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Mrs. Thomas Williams arrived home from Omaha last Saturday night, bringing with her Mrs. Dora Snipes, her daughter, who continues very ill. Mrs. George Lilland also accompaned her sister, and will remain with her awhile.

A series of meetings are being held at the East Side Baptist church, (colored) where great interest is being taken in the cause of religion. Rev. Goins will be present Friday the 26th inst., and desires to meet the board on the evening of that date, and to meet the entire church on Saturday night following.

Mrs. C. H. Comley of Webster City arrived in our city last week to visit with her relatives and old friends. She was raised in our city, and is a sister to Miss Janey Ramey and Mrs. Washington. She is looking well and likes Webster City.

At the Masonic entertainment next Monday evening there will be given to ladies two prizes, one to married ladies and one to single ladies. Come and see what they are for and what they will be. Committee from North Star No. 2 A. F. and A. M.

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The following stewards were elected at the A. M. church last Thursday night; C. S. Stewart, Geo. T Haworth, E T Banks, G H Gains, Geo. Holt, John Hardy, P H Holmes, Gus Comily and J H Shepard.

Mr. Chas. Robinson, of St. Paul, Minn, stopped a few days in our city while en route for Chicago. He is a prominent politician of St. Paul, but contemplates moving to the White city, soon.

Remember that the Champaign & Son Steam Laundry do first-class work on hort notice and guarantee satisfaction. Give us a call, 816 W. Grand ave. tf

Quarterly meeting at the A. M. E church was largely attended, the presiding elder was not present. Rev. E. L. Eaton, (white), of the First M. E. church, assisted Rev. Reeves Sunday afternoon, delivering a very fine sermon. Every one was well pleased with it.

Mr. Crenshaw the famous young baretone singer who has been singing with Beach and Bower's minstreal accepted an offer to go with the Wang Comic Opera which was played in our city last Saturday eve. Mr. Crenshaw's father is foreman on the Bystander force. We wish him success.

A large fire destroyed the Rice Building Monday night where Lathrope & Rhode's wholesale and retail books, stationary and bicycles, The cause was unknown. The damage loss, goods about $10,000 building about $18,000 all had a good insurance.

Mrs. Ed. Good, of Grinnell, Iowa, has come to the capital city to visit with her husband who is a legislative employee. She is stopping with Mrs. Hall on Walnut street.

The Ladies' Afternoon Social Club met with Mrs. Erickson, with President Mrs. William Mash in the chair. The club was opened with prayer. The afternoon was spent with pleasant conversation and embroidery work. The club was visited by Mrs. Erickson at five o'clock and and an elegant dinner served, which was enjoyed by all. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Holmes February 25,

Our Gold Watch Winner.

Our prize of a gold watch we offered to any one who would secure us the most new subscribers was won by Mr. N. D. Valentine, of Phœnix, Arizona, having secured nineteen subscribers, $18.30. The second in the contest was Miss Eldora Thompson, of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Miss Rosa Terry, of Des Moines, taking third place. The latter two did not commence as soon as the contest was open. Mr. Valentine is well known in our city, a hustler at anything he undertakes. We will send the watch to him at once which is very beautiful.

The H. B. S. R. C. met with Mrs. E. T. Barton. A full membership was present The following program will be rendered at the next meeting at Mrs. Banks', 1046 Enes street: Paper, Mrs. H. H. Lewis; selection, Mrs. Waricks; paper, Mrs Cleggett; lecture by a friend of the Circle; oracle, Mrs. Hamilton. Mrs. Cumly of Webster City was Circle visitor, and gave a fine talk, which was encouraging and highly enjoyed The ladies of the Circle surprised Mrs. Barton by inviting her into the dining room where a nice lunch was served.

AMERICA'S THREE GREATEST MEN—WASHINGTON, LINCOLN AND DOUGLASS.

While it is true that February is the shortest month in the year, yet it is a noteworthy coincidence that more of America's great men were born beneath this month. George Washington, born Feb. 22, 1732, died Dec. 14, 1799. He is known in history as the "father of our country," a soldier, a statesman, and a patriot.

Abraham Lincoln was born Feb. 12, 1809, died April 15, 1865. He is known in histoay as the "savior of our country and great emancipator." He, too, was a statesman, a true patriot and a martyr to the cause of liberty. He, like Elijah of old, from his chariot of fire dropping the holy mantle of Liberty upon the sable shoulders of the enslaved Africans.

Frederick Douglass was born (as near as can be asertained) Feb. —, 1817, died Feb. 20, 1895. He was a statesman, a patriot and a benefactor. He was one of the world's greatest spirits, the Nestor of our race, who stood for nearly sixty years between his people and the fierce hate of ignorance and fanaticism, never once proven untrue to his unquenchable and intangible mission. Space will not permit us to eulogize those great human characters whose history and lives will always be remembered and honored so long as American history is extant.

Edward Comely, a former Des Moines man has come here very sick, from Saint Louis, Mo. He is at Mr Comely's at 845 East Fourth st

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.

We acknowledge an invitation to attend the Solicitor's anniversary ball to be given in Oskaloosa, Iowa, Feb. 23d. For four long years the Solicitor has come to the homes of the Iowa people. Of course we know the past four years has been hard for the life of newspaper men—especially during Cleveland's administration!

MISSOURI'S SEPARATE COACH LAW.

A few weeks ago we stated to our readers that some mossback of Missouri had introduced a bill to have separate coaches for white and colored people. It was overwhelmingly defeated two weeks ago. Republicans, and the better class (especially the educated class) of democrats, voted against it. But again last week another antidated suffering mortal introduced another bill, providing separate coaches, claiming that it was better for the colored people as it gave special coaches. We now inform you that we don't want any special privileges; we have never asked for them. If you would give us equal privileges and opportunities we will excuse you. All that the colored man has ever asked, even just after he was freed, equal opportunities and special preference to none. Let the 50,000 colored voters of Missouri spot those that voted for this measure, and relegate them to the rear at the next election.

HOW TO REDUCE OUR CITY EXPENSE.

The city council last Monday voted against the plan as suggested a few weeks ago by Mayor McVicar to reduce the city expenses, thereby saving TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS to the city without incurring any embarrassment. The Mayor pointed out the things that might be done away with and some reductions, yet the council voted in contradiction to his desire. When the Mayor was elected he pledged himself to do all in his power to curtail city expenses and run an economical administration, and is now simply trying to carry out his pledge, is handicapped by the city council. Let the tax payers watch the city council and turn them down by electing aldermen that will assist the Mayor in reducing the expenses. Mayor McVicar has proven himself to be honest and sincere and outspoken against unnecessary expenses.

Prof. Booker T. Washington called on William McKinley last week. He was on his way home from Zanesville, Ohio, where he had delivered a speech on Lincoln's birthday. Unlike most of the colored callers, he was not seeking an appointment, but simply called to pay his respects, as also did Chauncy M. Depew, of New York, who was one of the Zanesville speakers. Prof. Scarborrough of Wilberforce college.

WANTED—To sell or trade for Iowa property, good lot and house of 5 rooms, 1½ story, situated in Albany, Mo, county, seat of Gentry county, a town of 2500 people, 2 colleges, electric light, etc. For information, address the BYSTANDER, or WATKINS, Albany, Mo.

Have you ever tried Eureka coal? If not. call at 416 W. Seventh street, or 411 East Sixt street. Phone No. 170.

THE BRADLY-MARTIN BALL.

Probably the swellest and most costly ball ever given in America was that given last week by Miss Martin of New York. It cost $240,000, Two-thousand invitations issued; $40,000 was spent in arranging for it; $10,000 to the waiters; $100,000 on dresses. It will long be remembered, but we think she would be longer remembered by the world had she donated $150,000 to the founding of some college for the uplifting of humanity. It would be lasting.

We extend our thanks to the Attuck Improvement Association of St. Louis, Mo., asking for the BYSTANDER to be placed in the reading rooms of their library. The object of this association is this: "The object of this Association, shall be to exert its influence in behalf of Negro Industry, and to that end strengthen and crystalize negro organization, to create, promote and cultivate by all legitimate agences, a fraternal feeling toward all negro enterprises, and to provide and maintain such reading rooms for its members as the association finds necessary."

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

We would like to see at least two members of our city school board colored men. We have nearly one thousand children of school age, and it is high time that some of our active citizens begin to work and talk this idea over with your friends. We have several good men. Attorney I. E. Williamson, Prof. Geo. I. Holt, Henry McCravens, C. W. Henry, H. H. Lewis, Dr. Johnson or most any reliable citizen. Let us select some gaod man and all unite and present his name at the school caucus. We are entitled to a janitor on the east side, and at least two or three colored school teachers in our city schools.

FOUR SAD YEARS.

The American people are financially poorer now than they were four years ago; yet we have gone through the sad school of experience are some wiser. We have borrowed $178,000,000 to run our government the past four years, while failures in commercial and financial circles has been phenominal. Below we give you a tabulated table of failures:

	No. failures	Total liabilities.	Per cent. assets to liabilities.	Per cent. failing.
1896	15,112	247.0	59.9	1.40
1895	13,013	158.8	53.4	1.23
1894	12,731	149.5	53.0	1.21
1893	15,560	402,4	65.0	1.50
1892	10,270	108.5	50.0	1.00
1891	12,394	193.1	53 0	1.22
1890	10,673	175.0	53.0	1.07
1889	11,719	140.7	50.0	1.20
1888	10,587	120.2	52.0	1.10
1887	9,740	130 6	50.0	1.04
1886	10,568	113.6	49 0	1.15
1885	11,116	119.1	46.0	1.25
1884	11,620	248.7	54.0	1.32
1883	10,299	175.8	52.0	1.20
1882	7,635	93.2	51.0	.93
1881	5,929	76.0	47.0	.76

The year 1896 was a disastrous one in commercial circles. Not only were the failures greater in number than in any year, save '93, but the aggregate amount involved was much larger, with the single exception of the year 1884, when the liabilities reached nearly $249,000,000. The table covers the business of the past sixteen years, and may be relied as being correct as care and conscientiousness in compiling could make it.

The above table was taken from the Weekly Express.

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I was intensely interested in reading an article that appeared in the BYSTANDER, composed by Mr. Thompson, the object of which was to show to the youths generally, and older heads in particular, the benefits derived from a studious application to schools of learning, and also to admonish them of the deleterious effect, subsequent to a new compliance with this advice. Never in the history of our race could such remarks be more opportune or appropriate. I indeed think such warnings should be continually hearalded from our press, constantly ennunciated in the pulpit, and perpetually wrung from the stump, keeping ever before our people the necessity of educating their children.

The question has been agitated for years. I believe I would be justified in saying almost since the Emancipation Proclamation, as to what should be done to solve the race problem. The press, the pulpit, the lawmakers, all vied with each other in their efforts to propagate some scheme by which its solution would be assured. Some advocated deportation; some favored the plan of colonization; others advanced the idea that the acquisition of wealth was the only method by which they could, as a race, ever hope to attain to any degree of eminence, and yet there were others adhered to the theory that the possession of education was the essential factor in solving the momentous race problem.

I am not writing this article to theorize on any of the above plans, nor do I intend to condemn either. But I only intend to deal with facts, as I understand them, and use common sense as a combatant for theoretical argument. The impracticability of deportation renders that plan virtually obsolete. The futile attempts to colonize any considerable number has been so fraught with disaster, that that idea also is untenible. To admit that the acquisition of wealth would be contiguous to prosperity then the question may arise as to what is the best agent in procuring that boon.

In glancing over the annals of the worlds' history, I believe research would substantiate the assertion that all Nations, Empires, Kingdoms and Republics, who carred for themselves an epitaph imperishable [and became of moment and world renown, received their envious positions mainly under the instrumentality of knowledge. The idea that their wealth caused their aggrandizement is eroneous. Thus it was a mighty factor in causing results, but in deducting conclusions from a resort to history we should trace events from cause to effect if we expect to be able to gain an intelligent understanding.

While it is undisputable that wealth was a powerful incentive in forwarding the history of nations, yet it was only a creature of a higher or a mightier factor, and its accumulation was entirely due to the amount of knowledge possessed by the nation who owned it. Go back six hundred years and learn the condition of humanity as they wrestled with ignorance, in darkness and superstition previous to the invention of movable types by John Guttenburg, and the difusion of knowledge, among the masses. Men, women and children paid their lives as a penalty, on the alter of Papal bigotry, and behests of Imperial Rome, because they had the audacity to differ with her in her prescribed rules of faith. But since the invention of printing (which has been of more substantial aid to the human family than all other agents combined knowledge has been disseminated to the remotest corners of the earth; so much so that today we are heirs to its magnificent benefits.

A method that will accrue to the benefits of a nation if applied to an individual under like circumstances will also result to his betterment, therefore if knowledge is condusive to the perpetuity of the national honor it is proof positive that it is also requisite for a component part of that nation. More especially is this rule applicable to republics, than a monarchical form of government from the fact that the latter is governed by force while the former derives its power by majority of the governed.

J. KEENE.

ALBIA NOTES.

The revival meetings held at the A. M. E. church are a spiritual success.

Elder Jason Bundy returned here from Oskaloosa Thursday and Friday of this week.

Mrs W. R. Wilburn of Des Moines was called to the sick bed of her daughter Mrs. Anna Jones, this week.

It is rumored that Mrs. Josie Meadows, of Ottumwa, will move to Albia in a few weeks. Meadows is quite a worker in the church and sunday school, and will be quite a help to our city.

Mrs. Bartlett is another added to our sick list.

Mr. Henry Jones was an Ottumwa caller on business this week.

Mr. S. Snoddy entertained Mesdames Jones and Meadows and Miss Maggie Jones at dinner, Wednesday.

Elder Jason Bundy and Rev. Harris was the invited guests of Mrs. O. Marshall, Friday.

Rev. Williams, of Muchy, will assist Rev. Harris in carrying on the revival meetings this week.

HEDRICK NOTES.

Mrs. S. S. Crump who has been ill for some time, is slowly improving.

Robert Crump is able to be up again after a weeks illness.

James and Master Marshell Crump are are rapidly improving from their late sickness.

Mrs. A. A. Crayton who has been ill is slowly mending.

Mr. James Stowall is on the sick list.

W. R. Norton has been on the sick list for several days.

Miss Maud Mitchell was at Peka, Thursday.

Mr. J. W. Martin is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McMullin, of Ottumwa, were guests of C. W. Talles, over Sunday.

Miss Alice Basle of Delta is visiting her uncle, W W. Easburn.

Miss Lizzie Crump is up again after two weeks illness.

Samuel Donnell, of Nugent, was in town yesterday, taking a look through the Salzer Seed car.

ROCK ISLAND NEWS.

[Special Correspondence.]

As your valuable paper has been received in our home for some time, we thought we would let your readers know something of the doings of our Rock Island

We have had a great deal of sickness recently in our midst.

Mrs. J. W. Washington has been quite sick at her home 803 Sixth Avenue, is now convalescent.

Mrs. Lulu Slaughter who has been sick since New Year's Day, is slowly improving.

Brother Geo. Hubbard is also on the mend.

Gracie Burris, our rising little musician, and daughter of our colored mail carrier, was quite ill last week, but is now able to attend school.

Baby Terry who has been quite sick with cold and the chicken pox, is some better.

Mrs. Celia Morrison is quite sick at this writing.

Rev. J. W. Washington, pastor of the Second Baptist Church is making quite a headway toward getting funds for the new church to be erected this spring. It is the first building in the Union to be named after Major McKinley, and will cost $5000. The President-elect acknowledged the compliment in a very favorable manner.

The children of the B. B. society of the Second Baptist church gave a literary entertainment and lunch last week. The proceeds are for the benefit of the new church. The society is under the management of Miss Sadie Pearson, who is an efficient worker with children.

The Cake Walk which is to be the 18th of this month at Armory Hall, promises to be one of the grandest affairs ever given by the young folks of Rock Island. Hand some prizes have been donated by some of the leading merchants of Rock Island.

Miss Valley Young of Galesburg, Ills., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Washington.

A chorus of forty-four voices are preparing to render the beautiful Cantata, Queen Esther, for the benefit of the Second Baptist church.

Rev. Porter, of Saint Louis, is in the city conducting a meeting at Wayman Mission.

BOONE ITEMS.

Mr. Robert Johnson has changed his residence.

Mr. Hale has returned after a long absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown are happy over the arrival of a boy. All concerned are doing nicely.

Miss Bertha Terry and brother Simon took a flying trip to Marshalltown.

The Boone aid society held a meeting Tuesday evening.

Van Ginkel Coal Co. Best brightest burning in the city. 101 Court avenue. Phone 421.

In Memory of Aunt Eliza Warren.

[For the BYSTANDER.]

'Thou art gone, lovely Mother,
And never more shall we behold thy smiling face,
Nor clasp glad hands with thee, on this side of Jordan's wave.
'Thou was amiable and influential,
Many, many, were the hearts that 'thou didst cheer,
While 'thou didst remain here.

'Thou art gone, thy work in this sin-doomed world is done:
While in that bright glorious world it has just begun.
'Thou art gone, the Master hath need of thee from our midst,
And planted thee on the other side of Jordan's wave.

There no harsh words can ever pierce thy tender heart;
Sickness can never come to thee;
Sorrow nor sadness, but all is joy and peace and gladness.

And now farewell, Mother Warren, 'thou art weary and worn.
Sweet be thy silent slumber, for there is no death for those that love the Lord.

And to the near and dear ones and loved ed companions left behind.
She's no more here below, but is numbered among the Heavenly guests where Jesus is the host.

Let us live by faith and labor on, and
When our work we shall have finished
We too shall be anchored in the realms of an endless day,
Where all is light and love.

MRS. J. H. SHEPARD.

PHŒNIX ARIZONA.

The legislature of this Territory has followed the example of most legislatures in defeating the woman suffrage measure, but it will be heard from again. Our sunday school is progressing nicely; twenty-six persons were out last Sunday. Teachers elected were Mrs. J. W. Bolton, Mrs, M.N. Bell, Miss M. A. Miller, Mr. Jos. J. Bradburn, Mrs. A. J. Wilburn, Mrs. S. Taylor, Mrs. J. W. Bolton was elected chorister, and the singing under her leadership promises to be a main feature in the sunday school work. Mr. A. J Wilburn, whose arm was broken is out again, and doing well.

Tomorrow, Monday night, a benefit ball will be given for the benefit of the sick. Our townsman, Frank Sherly is the moving spirit, and much good is expected for the unfortunates in our city.

The weathe[illegible]ne, fruit trees [illegible] flowers are in bloom, and the Alpha fiel are growing its first crop.

There has not been a failure of any business house in the city, since our arrival here.

Everybody reads and welcomes the BYSTANDER.

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

The Light House society met last Friday night at the home of Mrs. Hawkins, being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Milligan. There was a large number present and quite an interesting meeting was had. The following papers were read:

Mrs. O. B. Claire	Window
Henry Martin	Sojourner
Thomas Davis	Abraham Lin
Mrs. G. H. Wade	A Refractory C
Mrs. B. Hawkins	Sunshine in the Hous

Other papers were read by Mrs. E. J. Milligan, Mrs. Laura Martin, G. H. Wade, O. B, Claire and Master Harry Martin, after which the society adjourned to meet on the 19th with Mrs. Lanra Martin of Tenth Avenue.

The Valentine social at the A. M. E. church was not as well attended as should have been.

Mrs. Broadie is in Minneapolis.

The Ladies' Industrial met last Friday with Mrs. Gomer. The society anticipates giving an Inaugural Supper March fourth at the A. M. E. church. Every one should turn out and help to make it a grand success.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lavell on the 7th inst., and W. H. says he is all right. Mother and baby doing nicely.

Mrs. Mattie Price is on the sick list.

KEOKUK NEWS.

Quite a revival has broke out at the A. M. E. church at the present time. There are forty-five converts in the last two weeks, not speaking of the backsliders, for there are many; there are four mourners seeking to find Christ They are all young men and ladies—excepting a few aged people. Rev. J. Thomas, of Monmouth, Ills., is assisting to help carry on the grand work. All are pleased with his work. Rev. Tilliman and wife have did a grand work, they are liked by saints and sinners. Both are young and active.

The Mason's gave a ball on Monday evening. A fair crowd attended; all present enjoyed themselves.

Sunday morning was a grand time; the young converts speaking. The services were delightful.

Those on the sick list are, Mr. Tossy and Mrs. C. Alden; Mrs. W Alden's little baby is very sick. Mr. J. Craig is on the mend, Mrs. T. Mitchell is able to be out at church, also Mrs. A. Bettise, of which we are proud. Mr. G. Kelice is being treated for his eyes.

The Seventh street Baptists are carrying on a revival at present. Rev. Orange is pastor.

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Mrs. Thomas Williams arrived home from Omaha last Saturday night, bringing with her Mrs. Dora Snipes, her daughter, who continues very ill. Mrs. George Lilland also accompaned her sister, and will remain with her awhile.

A series of meetings are being held at the East Side Baptist church, (colored) where great interest is being taken in the cause of religion. Rev. Goins will be present Friday the 26th inst., and desires to meet the board on the evening of that date, and to meet the entire church on Saturday night following.

Mrs. C. H. Comley of Webster City arrived in our city last week to visit with her relatives and old friends. She was raised in our city, and is a sister to Miss Janey Ramey and Mrs. Washington. She is looking well and likes Webster City.

At the Masonic entertainment next Monday evening there will be given to ladies two prizes, one to married ladies and one to single ladies. Come and see what they are for and what they will be. Committee from North Star No. 2 A. F. and A. M.

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The following stewards were elected at the A. M. church last Thursday night; C. S. Stewart, Geo. T Haworth, E T Banks, G H Gains, Geo. Holt, John Hardy, P H Holmes, Gus Comily and J H Shepard.

Mr. Chas. Robinson, of St. Paul, Minn, stopped a few days in our city while en route for Chicago. He is a prominent politician of St. Paul, but contemplates moving to the White city, soon.

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Quarterly meeting at the A. M. E church was largely attended. the presiding elder was not present. Rev. E. L. Eaton, (white), of the First M. E. church, assisted Rev. Reeves Sunday afternoon, delivering a very fine sermon. Every one was well pleased with it.

Mr. Crenshaw the famous young baretone singer who has been singing with Beach and Bower's minstreal accepted an offer to go with the Wang Comic Opera which was played in our city last Saturday eve. Mr. Crenshaw's father is foreman on the Bystander force. We wish him success.

A large fire destroyed the Rice Building Monday night where Lathrope & Rhode's wholesale and retail books, stationary and bicycles, The cause was unknown. The damage loss, goods about $10,000 building about $18,000 all had a good insurance.

Mrs. Ed. Good, of Grinnell, Iowa, has come to the capital city to visit with her husband who is a legislative employee. She is stopping with Mrs. Hall on Walnut street.

The Ladies' Afternoon Social Club met with Mrs. Erickson, with President Mrs. William Mash in the chair. The club was opened with prayer. The afternoon was spent with pleasant conversation and embroidery work. The club was visited by Mrs. Erickson at five o'clock and and an elegant dinner served, which was enjoyed by all. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Holmes February 25,

Our Gold Watch Winner.

Our prize of a gold watch we offered to any one who would secure us the most new subscribers was won by Mr. N. D. Valentine, of Phœnix, Arizona, having secured nineteen subscribers, $18.30. The second in the contest was Miss Eldora Thompson, of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Miss Rosa Terry, of Des Moines, taking third place. The latter two did not commence as soon as the contest was open. Mr. Valentine is well known in our city, a hustler at anything he undertakes. We will send the watch to him at once which is very beautiful.

The H. B. S. R. C. met with Mrs. E. T. Barton. A full membership was present The following program will be rendered at the next meeting at Mrs. Banks', 1046 Enes street: Paper, Mrs. H. H. Lewis; selection, Mrs. Waricks; paper, Mrs Cleggett; lecture by a friend of the Circle; oracle, Mrs. Hamilton. Mrs. Cumly of Webster City was a Circle visitor, and gave a fine talk, which was encouraging and highly enjoyed The ladies of the Circle surprised Mrs. Barton by inviting her into the dining room where a nice lunch was served.

AMERICA'S THREE GREATEST MEN—WASHINGTON, LINCOLN AND DOUGLASS.

While it is true that February is the shortest month in the year, yet it is a noteworthy coincidence that more of America's great men were born beneath this month. George Washington, born Feb. 22, 1732, died Dec. 14, 1799. He is known in history as the "father of our country," a soldier, a statesman, and a patriot.

Abraham Lincoln was born Feb. 12, 1809, died April 15, 1865. He is known in histoay as the "savior of our country and great emancipator." He, too, was a statesman, a true patriot and a martyr to the cause of liberty. He, like Elijah of old, from his chariot of fire dropping the holy mantle of Liberty upon the sable shoulders of the enslaved Africans.

Frederick Douglass was born (as near as can be ascertained) Feb. —, 1817, died Feb. 20, 1895. He was a statesman, a patriot and a benefactor. He was one of the world's greatest spirits, the Nestor of our race, who stood for nearly sixty years between his people and the fierce hate of ignorance and fanatacism, never once proven untrue to his unquenchable and intangible mission. Space will not permit us to eulogize those great human characters whose history and lives will always be remembered and honored so long as American history is extant.

Edward Comely, a former Des Moines man has come here very sick, from Saint Louis, Mo. He is at Mr Comely's at 845 East Fourth st

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.

We acknowledge an invitation to attend the Solicitor's anniversary ball to be given in Oskaloosa, Iowa, Feb. 23d. For four long years the Solicitor has come to the homes of the Iowa people. Of course we know the past four years has been hard for the life of newspaper men—especially during Cleveland's administration!

MISSOURI'S SEPARATE COACH LAW.

A few weeks ago we stated to our readers that some mossback of Missouri had introduced a bill to have separate coaches for white and colored people. It was overwhelmingly defeated two weeks ago. Republicans, and the better class (especially the educated class) of democrats, voted against it. But again last week another antidated suffering mortal introduced another bill, providing separate coaches, claiming that it was better for the colored people as it gave special coaches. We now inform you that we don't want any special privileges; we have never asked for them. If you would give us equal privileges and opportunities we will excuse you. All that the colored man has ever asked, even just after he was freed, equal opportunities and special preference to none. Let the 50,000 colored voters of Missouri spot those that voted for this measure, and relegate them to the rear at the next election.

HOW TO REDUCE OUR CITY EXPENSE.

The city council last Monday voted against the plan as suggested a few weeks ago by Mayor McVicar to reduce the city expenses, thereby saving TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS to the city without incurring any embarrassment. The Mayor pointed out the things that might be done away with and some reductions, yet the council voted in contradiction to his desire. When the Mayor was elected he pledged himself to do all in his power to curtail city expenses and run an economical administration, and is now simply trying to carry out his pledge, is handicapped by the city council. Let the tax payers watch the city council and turn them down by electing aldermen that will assist the Mayor in reducing the expenses. Mayor McVicar has proven himselt to be honest and sincere and outspoken against unnecessary expenses.

Prof. Booker T. Washington called on William McKinley last week. He was on his way home from Zanesville, Ohio, where he had delivered a speech on Lincoln's birthday. Unlike most of the colored callers, he was not seeking an appointment, but simply called to pay his respects, as also did Chauncy M. Depew, of New York, who was one of the Zanesville speakers. Prof. Scarborrough of Wilberforce college.

WANTED—To sell or trade for Iowa property, good lot and house of 5 rooms, 1½ story, situated in Albany, Mo, county, seat of Gentry county, a town of 2500 people, 2 colleges, electric light, etc. For nformation, address the BYSTANDER, or WATKINS, Albany, Mo.

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THE BRADLY-MARTIN BALL.

Probably the swellest and most costly ball ever given in America was that given last week by Miss Martin of New York. It cost $240,000. Two-thousand invitations issued; $40,000 was spent in arranging for it; $10,000 to the waiters; $100,000 on dresses. It will long be remembered, but we think she would be longer remembered by the world had she donated $150,000 to the founding of some college for the uplifting of humanity. It would be lasting.

We extend our thanks to the Attuck Improvement Association of St. Louis, Mo., asking for the BYSTANDER to be placed in the reading rooms of their library. The object of this association is this: "The object of this Association, shall be to exert its influence in behalf of Negro Industry, and to that end strengthen and crystalize negro organization, to create, promote and cultivate by all legitimate agences, a fraternal feeling toward all negro enterprises, and to provide and maintain such reading rooms for its members as the association finds necessary."

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

We would like to see at least two members of our city school board colored men. We have nearly one thousand children of school age, and it is high time that some of our active citizens begin to work and talk this idea over with your friends. We have several good men. Attorney I. E. Williamson, Prof. Geo. I. Holt, Henry McCravens, C. W. Henry, H. H. Lewis, Dr. Johnson or most any reliable citizen. Let us select some gaod man and all unite and present his name at the school caucus. We are entitled to a janitor on the east side, and at least two or three colored school teachers in our city schools.

FOUR SAD YEARS.

The American people are financially poorer now than they were four years ago; yet we have gone through the sad school of experience are some wiser. We have borrowed $178,000,000 to run our government the past four years, while failures in commercial and financial circles has been phenominal. Below we give you a tabulated table of failures:

	No. failures	Total liabilities.	Per cent. assets to liabilities.	Per cent. failing.
1896......	15,112	247.0	59.9	1.40
1895......	13,013	158.8	53.4	1.23
1894......	12,731	149.5	53.0	1.21
1893......	15,560	402,4	65.0	1.50
1892......	10,270	108.5	50.0	1.00
1891......	12,394	193.1	53 0	1.22
1890......	10,673	175.0	53.0	1.07
1889......	11,719	140.7	50.0	1.20
1888......	10,587	120.2	52.0	1.10
1887......	9,740	130 6	50.0	1.04
1886......	10,568	113.6	49 0	1.15
1885......	11,116	119.1	46.0	1.25
1884......	11,620	248.7	54.0	1.33
1883......	10,299	175.9	52.0	1.20
1882	7,635	93.2	51.0	.93
1881......	5,929	76.0	47.0	.76

The year 1896 was a disastrous one in commercial circles. Not only were the failures greater in number than in any year, save '93, but the aggregate amount involved was much larger, with the single exception of the year 1884, when the liabilities reached nearly $249,000,000. The table covers the business of the past sixteen years, and may be relied as being correct as care and conscientiousness in compiling could make it.

The above table was taken from the Weekly Express.

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I was intensely interested in reading an article that appeared in the BYSTANDER, composed by Mr. Thompson, the object of which was to show to the youths generally, and older heads in particular, the benefits derived from a studious application to schools of learning, and also to admonish them of the deleterious effect, subsequent to a new compliance with this advice. Never in the history of our race could such remarks be more opportune or appropriate. I indeed think such warnings should be continually hearalded from our press, constantly ennunciated in the pulpit, and perpetually wrung from the stump, keeping ever before our people the necessity of educating their children.

The question has been agitated for years. I believe I would be justified in saying almost since the Emancipation Proclamation, as to what should be done to solve the race problem. The press, the pulpit, the lawmakers, all vied with each other in their efforts to propagate some scheme by which its solution would be assured. Some advocated deportation; some favored the plan of colonization; others advanced the idea that the acquisition of wealth was the only method by which they could, as a race, ever hope to attain to any degree of eminence, and yet there were others adhered to the theory that the possession of education was the essential factor in solving the momentous race problem.

I am not writing this article to theorize on any of the above plans, nor do I intend to condemn either. But I only intend to deal with facts, as I understand them, and use common sense as a combatant for theoretical argument. The impracticability of deportation renders that plan virtually obsolete. The futile attempts to colonize any considerable number has been so fraught with disaster, that that idea also is untenible. To admit that the acquisition of wealth would be contiguous to prosperity then the question may arise as to what is the best agent in procuring that boon.

In glancing over the annals of the worlds' history, I believe research would substantiate the assertion that all Nations, Empires, Kingdoms and Republics, who carred for themselves an epitaph imperishable [and became of moment and world renown, received their envious positions mainly under the instrumentality of knowledge. The idea that their wealth caused their aggrandizement is eroneous. Thus it was a mighty factor in causing results, but in deducting conclusions from a resort to history we should trace events from cause to effect if we expect to be able to gain an intelligent understanding.

While it is undisputable that wealth was a powerful incentive in forwarding the history of nations, yet it was only a creature of a higher or a mightier factor, and its accumulation was entirely due to the amount of knowledge possessed by the nation who owned it. Go back six hundred years and learn the condition of humanity as they wrestled with ignorance, in darkness and superstition previous to the invention of movable types by John Guttenburg, and the difusion of knowledge, among the masses. Men, women and children paid their lives as a penalty, on the alter of Papal bigotry, and behests of Imperial Rome, because they had the audacity to differ with her in her prescribed rules of faith. But since the invention of printing (which has been of more substantial aid to the human family than all other agents combined knowledge has been disseminated to the remotest corners of the earth; so much so that today we are heirs to its magnificent benefits.

A method that will accrue to the benefits of a nation if applied to an individual under like circumstances will also result to his betterment, therefore if knowledge is condusive to the perpetuity of the national honor it is proof positive that it is also requisite for a component part of that nation. More especially is this rule applicable to republics, than a monarchical form of government from the fact that the latter is governed by force while the former derives its power by majority of the governed.

J. KEENE.

ALBIA NOTES.

The revival meetings held at the A. M. E. church are a spiritual success.

Elder Jason Bundy returned here from Oskaloosa Thursday and Friday of this week.

Mrs W. R. Wilburn of Des Moines was called to the sick bed of her daughter Mrs. Anna Jones, this week.

It is rumored that Mrs. Josie Meadows, of Ottumwa, will move to Albia in a few weeks, Meadows is quite a worker in the church and sunday school, and will be quite a help to our city.

Mrs. Bartlett is another added to our sick list.

Mr. Henry Jones was an Ottumwa caller on business this week.

Mr. S. Snoddy entertained Mesdames Jones and Meadows and Miss Maggie Jones at dinner, Wednesday.

Elder Jason Bundy and Rev. Harris was the invited guests of Mrs. O. Marshall, Friday.

Rev. Williams, of Muchy, will assist Rev. Harris in carrying on the revival meetings this week.

HEDRICK NOTES.

Mrs. S. S. Crump who has been ill for some time, is slowly improving.

Robert Crump is able to be up again after a weeks illness.

James and Master Marshell Crump are are rapidly improving from their late sickness.

Mrs. A. A. Crayton who has been ill is slowly mending.

Mr. James Stowall is on the sick list.

W. R. Norton has been on the sick list for several days.

Miss Maud Mitchell was at Peka, Thursday.

Mr. J. W. Martin is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McMullin, of Ottumwa, were guests of C. W. Talles, over Sunday.

Miss Alice Basle of Delta is visiting her uncle, W W. Easburn.

Miss Lizzie Crump is up again after two weeks illness.

Samuel Donnell, of Nugent, was in town yesterday, taking a look through the Salzer Seed car.

ROCK ISLAND NEWS.

[Special Correspondence.]

As your valuable paper has been received in our home for some time, we thought we would let your readers know something of the doings of our Rock Island

We have had a great deal of sickness recently in our midst.

Mrs. J. W. Washington has been quite sick at her home 803 Sixth Avenue, is now convalescent.

Mrs. Lulu Slaughter who has been sick since New Year's Day, is slowly improving.

Brother Geo. Hubbard is also on the mend.

Gracie Burris, our rising little musician, and daughter of our colored mail carrier was quite ill last week, but is now able to attend school.

Baby Terry who has been quite sick with cold and the chicken pox, is some better.

Mrs. Celia Morrison is quite sick at this writing.

Rev. J. W. Washington, pastor of the Second Baptist Church is making quite a headway toward getting funds for the new church to be erected this spring. It is the first building in the Union to be named after Major McKinley, and will cost $5000. The President-elect acknowleged the compliment in a very favorable manner.

The children of the B. B. society of the Second Baptist church gave a literary entertainment and lunch last week. The proceeds are for the behefit of the new church. The society is under the management of Miss Sadie Pearson, who is an efficient worker with children.

The Cake Walk which is to be the 18th of this month at Armory Hall, promises to be one of the grandest affairs ever given by the young folks of Rock Island. Hand some prizes have been donated by some of the leading merchants of Rock Island.

Miss Valley Young of Galesburg, Ills., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Washington.

A chorus of forty-four voices are preparing to render the beautiful Cantata, Queen Esther, for the benefit of the Second Baptist church.

Rev. Porter, of Saint Louis, is in the city conducting a meeting at Wayman Mission.

BOONE ITEMS.

Mr. Robert Johnson has changed his residence.

Mr. Hale has returned after a long absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown are happy over the arrival of a boy. All concerned are doing nicely.

Miss Bertha Terry and brother Simon took a flying trip to Marshalltown.

The Boone aid society held a meeting Tuesday evening.

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In Memory of Aunt Eliza Warren.

[For the BYSTANDER.]

'Thou art gone, lovely Mother,
And never more shall we behold thy smiling face,
Nor clasp glad hands with thee, on this side of Jordan's wave.
'Thou was amiable and influential,
Many, many, were the hearts that 'thou didst cheer,
While 'thou didst remain here.

'Thou art gone, thy work in this sin-doomed world is done:
While in that bright glorious world it has just begun.
'Thou art gone, the Master hath need of thee from our midst,
And planted thee on the other side of Jordan's wave.

There no harsh words can ever pierce thy tender heart;
Sickness can never come to thee;
Sorrow nor sadness, but all is joy and peace and gladness.

And now farewell, Mother Warren, 'thou art weary and worn.
Sweet be thy silent slumber, for there is no death for those that love the Lord.

And to the near and dear ones and loved ed companions left behind.
She's no more here below, but is numbered among the Heavenly guests where Jesus is the host.

Let us live by faith and labor on, and
When our work we shall have finished
We too shall be anchored in the realms of an endless day,
Where all is light and love.

MRS. J. H. SHEPARD.

PHŒNIX ARIZONA.

The legislature of this Territory has followed the example of most legislatures in defeating the woman suffrage measure, but it will be heard from again. Our sunday school is progressing nicely; twenty-six persons were out last Sunday. Teachers elected were Mrs. J. W. Bolton, Mrs, M.N. Bell, Miss M. A. Miller, Mr. Jos. J. Bradburn, Mrs. A. J. Wilburn, Mrs. S. Taylor, Mrs. J. W. Bolton was elected chorister, and the singing under her leadership promises to be a main feature in the sunday school work. Mr. A. J Wilburn, whose arm was broken is out again, and doing well.

Tomorrow, Monday night, a benefit ball will be given for the benefit of the sick. Our townsman, Frank Sherly is the moving spirit, and much good is expected for the unfortunates in our city.

The weather is fine, fruit trees and flowers are in bloom, and the Alpha fields are growing its first crop.

There has not been a failure of any business house in the city, since our arrival here.

Everybody reads and welcomes the BYSTANDER.

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

The Light House society met last Friday night at the home of Mrs. Hawkins, being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Milligan. There was a large number present and quite an interesting meeting was had. The following papers were read:

Mrs. O. B. Claire........	Window Lights
Henry Martin..........	Sojourner Truth
Thomas Davis...........	Abraham Lincoln
Mrs. G. H. Wade	A Refractory Cow
Mrs. B. Hawkins...	Sunshine in the House

Other papers were read by Mrs. E. J. Milligan, Mrs. Laura Martin, G. H. Wade, O. B, Claire and Master Harry Martin, after which the society adjourned to meet on the 19th with Mrs. Laura Martin of Tenth Avenue.

The Valentine social at the A. M. E. church was not as well attended as should have been.

Mrs. Broadie is in Minneapolis.

The Ladies' Industrial met last Friday with Mrs. Gomer. The society anticipates giving an Inaugural Supper March fourth at the A. M. E. church. Every one should turn out and help to make it a grand success.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lavell on the 7th inst., and W. H. says he is all right. Mother and baby doing nicely.

Mrs. Mattie Price is on the sick list.

KEOKUK NEWS.

Quite a revival has broke out at the A. M. E. church at the present time. There are forty-five converts in the last two weeks, not speaking of the backsliders, for there are many; there are four mourners seeking to find Christ They are all young men and ladies—excepting a few aged people. Rev. J. Thomas, of Monmouth, Ills., is assisting to help carry on the grand work. All are pleased with his work. Rev. Tilliman and wife have did a grand work, they are liked by saints and sinners. Both are young and active.

The Mason's gave a ball on Monday evening. A fair crowd attended; all present enjoyed themselves.

Sunday morning was a grand time; the young converts speaking. The services were delightful.

Those on the sick list are, Mr. Tossy and Mrs. C. Alden; Mrs. W Alden's little baby is very sick. Mr. J. Craig is on the mend, Mrs. T. Mitchell is able to be out at church, also Mrs. A. Bettise, of which we are proud. Mr. G. Kelice is being treated for his eyes.

The Seventh street Baptists are carrying on a revival at present. Rev. Orange is pastor.

Miss Sadie Benton was home on a short visit, remaining Friday, Saturday and Sunday, returning Monday to take up her school.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The senate passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, carrying $1,745,303. In executive session consideration of the Anglo-American arbitration treaty was resumed. The entire time was consumed by Senators Turpie and Morgan, the former in advocacy of, and the opposition to ratification.

HOUSE.

The house passed the fortifications bill, with but a single amendment, and made some headway with the postoffice appropriation bill. But the major portion of the day was consumed in a political debate on the financial question.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 12.—A resolution was adopted requesting Secretary Olney to use every effort toward bettering the condition of Sylvester Scovel, the newspaper correspondent imprisoned in Cuba, and Morgan offered a resolution for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The remainder of the day was spent in executive session in consideration of the arbitration treaty.

HOUSE.

The house to-day passed the postoffice appropriation bill, carrying $95,435,714, and made good progress in the consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The secretary of the navy was authorized to send a naval vessel or engage another craft to carry supplies to the famine sufferers in India. In executive session the arbitration treaty was taken up and discussed at length.

HOUSE.

The sundry civil appropriation bill was before the house and the democrats took advantage of the occasion to criticise the vast appropriations made by this congress, estimated at $1,045,000,000. Dearmond concluded the day with a plea for Cuba.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Morgan called up his resolution for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. Sherman raised several points of order against Morgan and was sustained by the vice-president, but the senate, on a vote, decided to proceed with the resolution. In executive session Morgan made a speech in favor of his resolution. In open session the bankruptcy bill was read, but no action taken.

HOUSE.

The sundry civil appropriation bill, carrying $581,644,743, was passed without amendment. Contested election case of Benoit vs. Boatner, from Louisiana, was decided in favor of Boatner, the sitting member. Bill to exchange rifles of the national guard for Springfield rifles of 45 calibre passed.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Chandler made a vigorous speech in favor of his resolution urging bimetallism. Hoar spoke in favor of the bankruptcy bill.

HOUSE.

The day was devoted to the consideration of private pensions bills and thirty-nine were passed.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Allen spoke on his resolution relating to dismissals at the postoffice at South Omaha, and declared the civil service law a fraud. Conference report on the immigration bill was agreed to.

HOUSE.

A bill passed opening to use and occupation under the right of way act of 1891 all the reservation sites reserved by the geological survey. Hopkins-Kendal election contest was debated, but no action taken.

ARMOR RATES REDUCED.

Chicago Firm Offers to Make Armor Plate for $250 Per Ton.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Representative Lorimer has caused uneasiness in armor circles by the introduction of a bill directing the secretary of the navy to close a twenty years' contract with the Illinois Steel company and two other Chicago concerns for all the armor plate that may be used by the government at $240 a ton. If this proposition is accepted the Illinois Steel company will put up an armor plant to cost $3,500,000. Armor plate is now being furnished at $563 a ton, and the senate committee on naval affairs has recommended a new deal on a basis of $400 a ton. This new offer is stunning in its consequences.

All Lost but One.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Maritime Exchange from London says that the German ship Baltimore, from London, for New York, sprung a leak and foundered at sea. All of her crew, except one man, are supposed to have been lost. Gustave Christiansen, a seaman, was picked up and landed at Cape Verde, where he told the story of the ship's loss.

Wolcott in Berlin.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—United States Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, who is making a tour of the continent in the interest of bimetallism, has arrived in Berlin. Senator Wolcott was at once called upon at his hotel by Dr. Arendt, Herr von Kardorff and Count von Mirbach, the leading German bimetallists, with whom he held a protracted conference. Mr. Wolcott was entertained at dinner by Charles de Kay, United States consul-general.

British Troops Are Repulsed.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The British naval expedition advancing toward Benin City for the purpose of punishing the king of Benin, murderer of Consul Phillips' party, have met with strong opposition. Commander Pritchard was killed in fighting at Sapelo.

IOWA PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

DES MOINES, Feb. 12.—F. L. Fairbank and T. N. Cantrel, of Des Moines, have been allowed a patent for a blotter bath and absorbent composition therefor, described in one of their claims as follows: A blotter bath comprising a pan having a transverse partition near one end, an absorbent composition having a flat top surface placed in the pan, a metal cover for the pan having a heavy absorbent filling that has a smooth surface and is adapted to overlay the absorbent in the pan and the cover and absorbent therein adapted to stand on end in the vacant water tight compartment in the end of the pan, and for the purposes stated. Valuable information about obtaining, valuing and selling patents sent free to any address.

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THE NEWS IN IOWA

PALMIST IN TROUBLE.

Widely Advertised Mind Reader and a Traveling Doctor Arrested.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Feb. 16.—Paul Alexander Johnstone, heralded as the most eminent mind reader in the world, and Dr. T. M. Walsh have been arrested on a charge of conspiracy. The charge is that Johnstone, while pretending to read the palms of people, has been telling appalling stories to the victims, declaring that they were afflicted with some unseen, but dreadful disease, that sooner or later would cause their death. He would then recommend them to Dr. Walsh, who, as an eminent specialist, might effect a cure. It is alleged that the physician had been doing the rest, securing from the victims sums of money ranging from $90 to $100. Johnstone and Walsh say there has been no thought of defrauding.

GASOLINE ACCIDENT.

Young Woman Saved from Death, Though Badly Burned.

OTTUMWA, Feb. 17.—A special from Eddyville says that Mary Griswell, a domestic in the family of A. M. Lafferty, while building a fire, poured a glass full of gasoline on it, when immediately there was a violent explosion and her clothes were set on fire. She ran out into the yard and a son of Mr. Lafferty caught her and rolled her in a pond of mud and water and threw mud on her face and body. He was frightfully burned about the hands and arms in so doing, but this probably saved her life. She was badly burned about the breast and body, but may recover.

MARTIN IS A MURDERER.

W. L. Schuch Dies From the Effects of an Old Wound.

BURLINGTON, Feb. 17.—W. L. Schuch died at the Soldiers' Home, at Marshalltown, from the effects of the terrible wounds inflicted upon him a year ago last November by Henry Martin, who, since that date, has been a fugitive from justice. The assault was committed at the shop of Schuch, on Mt. Pleasant street. Martin had worked for Schuch and came to demand payment. A quarrel ensued and Martin seized a ladle used in the foundry for pouring molten iron into the moulds and with it struck Schuch a blow that crushed in the top of his head.

LINDLEY'S PUNISHMENT.

Defaulting Treasurer of Humboldt County Gets Four Years.

HUMBOLDT, Feb. 18.—J. W. S. Lindley, late county treasurer, pleaded guilty to embezzlement of $19,904 and was sentenced to pay a fine of that amount and to imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term of four years, the maximum punishment being five years. His time will expire under the good behavior rules in three years and two months. At the same time Tom Fanta was sentenced to three months for forging an order for a $15 overcoat and John Fox got six months for obtaining $20 on false pretenses.

"Tall and Short Men" at Burlington.

BURLINGTON, Feb. 15.—A tall thin man and a short fat one wearing masks were discovered breaking into the confectionary store of H. Hermann, on Elm street, by Clem Neiman, a Hawkeye carrier boy. They captured the boy, bound and gagged him, and bundled him into a dark alley way, where he lay for half an hour while the men finished their job. They then released him and disappeared. The boy at once notified the police, who are now trying to capture the long and short man, who got away with much valuables.

Arrested On the Charge of Fraud.

DES MOINES, Feb. 16.—E. N. Lee and his wife, and T. A. Sharpnack have been arrested by the government charged with using the mails with intent to defraud. They are alleged to have advertised that they would give prizes aggregating $500 to persons making the highest number of words out of the letters in the name under which they did business, the Aluminum Specialty Company. The contest was to close February 15, the contestants forwarding 25 cents, with their guesses, on the words. The government claims to have evidence to prove that they never intended to award any of the prizes.

Big Fire at Des Moines.

DES MOINES, Feb. 16.—The Lathrop-Rhoads-McCain Company's stock of books, stationery and wall paper, at 607 and 609 West Locust street, was destroyed by fire and water. The fire was one of the most thrilling that has visited the city for several years. It was witnessed by thousands of people. The loss, from $12,000 to $14,000, is comparatively small, because the customary large stock carried by the company had been reduced to between $7,000 and $8,000. The building was badly damaged.

Cash Not at Hand.

DES MOINES, Feb. 18.—Two assignments to R. T. Wellslager for the benefit of creditors have been made. The first was by Anna S. Redhead, widow of the late Wesley Redhead, who died six years ago, and the second by her son, George S. Redhead. It is estimated that the assets, consisting of land and stocks, are about $200,000, and the liabilities $75,000. The cause of the assignment is slow collections.

Barney Breaks a Record.

DES MOINES, Feb. 18.—Charles Lloyd Barney, Iowa's strong man, broke the world's record for a heavy lift straight from the floor. He lifted a piano, several dumb bells and a man, the total weighing 1,250 pounds. The previous record of 1,100 pounds was held by Dowe, a Canadian.

Cutting Afray in a Saloon.

CLINTON, Feb. 16.—At Wm. Croaks' saloon in the south part of town, four men, named Delaney, Rush, Lawler and Foley, were playing cards. They became intoxicated and began to fight, and as a result Foley had his jugular vein cut and may die.

IGNORANCE OF LAW.

Gets a Lawyer and His Client Into Serious Trouble.

OTTUMWA, Feb. 18.—A peculiar instance of the severity of federal law came up here. Thos. J. Stafford, a farmer, and W. H. Morrison, an attorney, of Leando, were bound over to the federal grand jury by the United States commissioner for making illegal returns on a pension voucher. The law specifies that vouchers shall be sent in quarterly and no case signed up before the fifth day of the month. Stafford went before Attorney Morrison, who is a notary public, and signed the voucher on the first of the month. There seems to have been no criminal intent, merely an ignorance of the law, but both parties were arrested by a deputy United States marshal on orders direct from Washington. The punishment is severe, the maximum being $500 fine and three years in prison. Both men are prominent.

Fatal Runaway Accident.

OELWEIN, Feb. 18.—Three farmers residing near Fairbanks were thrown from a bobsled in a runaway at Oelwein. Ferdinand Frink was thrown against a culvert and instantly killed. The men were drunk.

IOWA CONDENSED.

A man answering the description of Frank Novak, the Walford murderer, purchased a ticket at Iowa City for Council Bluffs the next day after the fire.

The McIntyre Bros., and Wilson Dry Goods company, of Oskaloosa, has assigned. Liabilities are $30,000 assets, $40,000. The failure was caused by the assignment of the McIntyre-Peck Dry Goods company, of Rock Island, Ill.

Herbert Chapler, who lived near Ft. Dodge, was struck and instantly killed by a falling tree. He was engaged in chopping timber south of town when the accident occurred. The tree, which was a large one, fell with sufficient force to crush his skull, striking it on the back. Deceased was about 25 years old and leaves a wife and child.

Governor Drake has conditionally pardoned F. J. Peffers, who was sent to the penitentiary from Marshalltown in 1889 to serve a 15 year sentence for the murder of Jack Cather. The petition for his pardon was signed by Judge Weaver, who presided at the trial, and Attorney Miller, who prosecuted. The pardon is conditional on good behavior.

The annual convention of county treasurers of the state at Des Moines recently elected officers as follows: President, W. R. Warren, Wapello county; vice-president, A. R. Cherry, Johnson county; secretary, H. C. Murphy, Polk county; treasurer, Rolf Aye, Grundy county. The convention appointed a legislative committee consisting of Paul Lubbers, of Clinton county; M. W. Moir, of Hardin county, and W. R. Warren, of Wapello county.

Albert Epperson, aged 18 years, and Abe Lafferty, same age, have been arrested at Eddyville, says a dispatch, for an assault on the 16-year-old daughter of A. H. Brubaker, a farmer, who owns a thousand acres of land in Mahaska county. It is charged that the crime was committed at a party at Brubaker's. The young men at the party pursued the two accused boys, but they escaped in a sleigh. Epperson is a son of F. M. Epperson, partner of Edwin Manning, the wealthiest man in Iowa, and Lafferty's father is A. M. Lafferty, another very prominent citizen of Eddyville.

Sioux City dispatch: W. L. Frost has been appointed receiver of the Commercial Savings Bank at Leeds. The application was made by the Corn Exchange National Bank, and the receiver took possession at once. The plaintiff claims to hold 120 shares of the capital stock of the bank, and also to be a joint owner of the Hinton Milling Company, valued at $10,000. It claims further to have about $750 of trust funds on deposit in the bank. It is stated that the bank has done little or no business since December 24, and that in order to preserve the assets it is best to have a receiver appointed. The liabilities of the bank are given at $11,500 and the assets at $37,956.

A sad suicide occurred a few mornings since at Foster, eight miles northeast of Guthrie Center. Charley Wins, 20 years old, and single, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wins, and family were eating breakfast, went into a bedroom, placed the muzzle of a shotgun under his chin, and with his foot discharged the gun, blowing his head to pieces. He fell back on the bed dead. Recently a young man named Comstock was being tried in a justice court for the crime of stealing a wolf scalp and collecting a bounty from the county for it. On the trial Comstock swore he shot and killed the wolf and Wins swore he came up when Comstock was skinning the wolf. The grand jury, now in session, was investigating a charge of perjury against both Comstock and Wins, and Wins was cited to appear before the grand jury.

Hampton dispatch: Mr. and Mrs. Long, parents of the young lady who died a year ago last summer of strychnine poisoning under suspicious circumstances, have been indicted for murder in the first degree. Judge Hindman fixed the bail at $1,500 for Mrs. Long and $3,500 for Mr. Long. They asked for an immediate trial, but will have to wait till the next term of court. They will make an effort to get bonds and will probably be able to do so. The case is an important one and it has been a matter of conjecture whether the parents would ever be tried for the alleged crime. Miss Long died very suddenly and the parents are said to have hushed up the matter. Neighbors demanded an investigation. The body was exhumed and an inquest held. The stomach was sent to a Des Moines chemist who found strychnine in it, which he declared had been administered in a single strawberry. The coroner's jury's investigation lasted a week, when they returned a verdict of poison by strychnine, but whether administered by unknown parties or taken with suicidal intent they were unable to determine. It is thought it will be difficult to secure a conviction.

ALL OVER THE WORLD

WAR IN CRETE.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Pall Mall Gazette says there is reason to believe that the government of Great Britain regards the dispatch of the Greek flotilla to Crete as a very serious matter and as likely to involve the gravest consequences. It adds: "No intimation of the intentions of Greece was conveyed to any of the powers, and the preparations to carry them into effect were carefully kept secret. It may be confidently expected that the Marquis of Salisbury will adopt a very firm attitude, and that immediate and vigorous steps will be taken to neutralize the effect of Greece's action." A dispatch to the Times from Athens says that the central Cretan committee is preparing to support the Cretans with arms, ammunition and supplies on a great scale.

ATHENS, Feb. 13.—The government has formulated a notification to the powers setting forth that Greece cannot remain a mere spectator of the events which are taking place in Crete and that the ties of race and religion compel her to intervene in behalf of the oppressed and outraged Christians in that island.

ATHENS, Feb. 13.—The warlike excitement here increased with the departure of troops for the frontier and the equipping of additional war vessels for service in Cretan waters. Nobody seems to doubt that a clash of arms will occur between Greece and Turkey unless the powers intervene; but it is believed here that Greece will be given a free hand in Crete, and that if she succeeds in annexing that island, her right to do so will not be questioned by the rest of Europe.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—There is hot fighting in Crete. More Greek troops have embarked at Pyraeus for the rebellious island. Greek forces, under the command of Prince Nicholas, have started for Thessaly, and a Greek warship has fired on a Turkish transport conveying soldiers of the sultan to the Canadian shores. Moreover, the foreign consuls have been compelled to abandon Canea and take refuge on the cruisers in the harbor.

LONDON, Feb. 16—Advices from Athens state that when the Greek cruiser fired on the Turkish transport at Canea the commander of a British ironclad called on Prince George, in command of the Greek fleet, and told him he would be compelled to sink his vessel if the action was repeated. Prince George replied that he would carry out his orders, which were to prevent the landing of Turkish troops at all hazards. The Englishman then stated that he had orders to prevent any such action. All England is indignant at the action of the government.

ATHENS, Feb. 16.—The representatives of the powers informed the Greek premier that the powers had decided to even resort to arms to prevent Greece from taking further hostile action in Crete. Later the premier informed the representatives that it is the purpose of Greece to occupy Crete.

CANEA, Feb. 16.—The powers now occupy Canea. In accordance with a decision arrived at by the representatives, troops from the Austrian, British, Russian and Italian ironclads were landed and marched to quarters prepared for them. The action will tend to restore peace.

CANEA, Feb. 17.—A Greek army corps has been landed at Platanos, a town near Crete. The commander of the invaders, Col. Vassos, upon planting the Greek colors on the Turkish soil of Crete at once issued a flamboyant proclamation, praising the patriotism of the Cretans and sternly demanding the immediate surrender of the Turks in the neighborhood.

CANEA, Feb. 17.—The commanders of the foreign war ships in Cretan waters have been ordered to prevent landings of troops at Canea, Heraklion and Retimo. Meanwhile Greece continues to land troops, ammunition and supplies at these points.

CANEA, Feb. 17.—The Greek troops have attacked and occupied Fort Aghia, capturing 400 Turks. Included among their number are 100 soldiers.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 18.—The council of ministers has decided to leave the pacification of Crete to the powers and to adopt military measures on the Greek frontier. The latter, however, is purely for defensive purposes to enable Turkey to be prepared for all eventualities.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Cologne Gazette from Vienna says that most of the powers have acceded to Germany's proposal to blockade Piraeus, the port of Athens, in order to curb the war-like impulse of Greece.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 18.—Placards are posted in the mosques demanding the sultan's death.

WEYLER'S CAMPAIGN A FARCE.

Movement of Spanish Troops in Cuba Barren of Predicted Results.

HAVANA, Feb. 16.—General Weyler's forward movement continues, but every day it becomes more apparent that there will be no engagement with Gomez, except at a time and in a place of his own choosing. The forward movement of the Spanish promises to degenerate into a farce, owing to the complete breakdown of the commissariat trains, which were improvised to follow the far columns. However boldly the columns venture away into the mountains, they are always compelled to return to dinner. Ten thousand able-bodied, well-fed men, with mule trains and mountain artillery, could probably find Gomez, as do the newspaper correspondents, and give a good account of him, but the resources of Spain have been squandered without bringing together these absolute essentials of successful guerrilla warfare. Arrangements have been made for General Weyler's return to Havana in a cruiser but the day of his arrival is uncertain.

One Fare for Inauguration.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—All Iowa roads agree to make a rate of one fare for the round trip for the inauguration ceremonies at Washington.

MADE A CONFESSION.

Millionaire Duestrow Admitted That He Killed His Wife and Child.

UNION, Mo., Feb. 17.—Dr. Arthur Duestrow, the St. Louis millionaire, who, February 16, 1894, shot and killed his wife and child in that city, was hanged in the courtyard of the county jail. Not until he arose after a broken night's rest and saw through the window of the jail for the first time the gallows on which he was to die, did he show any sign of realization of his fate. Turning from the window he sobbed like a child. He put away all semblance of insanity, which he carried out so long, and groaned: "I know I've got to die; I killed my wife and child, but it was not my fault. Something within me made me do it. I was not myself."

GEN. GOMEZ WOUNDED.

Insurgent Leader, Despite His Injuries Continues Riding All of the Day.

HAVANA, Feb. 17.—Private advices contain assurances that an engagement occurred between the Spanish troops commanded by Colonel Arjona en route from Arroya Blanco to Ciego Avila, and General Gomez. It is reported that General Gomez was wounded in the same leg and nearly the same place where he was wounded last year. Leader Roses took command of the insurgent forces, so the claim is made, until the arrival of General Carrillo. According to the reports the horse upon which General Gomez was mounted was killed, but he continued riding all day.

More Than a Mile a Minute.

DENVER, Feb. 16.—The special train from Chicago over the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, chartered by a Denver mining broker, to go to the bedside of his dying son, reached Denver, having run 1,026 miles in 18 hours and 25 minutes. This is the greatest railroad feat ever accomplished. The son died before the arrival of the special.

Jackson and Walling Hang in March.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 18.—The governor has fixed Saturday, March 20, for the execution of both Jackson and Walling. An effort was made to have separate days for the executions, Walling to follow Jackson, so the latter could confess if he wanted to save Walling, but the governor declined to put the state to the extra expense.

Silver Champion Dead.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—William P. St. John, the former president of the Mercantile National bank and one of the principal champions in the east of the cause of silver, died at his residence here of a complication of kidney and stomach troubles.

BREVITIES.

Gen. Joseph Shelby died at his home near Kansas City on the 13th.

Fitzsimmons' side bet of $7,500 is now in the hands of Stakeholder Smith.

The president has renominated Carroll D. Wright of Massachusetts commissioner of labor.

The Kentucky court of appeals overruled the petition for a rehearing in the case of Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling, sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Pearl Bryan.

The senate of the state of Kansas, by a strict party vote of silver men and republicans, again passed the initative and referendum resolution, submitting the question to a vote of the people.

Senator-elect Wm. E. Mason was attacked by a fainting spell at his home in Chicago recently. At first it was believed to be apoplexy, but he soon recovered. Later, upon advice of doctors, he left for New Orleans to get rest.

Chicago dispatch: All the mills of the Illiinios Steel company at South Chicago, have started at full blast for the first time in many months. Nearly three thousand men returned to work. Wages all along the line were cut from 10 to 15 per cent.

Dan Stuart has arrived at Carson, Nev., and has announced that the big fight between Corbett and Fitzsimmons will occur in Carson March 17. He gives as a reason for the selection of Carson in preference to Reno that the Carson people had worked hard for the passage of the bill, while the Reno citizens were opposed to it.

News from the Philippine islands to January 6 is to the effect that on January 2 the Spanish troops, in a series of engagements with the rebels, killed 1,100, including the greater part of the native soldiers who deserted the Spanish cause. The Spanish loss was twenty-four killed and sixty-eight wounded. On January 4, in another engagement, thirty-two dead rebels were counted. The Spanish loss was ten killed and eight wounded.

Alderman Thomas J. O'Malley, of the Twenty-third ward, of Chicago, and John Santry, who have been on trial for the murder of Gus Collander, an election judge, in 1894, were acquitted. The trial lasted a month and was bitterly contested. The jury was out several hours, and although a unit as to the innocence of O'Malley on the first ballot, some of the jurors were in favor of convicting Santry. They finally agreed to his acquittal, however. Gus Collander was a judge of election, who in a local election in 1894 was shot by one of a gang of toughs which raided the polling place over which he presided.

London dispatch: Sir George Goldie, commanding the Royal Niger Company's expedition against the emir of Nupe, cables from the palace of the emir at Bida under date of January 29, saying the palace is captured. The capture of the Bida probably completes the destruction of the Fulah power, and will most likely add to the British-African territory. The dispute between the emir and the Niger company is of long standing, growing out of the emir's practice of executing slaves by wholesale after raiding the territory under protection of the company, to obtain victims. He was frequently warned to stop the practice, but failing to do so the punitive expedition was sent against him, with the result above given. The emir was a most powerful vassal of the great Mohammedan empire of Sokoto.

THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 11.—Hotchkiss' concurrent resolution asking congress to protest against the removal of the pension office from Iowa passed. Special committee to which was referred Carney's resolution providing for an investigation of state institutions reported it back and it was laid over under the rules. The election law was further considered, but was not finished. House bill to amend mulct law so as to include cities working under special charters was received. Bonson opposed consideration, saying it was against the rules, which provided for no new legislation. A motion to suspend rules resulted 29 to 12 and Bonson made point of order that two-thirds vote of all members was necessary. Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Brant introduced a bill looking to a repair of the hole knocked in the mulct law by the supreme court in so far as it pertains to cities acting under special charter and the bill passed. Bill relating to corporations was taken up and finally passed. The law is changed to make private property of members of corporations liable for all debts in excess of two-thirds of the capital stock. Workingmen's co-operative associations, farmer's mutual insurance companies and farmer's co-operative creamery associations were exempted from the provisions of the act. Senate resolution against the removal of the pension office from Des Moines was concurred in.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 12.—Carney's resolution for a joint committee to investigate state institutions was adopted. Chairman Parrott ruled against Bonson's point of order in amendment to mulct law, holding that two-thirds of members present was sufficient to suspend rules. The bill was referred to committee on suppression of intemperance. Election laws was taken up and an amendment preventing names of candidates from appearing more than once on ballot was adopted. An amendment was also adopted doing away with the publication of the sample ballot in newspapers. A motion to reconsider was filed.

HOUSE.

House resumed consideration of the evidence bill. An amendment was adopted in the shape of a change in the section relating to the testimony of witnesses in gambling, liquor, etc., cases to prevent witnesses from escaping by saying that they cannot testify without criminating themselves. The testimony given, however, cannot be used in convicting the witnesses. An amendment excluding confidential clerks from giving information acquired in their clerical capacity was adopted. The bill then passed.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 13.—Committee on suppression of intemperance reported favorably on the bill amending the mulct law. Consideration of election laws was resumed. A motion was filed to reconsider vote by which law was amended so that in cases when women vote no registration shall be required of them. Bonds of secretary of state were raised from $5,000 to $10,000 and a bond required of the superintendent of public instruction.

HOUSE.

Bills in relation to boards of health, procedure in particular cases and the school fund were passed as fast as the same could be read by the clerk. No argument arose, as no material departures were made from the old law. The pharmacy bill was taken up. It was amended so as to require the payment of the pharmacy tax by itinerant venders of medicines, and to require signatures of purchasers of poisons.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 13.—Ellis introduced a bill providing that all special charter cities and their officers be relieved of any responsibility whatever for the enforcement of mulct law in those cities. Consideration of election bill was resumed, but no important change in old law was made.

HOUSE.

Bill in relation to jails and penitentiaries passed after being amended so as to require adult and juvenile prisoners to be kept apart. The salary of the prison physician was cut from $100 to $75 per month and that of the clerk was raised from $76 to $100. The bill in relation to the common schools was taken up. An amendment providing for free text books upon a vote of the electors of a district was adopted. The bill passed.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 16.—The election law was again under consideration. Amendment was adopted providing that polls shall open at 8 o'clock in all cases except in cities where registration is required. Amendment doing away with publication of ballot in newspapers was reconsidered and lost. Pay for printing ballot was made 40 cents per square. Printing of sample ballots was done away with. The legal rates for printing were reduced from $1 per square for first insertion and 60 cents per square for subsequent insertions to 75 cents and 37½ cents. The senate refused to rescind the vote taken last week by which the present law to permit women to vote on the issuance of school and municipal bonds was re-enacted. The Australian ballot law was immeasurably simplified by the law being amended so there are but two ways of voting.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 17.—The bill amending mulct law to make it applicable to cities under special charters was taken up. Hipwell moved to amend by making the liquor traffic legal, but this was voted down, 10 to 39. The bill then passed. Election laws came up and an amendment to cover cities under special charters was adopted. The senate refused to reconsider the amendment prohibiting the placing of a candidate's name on more than one ticket. Bills relating to practice of dentistry and submission of constitutional amendments passed.

HOUSE.

Consideration of bill relating to crimes and punishments was resumed. Abandonment of wife and neglect to support her, and abandonment of a child under 12 years of age, were made misdemeanors.

FAVORABLE FEATURES.

Collapse of the Rail Pool a Good Thing for Labor.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Bradstreet says: The more favorable features of the business week include sales of 300,000 tons of steel rails on the collapse of the pool, which promises work for the mills for months to come; the advance in the price of print cloth, following the sale of 750,000 pieces from accumulated stocks, and the starting up of a number of important metal and industrial establishments throughout the east and middle states. The recent reduction in the price of steel billets of five dollars a ton, while rails were reduced only $3, foreshadowed another cut in rail prices or the breaking up of the pool. The latter finds prices from $8 to $9 lower than last week. One effect will be to stimulate export of rails, demand for domestic bessemer pig iron and for ore, and consumption of iron and steel generally.

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The devil has an iron collar on every man who thinks more of the saloon than he does of his home.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Bicycles are carried free on the French railroads when passengers accompany them. A sou, however, is charged for the check.

A one-armed man in St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested for hugging young women on the street. The girls thought it very impertinent for a man to attempt to perform such a deed with only one arm.

A fence composed of 300 elk-horns surrounds the house and grounds of Jay Haynes at Mammoth Springs, Yellowstone Park. All the horns were shed in March, 1895, and gathered in the following June by Mr. Haynes.

In the stomach of a cow recently slaughtered by George Daun, a butcher of Portsmouth, Ohio, were found six pounds of iron nails, hinges, bolts, etc. The neighbors declare that the cow had discovered that iron was good for the blood.

Thomas Hansard and Lewis Lynn of Lincoln county, Ky., were returning home from church, when they began to quarrel about a hog belonging to Hancard which had trespassed upon Lynn's property. Some rude words were exchanged, and then Lynn shot his neighbor through the heart.

A chestnut was given to a Newark grocer, who was advised to carry it in his pocket, as a protection against rheumatism. The grocer had never had the disease, but after the chestnut had been in his pocket two weeks, the malady attacked his ankle, and he was compelled to call in a doctor.

James Welton, of Double Springs, Ala., was assisting to lower the coffin of his friend, Junius Roberts, into the grave, when the strap broke. The lower part of the coffin dropped, and the upper part sprang upward striking Welton on the head, causing a wound from which he died in two hours.

A STRANGE FREAK OF NATURE.

We hope to sell 1,000,000 packages Golden Rind Watermelon, the most wonderful freak of nature—smooth, shiny, yellow rind, crimson flesh, delicious! It's sensational. Took 500 first prizes in 1896. You must have it to be in the swim. Melons go like wild fire at $1.00 apiece. We paid $300 for one melon! $100 prizes for earliest melon —ripened in 1896 in 41 days. Lots of money made in earliest vegetables. Salzer's seeds produce them. Thirty-five earliest sorts, postpaid, $1.00.

Send This Notice and 15 Cents for a Package of Golden Rind and wonderful seed book, 146 big pages, to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis. w.n.

Perplexity.

"The leading lady seems to have something on her mind."

"Yes, her divorce trial and the matinee are set for the same hour, and she is wondering which she will give to her understudy."

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We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

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[illegible]ggles—What is the funniest thing you [illegible] of?

[illegible]aggles—The New England idea of calling servants "help."

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[illegible]a the Missouri Pacific railway and [illegible]on Mountain Route to points in the [illegible]est and southwest. Tickets on sale Tuesdays: February 16th, March 2d and 16th. April 6th and 20th and May 4th and 18th. For descriptive and illustrated pamphlets of the different states, time and map folders, address H. C. Townsend, General Passenger Agent, St. Louis, Mo.

The Same Thing.

"They say he got into Wall street at last."

"I heard it the other way."

[illegible]everal Chippewa Indians in Douglas [illegible]nty, Wis., are profitably engaged in [illegible]ying wolves, for which they receive [illegible] a head.

WHEN bilious or costive, eat a Cascaret candy cathartic, cure guaranteed, 10c, 25c

The less a man talks about a grievance [illegible] greater chance that he has one.

The papers are full of deaths from

Heart Failure

Of course the heart fails to act when a man dies,

but "Heart Failure," so called, nine times out of ten is caused by Uric [illegible]cid in the blood which the Kidneys [illegible] to remove, and which corrodes [illegible]heart until it becomes unable to [illegible]rm its functions.

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The Kings Daughte[illegible] Literary entertainm[illegible] evening, March 4th[illegible]ram will be rendered[illegible] Reeves; solo, Mrs. Fr[illegible]mation, Miss Hattie [illegible]rs. Coalson and Birney [illegible]Ruff Johnson. Special

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BETTY WASHINGTON.

THE ONLY SISTER OF THE GREAT COMMANDER.

Beautiful Interior Decorations in Her Home at Fredericksburg, Done in Raised Stucco by an English Prisoner—Locks of Vast Proportions.

IN the outskirts of the little town of Fredericksburg, Va., stands a house of peculiar interest to all Americans. It is Kenmore, the home of George Washington's only sister, Betty, which was built by her husband, Colonel Fielding Lewis, to gratify the ambition she often expressed of "being mistress of a fine house." Few, if any strangers, visit Fredericksburg without seeing this historic old mansion, which is considered the "show" place of the town.

The interior of Kenmore is severely simple, but very imposing, and its high sloping roof, tiny paned windows and quaint doorways, with huge brass knockers, carry one back to a time now nearly a century and a half past. The doors are high and narrow, of elaborately carved oak. The first thing that strikes the eye on entering the small, square hall, is a high clock of the kind popularly known as "Grandfather's Clock," which was once the property of Mary Washington.

Interior of Kenmore.

Few houses have such an extremely handsome interior as Kenmore. The ceilings and mantels alone are worth a visit to see, being the most beautiful of their kind in the state. The ceilings are stuccoed with raised plaster in elaborate designs of wreaths and garlands of flowers, sheaves of wheat, etc., and over the mantels are large ornate portrayals of the fables of Aesop, done in the same beautiful work. The one over the drawing room mantel is said to have been designed by George Washington for his sister. We are told by an old chronicler that this ornamentation of ceiling and mantel was the chief thing that pleased Mistress Betty Lewis in all her fine house. It was the work of an English soldier, who was captured during the revolution and sent for safe keeping to the home of Colonel Lewis, where he thus employed his time more profitably than most of the other English soldiers then in America. The drawing room, which is lofty and of unusual size, presents a faithful picture of the apartment in which the luxurious Virginian of that day liked to gather his family or entertain his friends. The high walls are paneled to the top, the deep windows furnish seats almost as large, though hardly so comfortable as armchairs, and on the doors are immense brass locks, containing keys of ponderous size. It would almost seem from these cumbersome locks which are found on so many old homes, that our forefathers were wont to have a sense of security in proportion to the size of the locks on their doors. If this be so, we cannot help thinking how very free from fear must the good folk of Kenmore have been. The drawing-room opens at one end on a massive stone porch and on the other into a smaller, but remarkably beautiful parlor, where we find again the same elaborate work on ceilings, mantels and walls. Crossing the halls, we come to the dining-room, the brightest room in the house, and here George Washington often sat, drinking a cup of tea with his sister, or attending as an honorary guest one of her stately midday dinners. During the visit of Lafayette to Fredericksburg to meet Mrs. Washington, his friend's mother, he too, dined in this room, and it is said the gallant Frenchman expressed himself as being more than charmed, with not only his fair hostess, but her handsome home.

Where Mary Washington Died.

On the upper floor of the house are the bed-rooms, which are unusually large and bright, but the chief interest pertains to the one on the left hand of the corridor. Here we are told is the room in which Mary Washington breathed her last. This fact is not generally known, as it is usually supposed that she died in her own more humble home not far away. When she had been ill for some time with an incurable malady, Mrs. Lewis persuaded her to be moved to Kenmore, and it was here that she spent the last few weeks of her life. Not far from the house and within sight of the windows of this room arises the tall granite shaft which was erected to the memory of Mary Washington by the women of America. This is the only public monument to a woman in the United States. It is a handsome shaft, fifty feet high, on the face of which is inscribed in raised letters, "Mary, the Mother of Washington." On the reverse side is cut in the stone, "Erected by her Countrywomen." An amusing incident happened in connection with the latter inscription. Among the crowds of people who attended the unveiling of the monument were many whose lives were passed on farms in remote parts of the country. One of them, an old woman, after giving a long, appreciative look to the monument, and carefully spelling over the inscription, fairly beamed with delight. "Thank goodness!" she said, "here is one thing them everlasting city women ain't had a hand in. Shows what country folks can do when they have a mind to!"

COLONEL FIELDING LEWIS.

Lavish Hospitality at Kenmore.

Kenmore was always the scene of lavish hospitality, and within its walls were entertained many of the men who assisted in making our country's history. In the spacious drawing-room, in days gone by, stately dames have courtsied low to their partners in the time-honored minuet, and coquettish damsels, in dainty short-waisted gowns, tripped gayly through the Virginia reel. These were the women who later became the wives and mothers of the heroes of the revolution. Most of the men of note of the time just previous to the revolution, were received as guests at Kenmore, and during the war which ensued the house became known far and near as the abode of patriotism. Colonel Lewis, who was a man of prominence, and proprietor of nearly half the town of Fredericksburg, was an ardent patriot, and though ill with consumption (of which he finally died before the close of the war), managed to render much service to his country. When he became too feeble to go on horseback, he had himself carried in his chariot to the neighboring Court House, where he uttered patriotic words which, by reason of his prominence and popularity, had much effect on the young men of the surrounding country, and many were inspired by him to become soldiers. Portraits are still preserved of himself and his wife.

It seems somewhat strange that while more, probably, has been published of George Washington's mother and wife than of any other American woman, so little should have been written of his only sister. Mrs. Lewis bore a likeness to her brother so great that it was startling, and when, as was sometimes done in joke, a military hat was placed upon her head and a cape thrown over her shoulders, it was almost impossible to distinguish between them. George Washington Parke Custis, in his "Memoirs of Washington," says that on these occasions so strong was the resemblance that "Battalions would have presented arms and senates risen to do homage to the chief." In character and disposition, also, there was the same remarkable likeness between the brother and sister.

Gen. Washington Gave the Bride Away.

One of Mrs. Lewis' sons, Lawrence, married Washington's adopted child, Eleanor Parke Custis, or "beautiful Nelly Custis," as she is known in history, the granddaughter of Martha Washington by her first husband. The wedding took place on February 22, 1799, the last birthday General Washington was destined to spend on earth, and he himself gave the bride away.

MRS. FIELDING LEWIS.
(Only Sister of George Washington.)

Kenmore has passed through the hands of several owners during the last half century, and was at one time converted into a boys' school. During the civil war, when the town was bombarded by the Federal troops, the house was struck in several places by shells, some of which yet remain firmly imbedded in the walls. The present owner of Kenmore, a good old "rebel," often points these out to his Northern visitors and laughingly tells them to "notice the impression they made on the place the last time they were here." The house is now owned by William Key Howard, a well-known Marylander who purchased it some ten or twelve years ago. He has had the spacious grounds put in beautiful order and the homestead itself carefully repaired, both inside and out, so that it is now once more restored to its former beauty and stands to-day as proudly as ever, a stately reminder of revolutionary times and of the days of Washington.

Columbia, My Country.

Columbia, my country! the last born of nations,
The herald of freedom, the Star of the West,
The brightest of stars midst the earth's constellations,
Still on your broad bosom mankind shall be blest.
Long dispersed are the clouds that rebellious once gathered,
And to dim thy resplendence no mists intervene;
Your old "Ship of State" all the tempests has weathered,
And your zenith in beauty grows calm and serene.

The Little Maid's Reply.

(A True Incident.)

The little maiden opened wide the door
To let the honored Washington depart;
The great-souled General, her mother's friend—
The first in war, in peace, in every heart.

"A better office to you, wear," said he,
And placed his hand benignly on her head.
With curtesy quaint and reverent, smiling glance—
"Yes, sir; to let you in," she archly said.
—Charles Lee in St. Nicholas.

A Promise.

We won't forget the birthday
Of a noble little boy
Till hatchets climb the cherry-trees
And clap their hands for joy.
—Anna M. Pratt in School Days.

Certainly Not.

Ethel—Do you think Uncle John's estate will be divided according to law when he dies? Cousin Tom (just admitted to the bar)—Not at all—I drew his will for him yesterday.—Judge.

Mr. C. P. Villiers, M. P., "Father of the House of Commons," celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday the other day at his house in Cadogan Place. He has uninterruptedly represented Wolverhampton for sixty-two years having been returned for the first time in 1835.

More English women are married to Germans than to members of any other foreign nation.

ON IOWA RAIL RATES.

PASSENGER SERVICE AND RATES COMPARED.

Reply of the State Railroad Commission to Inquiries by Agriculturists Regarding Average Receipts and Expenses.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Correspondence Chicago Times-Herald.—W. W. Field of Odebolt, president of the State Agricultural society, anxious to enlighten its members on the merits of the railroad question, sought for information from the state board of railroad commissioners on the following points: What is the average rate of fare in Iowa? What does it cost the railroads to carry a passenger a mile? How are we (the agriculturists) to ascertain what rate would be fair on both sides? What is the opinion of the commissioners on the question? In reply an open letter has been written by W. W. Ainsworth, secretary of the commission, saying in part: "The questions suggested by you have recently been considered by the board of railroad and warehouse commissioners of Illinois in response to an inquiry made by the state grange of that state. Its conclusion was that it 'would be unwise, unwarranted and unjust to the railroad interests of the state to comply with this request.' The regular report says: Some of the great trunk lines in Illinois might be able to stand such a reduction, yet the smaller roads and those which do almost wholly a local business, and which are now and have been for the last two years struggling for existence, would be most seriously affected by it. Such action on our part would simply increase the heavy burdens under which they are struggling now.

Decrease in Passenger Business.

"It is a well-known fact to those who have taken the trouble to investigate the amount of passenger business done by the railroads in Illinois during the last two years that there has been a large decrease in the number of passengers carried. This is due, in our judgment, not to the amount charged for such service, but to the general depression in all lines of business, the low prices of farm products and the unsettled financial conditions which have had their effect on the passenger as well as the freight business. This question was before us when we revised the freight schedule in 1895 and the whole question was thoroughly considered. We did not think then, and neither do we feel now, that in justice to both the public and the railroads this reduction should be made at this time. If the country was prosperous our conclusions might be different. The statistics in our office show that for the last three years, 1894, 1895 and 1896, the average amount charged by the railroads per passenger per mile is a fraction above 2 cents, although the maximum allowed them was 3 cents. For the reasons above stated we do not feel that this reduction should be made by us at this time. We are also asked to recommend this reduction to the legislature. In view of our conclusion we do not feel that it would be consistent for us to do so.

Receipts and Cost Per Mile.

"From the statistics given in the report of this commission for 1895 it appears the average amount received by the railroads doing business in Iowa for carrying one passenger one mile during the year was 2.27 cents. The returns from which these results are obtained do not include any passengers carried free. The large number of passengers who have traveled upon reductions of rates as permitted by our statutes—ministers of the gospel, organizations of our military, excursions on holidays, special rates to meetings of many organizations, state and county fairs—are factors that reduce the average fare to the amount above stated. It is obvious, therefore, that the average must always be lower than the rate fixed by law. The character of the business renders it impossible to make any rate that will be absolutely uniform. The Iowa report for 1895 shows only ten roads which returned the average cost of carrying one passenger one mile. The average cost of these companies was 2.14 cents. This result is less reliable than if it were founded upon returns made by all the roads, which would probably increase it. In arriving at the cost of carrying one passenger one mile, as above given, nothing is charged on account of the expenses of the railroads for interest, rents, taxes and miscellaneous fixed charges, and, of course, nothing for dividends on stock. The passenger traffic should, of course, bear its proportion of these expenses, which constitute part of the cost of doing the business. From statistics compiled by the interstate commerce commission it appears that to charge the passenger business of the railroads with its proportionate share of the fixed charges, not including anything, however, on account of dividends and crediting it with mail and express earnings, would give us as the actual cost 2.57 cents.

Figures on Reduced Traffic.

"The statement of the Illinois commission that there has been a general reduction of passenger business is undoubtedly confirmed by the statistics. For the whole United States the number of passengers carried one mile for each mile of railroad in 1890 was 75,751; in 1895 it was 68,572. Though the number of passengers carried was less, the passenger car mileage was greater in 1895 than in 1890, which, of course, increased the cost per passenger. In 1890 the total number of miles run by passenger trains in the United States was 285,575,804; in 1895 it was 317,565,615. In 1895 the revenues from passenger service in the United States decreased $33,103,378 as compared with 1894, though the figures for 1895 include 2,055.29 miles of road more than in 1894. The foregoing statements, which are based upon the most accurate statistics obtainable, at this time indicate: 1. That at the present time the average fare charged in Iowa is less than the actual cost of transporting the passenger. 2. That within the last three or four years passenger earnings have decreased without a corresponding decrease in the cost of doing the business. Unless changes have been recently made that have not come to the notice of the commission the following are the rates prevailing in the countries named: England—First class, 4.2 cents; second, 3.2 cents; third, 2 cents. France—First class, 4 cents; second, 3 cents; third, 2 cents. Italy—First class, 3.6 cents; second, 2.6 cents; third, 1.8 cents. Holland—First class, 3.2 cents; second, 2.6 cents; third, 1.6 cents. Belgium—First class, 2.4 cents; second, 1.8 cents; third, 1.2 cents. Except in England no baggage is carried free.

Density of Population a Factor.

"The density of population also affects the volume of passenger traffic. Where the population is dense there will be more travel than in sparsely settled districts. In Iowa the population per square mile is about 38; in England, 541; Belgium, 514; Holland, 350; Italy, 268; France, 187; New York, 139; Ohio, 89; New England, 83; Illinois, 75; Missouri, 43; Wisconsin, 34; Nebraska, 15; Kansas, 19; South Dakota, 5. The population per mile of railroad in Iowa is about 247, in Illinois it is about 395; New York, 813; New England, 719; Missouri, 447; Wisconsin, 306; Nebraska, 209; Kansas, 108; South Dakota, 129. The average passenger earnings per mile, as shown by the last reports to this commission, of the roads operating in Iowa are $990. The Kansas report for 1895 shows $844, the Illinois report $1,582, and, as shown by the report of the interstate commerce commission, they are $4,422 in New England, $4,513 in New York and in Ohio $1,951."

Quicker in the Old Days.

The Chicago Shade was in a confidential mood and put his feet over the arms of his throne.

"I am a man with a history. When I was on earth I spent my life and my fortune fighting four divorce cases," he said tentatively to the bulky shade on his right.

"And yet they say the world progresses," mused the shade of Henry VIII., as he took a retrospective glance at the pages devoted to his term in the history books.—Pittsburg News.

Hermit of Hemlock Beach Dead.

Ebenezer Chichester, better known as the "Hermit of Hemlock Beach," died last week at Amityville, L. I. He had previously lived for forty years in a cave dug in a sand dune on Hemlock Beach. He was 85 years of age.

Valuable Paint Fields.

The largest mineral paint fields in the country have been discovered in Pine plains township, Allegan county, Mich. The pockets in some instances cover a half-acre and contain paints of various colors.

SOUTHWEST BREEZES.

There are some men who would not be happy if they could.

You can't tell the size of a man by the noise he makes.

Live to do good, and you will never tire of your employment.

There is not in the world a mask that can disguise vulgarity.

The eye of ambition is an orb that can be closed by no opiate.

It is far easier to see through a stone wall than through prejud[illegible] Jo[illegible]

WHAT FOGS ARE.

Statistics Show How They Affect the Death Rate.

A convenient though not strictly scientific classification of fog types is sea or coast fog, valley or hill fog and town or dust fog, says Harper's Magazine. The last-named has been given the euphonic designation nebula pulverea. It is an artificial rather than natural condition. The Rev. Clement Ley, who gave a large portion of his life to cloud study, says, in his book on "Cloudland," that in some parts of the globe nebula pulverea is occasionally so thick as to obscure almost totally the sunlight and in Abyssinia has led to the tradition that the plague of darkness in Egypt was in reality an unusual "dust fog." The amount of moisture varies so much in different fogs that the terms "dry" and "wet" are used, the scientific name of the latter being nebula stillans. In wet fog the particles are apt to be larger than in dry fog. A still further division, due, we believe, to Mr. Robert H. Scott, is anti-cyclonic fog, or fog in which no rain falls, while the temperature, generally low in the morning, continues to rise during the day, and cyclonic fog, in which rain does occur, while the temperature remains about stationary. Before leaving these town fogs we may notice the part played by them in affecting the health of a community. Mr. Scott has given figures showing the mortality from diseases of the respiratory system for some of the more memorable fogs of London. We have room for but one of the many periods he gives. From January 26 to February 6, 1880, London experienced eight days of fog. The average temperature at 8 o'clock in the morning was 26 degrees Fahrenheit. The total death rate was 48.1 per 1,000, a rate unequaled since the last cholera epidemic, and there were no less than 1,557 deaths from diseases of the respiratory organs. It is not always an easy matter to trace direct relationship even where the statistics are carefully gathered, but there can be little doubt that these town fogs are unwholesome. Indirectly they affect the health of the community in a way few would imagine. A town fog is an excellent trap for noxious gases, holding them close to the ground. Dr. R. Barnes, studying this question, found, by inspection of gas plants near London, that in foggy weather the escaping gas was held in concentrated form in and near the works. There are other sources of contamination in foul emanations from the ground, sewers, etc. On clear, bright days, even if no wind is blowing, the law of diffusion of gases acts more effectively and helps disperse the gases.

HE WAS A RINGER.

Took Him Into a Country Town to Fight.

They took him out of the passenger coach very carefully, and two men, who looked as anxious as brothers might, supported him under the arms and helped him out to a hack, says the New York Journal.

"Hurt on the road?" queried the depot policeman.

"No, not exactly," replied one of the attendants.

"Fall out of a tree or over a precipice?"

"No, I couldn't say that he did."

Maybe he was tossed up by a bull or run over by cows?" persisted the officer, whose curiosity was aroused.

"No; nothing like that."

"Crippled for life, ain't he?"

"We hope not, but it looks that way."

"He looks to me like a man who'd had a well cave in on him. Perhaps that was the case?"

"Well, no," slowly replied the man, as he was ready to follow his patient into the hack. "You see, he's a pugilist, and we took him out to a country town and rung him in as a greenhorn, to meet a country boy."

"And he knocked the country boy out in two rounds, of course?"

"Wid he? Well, I haven't heard of it. The hayseed went right at him and paralyzed him in the first half of the first round, and if we'd had two more ringers just like him we'd have needed at least one coffin and two doctors! Drive on, hackman, but drive slow, and if Bill's heart stops beating I'll yell out and you make a rush for the nearest undertaker."

A Description of J. M. Barrie.

J. M. Barrie, the Scottish novelist, is thus described by Mr. G. W. Cable, the well known American writer. "In the author of 'A Widow in Thrums' I found a smallish, sedate, reticent man of a breadth and squareness of brow that would claim the attention of any passing stranger. His shoulders, too, were square and sturdy, his eye pensive, and his hands prone to seek his pockets for rest and hiding, while he let his fellow-travelers order matters as seemed to them best. When he spoke his words came in slow procession, as though he were writing them, and yet with an effect neither studied nor languorous. His voice is soft in tone, and I do not remember that in my three days of constant intercourse with him it ever rose to a high note. His mirth lies deep below the surface, kept, like a choice wine, for moments of choice intimacy; but then it flows as pure and fine as an honest boy's. His slow smile is never far off, and when surprised by some sudden call for a pointed utterance the flash of his wit is as bright as it is kind."

A Homesick Boy.

Does homesickness tend to induce a philosophical view of things? Not in most cases, but perhaps there are exceptions. A youngster was sent to boarding school and did not much fancy the change. On the second or third day he wrote home thus: "Dear Father: Life is very short. Let us spend it together. Your affectionate son, Christopher."—Tid-Bits.

Irregular Regularity.

The Rev. Mr. Wilgus—"My good man, do you attend religious services every Sabbath?"

Dismal Dawson—"I alluz do when I'm in jail."—Indianapolis Journal.

Ignorance Is Bliss.

Rimple—"Does your wife obey you as she promised to do at the altar?"

Simple—"Well, the fact is I never dared to test her."—Elmira News.

VARIETIES.

A mine in Idaho last week shipped out three bars of bullion, valued at $3,800.

The Zulus of Africa contributed $4,000 last year for the support of their native churches.

Military physicians in India prescribe opium as a harmless tonic for soldiers in fatiguing marches.

The value of the grounds and buildings devoted to education in the United States is $95,545,681.

Twins in Size, Shape and Activity.

That is what those important little organs, the kidneys, are, when healthy. In disorder they may differ in all three particulars. Disease usually destroys them successively, not simultaneously, and one may be active while the other is semi-paralyzed. Give to both a healthful impulse, without exciting them, with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which forestalls such dreadful maladies as Bright's disease and diabetes. Use the Bitters also for malarial, bilious, rheumatic, nervous, bowel and kidney trouble.

A Good One for Some.

"Did you hear what Brief, the lawyer, has for his motto?"

"No. What?"

"'Where there's a will there's a way to break it.'"

Good Lands in Minnesota.

The best farm lands to be found in the state are along the line of the Minneapolis & St. Louis R. R. Purchase a ticket to Madison or Dawson, in Lac Qui Parle Co., Minn., at the cheap, homeseekers rates, in effect on Tuesdays, February 2 and 16, March 2 and 16, April 6 and 20, May 4 and 18, and convince yourself that less than 20 bushels of wheat per acre is a small crop. Other cereals, including corn, in proportion. Crop failures unknown. For rates and particulars call on nearest agent of the M. & St. L. R. R. or address A. B. Cutts, G. P. & T. A., M. & St. L. R. R., Minneapolis, Minn.

Meeting Them Even.

"Sorry to hear of your misfortune, major."

"Yes, sir; they beat me."

"What caused it?"

"Whisky, sir; they used whisky to beat me. But I'll get even with 'em some day. What'll you take?"

NO-TO-BAC FOR FIFTY CENTS.

Over 404,000 cured. Why not let No-To-Bac regulate or remove your desire for tobacco. Saves money, makes health and manhood. Cure guaranteed, 50c and $1, all druggists.

The deepest mine shaft in the world is the Red Jacket, of the Calumet and Hecla, on Lake Superior. The depth is four thousand feet.

Lane's Family Medicine

Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy, this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25 and 50c.

Paper gaspipes are coming into use in England for underground purposes. It is made of cullulose paper soaked in asphalt.

FITS stopped free and permanently cured. No fits after first day's use of **Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer.** Free $2 trial bottle and treatise. Send to Dr. Kline, 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

A new piggery in Chicago is the largest in the world. It offers accommodation for 250,000 pigs.

Coe's Cough Balsam

Is the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.

A woman who owns a horse and buggy is a great autocrat with other women, and she knows it.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is the only cough medicine used in my house.—D. C. Albright, Mifflinburg, Pa., Dec. 11, '95.

It is surprising what a case can be made out by the gossips against a man who is not guilty.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup

For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle

A woman does not consider a man a perfect gentleman unless he apologizes pretty often.

CASCARETS stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe, 10c.

An Atchison man who earns $6 a week speaks of his "linen" instead of his shirts.

In several of the farming district of Nebraska corn is used as fuel.

England has 85 per cent of the wealth of the United Kingdom.

A FEW FACTS.

In Italy there are more theaters in proportion to the population than in any other country.

Two wealthy Hebrews of Bagdad now own all that remains of the ancient city of Babylon.

The opal is the only gem that cannot be counterfeited. Its delicate tints defy reproduction.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The senate passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, carrying $1,745,303. In executive session consideration of the Anglo-American arbitration treaty was resumed. The entire time was consumed by Senators Turple and Morgan, the former in advocacy of, and the opposition to ratification.

HOUSE.

The house passed the fortifications bill, with but a single amendment, and made some headway with the postoffice appropriation bill. But the major portion of the day was consumed in a political debate on the financial question.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 12.—A resolution was adopted requesting Secretary Olney to use every effort toward bettering the condition of Sylvester Scovel, the newspaper correspondent imprisoned in Cuba, and Morgan offered a resolution for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The remainder of the day was spent in executive session in consideration of the arbitration treaty.

HOUSE.

The house to-day passed the postoffice appropriation bill, carrying $95,485,714, and made good progress in the consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The secretary of the navy was authorized to send a naval vessel or engage another craft to carry supplies to the famine sufferers in India. In executive session the arbitration treaty was taken up and discussed at length.

HOUSE.

The sundry civil appropriation bill was before the house and the democrats took advantage of the occasion to criticise the vast appropriations made by this congress, estimated at $1,045,000,000. Dearmond concluded the day with a plea for Cuba.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Morgan called up his resolution for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. Sherman raised several points of order against Morgan and was sustained by the vice-president, but the senate, on a vote, decided to proceed with the resolution. In executive session Morgan made a speech in favor of his resolution. In open session the bankruptcy bill was read, but no action taken.

HOUSE.

The sundry civil appropriation bill, carrying $581,644,743, was passed without amendment. Contested election case of Benoit vs. Boatner, from Louisiana, was decided in favor of Boatner, the sitting member. Bill to exchange rifles of the national guard for Springfield rifles of 45 calibre passed.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Chandler made a vigorous speech in favor of his resolution urging bimetallism. Hoar spoke in favor of the bankruptcy bill.

HOUSE.

The day was devoted to the consideration of private pensions bills and thirty-nine were passed.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Allen spoke on his resolution relating to [illegible] at the [illegible] office at South Omaha, and declared [illegible] vil service law a fraud. Conference [illegible] on the immigration bill was agreed to.

HOUSE.

A bill passed opening to use and occupation under the right of way act of 1891 all the reservation sites reserved by the geological survey. Hopkins-Kendal election contest was debated, but no action taken.

ARMOR RATES REDUCED.

Chicago Firm Offers to Make Armor Plate for $250 Per Ton.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Representative Lorimer has caused uneasiness in armor circles by the introduction of a bill directing the secretary of the navy to close a twenty years' contract with the Illinois Steel company and two other Chicago concerns for all the armor plate that may be used by the government at $240 a ton. If this proposition is accepted the Illinois Steel company will put up an armor plant to cost $3,500,000. Armor plate is now being furnished at $563 a ton, and the senate committee on naval affairs has recommended a new deal on a basis of $400 a ton. This new offer is stunning in its consequences.

All Lost but One.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Maritime Exchange from London says that the German ship Baltimore, from London, for New York, sprung a leak and foundered at sea. All of her crew, except one man, are supposed to have been lost. Gustave Christiansen, a seaman, was picked up and landed at Cape Verde, where he told the story of the ship's loss.

Wolcott in Berlin.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—United States Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, who is making a tour of the continent in the interest of bimetallism, has arrived in Berlin. Senator Wolcott was at once called upon at his hotel by Dr. Arendt, Herr von Kardorff and Count von Mirbach, the leading German bimetallists, with whom he held a protracted conference. Mr. Wolcott was entertained at dinner by Charles de Kay, United States consul-general.

British Troops Are Repulsed.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The British naval expedition advancing toward Benin City for the purpose of punishing the king of Benin, murderer of Consul Phillips' party, have met with strong opposition. Commander Pritchard was killed in fighting at Sapelo.

IOWA PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

DES MOINES, Feb. 12.—F. L. Fairbank and T. N. Cantrel, of Des Moines, have been allowed a patent for a blotter bath and absorbent composition therefor, described in one of their claims as follows: A blotter bath comprising a pan having a transverse partition near one end, an absorbent composition having a flat top surface placed in the pan, a metal cover for the pan having a heavy absorbent filling that has a smooth surface and is adapted to overlay the absorbent in the pan and the cover and absorbent therein adapted to stand on end in the vacant water tight compartment in the end of the pan, and for the purposes stated. Valuable information about obtaining, valuing and selling patents sent free to any address.

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THE NEWS IN IOWA

PALMIST IN TROUBLE.

Widely Advertised Mind Reader and a Traveling Doctor Arrested.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Feb. 16.—Paul Alexander Johnstone, heralded as the most eminent mind reader in the world, and Dr. T. M. Walsh have been arrested on a charge of conspiracy. The charge is that Johnstone, while pretending to read the palms of people, has been telling appalling stories to the victims, declaring that they were afflicted with some unseen, but dreadful disease, that sooner or later would cause their death. He would then recommend them to Dr. Walsh, who, as an eminent specialist, might effect a cure. It is alleged that the physician had been doing the rest, securing from the victims sums of money ranging from $90 to $100. Johnstone and Walsh say there has been no thought of defrauding.

GASOLINE ACCIDENT.

Young Woman Saved from Death, Though Badly Burned.

OTTUMWA, Feb. 17.—A special from Eddyville says that Mary Griswell, a domestic in the family of A. M. Lafferty, while building a fire, poured a glass full of gasoline on it, when immediately there was a violent explosion and her clothes were set on fire. She ran out into the yard and a son of Mr. Lafferty caught her and rolled her in a pond of mud and water and threw mud on her face and body. He was frightfully burned about the hands and arms in so doing, but this probably saved her life. She was badly burned about the breast and body, but may recover.

MARTIN IS A MURDERER.

W. L. Schuch Dies From the Effects of an Old Wound.

BURLINGTON, Feb. 17.—W. L. Schuch died at the Soldiers' Home, at Marshalltown, from the effects of the terrible wounds inflicted upon him a year ago last November by Henry Martin, who, since that date, has been a fugitive from justice. The assault was committed at the shop of Schuch, on Mt. Pleasant street. Martin had worked for Schuch and came to demand payment. A quarrel ensued and Martin seized a ladle used in the foundry for pouring molten iron into the moulds and with it struck Schuch a blow that crushed in the top of his head.

LINDLEY'S PUNISHMENT.

Defaulting Treasurer of Humboldt County Gets Four Years.

HUMBOLDT, Feb. 18.—J. W. S. Lindley, late county treasurer, pleaded guilty to embezzlement of $19,904 and was sentenced to pay a fine of that amount and to imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term of four years, the maximum punishment being five years. His time will expire under the good behavior rules in three years and two months. At the same time Tom Fanta was sentenced to three months for forging an order for a $15 overcoat and John Fox got six months for obtaining $20 on false pretenses.

"Tall and Short Men" at Burlington.

BURLINGTON, Feb. 15.—A tall thin man and a short fat one wearing masks were discovered breaking into the confectionary store of H. Hermann, on Elm street, by Clem Neiman, a Hawkeye carrier boy. They captured the boy, bound and gagged him, and bundled him into a dark alley way, where he lay for half an hour while the men finished their job. They then released him and disappeared. The boy at once notified the police, who are now trying to capture the long and short man, who got away with much valuables.

Arrested On the Charge of Fraud.

DES MOINES, Feb. 16.—E. N. Lee and his wife, and T. A. Sharpnack have been arrested by the government charged with using the mails with intent to defraud. They are alleged to have advertised that they would give prizes aggregating $500 to persons making the highest number of words out of the letters in the name under which they did business, the Aluminum Specialty Company. The contest was to close February 15, the contestants forwarding 25 cents, with their guesses, on the words. The government claims to have evidence to prove that they never intended to award any of the prizes.

Big Fire at Des Moines.

DES MOINES, Feb. 16.—The Lathrop-Rhoads-McCain Company's stock of books, stationery and wall paper, at 607 and 609 West Locust street, was destroyed by fire and water. The fire was one of the most thrilling that has visited the city for several years. It was witnessed by thousands of people. The loss, from $12,000 to $14,000, is comparatively small, because the customary large stock carried by the company had been reduced to between $7,000 and $8,000. The building was badly damaged.

Cash Not at Hand.

DES MOINES, Feb. 18.—Two assignments to R. T. Wellslager for the benefit of creditors have been made. The first was by Anna S. Redhead, widow of the late Wesley Redhead, who died six years ago, and the second by her son, George S. Redhead. It is estimated that the assets, consisting of land and stocks, are about $200,000, and the liabilities $75,000. The cause of the assignment is slow collections.

Barney Breaks a Record.

DES MOINES, Feb. 18.—Charles Lloyd Barney, Iowa's strong man, broke the world's record for a heavy lift straight from the floor. He lifted a piano, several dumb bells and a man, the total weighing 1,250 pounds. The previous record of 1,100 pounds was held by Dowe, a Canadian.

Cutting Affray in a Saloon.

CLINTON, Feb. 16.—At Wm. Croaks' saloon in the south part of town, four men, named Delaney, Rush, Lawler and Foley, were playing cards. They became intoxicated and began to fight, and as a result Foley had his jugular vein cut and may die.

IGNORANCE OF LAW.

Gets a Lawyer and His Client Into Serious Trouble.

OTTUMWA, Feb. 18.—A peculiar instance of the severity of federal law came up here. Thos. J. Stafford, a armer, and W. H. Morrison, an attorney, of Leando, were bound over to the federal grand jury by the United States commissioner for making illegal returns on a pension voucher. The law specifies that vouchers shall be sent in quarterly and no case signed up before the fifth day of the month. Stafford went before Attorney Morrison, who is a notary public, and signed the voucher on the first of the month. There seems to have been no criminal intent, merely an ignorance of the law, but both parties were arrested by a deputy United States marshal on orders direct from Washington. The punishment is severe, the maximum being $500 fine and three years in prison. Both men are prominent.

Fatal Runaway Accident.

OELWEIN, Feb. 18.—Three farmers residing near Fairbanks were thrown from a bobsled in a runaway at Oelwein. Ferdinand Frink was thrown against a culvert and instantly killed. The men were drunk.

IOWA CONDENSED.

A man answering the description of Frank Novak, the Walford murderer, purchased a ticket at Iowa City for Council Bluffs the next day after the fire.

The McIntyre Bros., and Wilson Dry Goods company, of Oskaloosa, has assigned. Liabilities are $30,000 assets, $40,000. The failure was caused by the assignment of the McIntyre-Peck Dry Goods company, of Rock Island, Ill.

Herbert Chapler, who lived near Ft. Dodge, was struck and instantly killed by a falling tree. He was engaged in chopping timber south of town when the accident occurred. The tree, which was a large one, fell with sufficient force to crush his skull, striking it on the back. Deceased was about 25 years old and leaves a wife and child.

Governor Drake has conditionally pardoned F. J. Peffers, who was sent to the penitentiary from Marshalltown in 1889 to serve a 15 year sentence for the murder of Jack Cather. The petition for his pardon was signed by Judge Weaver, who presided at the trial, and Attorney Miller, who prosecuted. The pardon is conditional on good behavior.

The annual convention of county treasurers of the state at Des Moines recently elected officers as follows: President, W. R. Warren, Wapello county; vice-president, A. R. Cherry, Johnson county; secretary, H. C. Murphy, Polk county; treasurer, Rolt Aye, Grundy county. The convention appointed a legislative committee consisting of Paul Lubbers, of Clinton county; M. W. Moir, of Hardin county, and W. R. Warren, of Wapello county.

Albert Epperson, aged 18 years, and Abe Lafferty, same age, have been arrested at Eddyville, says a dispatch, for an assault on the 16-year-old daughter of A. H. Brubaker, a farmer, who owns a thousand acres of land in Mahaska county. It is charged that the crime was committed at a party at Brubaker's. The young men at the party pursued the two accused boys, but they escaped in a sleigh. Epperson is a son of F. M. Epperson, partner of Edwin Manning, the wealthiest man in Iowa, and Lafferty's father is A. M. Lafferty, another very prominent citizen of Eddyville.

Sioux City dispatch: W. L. Frost has been appointed receiver of the Commercial Savings Bank at Leeds. The application was made by the Corn Exchange National Bank, and the receiver took possession at once. The plaintiff claims to hold 120 shares of the capital stock of the bank, and also to be a joint owner of the Hinton Milling Company, valued at $10,000. It claims further to have about $750 of trust funds on deposit in the bank. It is stated that the bank has done little or no business since December 24, and that in order to preserve the assets it is best to have a receiver appointed. The liabilities of the bank are given at $11,500 and the assets at $37,956.

A sad suicide occurred a few mornings since at Foster, eight miles northeast of Guthrie Center. Charley Wins, 20 years old, and single, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wins, and family were eating breakfast, went into a bedroom, placed the muzzle of a shotgun under his chin, and with his foot discharged the gun, blowing his head to pieces. He fell back on the bed dead. Recently a young man named Comstock was being tried in a justice court for the crime of stealing a wolf scalp and collecting a bounty from the county for it. On the trial Comstock swore he shot and killed the wolf and Wins swore he came up when Comstock was skinning the wolf. The grand jury, now in session, was investigating a charge of perjury against both Comstock and Wins, and Wins was cited to appear before the grand jury.

Hampton dispatch: Mr. and Mrs. Long, parents of the young lady who died a year ago last summer of strychnine poisoning under suspicious circumstances, have been indicted for murder in the first degree. Judge Hindman fixed the bail at $1,500 for Mrs. Long and $3,500 for Mr. Long. They asked for an immediate trial, but will have to wait till the next term of court. They will make an effort to get bonds and will probably be able to do so. The case is an important one and it has been a matter of conjecture whether the parents would ever be tried for the alleged crime. Miss Long died very suddenly and the parents are said to have hushed up the matter. Neighbors demanded an investigation. The body was exhumed and an inquest held. The stomach was sent to a Des Moines chemist who found strychnine in it, which he declared had been administered in a single strawberry. The coroner's jury's investigation lasted a week, when they returned a verdict of poison by strychnine, but whether administered by unknown parties or taken with suicidal intent they were unable to determine. It is thought it will be difficult to secure a conviction.

ALL OVER THE WORLD

WAR IN CRETE.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Pall Mall Gazette says there is reason to believe that the government of Great Britain regards the dispatch of the Greek flotilla to Crete as a very serious matter and as likely to involve the gravest consequences. It adds: "No intimation of the intentions of Greece was conveyed to any of the powers, and the preparations to carry them into effect were carefully kept secret. It may be confidently expected that the Marquis of Salisbury will adopt a very firm attitude, and that immediate and vigorous steps will be taken to neutralize the effect of Greece's action." A dispatch to the Times from Athens says that the central Cretan committee is preparing to support the Cretans with arms, ammunition and supplies on a great scale.

ATHENS, Feb. 13.—The government has formulated a notification to the powers setting forth that Greece cannot remain a mere spectator of the events which are taking place in Crete and that the ties of race and religion compel her to intervene in behalf of the oppressed and outraged Christians in that island.

ATHENS, Feb. 13.—The warlike excitement here increased with the departure of troops for the frontier and the equipping of additional war vessels for service in Cretan waters. Nobody seems to doubt that a clash of arms will occur between Greece and Turkey unless the powers intervene; but it is believed here that Greece will be given a free hand in Crete, and that if she succeeds in annexing that island, her right to do so will not be questioned by the rest of Europe.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—There is hot fighting in Crete. More Greek troops have embarked at Pyraeus for the rebellious island. Greek forces, under the command of Prince Nicholas, have started for Thessaly, and a Greek warship has fired on a Turkish transport conveying soldiers of the sultan to the Canadian shores. Moreover, the foreign consuls have been compelled to abandon Canea and take refuge on the cruisers in the harbor.

LONDON, Feb. 16—Advices from Athens state that when the Greek cruiser fired on the Turkish transport at Canea the commander of a British ironclad called on Prince George, in command of the Greek fleet, and told him he would be compelled to sink his vessel if the action was repeated. Prince George replied that he would carry out his orders, which were to prevent the landing of Turkish troops at all hazards. The Englishman then stated that he had orders to prevent any such action. All England is indignant at the action of the government.

ATHENS, Feb. 16.—The representatives of the powers informed the Greek premier that the powers had decided to even resort to arms to prevent Greece from taking further hostile action in Crete. Later the premier informed the representatives that it is the purpose of Greece to occupy Crete.

CANEA, Feb. 16.—The powers now occupy Canea. In accordance with a decision arrived at by the representatives, troops from the Austrian, British, Russian and Italian ironclads were landed and marched to quarters prepared for them. The action will tend to restore peace.

CANEA, Feb. 17.—A Greek army corps has been landed at Platanos, a town near Crete. The commander of the invaders, Col. Vassos, upon planting the Greek colors on the Turkish soil of Crete at once issued a flamboyant proclamation, praising the patriotism of the Cretans and sternly demanding the immediate surrender of the Turks in the neighborhood.

CANEA, Feb. 17.—The commanders of the foreign war ships in Cretan waters have been ordered to prevent landings of troops at Canea, Heraklion and Retimo. Meanwhile Greece continues to land troops, ammunition and supplies at these points.

CANEA, Feb. 17.—The Greek troops have attacked and occupied Fort Aghia, capturing 400 Turks. Included among their number are 100 soldiers.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 18.—The council of ministers has decided to leave the pacification of Crete to the powers and to adopt military measures on the Greek frontier. The latter, however, is purely for defensive purposes to enable Turkey to be prepared for all eventualities.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Cologne Gazette from Vienna says that most of the powers have acceded to Germany's proposal to blockade Piraeus, the port of Athens, in order to curb the war-like impulse of Greece.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 18.—Placards are posted in the mosques demanding the sultan's death.

WEYLER'S CAMPAIGN A FARCE.

Movement of Spanish Troops in Cuba Barren of Predicted Results.

HAVANA, Feb. 16.—General Weyler's forward movement continues, but every day it becomes more apparent that there will be no engagement with Gomez, except at a time and in a place of his own choosing. The forward movement of the Spanish promises to degenerate into a farce, owing to the complete breakdown of the commissariat trains, which were improvised to follow the far columns. However boldly the columns venture away into the mountains, they are always compelled to return to dinner. Ten thousand able-bodied, well-fed men, with mule trains and mountain artillery, could probably find Gomez, as do the newspaper correspondents, and give a good account of him, but the resources of Spain have been squandered without bringing together these absolute essentials of successful guerrila warfare. Arrangements have been made for General Weyler's return to Havana in a cruiser but the day of his arrival is uncertain.

One Fare for Inauguration.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—All Iowa roads agree to make a rate of one fare for the round trip for the inauguration ceremonies at Washington.

MADE A CONFESSION.

Millionaire Duestrow Admitted That He Killed His Wife and Child.

UNION, Mo., Feb. 17.—Dr. Arthur Duestrow, the St. Louis millionaire, who, February 16, 1894, shot and killed his wife and child in that city, was hanged in the courtyard of the county jail. Not until he arose after a broken night's rest and saw through the window of the jail for the first time the gallows on which he was to die, did he show any sign of realization of his fate. Turning from the window he sobbed like a child. He put away all semblance of insanity, which he carried out so long, and groaned: "I know I've got to die; I killed my wife and child, but it was not my fault. Something within me made me do it. I was not myself."

GEN. GOMEZ WOUNDED.

Insurgent Leader, Despite His Injuries Continues Riding All of the Day.

HAVANA, Feb. 17.—Private advices contain assurances that an engagement occurred between the Spanish troops commanded by Colonel Arjona, en route from Arroya Blanco to Ciego Avila, and General Gomez. It is reported that General Gomez was wounded in the same leg and nearly the same place where he was wounded last year. Leader Roses took command of the insurgent forces, so the claim is made, until the arrival of General Carrillo. According to the reports the horse upon which General Gomez was mounted was killed, but he continued riding all day.

More Than a Mile a Minute.

DENVER, Feb. 16.—The special train from Chicago over the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, chartered by a Denver mining broker, to go to the bedside of his dying son, reached Denver, having run 1,026 miles in 18 hours and 25 minutes. This is the greatest railroad feat ever accomplished. The son died before the arrival of the special.

Jackson and Walling Hang in March.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 18.—The governor has fixed Saturday, March 20, for the execution of both Jackson and Walling. An effort was made to have separate days for the executions, Walling to follow Jackson, so the latter could confess if he wanted to save Walling, but the governor declined to put the state to the extra expense.

Silver Champion Dead.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—William P. St. John, the former president of the Mercantile National bank and one of the principal champions in the east of the cause of silver, died at his residence here of a complication of kidney and stomach troubles.

BREVITIES.

Gen. Joseph Shelby died at his home near Kansas City on the 13th.

Fitzsimmons' side bet of $7,500 is now in the hands of Stakeholder Smith.

The president has renominated Carroll D. Wright of Massachusetts commissioner of labor.

The Kentucky court of appeals overruled the petition for a rehearing in the case of Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling, sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Pearl Bryan.

The senate of the state of Kansas, by a strict party vote of silver men and republicans, again passed the initiative and referendum resolution, submitting the question to a vote of the people.

Senator-elect Wm. E. Mason was attacked by a fainting spell at his home in Chicago recently. At first it was believed to be apoplexy, but he soon recovered. Later, upon advice of doctors, he left for New Orleans to get rest.

Chicago dispatch: All the mills of the Illinois Steel company at South Chicago, have started at full blast for the first time in many months. Nearly three thousand men returned to work. Wages all along the line were cut from 10 to 15 per cent.

Dan Stuart has arrived at Carson, Nev., and has announced that the big fight between Corbett and Fitzsimmons will occur in Carson March 17. He gives as a reason for the selection of Carson in preference to Reno that the Carson people had worked hard for the passage of the bill, while the Reno citizens were opposed to it.

News from the Philippine islands to January 6 is to the effect that on January 2 the Spanish troops, in a series of engagements with the rebels, killed 1,100, including the greater part of the native soldiers who deserted the Spanish cause. The Spanish loss was twenty-four killed and sixty-eight wounded. On January 4, in another engagement, thirty-two dead rebels were counted. The Spanish loss was ten killed and eight wounded.

Alderman Thomas J. O'Malley, of the Twenty-third ward, of Chicago, and John Santry, who have been on trial for the murder of Gus Collander, an election judge, in 1894, were acquitted. The trial lasted a month and was bitterly contested. The jury was out several hours, and although a unit as to the innocence of O'Malley on the first ballot, some of the jurors were in favor of convicting Santry. They finally agreed to his acquittal, however. Gus Collander was a judge of election, who in a local election in 1894 was shot by one of a gang of toughs which raided the polling place over which he presided.

London dispatch: Sir George Goldie, commanding the Royal Niger Company's expedition against the emir of Nupe, cables from the palace of the emir at Bida under date of January 29, saying the palace is captured. The capture of the Bida probably completes the destruction of the Fulah power, and will most likely add to the British-African territory. The dispute between the emir and the Niger company is of long standing, growing out of the emir's practice of executing slaves by wholesale after raiding the territory under protection of the company, to obtain victims. He was frequently warned to stop the practice, but failing to do so the punitive expedition was sent against him, with the result above given. The emir was a most powerful vassal of the great Mohammedan empire of Sokoto.

THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 11.—Hotchkiss' concurrent resolution asking congress to protest against the removal of the pension office from Iowa passed. Special committee to which was referred Carney's resolution providing for an investigation of state institutions reported it back and it was laid over under the rules. The election law was further considered, but was not finished. House bill to amend mulct law so as to include cities working under special charters was received. Bonson opposed consideration, saying it was against the rules, which provided for no new legislation. A motion to suspend rules resulted 29 to 12 and Bonson made point of order that two-thirds vote of all members was necessary. Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Brant introduced a bill looking to a repair of the hole knocked in the mulct law by the supreme court in so far as it pertains to cities acting under special charter and the bill passed. Bill relating to corporations was taken up and finally passed. The law is changed to make private property of members of corporations liable for all debts in excess of two-thirds of the capital stock. Workingmen's co-operative associations, farmer's mutual insurance companies and farmer's co-operative creamery associations were exempted from the provisions of the act. Senate resolution against the removal of the pension office from Des Moines was concurred in.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 12.—Carney's resolution for a joint committee to investigate state institutions was adopted. Chairman Parrott ruled against Bonson's point of order in amendment to mulct law, holding that two-thirds of members present was sufficient to suspend rules. The bill was referred to committee on suppression of intemperance. Election laws was taken up and an amendment preventing names of candidates from appearing more than once on ballot was adopted. An amendment was also adopted doing away with the publication of the sample ballot in newspapers. A motion to reconsider was filed.

HOUSE.

House resumed consideration of the evidence bill. An amendment was adopted in the shape of a change in the section relating to the testimony of witnesses in gambling, liquor, etc., cases to prevent witnesses from escaping by saying that they cannot testify without criminating themselves. The testimony given, however, cannot be used in convicting the witnesses. An amendment excluding confidential clerks from giving information acquired in their clerical capacity was adopted. The bill then passed.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 13.—Committee on suppression of intemperance reported favorably on the bill amending the mulct law. Consideration of election laws was resumed. A motion was filed to reconsider vote by which law was amended so that in cases when women vote no registration shall be required of them. Bonds of secretary of state were raised from $5,000 to $10,000 and a bond required of the superintendent of public instruction.

HOUSE.

Bills in relation to boards of health, procedure in particular cases and the school fund were passed as fast as the same could be read by the clerk. No argument arose, as no material departures were made from the old law. The pharmacy bill was taken up. It was amended so as to require the payment of the pharmacy tax by itinerant venders of medicines, and to require signatures of purchasers of poisons.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 13.—Ellis introduced a bill providing that all special charter cities and their officers be relieved of any responsibility whatever for the enforcement of mulct law in those cities. Consideration of election bill was resumed, but no important change in old law was made.

HOUSE.

Bill in relation to jails and penitentiaries passed after being amended so as to require adult and juvenile prisoners to be kept apart. The salary of the prison physician was cut from $100 to $75 per month and that of the clerk was raised from $76 to $100. The bill in relation to the common schools was taken up. An amendment providing for free text books upon a vote of the electors of a district was adopted. The bill passed.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 16.—The election law was again under consideration. Amendment was adopted providing that polls shall open at 8 o'clock in all cases except in cities where registration is required. Amendment doing away with publication of ballot in newspapers was reconsidered and lost. Pay for printing ballot was made 40 cents per square. Printing of sample ballots was done away with. The legal rates for printing were reduced from $1 per square for first insertion and 60 cents per square for subsequent insertions to 75 cents and 37½ cents. The senate refused to rescind the vote taken last week by which the present law to permit women to vote on the issuance of school and municipal bonds was re-enacted. The Australian ballot law was immeasurably simplified by the law being amended so there are but two ways of voting.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 17.—The bill amending mulct law to make it applicable to cities under special charters was taken up. Hipwell moved to amend by making the liquor traffic legal, but this was voted down, 10 to 39. The bill then passed. Election laws came up and an amendment to cover cities under special charters was adopted. The senate refused to reconsider the amendment prohibiting the placing of a candidate's name on more than one ticket. Bills relating to practice of dentistry and submission of constitutional amendments passed.

HOUSE.

Consideration of bill relating to crimes and punishments was resumed. Abandonment of wife and neglect to support her, and abandonment of a child under 12 years of age, were made misdemeanors.

FAVORABLE FEATURES.

Collapse of the Rail Pool a Good Thing for Labor.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Bradstreet says: The more favorable features of the business week include sales of 300,000 tons of steel rails on the collapse of the pool, which promises work for the mills for months to come; the advance in the price of print cloth, following the sale of 750,000 pieces from accumulated stocks, and the starting up of a number of important metal and industrial establishments throughout the east and middle states. The recent reduction in the price of steel billets of five dollars a ton, while rails were reduced only $3, foreshadowed another cut in rail prices or the breaking up of the pool. The latter finds prices from $8 to $9 lower than last week. One effect will be to stimulate export of rails, demand for domestic bessemer pig iron and for ore, and consumption of iron and steel generally.

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BLASTS FROM "RAM'S HORN."

Too many people are singing, "Scatter sunshine," and waiting for somebody else to do it.

Many claim to be praying for the conversion of the world, who are not doing any thing else.

Did you ever know a dying man to find any comfort in thinking that there were hypocrites in church?

"The Master has come, and is calling for thee," whenever you hear of a needy one who needs help.

A blind man's opinion of the sun is based upon what he has learned from the earth with his cane.

The poorest people are not those who have to get much out of little, but those who get little out of much.

The devil has an iron collar on every man who thinks more of the saloon than he does of his home.

The fact that the rum power is still strong, is no reason why the Christian should close his Bible and give up praying.

One reason why Solomon wrote so many proverbs, was to give every young man some of the wisdom God had given him.

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Preach to your own heart before you address others.

You can't tell the size of a man by the noise he makes.

Unless you want to be poor, don't try to keep all you get.

There are some men who would not be happy if they could.

Live to do good, and you will never tire of your employment.

GIRLS IN STORES, offices, or factories, are peculiarly liable to female diseases, especially those who are constantly on their feet. Often they are unable to perform their duties, their suffering is so intense.

When the first symptoms present themselves, such as backache, pains in groins, headache, dizziness, faintness, swelled feet, blues, etc., they

should at once write Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., stating symptoms; she will tell them exactly what to do, and in the meantime they will find prompt relief in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which can be obtained from any druggist.

"MY DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I am so grateful to you for what your Compound has done for me. For four years I suffered such pains from ovarian trouble, which caused dreadful weakness of the limbs, tenderness and burning pain in the groins, pain when standing or walking, and increased pain during menstruation, headache and leucorrhœa. I weighed only 92 pounds, and was advised to use your Vegetable Compound, which I did. I felt the benefit before I had taken all of one bottle. I continued using it, and it has entirely cured me. I have not been troubled with leucorrhœa for months, and now I weigh 115 pounds."—LILLIE HARTSON, Flushing, Genesee Co., Michigan. Box 69.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Bicycles are carried free on the French railroads when passengers accompany them. A sou, however, is charged for the check.

A one-armed man in St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested for hugging young women on the street. The girls thought it very impertinent for a man to attempt to perform such a deed with only one arm.

A fence composed of 300 elk-horns surrounds the house and grounds of Jay Haynes at Mammoth Springs, Yellowstone Park. All the horns were shed in March, 1895, and gathered in the following June by Mr. Haynes.

In the stomach of a cow recently slaughtered by George Daun, a butcher of Portsmouth, Ohio,, were found six pounds of iron nails, hinges, bolts, etc. The neighbors declare that the cow had discovered that iron was good for the blood.

Thomas Hansard and Lewis Lynn of Lincoln county, Ky., were returning home from church, when they began to quarrel about a hog belonging to Hancard which had trespassed upon Lynn's property. Some rude words were exchanged, and then Lynn shot his neighbor through the heart.

A chestnut was given to a Newark grocer, who was advised to carry it in his pocket, as a protection against rheumatism. The grocer had never had the disease, but after the chestnut had been in his pocket two weeks, the malady attacked his ankle, and he was compelled to call in a doctor.

James Welton, of Double Springs, Ala., was assisting to lower the coffin of his friend, Junius Roberts, into the grave, when the strap broke. The lower part of the coffin dropped, and the upper part sprang upward striking Welton on the head, causing a wound from which he died in two hours.

A STRANGE FREAK OF NATURE.

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The Same Thing.

"They say he got into Wall street at last."

"I heard it the other way."

[illegible]everal Chippewa Indians in Douglas [illegible]nty, Wis., are profitably engaged in [illegible]ying wolves, for which they receive [illegible] a head.

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BETTY WASHINGTON.

THE ONLY SISTER OF THE GREAT COMMANDER.

Beautiful Interior Decorations in Her Home at Fredericksburg, Done in Raised Stucco by an English Prisoner —Locks of Vast Proportions.

IN the outskirts of the little town of Fredericksburg, Va., stands a house of peculiar interest to all Americans. It is Kenmore, the home of George Washington's only sister, Betty, which was built by her husband, Colonel Fielding Lewis, to gratify the ambition she often expressed of "being mistress of a fine house." Few, if any strangers, visit Fredericksburg without seeing this historic old mansion, which is considered the "show" place of the town.

The interior of Kenmore is severely simple, but very imposing, and its high sloping roof, tiny paned windows and quaint doorways, with huge brass knockers, carry one back to a time now nearly a century and a half past. The doors are high and narrow, of elaborately carved oak. The first thing that strikes the eye on entering the small, square hall, is a high clock of the kind popularly known as "Grandfather's Clock," which was once the property of Mary Washington.

Interior of Kenmore.

Few houses have such an extremely handsome interior as Kenmore. The ceilings and mantels alone are worth a visit to see, being the most beautiful of their kind in the state. The ceilings are stuccoed with raised plaster in elaborate designs of wreaths and garlands of flowers, sheaves of wheat, etc., and over the mantels are large ornate portrayals of the fables of Aesop, done in the same beautiful work. The one over the drawing room mantel is said to have been designed by George Washington for his sister. We are told by an old chronicler that this ornamentation of ceiling and mantel was the chief thing that pleased Mistress Betty Lewis in all her fine house. It was the work of an English soldier, who was captured during the revolution and sent for safe keeping to the home of Colonel Lewis, where he thus employed his time more profitably than most of the other English soldiers then in America. The drawing room, which is lofty and of unusual size, presents a faithful picture of the apartment in which the luxurious Virginian of that day liked to gather his family or entertain his friends. The high walls are paneled to the top, the deep windows furnish seats almost as large, though hardly so comfortable as armchairs, and on the doors are immense brass locks, containing keys of ponderous size. It would almost seem from these cumbersome locks which are found on so many old homes, that our forefathers were wont to have a sense of security in proportion to the size of the locks on their doors. If this be so, we cannot help thinking how very free from fear must the good folk of Kenmore have been. The drawing-room opens at one end on a massive stone porch and on the other into a smaller, but remarkably beautiful parlor, where we find again the same elaborate work on ceilings, mantels and walls. Crossing the halls, we come to the dining-room, the brightest room in the house, and here George Washington often sat, drinking a cup of tea with his sister, or attending as an honorary guest one of her stately midday dinners. During the visit of Lafayette to Fredericksburg to meet Mrs. Washington, his friend's mother, he too, dined in this room, and it is said the gallant Frenchman expressed himself as being more than charmed, with not only his fair hostess, but her handsome home.

Where Mary Washington Died.

On the upper floor of the house are the bed-rooms, which are unusually large and bright, but the chief interest pertains to the one on the left hand of the corridor. Here we are told is the room in which Mary Washington breathed her last. This fact is not generally known, as it is usually supposed that she died in her own more humble home not far away. When she had been ill for some time with an incurable malady, Mrs. Lewis persuaded her to be moved to Kenmore, and it was here that she spent the last few weeks of her life. Not far from the house and within sight of the windows of this room arises the tall granite shaft which was erected to the memory of Mary Washington by the women of America. This is the only public monument to a woman in the United States. It is a handsome shaft, fifty feet high, on the face of which is inscribed in raised letters, "Mary, the Mother of Washington." On the reverse side is cut in the stone, "Erected by her Countrywomen." An amusing incident happened in connection with the latter inscription. Among the crowds of people who attended the unveiling of the monument were many whose lives were passed on farms in remote parts of the country. One of them, an old woman, after giving a long, appreciative look to the monument, and carefully spelling over the inscription, fairly beamed with delight. "Thank goodness!" she said, "here is one thing them everlasting city women ain't had a hand in. Shows what country folks can do when they have a mind to!"

COLONEL FIELDING LEWIS.

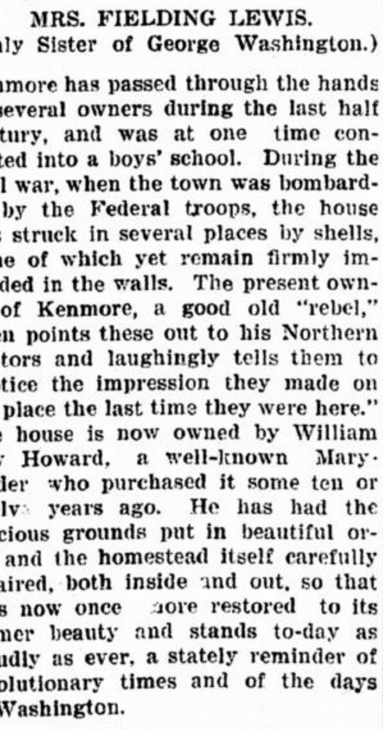
Lavish Hospitality at Kenmore.

Kenmore was always the scene of lavish hospitality, and within its walls were entertained many of the men who assisted in making our country's history. In the spacious drawing-room, in days gone by, stately dames have courtsied low to their partners in the time-honored minuet, and coquettish damsels, in dainty short-waisted gowns, tripped gayly through the Virginia reel. These were the women who later became the wives and mothers of the heroes of the revolution. Most of the men of note of the time just previous to the revolution, were received as guests at Kenmore, and during the war which ensued the house became known far and near as the abode of patriotism. Colonel Lewis, who was a man of prominence, and proprietor of nearly half the town of Fredericksburg, was an ardent patriot, and though ill with consumption (of which he finally died before the close of the war), managed to render much service to his country. When he became too feeble to go on horseback, he had himself carried in his chariot to the neighboring Court House, where he uttered patriotic words which, by reason of his prominence and popularity, had much effect on the young men of the surrounding country, and many were inspired by him to become soldiers. Portraits are still preserved of himself and his wife.

It seems somewhat strange that while more, probably, has been published of George Washington's mother and wife than of any other American woman, so little should have been written of his only sister. Mrs. Lewis bore a likeness to her brother so great that it was startling, and when, as was sometimes done in joke, a military hat was placed upon her head and a cape thrown over her shoulders, it was almost impossible to distinguish between them. George Washington Parke Custis, in his "Memoirs of Washington," says that on these occasions so strong was the resemblance that "Battalions would have presented arms and senates risen to do homage to the chief." In character and disposition, also, there was the same remarkable likeness between the brother and sister.

Gen. Washington Gave the Bride Away.

One of Mrs. Lewis' sons, Lawrence, married Washington's adopted child, Eleanor Parke Custis, or "beautiful Nelly Custis," as she is known in history, the granddaughter of Martha Washington by her first husband. The wedding took place on February 22, 1799, the last birthday General Washington was destined to spend on earth, and he himself gave the bride away.



MRS. FIELDING LEWIS.
(Only Sister of George Washington.)

Kenmore has passed through the hands of several owners during the last half century, and was at one time converted into a boys' school. During the civil war, when the town was bombarded by the Federal troops, the house was struck in several places by shells, some of which yet remain firmly imbedded in the walls. The present owner of Kenmore, a good old "rebel," often points these out to his Northern visitors and laughingly tells them to "notice the impression they made on the place the last time they were here." The house is now owned by William Key Howard, a well-known Marylander who purchased it some ten or twelve years ago. He has had the spacious grounds put in beautiful order and the homestead itself carefully repaired, both inside and out, so that it is now once more restored to its former beauty and stands to-day as proudly as ever, a stately reminder of revolutionary times and of the days of Washington.

Columbia, My Country.

Columbia, my country! the last born of nations,
The herald of freedom, the Star of the West,
The brightest of stars midst the earth's constellations,
Still on your broad bosom mankind shall be blest.
Long dispersed are the clouds that rebellious once gathered,
And to dim thy resplendence no mists intervene;
Your old "Ship of State" all the tempests has weathered,
And your zenith in beauty grows calm and serene.

The Little Maid's Reply.

(A True Incident.)

The little maiden opened wide the door
To let the honored Washington depart;
The great-souled General, her mother's friend—
The first in war, in peace, in every heart.

"A better office to you, wear," said he,
And placed his hand benignly on her head.
With curtesy quaint and reverent, smiling glance—
"Yes, sir; to let you in," she archly said.
—Charles Lee in St. Nicholas.

A Promise.

We won't forget the birthday
Of a noble little boy
Till hatchets climb the cherry-trees
And clap their hands for joy.
—Anna M. Pratt in School Days.

Certainly Not.

Ethel—Do you think Uncle John's estate will be divided according to law when he dies? Cousin Tom (just admitted to the bar)—Not at all—I drew his will for him yesterday.—Judge.

Mr. C. P. Villiers, M. P., "Father of the House of Commons," celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday the other day at his house in Cadogan Place. He has uninterruptedly represented Wolverhampton for sixty-two years having been returned for the first time in 1835.

More English women are married to Germans than to members of any other foreign nation.

ON IOWA RAIL RATES.

PASSENGER SERVICE AND RATES COMPARED.

Reply of the State Railroad Commission to Inquiries by Agriculturists Regarding Average Receipts and Expenses.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Correspondence Chicago Times-Herald.—W. W. Field of Odebolt, president of the State Agricultural society, anxious to enlighten its members on the merits of the railroad question, sought for information from the state board of railroad commissioners on the following points: What is the average rate of fare in Iowa? What does it cost the railroads to carry a passenger a mile? How are we (the agriculturists) to ascertain what rate would be fair on both sides? What is the opinion of the commissioners on the question? In reply an open letter has been written by W. W. Ainsworth, secretary of the commission, saying in part: "The questions suggested by you have recently been considered by the board of railroad and warehouse commissioners of Illinois in response to an inquiry made by the state grange of that state. Its conclusion was that it 'would be unwise, unwarranted and unjust to the railroad interests of the state to comply with this request.' The regular report says: Some of the great trunk lines in Illinois might be able to stand such a reduction, yet the smaller roads and those which do almost wholly a local business, and which are now and have been for the last two years struggling for existence, would be most seriously affected by it. Such action on our part would simply increase the heavy burdens under which they are struggling now.

Decrease in Passenger Business.

"It is a well-known fact to those who have taken the trouble to investigate the amount of passenger business done by the railroads in Illinois during the last two years that there has been a large decrease in the number of passengers carried. This is due, in our judgment, not to the amount charged for such service, but to the general depression in all lines of business, the low prices of farm products and the unsettled financial conditions which have had their effect on the passenger as well as the freight business. This question was before us when we revised the freight schedule in 1895 and the whole question was thoroughly considered. We did not think then, and neither do we feel now, that in justice to both the public and the railroads this reduction should be made at this time. If the country was prosperous our conclusions might be different. The statistics in our office show that for the last three years, 1894, 1895 and 1896, the average amount charged by the railroads per passenger per mile is a fraction above 2 cents, although the maximum allowed them was 3 cents. For the reasons above stated we do not feel that this reduction should be made by us at this time. We are also asked to recommend this reduction to the legislature. In view of our conclusion we do not feel that it would be consistent for us to do so.

Receipts and Cost Per Mile.

"From the statistics given in the report of this commission for 1895 it appears the average amount received by the railroads doing business in Iowa for carrying one passenger one mile during the year was 2.27 cents. The returns from which these results are obtained do not include any passengers carried free. The large number of passengers who have traveled upon reductions of rates as permitted by our statutes—ministers of the gospel, organizations of our military, excursions on holidays, special rates to meetings of many organizations, state and county fairs—are factors that reduce the average fare to the amount above stated. It is obvious, therefore, that the average must always be lower than the rate fixed by law. The character of the business renders it impossible to make any rate that will be absolutely uniform. The Iowa report for 1895 shows only ten roads which returned the average cost of carrying one passenger one mile. The average cost of these companies was 2.14 cents. This result is less reliable than if it were founded upon returns made by all the roads, which would probably increase it. In arriving at the cost of carrying one passenger one mile, as above given, nothing is charged on account of the expenses of the railroads for interest, rents, taxes and miscellaneous fixed charges, and, of course, nothing for dividends on stock. The passenger traffic should, of course, bear its proportion of these expenses, which constitute part of the cost of doing the business. From statistics compiled by the interstate commerce commission it appears that to charge the passenger business of the railroads with its proportionate share of the fixed charges, not including anything, however, on account of dividends and crediting it with mail and express earnings, would give us as the actual cost 2.57 cents.

Figures on Reduced Traffic.

"The statement of the Illinois commission that there has been a general reduction of passenger business is undoubtedly confirmed by the statistics. For the whole United States the number of passengers carried one mile for each mile of railroad in 1890 was 75,751; in 1895 it was 68,572. Though the number of passengers carried was less, the passenger car mileage was greater in 1895 than in 1890, which, of course, increased the cost per passenger. In 1890 the total number of miles run by passenger trains in the United States was 285,575,804; in 1895 it was 317,565,615. In 1895 the revenues from passenger service in the United States decreased $33,103,378 as compared with 1894, though the figures for 1895 include 2,055.29 miles of road more than in 1894. The foregoing statements, which are based upon the most accurate statistics obtainable, at this time indicate: 1. That at the present time the average fare charged in Iowa is less than the actual cost of transporting the passenger. 2. That within the last three or four years passenger earnings have decreased without a corresponding decrease in the cost of doing the business. Unless changes have been recently made that have not come to the notice of the commission the following are the rates prevailing in the countries named: England—First class, 4.2 cents; second, 3.2 cents; third, 2 cents. France—First class, 4 cents; second, 3 cents; third, 2 cents. Italy—First class, 3.6 cents; second, 2.6 cents; third, 1.8 cents. Holland—First class, 3.2 cents; second, 2.6 cents; third, 1.6 cents. Belgium—First class, 2.4 cents; second, 1.8 cents; third, 1.2 cents. Except in England no baggage is carried free.

Density of Population a Factor.

"The density of population also affects the volume of passenger traffic. Where the population is dense there will be more travel than in sparsely settled districts. In Iowa the population per square mile is about 38; in England, 541; Belgium, 514; Holland, 350; Italy, 268; France, 187; New York, 139; Ohio, 89; New England, 83; Illinois, 75; Missouri, 43; Wisconsin, 34; Nebraska, 15; Kansas, 19; South Dakota, 5. The population per mile of railroad in Iowa is about 247, in Illinois it is about 395; New York, 813; New England, 719; Missouri, 447; Wisconsin, 306; Nebraska, 209; Kansas, 108; South Dakota, 129. The average passenger earnings per mile, as shown by the last reports to this commission, of the roads operating in Iowa are $990. The Kansas report for 1895 shows $844, the Illinois report $1,582, and, as shown by the report of the interstate commerce commission, they are $4,422 in New England, $4,513 in New York and in Ohio $1,951."

Quicker in the Old Days.

The Chicago Shade was in a confidential mood and put his feet over the arms of his throne.

"I am a man with a history. When I was on earth I spent my life and my fortune fighting four divorce cases," he said tentatively to the bulky shade on his right.

"And yet they say the world progresses," mused the shade of Henry VIII., as he took a retrospective glance at the pages devoted to his term in the history books.—Pittsburg News.

Hermit of Hemlock Beach Dead.

Ebenezer Chichester, better known as the "Hermit of Hemlock Beach," died last week at Amityville, L. I. He had previously lived for forty years in a cave dug in a sand dune on Hemlock Beach. He was 85 years of age.

Valuable Paint Fields.

The largest mineral paint fields in the country have been discovered in Pine plains township, Allegan county, Mich. The pockets in some instances cover a half-acre and contain paints of various colors.

SOUTHWEST BREEZES.

There are some men who would not be happy if they could.

You can't tell the size of a man by the noise he makes.

Live to do good, and you will never tire of your employment.

There is not in the world a mask that can disguise vulgarity.

The eye of ambition is an orb that can be closed by no opiate.

It is far easier to see through a stone wall than through prejudices some[illegible] [illegible]le Journal.

WHAT FOGS ARE.

Statistics Show How They Affect the Death Rate.

A convenient though not strictly scientific classification of fog types is sea or coast fog, valley or hill fog and town or dust fog, says Harper's Magazine. The last-named has been given the euphonic designation nebula pulverea. It is an artificial rather than natural condition. The Rev. Clement Ley, who gave a large portion of his life to cloud study, says, in his book on "Cloudland," that in some parts of the globe nebula pulverea is occasionally so thick as to obscure almost totally the sunlight and in Abyssinia has led to the tradition that the plague of darkness in Egypt was in reality an unusual "dust fog." The amount of moisture varies so much in different fogs that the terms "dry" and "wet" are used, the scientific name of the latter being nebula stillans. In wet fog the particles are apt to be larger than in dry fog. A still further division, due, we believe, to Mr. Robert H. Scott, is anti-cyclonic fog, or fog in which no rain falls, while the temperature, generally low in the morning, continues to rise during the day, and cyclonic fog, in which rain does occur, while the temperature remains about stationary. Before leaving these town fogs we may notice the part played by them in affecting the health of a community. Mr. Scott has given figures showing the mortality from diseases of the respiratory system for some of the more memorable fogs of London. We have room for but one of the many periods he gives. From January 26 to February 6, 1880, London experienced eight days of fog. The average temperature at 8 o'clock in the morning was 26 degrees Fahrenheit. The total death rate was 48.1 per 1,000, a rate unequaled since the last cholera epidemic, and there were no less than 1,557 deaths from diseases of the respiratory organs. It is not always an easy matter to trace direct relationship even where the statistics are carefully gathered, but there can be little doubt that these town fogs are unwholesome. Indirectly they affect the health of the community in a way few would imagine. A town fog is an excellent trap for noxious gases, holding them close to the ground. Dr. R. Barnes, studying this question, found, by inspection of gas plants near London, that in foggy weather the escaping gas was held in concentrated form in and near the works. There are other sources of contamination in foul emanations from the ground, sewers, etc. On clear, bright days, even if no wind is blowing, the law of diffusion of gases acts more effectively and helps disperse the gases.

HE WAS A RINGER.

Took Him Into a Country Town to Fight.

They took him out of the passenger coach very carefully, and two men, who looked as anxious as brothers might, supported him under the arms and helped him out to a hack, says the New York Journal.

"Hurt on the road?" queried the depot policeman.

"No, not exactly," replied one of the attendants.

"Fall out of a tree or over a precipice?"

"No, I couldn't say that he did."

Maybe he was tossed up by a bull or run over by cows?" persisted the officer, whose curiosity was aroused.

"No; nothing like that."

"Crippled for life, ain't he?"

"We hope not, but it looks that way."

"He looks to me like a man who'd had a well cave in on him. Perhaps that was the case?"

"Well, no," slowly replied the man, as he was ready to follow his patient into the hack. "You see, he's a pugilist, and we took him out to a country town and rung him in as a greenhorn, to meet a country boy."

"And he knocked the country boy out in two rounds, of course?"

"Wid he? Well, I haven't heard of it. The hayseed went right at him and paralyzed him in the first half of the first round, and if we'd had two more ringers just like him we'd have needed at least one coffin and two doctors! Drive on, hackman, but drive slow, and if Bill's heart stops beating I'll yell out and you make a rush for the nearest undertaker."

A Description of J. M. Barrie.

J. M. Barrie, the Scottish novelist, is thus described by Mr. G. W. Cable, the well known American writer. "In the author of 'A Widow in Thrums' I found a smallish, sedate, reticent man of a breadth and squareness of brow that would claim the attention of any passing stranger. His shoulders, too, were square and sturdy, his eye pensive, and his hands prone to seek his pockets for rest and hiding, while he let his fellow-travelers order matters as seemed to them best. When he spoke his words came in slow procession, as though he were writing them, and yet with an effect neither studied nor languorous. His voice is soft in tone, and I do not remember that in my three days of constant intercourse with him it ever rose to a high note. His mirth lies deep below the surface, kept, like a choice wine, for moments of choice intimacy; but then it flows as pure and fine as an honest boy's. His slow smile is never far off, and when surprised by some sudden call for a pointed utterance the flash of his wit is as bright as it is kind."

A Homesick Boy.

Does homesickness tend to induce a philosophical view of things? Not in most cases, but perhaps there are exceptions. A youngster was sent to boarding school and did not much fancy the change. On the second or third day he wrote home thus: "Dear Father: Life is very short. Let us spend it together. Your affectionate son, Christopher."—Tid-Bits.

Irregular Regularity.

The Rev. Mr. Wilgus—"My good man, do you attend religious services every Sabbath?"

Dismal Dawson—"I alluz do when I'm in jail."—Indianapolis Journal.

Ignorance Is Bliss.

Rimple—"Does your wife obey you as she promised to do at the altar?"

Simple—"Well, the fact is I never dared to test her."—Elmira News.

VARIETIES.

A mine in Idaho last week shipped out three bars of bullion, valued at $8,800.

The Zulus of Africa contributed $4,000 last year for the support of their native churches.

Military physicians in India prescribe opium as a harmless tonic for soldiers in fatiguing marches.

The value of the grounds and buildings devoted to education in the United States is $95,545,681.

Twins in Size, Shape and Activity.

That is what those important little organs, the kidneys, are, when healthy. In disorder they may differ in all three particulars. Disease usually destroys them successively, not simultaneously, and one may be active while the other is semi-paralyzed. Give to both a healthful impulse, without exciting them, with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which foretalls such dreadful maladies as Bright's disease and diabetes. Use the Bitters also for malarial, bilious, rheumatic, nervous, bowel and kidney trouble.

A Good One for Some.

"Did you hear what Brief, the lawyer, has for his motto?"

"No. What?"

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Meeting Them Even.

"Sorry to hear of your misfortune, major."

"Yes, sir; they beat me."

"What caused it?"

"Whisky, sir; they used whisky to beat me. But I'll get even with 'em some day. What'll you take?"

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Piso's Cure for Consumption is the only cough medicine used in my house.—D. C. Albright, Mifflinburg, Pa., Dec. 11, '95.

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In several of the farming district of Nebraska corn is used as fuel.

England has 85 per cent of the wealth of the United Kingdom.

A FEW FACTS.

In Italy there are more theaters in proportion to the population than in any other country.

Two wealthy Hebrews of Bagdad now own all that remains of the ancient city of Babylon.

The opal is the only gem that cannot be counterfeited. Its delicate tints defy reproduction.

Insurance companies claim that bicycling is more dangerous than traveling either by rail or ship.

Coughing Leads to Consumption.

Kemp's balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Large bottles 25 and 50 cents. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

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Fast Mail		6:59 am
Rock Island Accommodation		7:30 am
C., R. I. & P., GOING WEST.		
Denver Limited	8:20 am	*8:25 am
Night Limited Express	3:30 am	*3:35 am
Day Express	11:55 am	*12:15 pm
Fast Mail	11:40 am	
KEOKUK & DES MOINES.		
Eldon Express	10:40 am	6:50 pm
Keokuk Express	4:25 am	7:20 am
DES MOINE & FT. DODGE.		
Ruthven Mail and Express	6:30 pm	12:10 pm
Tara and Ft. Dodge	10:35 am	4:45 pm
Minn-St Louis Ex	9:20 pm	7:00 am
St Paul-Minn. Flyer	6:30 am	9:10 pm
WINTERSET BRANCH.		
Accommodation	7:00 pm	8:30 am
Mail	10.45 am	5.05 pm
C. B. & Q.		
Albia Passenger	12.15 pm	*3.30 am
Peoria Express	6.00 pm	8.30 am
Albia Accommodation	7.00 pm	*7.00 am
CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN.		
Sioux City, N. & W.	7.55 pm	7.30 am
Chicago and Elmore Ex	10.15 am	4.00 pm
Night Express	12.15 pm	*9.00 pm
Dakota Limited	1.20 am	1.30 am
Chicago Limited	5.45 am	7.00 am
Accommodation	1-35 pm	11.05 am
C. G. W.—MAPLE LEAF—NORTH.		
Chi. & St. Paul Limited	8.45 pm	*9.00 pm
Chicago & St Paul Ex		3.30 am
Twin Cities Special	3.40 am	*3 45 am
C. G. W.—MAPLE LEAF—SOUTH.		
Kansas City Limited	6.50 am	*7.00 am
Day Express	12.50 am	*1.00 pm
Night Express	7.85 pm	8.45 pm
Knowlton to Des Moines	9.30 am	
WABASH RAILWAY.		
St. Louis Passenger	9.10 am	*6.45 pm
KEOKUK & WESTERN.		
No. 1, Mail and Express	6.55 pm	7.20 am
No. 5, Express	11.20 am	2,50 pm
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Sioux City-Fonda Limited	6.05 pm	8.45 pm
D. M. N. & W.—BOONE LINE.		
Sioux City	5.35 am	9.10 pm
Mail and Express	7.38 pm	7.50 am
Boone Mail and Express	11.55 am	6 30 pm

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT.

St. Paul A. M. E.—Corner of Second and Center Streets. Preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday School at 3 o'clock; Epworth League at 7 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. F. D Lomack, pastor.

Burn'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—Corner West Sixth and Walnut. G. H Cleggett, W. M.; J. F. Blagburn, secretary.

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«RACE ECHOES.»

In his annual report of the colored public schools of Washington, D. C. superintendent G. F. Cook accounts of 242 schools, 292 teachers, of whom 255 are females and 45 male, 12,876 pupils with an average daily attendance of 9,767.

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Through the efforts of W. B Townsend a civil rights bill has been introduced in the Kansas legislature.

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The city council of Augusta, Ga., appropriated $500 annually to the colored troops of that city for th purpose of paying armory rent.

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Col. Theodore F. Lang superintendent of Public Buildings, Baltimore, Md., has broken the color line in the City Hall by appointing four colored janitresses and one janitor.

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A. M. Zion Church has the youngest Bishop in the world in the person of Right Rev. W. Clinton,

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Mrs. Alpha V. Miner, of Kansas City, Mo., is one of the most successful business women of the race. She is said to be worth $10, 000.

The colored physicians of South Carolina meet at Columbia last week and organized a State medical Association. They elected Dr. A. C. McClenan as president, and started out under very favorable circumstances. This makes six States in which the colored physicans have organized—North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Flordia and Texas.

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In the Cincinatti police department there are twelve colored men.

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Mr. J M. Graham the young colored man who was elected to the Tennessee Legislature has been unseated.

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Jacksonville, Fla., is to have a baby show composed of colored infants only.

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C. E. Marshall formerly of Ottumwa, Ia., who is the only colored man that is a member of the L. A. W. is training at Denver, Col., and is making some good ecords.

OMAHA NOTES.

Owing to sickness the past week, I was not able to send in my news, but I am much improved at present.

The Trans-Mississippi Exposition people have agreed to have the Exposition at Miller's Park, a very beautiful location. The work will soon commence to revive towards building.

Every one seems to be complaining of lagrippe in our city.

Vice-President-elect Hobart has given $5,000 to Rutgers' College, New Brunswick, of which he is an alumnus.

The late Miss Hattie Rees, the lovely daughter of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. H. W. Rees had reserved from her earnings before her death sufficient to purchase a beautiful communion set for the new church at Westwood, Ohio, and her parents have fulfilled her desire by presenting the set in her name.

OSKALOOSA BRIEFLETS.

Sunday was communion day. Large attendance and much interest manifested. Monday following sacrament was administered at the home of Mr. Samuel Buckner.

Mrs. Cratty, Mr. Wm. Fields and Mrs. Sarah Williams, all of whom are confined to their homes by reason of sickness.

Notwithstanding the hard times the fair amount of money has been raised during the last quarter twenty-five dollars.

The Rev. Timothy Reeves was a very welcome visitor to our city last week; he is loved by all who know him.

Presiding elder Bundy departed for Des Moines Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Fields and Mrs. Sarah Williams are still on the sick list, but are improving.

Miss Eldora Thompson and Miss Hilda Yesser, are able to be about after their attack of lagrippe

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CHARITON NEWS.

Mr. Abe Prather, who has been suffering from burns received on his face by some lime, is reported to be on the mend.

Mr. George Newman is suffering under the powerful grip of the lagrippe. He is better at this time.

We are glad to hear that Rev. Johnson will be in the city again soon as we have not seen him since before Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Owsley, of Lucas, were visiting in the city Saturday. Mrs. O. will be remembered as Miss Effie Martin of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Owsley are situated on a farm between here and Lucas, where Mr. Owsley is doing a rushing business.

Mr. Louis Jackson is reported on the sick list, but is able to be out.

The road between Chariton and Mr. Copeland's farm is kept warm from the constant traversing of sleighs' full of people going to see Mr. Newman.

P. S. Irvine, who was in the Capital City some weeks ago, speaks of the pleasant time he had, and wishes to mention the kindness of Mrs. B. Clark. He also says that persons going to Des Moines would do well to call at Mrs. Hall's boarding house on Walnut street, near corner Fourth and Locust streets.

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Judge Walton, who presides over a court at Washington, is a man of grim humor. One day, in the lobby, a member of the bar was seeking to convey the impression to a group, of whom Judge Walton was the center, that his income from his profession was very large. "I have to earn a good deal," the lawyer said. "It seems a large story to tell, judge, but my personal expenses are $6,000 a year. It costs me that to live." "That is too much, Brother S——," said the judge; "I wouldn't pay it—it isn't worth it."

The Fabric of a Dream.

The situations in which men frequently find themselves in dreamland was well illustrated by an Irishman, who, when recently relating a remarkable dream he had had, remarked "Then I thought I was walking about naked, wid me hands in me pockets."

Truck Store Tyranny.

Hazleton, Pa., July 28.—There is much uneasiness among the employes of the Silver Brook Coal Mining Company at Silver Brook and serious trouble seems imminent. It is due to the action of the company in evicting those miners from the company's houses who do not patronize sufficiently the company store, known as the "Silver Brook Supply Company store." The miners are first told that they are not leaving enough money in the store, and if they do not increase the amount they are given ten days to leave the house

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TO CHARLES H. EDMUNDS; You are hereby notified that the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Polk county, asking an absolute divorce from you, and that she be restored to all the rights of an unmarried woman and given the custody of your three children, with other relief, for the reason that you wilfully deserted plaintiff at Des Moines, Iowa, and have since absented yourself for the space of more than two years without reasonable cause. For further particulars see petition on file. And that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the April term A. D. 1897, of said court, which will commence at Des Moines, Iowa, on the 5th day of April, A. D. 1897, default will be entered against you, and judgment rendered thereon.

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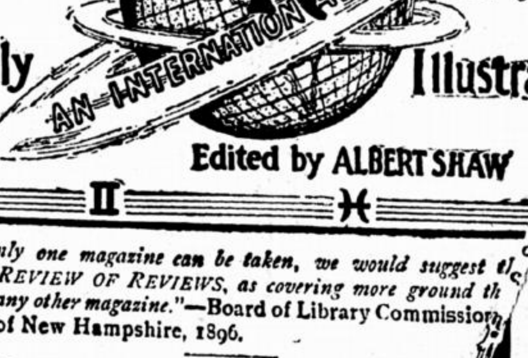

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