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CITY NEWS

List of those that have entered the Gold Watch Contest:

1. N. D. Valentine, Phoenix, Arizona
2. Eldoro Thompson, Oskaloosa
3. Cora Smith, Des Moines
4. May Davis, Albia
5. Lizzie Crump, Hedrick
6. Mrs. D. A. Bassfield, Osceola
7. Miss Rosa Terry, Des Moines

Mr. Geo. Walker one of Ames citizens is visiting in our city a few days this week.

Oscar Everhart is laid off from work this week on account of a felon on his thumb.

Friends and subscribers, send in your one dollar, and tell us to whom you want to give one vote for the gold watch.

Miss Mand Watts returned Thursday from a two weeks visit in Centerville, Iowa, with her father and friends.

Miss Bessie Stewart, who has been sick, is able to be out again, and her many friends are glad to see her improving.

Mr. Dan Roy one of our respected citizens who has been quite sick with lagrippe the past week, is improving now, and is able to be out a little.

Miss Sarah Porter is the only colored girl that appears on the program of the West High School Senior entertainment of the class of '97, to be held Feb. 5th and 6th.

A beautiful Senior class program was received at our office of the Albia High school class entertainments. Miss May Davis had a recitation entitled, "Country Courtship."

The bible reading at Mrs. John F. Blagburn, every Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, are growing very interesting and instructive. All ladies should attend these meetings.

Rev. Judson Bundy, presiding elder will hold quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church, Sunday Feb. 14th. W. A. Bruce, pastor. The colored jubilee singers will be in our city soon.

We advertise in the Bystander because we want your trade in Laundry work. We do all kinds of work and deliver to any part of the city. Telephone to Champaign & Son, No. 171.

Since the German Savings Bank failed. It is stated that more colored people had deposits there than any other bank. They were good people to deal with; very courteous to all. We hope they will be able to pay one hundred cents on the dollar.

The song services at the St. Paul A. M. E. church did fair to be very interesting and largely attended Sunday. The Governor and his council, also Atty. General will be present. All the members of the Legislature have been invited. Those who wish good seats come early.

Mrs. Ella Davis and daughter, Miss Daisy Hannan, of Cedar Rapids, will arrive in our city Saturday to make this their future home. Mrs. Davis is a sister-in-law to Mrs. J. R. Weeks. Welcome them to our city. Miss Daisy, who is well known here will not come until spring.

The ladies' afternoon Social Club met at Mrs. W. M. Fletcher, with the president, Mrs. Will Mash in the chair. After business meeting was taken up. At 6 o'clock luncheon was served, after which the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Will Mash, 1606 Des Moines street. The newly elected officers for the three ensuing months, are as follows: President, Mrs. Will Mash; Secretary, Mrs. D. Abbey; Treasurer, Mrs. Will Burns; Rep., B. J. Holmes.

Geo. Stovall, an employee at the capitol, left last Thursday, to spend a few days with his family, in Waterloo, Iowa.

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The list of colored applicants that took civil service examination last Tuesday, was Miss Bertha Hicklin, Harry Hughes, Geo. Dunn, and J. H. Thompson. We have not heard whether they were successful in passing or not.

Pearson's Studio wish to call your attention to their excellent photographs, taking six out of eight first premiums at the Iowa State Fair in 1896. Your continued patronage is kindly solicited. Studio corner of Sixth and Locust.

Mrs. Thos. Williams, who was called away to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Dora Sulpes, reports that she is no better. Mrs. Geo. Lillard, of Minneapolis is also in Omaha at the bedside of her sister. Mrs. Sulpes was raised in Des Moines, and has many friends who hope for her speedy recovery.

The H. B. L. R. C. met with Mrs. I. E. Williamson. Business day was observed and a good program was rendered. Miss Feller and Mrs. Seeley, of Illinois, Federation of clubs were present, and gave interesting talks on club work. The next meeting will be the sixth anniversary which will be observed at the residence of Mrs. J. P. Hamilton, 706 East Walker street. Reception from three to six o'clock.

The sermon by Rev. Reeves last Sunday evening at the A. M. E. church, was very interesting and instructive. His subject was "God's Faithful Followers have been the World's Greatest Benefactors." Hebrew 11-7. It was a historical narrative of the great world's benefactor whom God delegated to bless mankind, uplift humanity, and teach the true lessons of morality and christianity. He first referred to Enoch, and showed by his christian life and being, God's faithful one he was a blessing to mankind in his generation; the next was Noah; then Abraham, Moses the great law giver. Then he took up David's life, then Gideon, and last Saint Paul closing with a beautiful quotation from Paul. "I have Fought a Good Fight won the Victory."

Song Service at A. M. E. church, See cond and Center streets, Feb. 7, 18. 7.

1. Organ Voluntary.
2. Invocation.
3. Awake, O Zion—Choir.
4. Thy Will be Done—Mrs. J. H. Shepard.
5. Male Quartet—Rogers, Holt, Moseley and Johnson.
6. Fear Not Ye, Oh, Israel—Mrs. E. F. Johnson.
7. Nearer My God to Thee—Choir.
8. Emmanuel—Dr. F. F. Johnson.
9. Duett—Mesdames Birney and Coalson.
10. Come Unto Me—Mrs. J. Frank Blagburn.
11. All for Thee—Choir.
12. The Better Land—Geo. I. Holt.
13. Calm on the Listening Ear—Choir.
14. The Lord is Mindful of His Own—J. E. Moseley.
15. Chant—The Lord's Prayer.
16. Overture—Choir.
17. Benediction.
- Organist—Mrs. Wm. Coalson; director, J. E. Moseley.

A Brutal Outrage on a Colored Girl by a White Brute.

Last Wednesday evening one of the most brutal outrages known to our city was committed on a colored girl, age seventeen, by a white man named George Findley, age fifty years. The girls name is Lavina Dixon, who lives with her mother at 212 East Court avenue, who is poor, but respectable family. She had been a helpless cripple, resulting from a stroke of paralysis a few years ago. Findley came to Mrs. Dixon in the evening, stating that he could cure the girl, and that he was a doctor, asking to take the girl in a room to herself. Not until he had gone did the mother realize what had been committed. Finally he was captured by the detectives, and is in jail, to wait trial. We ask our southern white brothers, is it not possible for white brutes to outrage colored girls? The table is turned and we view the situation in another way. We will watch the action of our courts in this trial.

Colored Professional Ball Team

The Page Giants, the champion independent team of the United States and colored champions of the world, representing the Page Woven Wire Fence company, will play exhibition games of baseball in our city with the league team, April 24th and 25th. This team played one-hundred and fifty-two games in 1895, and a hundred and sixty-nine in 1896, and won two-hundred and fifty-three. This will have the first opportunity that many will have of seeing a professional colored team play ball.

JOHN L. WALLER FOR RECORDER OF DEEDS.

Now that Major McKinley has his cabinet made up, he should turn his attention to the good work that the Negro did in the last campaign. We should have some of the representative places. We would like to see Mr. Waller appointed Recorder of Deeds. No man is more deserving than he is. He is a race-loving man; he is a Republican and has always worked for the success of his party. The Republican party of which Maj. McKinley is the head should see to it that Mr. Waller gets the place, that he seeks at the hands of his party, for the cruelty and hardships he underwent while in that French prison.

SHALL HE GO TO MISSISSIPPI?

A man named Jim Banks was arrested last week in Burlington, who has lived there some time for murder at Vicksburg, Mississippi. A reward of \$250.00 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties. The Governor of Mississippi issued a requisition to the Governor of Iowa, asking that the authorities of Burlington to turn over to Mississippi. The Governor honored it, not thinking much about it until later when the other side of the story was heard. The colored man said he was not Banks, and did not commit the murder, but he admits he is from Vicksburg, and that he knew Banks. Hodges not answer the description of Banks, although Conner says he is the same man. The man under arrest says his name is Wm. H. Rice. He is frightened half to death lest he be taken back to Mississippi. "I wouldn't be worth the snap of a finger down there if it had been a white man Banks killed," he explained. "Of course, Banks only killed another colored man, and so they don't care so much. But there's that reward. You don't suppose they'd let that get away from them just to save the life of a nigger, do you? I guess not. If I'm taken there and convicted, they get the \$250.00; and they'd find a way to convict me. I've been there before."

The governor was so moved by the representations of the case that he suspended the order to turn over the negro, and will let the matter await the decision of the court on the habeas corpus proceeding. We know that Governor Drake will not permit him to be delivered to the Mississippi authorities unless they show good identification and proof.

Ex-Queen Liliankaloni, who is now in America, who recently called on Mrs. Cleveland, was taken quite sick, and is unable to leave her room, owing to her change in climate. The Ex-Queen is of the Negro descent, and is quite wealthy, having a number of servants with her now. Also recently taking a sleigh ride in a special maned sleigh, covered with glass.

At Tuskege, Ala., Feb. 24th, will be held the annual conference on the Negro problem, under the auspices of the Tuskege Institute, of which Booker T. Washington is president. In many respects this is one of the most important gatherings of the year for the South. In it not only the friends of the Negroes, but the Negroes themselves actively participate.

One month from yesterday Pres-elect McKinley will be sworn in as president of the United States. Oh! think of the many happy ones to see the old reliables coming into power again.

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THE NEXT CABINET.

The next cabinet is almost made up, and will consist of John Sherman of Ohio, Secretary of State; Lyman J. Gage, of Illinois, Secretary of the treasury; Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, Secretary of war; John McKenna, of California, Secretary of the Interior; Jno. D. Long, of Massachusetts, Secretary of the navy; our own James Wilson, of Iowa, Secretary of agriculture; the Attorney General and Postmaster Generalship has not been filled. On the whole Mr. McKinley's cabinet will be a strong one, made up with men whose career point to them as the proper person for each place. Senator Sherman is the ablest member of the senate. Mr. Gage is a good man; he is a banker, it is true, but when we want anything done we go to the man who has made it a study. We believe he will be an able man in the treasury department. The BYSTANDER believes that James Wilson will be one of the strongest and most influential members of the cabinet. Judge McKenna is another good man, and he is endorsed by all the leading men of his State. Mr. Alger's record as a soldier has been highly complimented and with other rare qualities has pointed him out as the person to take charge of the war department. We believe that President-elect McKinley has selected men who will fearlessly and honestly carry out the policy which the American people endorsed at the last election, and what is best for all will be done. With that sort of policy all the people will be satisfied.

RICHMOND MO. ITEMS.

On Thursday Jan. 28th at the home of the bride's parents; Mr. R. Smith and Miss Lizzie Clay were united in the holy bonds of wedlock both of this city. Quite a number of friends and relatives were present to witness the happy union of this young couple. After which a bountiful repast was served. May joy, gladness and prosperity ever be with them.

Miss Purly McGehee of St. Joseph is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Bates.

A birthday party was given Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. D. Cary in the south part of town. The party was given in honor of his daughter, Della. The guests all enjoyed a delightful evening.

Mr. Wright has returned home from an extended sojourn in the state of Iowa.

Miss Maria Mason becomes a subscriber of the Bystander this week.

A rally was given at the C. M. E. church Sunday, \$94 was realized and expended for the benefit of the church.

ALBIA NOTES.

The Tennessee Singers sang at M. E. church Saturday evening to a large and appreciated audience. Messrs. Tolson, Marshal and Boman visited their homes last Saturday and Sunday.

These on sick list this week are Monroe Davis, Mrs. M. F. Ward, Mrs. Brummer and Molly Tilsen. D. of T. gave a social at the home of Mrs. Mattie Brown Friday evening.

Quarterly meeting will be held at A. M. E. church next Sunday after that, they will begin their revival meetings.

Second Division of Class 97 gave their yearly entertainment at the Albia High School Monday evening. It was very interesting.

Mrs. Tolson entertained a number of the smaller boys and girls at her home Saturday evening.

BOONE ITEMS.

Mr. Turner who has been sick for some is slowly improving. Mr. John Meyweather of Webster City was a visitor last week. The young ladies and gentlemen who sing are practicing at the high school building for Prof. Coburn's concert.

Hurry up the watch contest.

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

One of the most brilliant affairs of the season in our society circles the past week was a 'party' given by Miss Arminta Saunders at Marshall's restaurant on the 29th of January. There were about twenty-five couples present, and those who were fortunate enough to receive a bid did not attend, certainly missed a rare treat. Games and mandolin music were indulged in until a late hour when a most elegant repast was served by special waiters. Everything went off as pleasant as could be, and the ladies all looked their best. We need not mention the gentlemen for they looked 'out of sight,' you know. After supper was served, games were again indulged in until 1 o'clock, when all left for their homes, after paying their respects to the "hostess" and being convinced that she is a most eminent entertainer.

These present were: Mr and Mrs O. B. Claire, Frank Morgan, Ben Hawkins, G. H. Wade, Sandy McDowell, Charles Seary, Marshall Perkins, W. H. Milligan, Wm. Martin, S. L. Persons, R. Holly, Ed. Marshall, Mesdames Mattie Price, Annelia Gomer, Laura Martin, Mary Price, Kate Gable, H. Raspberry, Della Marshall, Ella Davis, M. F. Lowrey, Mary Bowlin, Mary Crawford, Misses Emma Olfphant, Addie Sawyer, Daisy Hannan, Attie Price, Minta Saunders, Messrs Bird, Fields, William Lowry, Thos. Lewry, Luther Lowry, A. Price, J. Olfphant, Geo. Martin, Chas. Perkins, Wm. Martin, Jr., Harry Martin, and Chas. Seary, Jr.

Little Esther Martin has fully recovered from a severe attack of measles.

Harry Marshall of Belle Plaine is visiting his friend, Harry Martin.

Mrs. Jane Patterson met with a serious accident a few weeks ago, in which she fell and broke her arm. She is getting along as well as could be expected.

The "Light House" meets Friday night with Mrs. Hawkins.

Master Harry Martin is somewhat indisposed at this writing.

OMAHA, NEB., NEWS.

Rev. John Albert Williams went to Wahoo, Thursday.

Mr. G. F. Franklin is in Kansas City. Mrs. U. G. Bell was suddenly seized with dementia, Wednesday, and removed to the asylum at Council Bluffs.

Mrs. Leonard Jewell who has been spending the winter in Mississippi is expected home soon.

Owing to the cold weather the attendance at the gospel meetings, being held at Mt. Pisgah church has not been large this week.

The Fish Jubilee Singers filled a return engagement at the First M. E. church, Friday night.

The residence of Mrs. Lulu Burrel, at 30th and Seward Streets, was entered by burglars during her absence and a quantity of small silver stolen.

Mrs. T. A. Slusser was removed from St. Joseph's hospital to Clarkson Memorial Hospital Sunday, where Dr. Thomas amputated her arm.

The Aurora Club held a pleasant meeting Tuesday evening, at which time an election of officers took place.

The weather feels like the first day of April, it has turned so much warmer.

OSKALOOSA BRIEFLETS.

Miss Dora Owens departed for her home, in Ottumwa, last Friday.

Mr. E. T. Finley, of Des Moines, is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. Mitchell Moseley left for Brooklyn, Iowa, last Monday, on a business trip.

Mr. John Jackson, of Creston, is in the city, a witness in the Brook-Severs sensational trial.

Mr. William Buckner was at Muchakinock visiting Monday.

The Wesley Chapel M. E. Church are preparing for a concert in the near future. Mrs. Sarah Trusty is quite ill.

Mr. Frank Bush has recovered from his spell of sickness.

Mr. Eddie Murry, who had one of his feet amputated is getting along splendidly.

Ann Eliza Warren don't appear to be any better.

Mrs. Sarah Williams, South First street, is experiencing a relapse.

Mrs. Sarah Freeman has been quite sick.

SMALL COURTESIES.

They Do Much to Make Life Pleasant and Enjoyable.
Habt counts for so much in little things that one cannot look too carefully after the small courtesies in one's own conduct. A writer in the Interior describes a visit to a home where the young people possessed the true politeness which habit had made natural. One evening last week I entered a room where several young men with books and work were sitting around the lamp. The young man with the lexicon and the grammar on the table before him was the busiest of the group, but he instantly rose and remained standing until I had taken my seat. The little action was automatic; the habit of his family is to practice small courtesies, and the boys have been trained from childhood to pay deference to women. They always rise whenever a lady, their mother, sister, friend, or guest of the house, comes into the room where they are at work. Neither mother nor sister goes out after dark without an escort. One of the boys can always go out of his way, or find it in his way, to see her safely to a friend's door, or to the meeting which she wishes to attend. Most winning and sweet is the air of good breeding which these young men have acquired, and which they wear with an unconscious grace. "You should not care so much about the merely superficial in conduct," says a friend. "I approve of the man or woman who is honest, sincere. I can pardon him a little brusqueness, which may be only his misfortune." It is not veneering to be polite. We are apt to grow confused on this subject, and to fancy that there is a natural conflict between goodness of heart and elegance of deportment. The fact is, life would be a far more agreeable thing if politeness were more assiduously cultivated. —Youth's Companion.

RACING IN MID-OCEAN.

Three Rival Square-Rigged Ships Dashing Along Within Easy Distance.

From the San Francisco Examiner: The crew of the British ship Inveramsay that came into port last night reported witnessing an exciting race between three big ships in midocean. It was on December 1, while the Inveramsay was beating against a head wind on her way from Swansea to this port, latitude 12.30 north and longitude 118 west, when the lookout warned the watch of three vessels on the weather beam. Just the top spars of three square-rigged vessels could be seen above the horizon bearing down upon the Inveramsay, with a stiff breeze almost dead astern. As they came they came within speaking distance they hoisted their signal numbers. They were the American ship Puritan, the British ship Ross-shire and the British ship Cromartyshire. The three vessels left this port on November 21, each with a cargo of grain. The Puritan is bound for Hull, the Ross-shire for London and the Cromartyshire for Queens-town. They were bound out to sea within an hour of each other, and a race to the British ports commenced. The three ships have records as fast sailers, and some idea of how evenly matched they are can be obtained from the fact that after racing for over 2,000 miles they were abreast of each other, and all of them carrying all the canvas they could crowd on. The American ship was flying her colors from the mizzen peak, while at her masthead were the signal flags, "Follow me and you will make port." The Ross-shire was asking her two companions with her flags if they wanted a tow, while the Cromartyshire was signaling: "Keep up with me and you will be all right."

Accused of Fake Surgery.

From the Chicago Daily Inter-Ocean: The grand jury of Lee county caused the arrest of Dr. Burton D. Vaughan and Dr. Sheldon of Ashton, charging them with obtaining money under false pretences. Oct. 14, 1895, they induced Miss Lizzie Emery to allow them to perform an operation for appendicitis. The grand jury finds that they cut through the outer skin only, and then sewed up the wound. Sheldon was introduced into the home by Vaughan as a surgeon of Chicago who had performed forty successful operations for appendicitis. After this the girl was compelled to lie in bed several weeks. Oct. 13, 1896, another operation on the patient was performed by Dr. Senn of the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, when it was discovered that the previous operation was a fraud.

Dishonesty Doesn't Pay.

Five prominent bankers, two at Chicago, one at Baltimore, one at Pittsburg and one at Selma, Ala., have committed suicide in the past fortnight owing to the remorse and disgrace produced by their bank wrecking operations. This is an extraordinary record, and it demonstrates very distinctly that dishonesty doesn't pay.—Ex.

Hard to Realize.

"It's hard," remarked the man who was trying to write a letter, "to realize that it is '97 and not '96." "That's so," replied the friend with knotty legs and a downy moustache; "the bicycle makers don't give us nearly the difference in style from year to year that they used to."—Washington Star.

A Wasted Dime.

Big Sister—Dick, I wish you would go and get Mr. Nicefellow a glass of water. Mr. Nicefellow—Yes, my boy, and here's a dime for you. Little Brother—Thank you, I'll go pretty soon. Mamma said I shouldn't leave the parlor until she came back.—New York Weekly.

No Worry.

Deacon Johnson—I'm afraid dat of yo' married mah daughter I would had to assist yo'. Abe Harwood—Lawd, no; I kin take care ob mahself all right. Yo' wouldn't had to do nuffin but take care of her an' de children. Don't yo' worry yourself about me.—Harper's Bazar.

LEATHER REMNANTS.

A Material of Which No Part is Permitted to Go to Waste.
Leather remnants are a regular article of trade. In manufacture of leather there are remnants, just as there are remnants in the manufacture of cloth, of tin, of wood and of very many other materials. There are wholesalers who deal in leather remnants exclusively, who will buy any leather remnants whatever, and who find a sure sale for everything they buy. For many purposes the remnants are as good as pieces cut from whole skins would be, and they cost very much less. A manufacturer of fine shoes, who buys whole skins, cuts out the best and uses that only and sells the rest as remnants. The remnants are sold to manufacturers who make a cheaper grade of shoes; the shoes made from such remnants may be better and cheaper than shoes made from cheap whole stock. Harness makers and saddlers who buy whole skins have more or less remnants, little pieces and odds and ends that they have no use for, but which may be made useful for one purpose and another. From any whole stock there must be remnants, and the remnants are all good for something; remnants of bellows, for instance, are sold to make boot heels and of insolas. The smallest remnants of some kinds of leather are used for the filling of balls; leather remnants are used for making suspender tips; for leather trimmings; for legging straps; for the making of cheap pocketbooks, and for covering eyeglasses and spectacle cases, and various kinds of fancy goods; for book-binding; for making children's shoes; for the straps used on hobby horses; for leather buttons and washers; for corners on books. Remnants of French calf are used for fine cobbling; and remnants generally are sold for a very great variety of purposes. There are half a dozen or more wholesale dealers in leather remnants in this city, there are said to be a larger number in Boston. While the wholesale dealer in remnants will buy remnants of any kind there are still smaller scraps of leather, called chips, which he does not buy; the chips and the sweepings are sold to chemical manufacturers and burned to make potash. No part of the leather is permitted to go to waste. With the enormous consumption of leather in this country the quantity of remnants here is large. Remnants are produced in England just as they are here, but not in quantity sufficient to supply the demand. Many tons of American leather remnants are exported to England, where they are sold for the same use to which they are put here.

OUTWITTED A HAWK.

How Did the Pigeons Check Their Fall?

H. S. Edwards owned a flock of pigeons one day were cut off from the cote by a large hawk, says the Southern Sportsman. The pigeons knew that if the hawk once got above them one at least of their number would go to make the hawk a meal and so they flew in circles, perhaps hoping to go higher than the hawk. In the rising game they were no match for the hawk. The latter kept under the pigeons and leisurely followed their laborious movements. Then came a curious and unexpected sight to Mr. Edwards. Every pigeon closed its wings, when all appeared to be the size of sparrows, and down they came past the hawk. It actually dodged the dropping birds and missed half a dozen wing strokes before it got in full chase of them. When it got down to the barnyard not a pigeon was in sight. Some were in the cote, some in the porch, some in the well-house and one was in the kitchen. The hawk had been outwitted completely. It is a question how the pigeons managed to check their fall, as they did not slacken up (it) they were about sixteen or twenty feet above the ground, when they scattered in all directions to escape the hawk.

Gold and Silver Beetles.

The most remarkable gold beetles in the world are found in Central America. The head and wing cases are brilliantly polished with a luster as of gold itself. To sight and touch they have all the seeming of metal. Oddly enough, another species from the same region has the appearance of being wrought in solid silver, freshly polished. These gold and silver beetles have a market value. They are worth from \$25 to \$50 each.

Wealth in Kettles.

Colomon Runion of Washington township, near Lebanon, Ind., is dead. He was in his eightieth year, and has been a resident of that state for sixty years, entering the eighty area upon which he died. He was very wealthy. After his death \$4,500 in all kinds of currency was found hidden away in the woodhouse, tea pots and iron kettles. His aged wife is his sole heir.

Pleasant Exercise.

Stern Father—What were those peculiar noises I heard down here last night? Did you and young Comeback uncork any of my beer bottles? Demure Daughter—No, papa, we were just going through some labial exercises.

Stern Father—O! I suppose these new educational fads must have their run.

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It is hard to please people who do not know what they want.

Nothing changes a person's manner more thoroughly than to want something.

Perhaps more good might be accomplished by ringing a curfew for grown people.

They deserve to be slaves themselves who will make no effort to secure liberty for others.

You can make lots of headway sometimes by admitting your are wrong when you are not.

If some people knew that the sun had spots on it, they would almost worry themselves to death.

There are but few occasions in an average lifetime when a man is an absolute free agent in what he does.

When we are children, we would rather be whipped than apologize for anything; after we get older we would rather apologize for anything than be whipped.

Not a mile of railroad track was laid last year in Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and only one mile in Kansas.

A French specialist in nerve diseases writing of the number of American women who are threatened with nerve prostration, and go to Europe as a rest-cure, says: "They break-down, many of them, not from too much brain-work, but from too many directions. The Frenchwoman is satisfied to be either a good mother, a servant, or a leader of society. But the American tries to be all of these at once."

A family living in Susquehanna, Pa., has a crow that gets drunk on beer. He steals into the cellar and manages to break a bottle of beer, and drinks what remains in the bottle. Then he carries the pieces of the broken bottle out of the window and disposes of them so that no trace remains of the theft. When he presents himself upstairs his gait is unsteady, his voice is hoarse, and he looks upon the world with bloodshot eyes and in an evil temper.

Religion becomes ridiculous when a congregation of only thirteen people, with only six in condition to pay, takes upon itself the support of a church and a minister. The instance in Atchison has a parallel in almost every town in the United States. There are too many churches and too many ministers to support. The churches have resulted in cutting down the number of amusement halls, the cost of clothes, food, etc., but have had no effect in cutting down the number of churches to be supported. There are a great many people who imagine that they can't go to heaven unless their path is paved with debts incurred in keeping up a church.

New Yorkers are making an attempt to secure the passage of a law limiting the height of buildings. Architects and health experts have been giving testimony to a committee of the board of trade with a view to ascertaining where the limit ought to be put. The chief of the fire department said it was impossible to fight fires in buildings more than 125 feet high. But the newest and strongest testimony against the height bill was furnished by Charles S. Wilson, president of the board of health. "I find," said he, "that above a height of seventy feet the air in big cities is full of smoke and gas, and necessarily unhealthy. Then it is difficult to get good water up to the high floors of the big buildings, to say nothing of the dangers of fire and collapse."

The part played by the Bank of Spain in floating the new loan destined to provide resources for the continuation of the war in Cuba has placed that institution in a very awkward position. For, in addition to the immense sums which it has furnished to the government itself, it has advanced, one way and another, nearly \$40,000,000 to people who subscribed for the loan. The bank may therefore be said to have found the major portion of the money subscribed. Besides this, the bank is a creditor to the government under various heads to the extent of more than \$250,000,000. Inasmuch as the capital fully paid up of the bank, together with its reserve fund, only amounts to \$30,000,000, it will readily be seen that the strain to which this, the leading financial institution in Spain, is being subjected is tremendous and cannot be continued much longer before disaster ensues.

Remarkable as it may seem, the heaviest contributor to the expenses of the recent presidential campaign was the United States government. The amount of campaign literature sent through the mails free on the franks of the congressmen would have cost \$10,000,000 in postage stamps under other circumstances. To this must be added \$5,000,000 as the cost of sending out information from the various departments in response to campaign demands, making a total of \$15,000,000 that Uncle Sam is out of pocket.

Mrs. Annie Brown Adams, daughter of John Brown of Ossawatimie, is living in direct need in northern California. She has eight children, the youngest 10 years old. Her friends are raising a collection to aid her in her struggle against poverty.

Isaac Bullen, who died at Langford, Rock Castle county, Ky., was interred in burial garments and a coffin ordered for the purpose by himself twenty-five years ago. He ordered a coffin for his wife at the same time, but she is still living at the age of 80.

THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE. Des Moines, Jan. 28.—The code steering committee made a final report on the revision of the code into bills and the military committee reported certain amendments in relation to the present law regarding the militia. Consideration of county and township government was resumed. Law was amended so that dog tax will go to swell the general fund. Records in counties of less than 25,000 will receive \$1,500 a year and others \$1,000. A resolution inviting members of the Woman's Suffrage association to visit the senate to-morrow was adopted.

HOUSE. The bills relating to domestic animals, care of the insane, lost goods, and to superintending of public instruction, were passed. The bill for the code of the insane was amended so that the amount to be paid for the care of patients in asylums should not exceed \$14 per month, instead of \$16, as is now the case.

HOUSE. In the house the bill in relation to the institute for the feeble-minded children was passed. Also the bill in relation to the State Agricultural college, but without amendments. The bill pertaining to justices of the peace and their courts was being considered at the time of adjournment.

SENATE. Des Moines, Jan. 29.—The senate was visited by delegates from the National Woman Suffrage convention, now in session at Des Moines. Addresses were made by Miss Susan B. Anthony, Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, of Massachusetts; Mrs. Mary C. Bradford, of Colorado; Mrs. Colby, of Nebraska; Mrs. Welles, of Utah; Mrs. Carrie Lane Chapman Catt, of New York, and Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, of Philadelphia. The attempt to amend senate file No. 63 so as to give sheriffs repayment for expenses incurred in serving civil processes failed, and the matter went over for future consideration.

SENATE. Des Moines, Jan. 30.—Title 4 of the code relating to county and township government was completed with but few changes from the old law. A concurrent resolution was adopted to continue the code steering committee.

HOUSE. The bill in relation to justices of the peace and their courts was again taken up. An amendment reducing volume of criminal business in justice courts in large cities was voted down. The senate concurrent resolution for plan of considering code work was adopted. Committee substitute for code revision bill relative to bureau of labor statistics passed. It is the old law. Bills for regulation of College for the Blind and School for the Deaf passed.

SENATE. Des Moines, Feb. 1.—The senate passed several code bills in relation to surtories, county high schools and state superintendents. The military bill developed a desire to cut the amount of the appropriation from \$45,000 to \$40,000 and was put over till to-morrow.

SENATE. Des Moines, Feb. 2.—The committee on code revision made a final report on the appropriation of code bills and completed the introduction of bills for the session. The senate proceeded to consider the chapter concerning procedure in courts of original jurisdiction. It was decided that insurance companies should be brought under the same rule as railway, telegraph, telephone and express companies in the matter of notice of suits. Service on any agent will be binding.

HOUSE. Frank moved to reconsider the bill relating to the courts of justices of the peace, which had been defeated. The motion prevailed and after a number of offensive sections had been stricken out, the bill passed. The committee appointed to draft resolutions on the lives and public services of Samuel Murdock and Reuben Noble made its report and the same was adopted by a rising vote. "Anna Jins" Wilson was appointed to bring him before the house. He addressed the members briefly. Resolutions congratulating Mr. Wilson upon his appointment as secretary of agriculture were adopted. The bill in relation to the assignment of creditors was passed, after which adjournment was taken to 9 o'clock to-morrow.

SENATE. Des Moines, Feb. 3.—The code bill relating to civil practice was taken up. An amendment had been reported providing that courts may not limit the length of argument by attorneys before the jury. After a warm debate, it was voted down. A motion was made to reconsider. Senate concurred in house resolution congratulating James Wilson upon his appointment.

HOUSE. The house passed the bill relating to county high schools, amended so that any county may secure such a school. Bill passed relative to the Industrial School for the Blind at Knoxville. In the bill relating to the judicial department it was amended so that county clerks must collect all fees "for the benefit of the county," and the recommendation of the commissioners that only three terms of court should be held in a year instead of four, was rejected.

Utah Senatorship Settled. SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 4.—Rawlins 32, Thatcher 29, Henderson 1, Brown 1. This was the result of the fifty-third ballot of the Utah legislature which elected Joseph L. Rawlins to the United States senate and closed one of the most exciting political contests ever held in the state.

Was Not Taylor. CARROLLTON, Mo., Feb. 4.—Photographs received by Sheriff Lewis of the man captured several days ago at Hanford, Cal., bear no resemblance to George Taylor, the Meeks family murderer, and the sheriff has been wired to turn the man loose.

The receptacles for dead children in Spain are coffins of a pink, blue or gray tint, which are carried open to the grave.

Young ladies act as ushers in a church at Carthage, Mo., and since their advent the attendance has largely increased.

Four per cent of the population of Norway annually because of impoverishment of the blood caused by the lack of meat as food.

Imitation slates, made of compressed wood pulp, are used for roofing in Christiania, Norway. They are made waterproof by a secret process.

Thoroughbred colts were recently sold in Lexington, Ky., at \$60 a dozen.

By using electric lights at night on beds of lettuce, radishes, spinach, and similar vegetables, they are brought to maturity much faster than when this artificial stimulant is not employed.

Senator John Sherman once said of the newspaper reporter: "He is the greatest enigma of the nineteenth century. I am interested in him always, respect him generally and fear him sometimes. But I never cease to wonder at his resourcefulness in search for news."

The Proposed Treaty With Great Britain.

The American people are familiar with the fact that there is now before the United States, for ratification, a treaty of peace with England. Few, however, have read the articles of the proposed treaty. In England and other countries this treaty is being widely discussed. Why should not Americans, who are supposed to govern themselves, read and discuss the matter and then write to their senators at Washington telling them what they think about it? For that reason we publish the entire proposition. It is as follows: The United States of America and Her Majesty, the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, being desirous of consolidating the relations of amity which so happily exist between them, and of consecrating by treaty the principle of international arbitration, have appointed for that purpose as their respective plenipotentiaries the President of the United States of America, the Hon. Richard Olney, Secretary of State of the United States, and her Majesty, the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Right Hon. Sir Julian Pauncefote, a member of her Majesty's most honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath and of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, and her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States, who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, which were found to be in due and proper form, have agreed to and concluded the following articles:

Article I. The high contracting parties agree to submit to arbitration, in accordance with the provisions of this treaty, all questions in difference between them which they may fail to adjust by diplomatic negotiation.

Article II. All pecuniary claims or groups of pecuniary claims which do not in the aggregate exceed \$100,000 in amount, and which do not involve the determination of territorial claims, shall be dealt with and decided by an arbitral tribunal constituted as provided in the next following article. In this article and in Article IV the words "groups of pecuniary claims" means pecuniary claims by one or more persons arising out of the same transactions or involving the same issues of law and of fact.
Article III. Each of the high contracting parties shall nominate one arbitrator, who shall be a jurist of repute, and the two arbitrators so nominated shall, within two months of the date of their nomination, select an umpire. In case they shall fail to do so within the limit of time above-mentioned, the umpire shall be appointed by agreement between the members of the committee of the Supreme Court of the United States and the members of the time being of the Privy Council of Great Britain, each nominating body acting by a majority. In case they shall fail to agree upon an umpire within three months of the date of an application made to them in that behalf by the high contracting parties or either of them, the umpire shall be selected in the manner provided for in Article X.
Article IV. The person so selected shall be president of the tribunal, and the award of the majority of the members thereof shall be final.
Article V. Any subject of arbitration described in Article IV shall be submitted to the tribunal provided by Article III, the award of which tribunal, if unanimous, shall be final. If not unanimous, either of the contracting parties may, within six months from date of the award, demand a review thereof. In such case the matter in controversy shall be submitted to an arbitral tribunal consisting of three members, one of whom shall have been a member of the tribunal whose award is to be reviewed, and who shall be elected as follows: viz., two by each of the high contracting parties.
Article VI. Any controversy which shall involve the determination of territorial claims shall be submitted to a tribunal composed of six members, three of whom (subject to the provisions of Article VIII) shall be judges of the Supreme Court of the United States or Justices of the circuit courts to be nominated by the President of the United States, and the other three of whom (subject to the provisions of Article VIII) shall be judges of the British Supreme Court of Judicature or members of the judicial committee of the Privy Council, to be nominated by her Britannic Majesty, whose award by a majority of not less than five to one shall be final. In case of an award made by less than the prescribed majority, or if the members of the arbitral tribunal shall be equally divided, there shall be no recourse to hostile measures of any description until the mediation of one or more friendly powers has been invited by one or both of the high contracting parties.
Article VII. Objections to the jurisdiction of an arbitral tribunal constituted under this treaty shall not be taken except as provided in this article. If before the close of the hearing upon a claim submitted to an arbitral tribunal constituted under article III, or article V, either of the high contracting parties shall move such tribunal to decide, and thereupon it shall decide that the determination of such claim necessarily involves the decision of a disputed question of principle of grave general importance affecting the national rights of such party as distinguished from the private rights whereof it is merely the international representative, the jurisdiction of such arbitral tribunal over such claim shall cease, and the same shall be dealt with by arbitration under article VI.
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Article IX. Territorial claims in this treaty shall include all claims to territory and all other claims involving questions of servitudes, rights of navigation and of access, fisheries and all rights and interests necessary to the control and enjoyment of the territory claimed by either of the high contracting parties.

Article X. If in any case the nominating bodies designated in articles three and five shall fail to agree upon an umpire in accordance with the provisions of said articles, the umpire shall be appointed by his Majesty the King of Sweden and

Norway. Either of the high contracting parties, however, may at any time give notice to the other that, by reason of material changes in conditions as existing at the date of this treaty, it is his opinion that a substitute for his Majesty should be chosen either for all cases to arise under the treaty or for a particular specified case already arisen, and thereupon the high contracting parties shall at once proceed to agree upon such substitute to act either in all cases to arise under the treaty or in the particular case specified, as may be indicated in said notice; provided, however, that such substitute shall have no effect upon an arbitration already begun by the constitution of an arbitral tribunal under article III. The high contracting parties shall at once proceed to nominate a substitute for his Majesty in the event that his Majesty shall at any time notify them of his desire to be relieved from the functions graciously accepted

by him under this treaty, either for all cases to arise thereunder or for any particular specified case already arisen.

Article XI. Each government shall pay its own agent and provide for the proper remuneration of the counsel employed by it and of the arbitrators appointed by it and for the expense of preparing and submitting the case to the arbitral tribunal. All other expenses connected with any arbitration shall be defrayed by the two governments in equal moieties. Provided, however, that if in any case the essential matter of difference submitted to arbitration is the right of one of the high contracting parties to receive disavowals of or apologies for acts or defaults of the other, not resulting in substantial pecuniary injury, the arbitral tribunal finally disposing of the said matter shall direct whether any of the expenses of the successful party shall be borne by the unsuccessful party, and if so, to what extent.

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In faith whereof we, the respective plenipotentiaries, have signed this treaty and have hereunto affixed our seals.

Done in duplicate, at Washington, the 11th day of January, 1897.

RICHARD OLNEY, JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE.

WRITE TO YOUR SENATOR. It will take a two-thirds vote of the senate to ratify the treaty, which really means an offensive and defensive alliance. The senators will take great heed of expressions from the people on the advisability of entering into an alliance of this kind. Action will probably be taken in a few days. Those desirous of protesting or endorsing the proposition should lose no time in writing to their senators.

SEN JULIAN FAUNCEFOTE, THE BRITISH MINISTER AT WASHINGTON.

FACTS ABOUT MILK.

It is the solid matter in the milk that gives it its value.

There is more sugar in milk than any other solid component.

In well-regulated dairies each cow is milked about ten months a year; the remainder of the year she is said to be "dry."

Holstein cows are noted for producing enormous quantities of milk, though not generally of the highest quality.

The proportion of fat varies more in milk than any other constituent; the larger the proportion of fat the richer the milk.

The milk of Jersey and Guernsey cows has globules of the largest form, and explains why the cream rises so rapidly on it.

Milk sugar can be separated and brought into solid form, and resembles powdered white sugar. Its chief use is medicinal.

Jerseys and Guernseys, sometimes incorrectly termed Alderneys, produce a rich milk suitable for creamery uses, as the cream rises rapidly.

It Was a Desert.

A mother was assisting her little boy with his geography when he came to the word "desert," which he could not understand. His mother explained it was a barren place—a place where nothing would grow. The boy's face brightened up at her words, and, feeling sure that he had solved the difficulty, she asked him to explain the meaning, and the prompt answer came: "Ma feyther's bald head!"—Scottish Nights.

The Oldest Tree in the World.

In the royal gardens at Kew there is a branch of what is said to be the oldest tree in the world—the famous dragon tree (Dracaena draco) of Oratava. This tree, which was destroyed by a great gale some years ago, was the new weekly paper the "Rocket" says, supposed to be at least 2,000 or 3,000 years old—some assigned it a much longer growth. A branch was removed from it and brought to Kew, where it still thrives; it may be seen in the Economic house.—Westminster Gazette.

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ASTROLOGICAL LORE.

SIGNS OF THE PLANETS AT TIMES OF BIRTH.

They Do Not Exert an Influence Over Life, but Indicate Events Likely to Occur—Comes from the Egyptians.

THE planets do not exert an influence over life. Their position at the time of a person's birth only indicate what that life is likely to be. The science has come down to us from the earliest ages of man, and was one of the foremost arts in the days of the supremacy of Egypt. Two hundred years ago its revival began. Its progress has been steady, especially in England and the United States. The most enlightened minds of the century are giving it special study, and its popularity is again in the ascendant.

Free readings in these columns should not be confounded with fortune-telling. The most cultured in the land study astrology. No sensible person takes notice of fortune-tellers or fortune-telling. The popularity of our free readings attests the esteem in which the science is held. Letters come from physicians, lawyers, bankers and merchants. Applicants for readings are again reminded that full name and address of sender must accompany every letter. Also date, hour and place of birth. If the applicant does not know the hour of birth he or she should send for special instruction by mail.

Persons not wishing their readings published in regular order can have them forwarded by mail. Mail readings are sent on receipt of twelve two-cent postage stamps. Address Prof. G. W. Cunningham, Dept. 4, 194 South Clinton street, Chicago.

Following are the readings for this week:

W. S., Marionville, Mo. According to data furnished you are a mixture of indications of both Leo, which the Sun rules, and Virgo, which Mercury rules, therefore the Sun and Mercury are your ruling planets or signifiers. You are medium height or above; medium to dark complexion, hair and eyes; there is a notch formed in the hair above the temples. You are ambitious, industrious and energetic, rather reserved in manners, and when a boy quite bashful; you take great interest in animals, especially a fine horse; you are quite studious and like to read up on scientific subjects. Your house of money is afflicted by Mars; this is warning that you should at all times be extra careful of finances and avoid hazardous speculation. Marriage more fortunate than average, and your wife was from an excellent family, yet in some way not so fortunate correspondingly as her ancestors.

Hazel S., Mechanicville, Iowa. According to the data the zodiacal sign Leo, which the Sun rules, was rising at your birth, therefore the Sun is your ruling planet or signifier. You are above medium height, with a slender, wiry figure, and wide shoulders in proportion to the rest of the body; you are medium to light complexion, hair and eyes; the eyes are quite large and expressive. You have a sunny, cheerful disposition, and are recognized as a leader; you will always hold a good position in life and can make money in that way if you so desire, but you will, with ordinary care of finances, always have lots of it away. You are proud and ambitious, and no small kind of business will gratify your ambition. You have splendid command of language and would make a good orator. You are set in one or more of the fine arts, and in this you would be quite original. You are very fond of the occult and mysterious.

C. A. R., Panama, Iowa. According to the data furnished the zodiacal sign Sagittarius, which Jupiter rules, was rising at your birth, therefore Jupiter is your ruling planet or signifier, the moon is on the ascendant and is consticator. You are above medium height; slender, but well formed, and you will become stouter from this time on; you have dark complexion, hair and eyes; the eyes are very expressive and have a peculiar sparkle and sharp sight. You are cheerful, happy, jovial, kind and obliging; you are very humane, and considerably inclined towards the scientific; you are kind to animals, scientific; you are kind to animals, and very fond of horses, you have an intellect that denotes a special ability in the management of subordinates. Your house of money is afflicted, denoting that your money gets away very easily, and you have little left to show for it.

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RACE ECHOES.

Mrs. V. W. Broughton, editor of the "Woman messenger" of Memphis, Tenn., has been appointed chairman of the committee on education for the woman department in the Tenn. Centennial to be held at Nashville this year.

S. R. Lowery colored who resides at Huntsville Ala., is said to be the largest silk worm grower in the United States. At the New Orleans Exposition in 1885 he took a premium over the product of several foreign countries.

One of the leading landscape painters in this country is E. M. Banister, of Providence, R. I.

One of the best known and finished artists in sculpture is Miss Edmonia Lewis. She has a wide reputation in this country.

The oldest African American in Lexington, Ky., is William Wiles, colored. He is in his 83d year, and has driven a dray in that city for thirty-five years.

The first instance of colored students lining up in a football game was reported from Georgia where a team from Tuskegee training school competed with a team from the Atlanta University. It was said to be a very clever game and was won by the Atlanta boys by 10 to 0.

McKinley will be the third Methodist President of the United States. Of the others eight have been Episcopalians, six Presbyterians two Unitarians, one Christian and one Free Thinker.—Ex.

A greater than the silver question now stirs Salt Lake City. Shall the 24th U. S. Infantry of colored men be permitted to occupy Fort Douglas in place of some white regiment? The 16th Infantry has been ordered elsewhere. Its officers were white and charming. They and their families mixed in the best of society of Salt Lake City, and had become a considerable part of the social life and activities of the town. And now Negroes hold the Fort. Society is up in arms and Senator Cannon has been posted off to Washington to persuade Secretary Lamont to take away his "niggers," and put some other white regiment there, if the dear 16th must go. But Lamont says that it is too near March 4th for him to raise the issue about this year. Once more it may be remarked that Mason & Dixon's line does not board the limits of caste prejudice.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT.
St. Paul A. M. E.—Corner Second and Center Streets. Preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday School at 3 o'clock; Epworth League at 8 p. m.; preaching at 8 p. m.; T. Reeves, pastor.
Baptist—East Second Street—Between Walnut and Court avenue. Service at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 12 m.; services at 8 p. m.; C. M. Williams, pastor.

First African Church of Christ—Corner Fourth and School; preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 12 m.; preaching at 8 p. m.; Rev. J. D. Lomack, pastor.
Barn's M. E.—East Second and Des Moines street; preaching at 10:30; Sunday class meeting at 11:45; Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.; preaching at 7:30 p. m.; Prayer meeting Wednesday. Rev. T. A. Clark, pastor.

SECRET ORDERS.
North Star Lodge, No. 2, A. F. A. M.—Meets First Thursday in each month at Masonic hall, 114 1/2 S. 1st and Walnut, G. H. Clegg, W. M.; J. F. Blagburn, secretary.
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