

Miss Ada Clarkwright, who has been suffering with the grip for the past three weeks, is able to be out again.

The Methodist church closed their series of meetings last Thursday night, March 14th.

The first steam boat up this season, was the Matt E. Allen, which passed through here about 8:15 last Monday night, March 18.

CECIL RAPIDS NOTES. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Every one is preparing for Easter. Quite a number of friends gathered at the parsonage last Friday night and completely surprised Rev. H. Wade and wife.

They left an abundance of groceries. Rev. Wade who has been suffering with the grip is able to be out again.

Quite a number of ladies met at the parsonage last Monday afternoon to organize a circle known as the Ladies Industrial society.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. M. F. Lowery; vice president, Mattie Price; secretary, Mattie Wade; treasurer, Laura Martin; committee on constitution, Mesdames Mattie Wade, Wm. Davis and M. F. Lowery.

The chorus which was organized to furnish music for the Easter services at the A. M. E. church, met at the parsonage for rehearsal Tuesday night.

There are twenty in number. Mr. Henry Martin is able to be around again, after a week's illness.

Mrs. Scott Davis, of Davenport, was the guest of Mrs. L. H. Davis, of 194 Ninth avenue, last week.

The A. M. E. church is in a prosperous condition. The attendance increases rapidly.

Little Byron Wade is suffering with a severe cold. The Bible reading under the auspices of the Missionary society of the A. M. E. church meets Friday night at the parsonage 223, South Seventh street.

The Stewardess of the A. M. E. church will give a "Hard Time" social at the church on the 28th inst. Every one attending is to dress accordingly. Subscribe for the BYSTANDER.

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

Miss Irene McNeal has been on the sick list, but at this writing is much better.

Mrs. Sarah Bush left Saturday for a visit in Iowa Falls.

B. Walker of Muchakinoak, was a Sunday visitor.

Mrs. George Jones, who has been quite ill, is improving.

The A. M. E. Ladies Sewing Circle met last week at the home of Mrs. C. G. Lee.

After the regular business was over an excellent lunch was served. The Circle then adjourned to meet with Mrs. Marshall next Thursday afternoon.

The A. M. E. church will hold their quarterly meeting Sunday March 31st. The masquerade festival at Seewers' hall Tuesday evening was fairly attended, and a very good time was had.

CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. "Character is what God and angels know of us, and reputation is what men and women think of us."

A person may have a good character and a bad reputation, or a good reputation and a bad character.

The reason of this is, that we form our opinion of people from what they appear to be, and not what they really are.

Some people appear to be much better than they are, while others are better than they appear to be.

Most people are more anxious about their reputation than they are about their character.

This is not the right kind of a motive to have; while every person endeavors to maintain a good reputation, he should especially labor to possess a good character.

Our happiness depends not so much on what is thought of us, as what we really are within ourselves.

Persons of good character are generally persons of good reputation, but this is not always the case, as the motives and actions of people are often misrepresented.

But it is very important, above all things, that is to be right and do right, for right's sake if nothing else, whether our motives or actions are properly appreciated or not.

The influences which operate in the formation of character are numerous. The most powerful forces in nature are those which operate silently and imperceptibly.

This is true of those moral forces which exert the greatest influence on our minds.

We are very apt to imitate our daily associates and form their habits, by repetition, they acquire strength and become rooted in the mind.

There are few people who can avoid imitating those with whom they associate. The models which are placed before us every day, tend to form our character and shape our life.

Habit results from the repetition of this same act, until we become so accustomed to it that it requires no mental effort and perhaps never attracts our attention.

Character is everything. It is not the money that you earn that makes you rich, but what you save, and not what you do that makes people love and respect you, but just what you really are.

CLARA A. SMITH. BERLIN A SLUMLESS CITY. Streets Asphalted and Kept Clean Even in the Poorest Quarters.

A foreigner coming to Berlin will be impressed almost at once by the excellent streets, and further on the excellent manner in which they are taken care of.

Almost everywhere they are asphalted, even where they are narrow, and not only in the middle of the city, but far out into the suburbs.

This work has been done in the most substantial manner. This department of city affairs is entrusted to skillful officers, who perform their duty according to the latest scientific principles.

In the center of the city a large tract of street is now being torn up for new horsecar tracks, and it is an instructive sight to see the fine scale upon which the work is done.

The foundation is at least a foot in depth of the hardest possible mixture of small stones and cement. Upon this, by means of monstrous rollers and other machinery, is placed the asphalt, which is not more than half an inch in thickness, but which, on account of the strong subwork, wears like the everlasting rock.

It seldom needs repair, says the Philadelphia Telegraph, it does not run away in hot weather, and does not rut under the heaviest kind of traffic. This adds materially, of course, to the beauty of Berlin, and facilitates the work of cleansing the streets.

Another department of municipal administration which is attended to in the most effective manner, cleansers in uniform are constantly at work in all parts of the city, who with broom and brush heap up the refuse before the curbs, to be hauled off to the city farms during the night.

At intervals each day water carts are driven over the streets, and boys follow after with squeegees, which they propel by long handles, washing every particle of filth away.

COLLEGE FOOT BALL.

Harvard May Not Be Represented Next Year.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 21.—The Harvard faculty has again taken a firm stand against inter-collegiate foot ball contests, and it looks doubtful if the crimson will be represented by an eleven on the gridiron next fall.

The motion adopted is worded as follows: "The faculty, having received and considered a communication from the committee on the regulation of athletic sports, remain of the opinion that no students under their charge should be permitted to take part in inter-collegiate foot-ball contests."

Another meeting of the faculty will be held August 3, when final and decisive action on the question is anticipated. The students emphatically condemn this action.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Much Loss of Life and Property in Germany.

COLOGNE, March 23.—At Salmouth, in the district of Dusseldorf, the cargo of the ship Elizabeth, consisting of 20,000 kilos of dynamite, while being unloaded, exploded, killing thirteen people and doing a terrible amount of damage.

The force of the explosion was felt for miles, and at first was believed to be an earthquake. Several houses collapsed at Kecken and other villages, and doors and windows were shattered within a large area.

POLICE CORRUPTION.

Large Number of Arrests on the New York Force.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Twenty indictments, ten of which are for members and ex-members of the police force, have been returned by the extraordinary grand jury.

One inspector, six captains and three wardens are concerned. All were arrested and gave bond.

JURY DISAGREED.

Train Wrecker Charged With Murdering Eleven People.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 22.—The jury in the case of George Davis, a negro charged with murder on the accusation of wrecking a Rock Island express train last summer, resulting in



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PEOPLE who knew anything, said it was a low-down thing when a low-down man married a girl like Laura. Laura Catesford, who had a few friends who would have to take care of them for the rest of their lives. According to public opinion, Laura was a giddy, idle, fun-loving girl, who knew nothing of taking care of a house, or a husband either; and Harlow—well, he hadn't witted enough to earn his salt, much less porridge for two. Pretty housekeeping there would be with such a pair at the head!

Besides Laura was a spendthrift, just as her father had been before her. Look how she had squandered the little he had left, in fine gowns to get married in, instead of investing it in something useful, or putting it out at interest. And then the dear public washed its hands of the young couple altogether, and took up something else for charitable comment.

Laura and Harlow Graham furnished up a little cottage and went to housekeeping. Their wedding presents made a very pretty show in the little parlor and the bride's room, but the bride had no inclination to blame anyone. They had agreed to picnic through life, and a picnic it was. Besides, he made errors in the counting-room where he was employed that nearly cost him his situation, and they were both learning. Laura set before him one day a plate of biscuits.

"Made them all out of my own head, and had enough wood left to make another batch," she said merrily.

"Stone, you mean, sweetheart. They are just like the biscuits mother used to make," answered Harlow.

Laura threw one at him, and he remarked, facetiously, that it was the same one that Mrs. Noah saved from the ark.

There were more failures, and Laura sometimes shed a few tears of vexation in secret, and then there were more attempts, and at last success came to stay. The cooking was tattered, and Laura had won a graduate's laurels. She invited her friends to dinners and teas, which were highly praised, and old housekeepers asked for her recipes.

"New strange as it may be, there is nothing so insipid as the dead level calm of happiness. Pain is headful compared to the monotony of constant calm and sunshine, and Laura was beginning to yawn a little and feel bored now that everything was adjusted, and she was mistress of the situation.

But nothing disturbed the two married lovers, until one day Harlow went home and told Laura he felt queer.

"Not going to be ill, I hope," she asked anxiously.

"No, but my head is dizzy."

"Been riding in the elevator?"

"Not more than usual. But I notice that when I am at the books the figures swim before my eyes."

"A determination of arithmetic to the brain."

"Perhaps. It's queer and disagreeable, though."

This was all the preparation she had when a week later Harlow came in, groping his way.

"Laura! My God, I'm blind!"

He nearly fell into her extended arms. She led him to a chair, and

"Brave little girl, I thought my life was ended. Laura, can you bear it?"

"It will be a perfect picnic," she said, with tears running down her cheeks—but she managed to keep them out of her voice.

It was a perfect picnic in more ways than one. It always rains at picnics, and there was a rain of tears for this, but also an intermittent sunshine that soon dried them.

It was decided at the store, when Harlow's blindness was announced, that he was to have a vacation until such time as the firm saw fit to supply his place, and for the present his salary was to be continued.

That is what his misfortune did for a soulless corporation—drew them out to a deed of beautiful charity. Then friends came in to offer assistance, which so far was not needed. They came tearful and full of conventional sympathy, and went away wondering and rather piqued.

"Two children who do not appreciate the gravity of the situation," said one sympathizer, with a sniff.

"Why, she talked about it as if sudden blindness was a real blessing," said another.

But no one saw how exquisitely pathetic the situation really was. The two "children," as they called them, clinging together to the wreck of their happiness, both willfully blind together to the awful realities of the situation, but keeping up their courage by a fiction in which they were the principal actors.

They were getting used to the situation in this romantic way, and Laura had her lives planned out. She was to be the working member of the firm, and come home at night full of news for him, and they could still take long walks together on Sundays after church, and he was to have a guitar, and learn to play; she had always laughed him out of it, but now it would be his one resource.

"But what is there for me to do while you work, Laura?"

"Learn to wait, dear, like Milton in his blindness. They also serve who only stand and wait."

"Brave little woman," he said, "when will it end?"

"Oh, soon enough, dear, picnics never last long. We'll get so used to it we wouldn't have it different if we could."

Then she went upstairs and cried herself to sleep.

The next morning she was awakened by a joyous shout.

"Laura! The sun is shining! I can see. Thank God. I can see."

"It was true. The clot had gone, and the painless pain was ended. Like a man who had been once tried for his life and acquitted it could never be done again."

"There won't be any more of that picnic," said Laura, almost regretfully, although it had been such an awful strain to live up to for twenty-four hours.

"No, thank heaven," said Harlow, "I won't have to keep house."

"And we won't need the dog."

"Well, we haven't got him yet, so he's no great loss."

"Nor the tin cup."

"Yes, you can carry that, and we'll see how soon it will be full."

"That's a picnic," answered Laura, "it shall be our bank."

The Struggle With English.

A writer in the London Truth says: "In Italy no question can arise as to the spelling of a word, and children learn to read and write in a few months, while with us many are often unable to spell after devoting to the subject long years of labor and tears, which might have sufficed for the acquisition of really useful information. For this reason, when I meet a grown-up Englishman who cannot spell correctly I am always prejudiced in his favor. It may be of course, that he is a fool, or a mere dunce, but the chances are that in his reading he has given his attention to something better than the conventional mode of selecting and arranging the letters."

Eating and Drinking to the Dead.

A strange custom in the Valais, Switzerland, is to make a cheese when a child is born, which is left untouched during his lifetime, and is often cut into the first time at his funeral feast. A rich man stores up wine as well as cheese for his own funeral, and when the event takes place a goblet of this "dead wine," as it is called, is placed on the coffin, the mourners approach, take the goblet in their hands, touch the coffin with it, and drink the contents to a future meeting with their departed friend.

Rock Candy Is Pure.

Rock candy, which is only sugar in large, hard crystals, is now produced wholesale in tin buckets inclosed in wooden firkins. Strings are stretched across the buckets and upon these the crystals form. It happens often that the rock candy of to-day is not the white, semi-transparent product of twenty-five years ago, but a cloudy, reddish-brown crystal, as if made from cheap sugar. It is not easily adulterated, and crystallization is an essentially honest process.

With Three Years Difference.

In a Western court a negro was convicted of stealing a mule. Before the sentence was pronounced, the judge gave him an opportunity to speak for himself, and he said: "I wouldn't read de mule nohow of I hadn't read in de testament whar Jesus tuck a mule." The judge remarked: "Yes, but he didn't ride him to Kingston and try to sell him," and thereupon he gave the negro three years in the penitentiary.—Argonaut.

Building Up Their Navy.

Twenty-seven war vessels were added to the British navy last year, exclusive of five torpedo boats, at a cost of about \$12,000,000. The record for 1896 will go even beyond this. England is enlarging her navy with even more zeal than ever before.

Athletics and Advertising.

W. Agg—The use of female athletics is like judicious advertising, isn't it? D. Ullman—I don't see it. W. Agg—Don't see it! Look at the superb figures that result!—Printer's Ink.

Another Fair Will.

A New and Later Document Said to Have Been Discovered.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—The legal squabble over the \$40,000,000 left by the late James G. Fair has developed a fresh sensation. What is purported to be a later will than the one previously offered for probate has been introduced in the case. The first will produced, it will be remembered, was stolen from the county clerk's office, and in order that the document might be probated, Judge Slack had ruled that a certified copy of the will might be substituted. Upon the alleged will just introduced a bitter contest will hinge. The new document purports to be a holographic will. It was written in lead pencil on two sheets of legal cap paper. It was brought into court and presented by Reuben Lloyd, attorney for Virginia Fair and Mrs. Herman Oelrichs, of New York, daughters of deceased. The attorneys for Charley Fair, their brother, apparently approved the proceeding. There is no longer any doubt that the three children have combined to fight for the probate of this latest alleged will. Under its provisions the vast estate would be divided almost equally between the two daughters and Charley, and the distribution would be made at once. The proceedings were finally continued until April 2.

LOOKS LIKE BRIBERY.

Extraordinary Expenditure Revealed by Books of the Whisky Trust.

PEORIA, Ill., March 21.—The two experts who examined the books of the whisky trust taken from Joseph Greenhut's safe on the order of Receiver McNulta are reported to have found an item of something over \$500,000, which is set opposite the inscription, "extraordinary legal expenses." The item bears a date early in 1891 and from a perusal of the records the fact is said to have been brought out that the trust was not at that time engaged in any legal controversy, much less a contest which would render necessary the expenditure of such an amount of money. It was about this time that Secretary Gibson of the whisky trust was arrested in Chicago on the charge of being concerned in a sensational attempt to blow up the Shufeldt distillery, then running in opposition to the trust. Gibson was indicted for this but was never brought to trial. The exact nature of the evidence found in the safe cannot be learned, as those concerned in the matter refuse to talk.

MINERS KILLED.

Half a Hundred Wyoming Miners Die From an Explosion.

EVANSTON, Wyo., March 22.—An explosion of gas occurred in the Rocky Mountain Coal and Iron Company's mine No. 5, at Red Canon, with terrible results. The mine was considered one of the safest in the state. About one hundred and fifty men were employed in it, but fortunately the most of them had gone out for the day. The cause of the explosion has not yet been ascertained. The hoisting plant of the mine was completely wrecked and several men on the outside of the mine were killed. Investigation proves that the inner workings of the mine were badly wrecked and that fifty-five miners have lost their lives. The bodies of a dozen or more have been recovered, and as there is no fire in the mine it is thought all will be recovered, though there is little hope that anybody in the mine is alive.

ENGLAND'S ULTIMATUM.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—It is probable that Ambassador Bayard will be instructed to ask the British government for an explanation of her purpose in view of the British ultimatum to Nicaragua.

NEW ORLEANS RIOT.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 21.—The grand jury has returned indictments against thirty-five participants in the recent riot.

WOMEN READ.

Schrage's \$1,000,000 Cure for Rheumatism.

Some Iowa references for "Schrage's \$1,000,000 Rheumatic Cure": A. J. Osborne, Newton, "send six dozen by express"; A. V. Penn, Sidney, "send three dozen"; J. F. Faux, Sioux City; Dr. J. C. W. Cox, Washington; Billy Samuels, Montezuma; Stream & McCammon, 523 Walnut street; Des Moines; W. L. Weller, Cedar Rapids; G. P. Utterbeck, Sigourney Savings Bank; Morgan & Co., Council Bluffs; D. Q. Storie, Charleston, and many others. It must be good or doctors would not prescribe it. Ten thousand truthful testimonials; it has cured where all else failed. Do not waste your money on external applications or opiates. This is harmless, pleasant and has the highest endorsements on earth. Mrs. John A. Logan (widow of the famous general), Washington, D. C., uses it. \$1.50 a bottle. Worth double. Write to-day. Don't accept something "just as good." Cures good and neuralgia.

SWEDEN'S RHEUMATIC CURE CO., 187 Dearborn street, Chicago.

VICTORY FOR SILVER.

Berlin, March 19.—The council of state adopted the resolution of the silver advocates endorsing Chancellor Hohenlohe's monetary statement in the reichstag and immediately afterwards rejected the proposal of the gold advocates that the guarantee of the present currency continue unaltered. It is learned that France has informed Germany of her willingness to cooperate in settling the currency question.

The Thought Practical.

Dean Hole, who knows the drudgery of rose culture, thus translates it into poetical prose, and one would hardly suspect that he meant struggles with insects and soil and all manner of total depravity: "He who would have beautiful roses in his garden must have beautiful roses in his heart. It is the inner garden." He must love them well and always. To win he must woo, as Jacob wooed Laban's daughter, though drouth and frost consume. He must have not only the glowing admiration, the enthusiasm and the passion, but the tenderness, the thoughtfulness, the reverence of love.

Our Sympathies Always Extended in the Infirmitates of the Veteran.

From Woodstock, Va., Herald.

There is an old blood in Woodstock, Va., who served in the war with Mexico, and in the war of the rebellion, Mr. Levi McIntuff. He passed through both these wars with a nervousness that the hardships, however, told seriously on him, for when the grip attacked him four years ago it nearly killed him. He now looks on the infirmitates of a veteran without a feeling of the deepest sympathy? His townspeople saw him confined to his bed, and gave up finally in despair. One day, however, he was struck by the account of a cure which had been effected by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He immediately ordered a box and commenced taking them. He says he was greatly relieved within three days. He writes: "I do not know what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me, but I feel that I have recovered my strength to such an extent that he is able to chop wood, stock and do his regular work about his home. He now looks on the only infirmitate of a veteran with a feeling of the deepest sympathy? 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Silas Wallace is dangerously ill. Mrs. Hothy is visiting in the city. Mrs. Wallace entertained friends.

Mrs. Georgia Courtney is sick with rheumatism. Mrs. Sanders, mother of Mrs. George Stanton, is convalescent.

The Donkeys met at the home of Rev. Mr. Clark this week. The Misses Blanche and Beulah Allen are sick this week.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. McClain is on the sick list. Mrs. Grace Wilkerson has been quite sick, but is now convalescent.

Mrs. Renix, of Seventh street, is a sufferer from grip this week. Mrs. A. C. Gordon, formerly of this city, but now of Alleghany City, Pa., is dangerously ill.

Miss Lena Chandler's mother, who has been visiting her for several days, has returned to Macon City, Mo. There are some people who seem to think God only expects them to keep the ten commandments on Sunday.

Mrs. White, wife of Rev. White, is now in the city. The family will occupy the parsonage of Burn's M. E. Chapel. Mrs. Caston, mother of Rev. Caston, returned to her home in Warrensburg, Mo., Monday, accompanied by the reverend and his children.

Rev. A. W. White is preaching practical sermons on the every-day questions of life and is meeting with good and appreciative audiences. Foster Shoe Co.'s bankrupt stock of Boston, Mass., will be placed on sale at the Hub Shoe Store next week. During this sale shoes will be sold at half price.

Don't forget that the Hub Shoe Store will have to sell the bankrupt stock of the Foster Shoe Co., of Boston Mass., of Boston, Mass. During this big sale shoes go at half price. The New England Cycling Club met Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson. The invited guests were royally entertained. The feature of the evening was the music of the Jacksonian Mandolin Club. Games and social conversation were part of the evening's program.

The M. L. C. met with Miss Birdie Hicklin Thursday afternoon reading "Eveline," led by Miss Julia Blagburn. Reading, Miss Birdie Hicklin; essay, Miss Julia Blagburn; recitation, Agnes Roy. After the program the young ladies remained to enjoy a social half hour with Miss Hicklin. The next meeting will be with Miss Phie Langford on Eight street. Miss Nettie Tolliver will graduate from the East Side high school next week. She is the only colored graduate this year. Miss Nettie Woods will finish school the year following this. They are spoken of as excellent scholars. What has become of the boys in the schools of our city? They would go to school more in order to entertain the intelligent girls who are met on every hand. Have more pride, boys, and go to school.

The Ladies Afternoon Social Club met at the home of Mrs. Fred Jackson, and was called to order by the president, Mrs. Jackson. Owing to the fine weather there was a large attendance. Reading by Mrs. J. H. Sheppard, after which, while enjoying each others company and a pleasant afternoon chat they engaged in sewing. A bountiful lunch was served by the hostess which the ladies all enjoyed. The club will meet with Mrs. J. H. Sheppard next Thursday. Buras Chapel M. E. Church, Des Moines St., between Second and Fourth Streets—Services for the Sabbath as follows: Preaching 10:30 a. m.; sub-

What Time the Training of a Child Should Begin. Answer: Eleven Months Before It is Born; text, Judges, 13, 8-12. "Teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born? How shall we order the child and how shall we do unto him?" You are invited to attend these services. A. W. White, Pastor.

Don't forget the entertainment for the benefit of Rev. T. A. Clark to be given at Masonic hall, corner of West Sixth and Walnut, Monday evening, March 25. Good program and music.

Rev. J. L. Caston and his congregation closed a very successful series of meetings at the East Side Baptist church Sunday evening. Rev. Caston is a valuable annex to the ministers of this city.

Mrs. Morris Mills and Mrs. Dora Dungee are expected home from their visit to Mobile, Ala., next week. Mr. Mills' face is not quite as long as usual, and by the time his wife arrives will be wreathed in smiles. He says a bachelor's life is a hard one.

Following is the program for next Tuesday's literary: Address, W. A. Searcy; declamation, Mable Hall; declamation, Myrtle Claughton; instrumental, Jackson Brothers; question box; journal, Journalist; critic, C. Clark.

We would like to see the colored singers of this city organize and on good solid basis—every one live up to the rules adopted. There is an opportunity for them to make some money for themselves. They have the reputation and the ability. Now go at it in a business way.

St. Paul's A. M. E. literary rendered most excellent program last Tuesday evening. The "running debate" was participated in by a goodly number and many points of historical interest and value were brought out. The president is both industrious and should receive the hearty co-operation of all lovers of literary pursuits. Come out next Tuesday.

Mr. Robinson and Mr. Sommers are in our city looking for a business location. Mr. Robinson is a railroad cook and resides in Omaha, and Mr. Sommers is chef at the Ogden House in Council Bluffs. They are well up in their chosen profession and desire to go into business. They spoke favorably of Des Moines and business enterprise. They are business men and will find this an excellent city in which to locate.

Lectures are being given all over the city on various subjects and free of admission. Good government is discussed by able citizens and every property holder and every citizen should make it a special duty to attend some of these meetings. Go out to some of these meetings and put yourself in evidence as a good citizen. Your nationality will not keep you out of these meetings or from taking part in them and expressing your opinion. You are compelled to do that part your own self. Do not complain about how you are treated when you do not go out.

The lecture delivered by Miss Bessie Stewart at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church Thursday evening on "Social Purity" was well delivered and equally well received. She is a young lady of high culture, industrious and pleasing in her address. The theme was a good one and many points worthy of the most serious consideration were presented in her own forcible manner. The future depends on our young people and if all make such an excellent effort as did Miss Stewart a great good will have been accomplished. The speaker was introduced by our talented young lady graduate, Miss Zella Davis. C. Clifton Lewis and Mrs. J. T. Blagburn each rendered a most excellent solo.

The girl that gives way to a desire to gad about upon the streets and cultivate the acquaintance of young men and act the simpering simpton, is laying the foundation for a senseless life. Ten to one when she marries she will develop into a slatternly gossip if no worse misfortune befalls her. It is the girl of good sound sense, the girl who loves home and helps her mother, that wins the model man and becomes an ornament to womanhood. The girl who does this and devotes some of her time to reading and strives for material culture, commands the respect and esteem of everybody, while the street gadding ornament only wins the admiration of those whose admiration is not worth having.

Few, if any, social gatherings are more interesting than those of the M. L. C., a newly organized society of young ladies, the object of which is to seek intellectual advancement by an interchanging of ideas and a review of the standard author's books. The last reception was given at the home of Miss Julia Blagburn. After a discussion of books a most unique feature, that of the gentlemen trimming ladies' hats for prizes was indulged in, the poorest trimmer to receive first and the best to receive second prize. A very beautiful heliotrope pen wiper was awarded to John Hardy as the most efficient artist and a typical emblem of the "sons and daughters of Ham" was awarded to Henry McFall as a token of his inartistic inability.

Thursday the members of the H. E. S. R. C. met at the cozy home of Mrs. C. S. Stewart. Mrs. Wadicks, who had ably presided over the Circle the past three months, introduced the president-elect, Mrs. J. C. Berry. The other officers were duly installed, and the president appointed Mesdames Palmer,

WAS A CLOSE CALL. Mrs. Wickes gave a short selection on "Mother's Love." The Oracle, by Mesdames Gordon and Wilburn, was interesting and full of good thoughts. Mrs. Holly of Cedar Rapids was introduced and spoke encouragingly and pleasantly of the Circle's work. The hostess served dainty refreshments which were highly enjoyed.

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Merton Waite Shot by a Burglar. Oberlin, Ohio, March 22.—Last evening at about half past 8 o'clock Merton Waite, son of G. W. Waite, superintendent of the public schools, was shot by a burglar. It seems that the young man heard a noise in the kitchen and upon entering it he found four men there bent on robbing the house. One of them presented a pistol to his breast and told him to keep still. He resisted, and was shot. The injured man was cared for and his wounds, though painful, are not of a dangerous nature. The burglars escaped.

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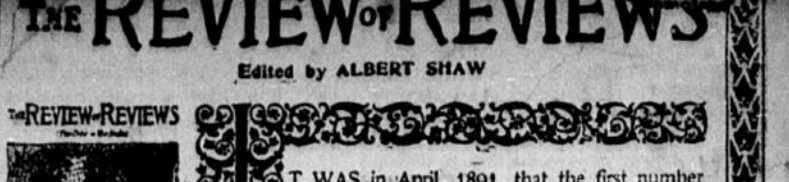
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