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CITY NEWS

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The wedding bells are to ring again soon.

It is reported that an East side gentleman will soon lead a West side lady.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Daughters will give an Anniversary Fete on or near the 15th of this month.

Miss Enix returned to Des Moines from Macon Mo., where she spent five weeks with friends and relatives.

Miss Mary Montague returned last Sunday after a pleasant visit in Omaha for the past ten days.

The Rev. Porter the talented young divine will fill Rev. Reeves pulpit next Sunday in his absence.

WANTED—A good boy to lead me. Age from 10 to 14. Apply at once to 379 School street. J. T. BLAGBURN.

Mrs. B. J. Holmes and her friend Mrs. Johnson will leave next Wednesday for a visit in Omaha and Lincoln.

Remember that we have a telephone you can communicate with us, by calling up the Iowa phone, number 899.

Mr. A. Becton has stopped running his restaurant in our city and has gone to Chicago with the intention of locating.

Mrs. Fannie McClain of Macon Mo. is visiting her sister and brother Mrs. and Mr. John McClain of 10th., and Grand Avenue.

While in Omaha visiting the exposition, take your meals with Mrs. J. N. Thomas at 112 S. 14th., street. Meals from 5 cents up.

Mrs. E. S. Willett and children returned last Wednesday after a pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Omaha the past two weeks.

Mrs. L. Carrol who has been visiting with Mrs. Frank Blagburn for the past two weeks, returned to her home last Thursday after a pleasant visit.

Revs. Timothy Reeves and Thomas Johnson left for Evanston, where the Iowa Conference will hold its annual session in that city.

Mrs. James Johnson of Phillipsburg, Kansas has been the guest of Mrs. B. J. Holmes for the past week. Mr. Johnson runs the dining car between Phillipsburg and this city.

Mrs. E. F. Johnson will join her husband in Indianapolis, where the doctor has his office furnished; as well as a nice suite of rooms for housekeeping, awaiting her arrival.

Marie Holmes will leave for her home in Banton, Missa, Wednesday. She is a niece of B. J. Holmes, and has been making her home in his family for the past two years.

Mrs. M. J. Gilmore and daughter, Mary of Colfax, and Mrs. W. H. Flippings and son, Harry of Marshalltown are visiting their sister, Mrs. Chester Johnson of 757 W. Ninth street.

Mr. Wm. Fletcher will leave for Omaha to visit the Exposition and from there to Lincoln to join his wife, who has been visiting her relatives and friends in that city for several weeks.

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Rev. J. C. Roberts, James Woods, Mrs. Moore and Jennetta Woods, left last Wednesday for Ottumwa to attend the meeting of the Baptist Association. They are the delegates from the East Side Baptist church.

Mr. Isaac M. Lewis has sued the city for \$140, which he claims is due him. Mr. Lewis was employed as driver of the patrol wagon in March 1897, and continued until May 1898, for which he received \$700. He should have received \$840.

The Paul Laurence Dunbar Literary Society will meet in the Masonic Hall, corner of Sixth and Walnut streets, next Monday night, 12 inst. All members are urged to be present, as there is business of importance to be attended to. Applications for membership will be received on that night. Quotations—miscellaneous.

FRANK BLAGBURN, Pres. SELMA STANTON, Sec'y.

Miss Lillian M. Jackson returned to her home in St. Joseph after a sojourn in this city of several weeks the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Williamson. Miss Jackson is a teacher in the St. Joseph High School, which place she has filled for the past eight or ten years.

The entertainment given at Marquisville under the direction of Mrs. Emma Harris and Miss Bessie Stewart last Saturday evening was a success and the ladies had a nice sum to turn over to the Rev. Reeves. All that went to Marquisville report a pleasant time.

Mr. T. E. Barton returned last Tuesday evening from Washington, D. C., after an absence of almost a year. He will spend two months at home visiting his family. Mr. Barton holds a good position in Washington, which he secured through the personal efforts of Congressman Hull.

WANTED—At once, two agents one for South Des Moines and one for East Des Moines, to sell the new Oederless Cooking Cover; also the six Blade Mining Knife. All good sellers. Good workers can make from \$5.00 to \$7.00 per week. For full particulars call at No. 379 School street; from 12 to 3 p. m. J. T. BLAGBURN.

Mr. Geo. H. Dunn has gone into the feed stable business he has leased the large barn at the Cole Chester place on 4th., street and has refitted and put on an addition that will accommodate at least ten more horses than it formally held. Mr. Dunn is one of our enterprising young men, and with proper encouragement he will make his mark in the business world. In connection with his regular feed and boarding stable he has some up-to-date rigs to let, such as first class horses and the latest improved rubber tired buggies. Mr. Dunn should receive the support of every Afro-American who needs anything in his line.

According to the best information we can receive the Seventh United States, (colored) volunteers has been ordered mustered out. This is the regiment which company M of this city under Captain Brandt belongs to. This will be a surprise as many had expected that the immunes would go to Cuba. No direct word has been received from Captain Brandt or any members of this company. It has all along been hoped that the immunes would be made part of the regular army and assigned to garrison duty. The report has it, that the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth all colored will be mustered out.

The Rev. Reeves, who has just closed his third year of pastoral work in this city left last Tuesday to attend the annual conference of his church. He is a model christian gentleman and was thoroughly devoted to the cause he represented, as well as the welfare of his people in general, and has done more to place his church upon an ethical standing than any other person in this city. Three years ago when he reached his work here, a scheme was on foot to organize a new church of a different denomination, which was to draw many of its followers from his church—nothing changed him—he showed his real character; and that was a christian worker. All were made welcome who attended his church. He is one of the best men we ever met, he is the embodiment of kindness, his character is as fine as silk, he is an able preacher and should be returned by all means to complete the work that he has so well on the way.

SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jefferson entertained at dinner on last Sunday a number of their friends in honor of Miss Lillian M. Jackson, who for the past six or eight weeks has been visiting with her friend Mrs. Williamson. All enjoyed the delightful dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Humbert entertained a number of friends at their beautiful home on Sixth avenue, at a 6 o'clock luncheon Wednesday evening; Miss Lillian M. Jackson being the guest of honor. The spread was very elaborate and it was a social affair. The evening was spent very pleasantly. Mrs. Humbert is a royal entertainer and takes much pleasure in entertaining her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Williamson entertained quite a number of the young people on last Friday evening in honor of Miss Lillian Jackson of St. Joseph who is visiting with Mrs. Williamson. It was one of the most delightful affairs that has been given this season. The beautiful parlors were as pleasant to the eye as a mossy dell in mid summer. It was a merry company and their merriment filled the flying moments, when dinner was announced all repaired to the dining room where an elegant repast was served in tea courses and when the hour came that all should take their departure each felt that they could not have enjoyed a more delightful evening and went home feeling a greater appreciation than ever for the royal manner in which their hosts entertained them.

Muchakinock Fair

The Only Fair in Iowa That is Owned and Operated by Colored People.

On last Tuesday was the beginning of the 6th., annual fair given by the citizens of Muchakinock. The first days' session was not largely attended as it was entering and preparing for Wednesday which was largely attended. The racing was the principle feature. I cannot give a complete report but in the 2:40 trot H. A. Armstrong's horse Belding took 1st place time 2:35 and in the pacing race, Ed. Good's horse of Grinnell took 3rd., place Thursday's racing will be more interesting than Wednesday. In the floral hall were not many, yet they were good. The Ladies Industrial Club of Oskaloosa had some good needle work, as also the Ladies Baptist Aid Club (white) of Given, then there was a quilt made by some church organization which had the names of each person who would give 10 cents crocheted in the quilt, it was quite unique and interesting. The fruit department was not numerous but showed some nice fruit both natural and canned. Mostly all the exhibits of colored people as the awards were not yet given. I cannot state who won the first and second place, it was a success as the weather was nice, a large crowd from Ottumwa was attending also Albion.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS.

Things of Interest seen Among the Colored People and the General Progress.

Arriving in Muchakinock Saturday I found the people all hard at work, as their pay-day was postponed until Wednesday morning. I was soon on my way to Pekay, a mining camp three miles south of "Muchy," and has only a few colored miners. Mr. Burton is the mail carrier from here to Eddieville.

Messrs. Garnett, James Tobin and A. Hurbert are some of the leading Pekay citizens. Riding to Lost Creek, a mining camp one and one-half mile south of Pekay—probably not known to but few people outside of Mahaska county. It is a village of about 600 people, one-third colored. Work in the mines seem to be good; as the miners appear to be satisfied. They like the BYSTANDER very much and often wonder why it had not been represented in their bug. Mrs. R. J. Canaday a former Des Moines lady, Mrs. Breckenridge's daughter, lives here. On returning to Muchakinock I stopped at Mr. H. A. Armstrong, a very successful farmer and business man, who lives just one-half mile from "Muchy." He owns 206 acres of good land, over 100 head of hogs, 92 head of horses—most thoroughbred—having some on the track that are taking first and second place as trotters. He also owns the only meat shop in "Muchy," which means an enormous business. He is a stockholder in the Muchakinock fair; in fact the grounds are located on his land; also a stockholder in the Mahaska county fair. He is probably making more money than any colored man in Iowa. He owns some horses that have made great records on the track throughout Iowa. I might mention Howard J. Howard, C. Beading etc.

Muchakinock is the colored Athens

of Iowa; has a population of about 1500 of which fully 1000 are colored. There is one drug store owned by B. F. Cooper, a registered pharmacist, who was recently burned out, but has re-built and is doing the largest business of any in town. There are three restaurants, N. B. McDowell, Mrs. Addie Johnson and Two Barber shops, and two saloons. The one owned by W. P. Jones is first class and nicely furnished, the building and everything is owned by Mr. Jones. He is a successful young man. There is also one shoe repair shop here. The democratic post master's time has expired and the place filled by Mr. Anderson Perkins, a very deserving race man who was born in Virginia in 1853; came to Iowa in 1880, and has lived in "Muchy" every since. He was a member of the first colored company organized to operate a general store. He organized the Star Grocery Co., and later he organized the only colored mining company, known as the Eureka Mining Co. He is a hard working man and has an intelligent family. We congratulate Mr. Perkins on being the first regularly appointed Post Master of an Iowa town. Geo. H. Woodson is their attorney. He has a good practice and is building a beautiful house of 7 rooms two stories. They have one constable, one justice of the peace and two colored teachers with three colored clerks in the Company store. They are buying property in Oskaloosa and elsewhere, and are doing well. Nearly all own their own driving horse and buggy. The people are quite sociable and progressive. They have demonstrated to the mine operators that colored men are better employees, quieter and cause less trouble than foreigners. We predict that hereafter colored labor will be more respected, as it should be. Let more of our people turn their attention to the different agricultural and industrial pursuits. There are several colored carpenters one in particular is W. W. Lewis, a young man who has the contract to build the Woodson house, and is doing it himself, which is a step in advance of the other carpenters. I will mention about the other towns in the next issue.

In our fury against the white Negro haters, we sometimes offend those among the whites, that would be and always has been our friends and will encourage all enterprise which tend to elevate the race, many of the best white people will subscribe for a colored journal to encourage its Editor while many of the leading race people will say they cannot afford to take the paper that is printed in their own city and State; for less than two and a half cents a week you can take most any weekly journal printed in the United States, what encouragement has men among you, to organize themselves together and start business? Will they get the patronage of their people.

It will be remembered that about three weeks ago, one of the most cruel and inhuman attempts to lynch young Thomas of California, because he did not have any money to give to some of the Tennessee soldiers who wished to continue their drunken career. They are now having their trial, and nine of them have been convicted and sentenced to six years on the Island as government prisoners. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will receive \$2,000 from the government, for the damage done to their property. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas as well as their son are highly respected. The elder Thomas has been in the employment of General Miller for a number of years. Young Thomas is improving nicely and will recover.

Now that the State convention is over and a strong ticket is nominated, and that the grand old party never was in better condition to go before the people than it is to-day. Already we have the combine force of the Populist and the Free Silver wing of the Democrat party on the run. Let the old line, as well as the young Republicans organize the vote up to such a majority that will leave no hopes for the Free Silverites.

General Weaver is making a very vigorous campaign in the Sixth. He made a speech at an ice cream social one night last week at Newton.

CAMP MERRIAM. To-day is inspection day and the muster of pay rolls. Inspection takes place at 7:30 this morning in blue clothes. The regiment was inspected by Colonel Loper and after inspection they received the pay roll of two months pay for July and August to be paid to every man in the regiment.

Our camp is a fine one and lots better than Camp Merritt was. Our rations are very good, we have fresh meat every other day and soup for dinner and for supper we have fried bread and bannet, for breakfast we have oat meal or mush with boiled potatoes and coffee, every man has all he can eat and more if he wants it.

Wednesday was the general reviewing day for 7,000 soldiers, it proved a successful one and was witnessed by 4,000 people. General Miller reviewed the boys and gave the Iowa boys great praise for their well drilled men. Our band was the only band to salute the colors, and that was highly respected by General Miller. There has been no serious sickness in our regiment only one has died in the last two weeks and he died from the measles, he was a private in Company B. Our Sergeant-Major Claude Baker has had quite a time with his sickness, but is improving, he was out to see the review Wednesday.

The Tennesseans are sorry they were so fresh. Court martial is going on and they have to suffer further trouble, they will have to serve six years on the Island as prisoners. The government has settled with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and they received \$2,000 for damage to their home. There son is getting along nicely and will come out all right, his father was an employe for General Miller at the time this trouble occurred and has been for the last 25 years. There was a picnic given by the colored people of San Francisco Wednesday and all the colored soldiers were invited to it and had a good time, but the colored people here are not like our people at home they are slow and not up to date with their entertaining.

Good luck to Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Thomas and their little daughter I hope them success and happiness.

FRANK E. WOOD, \*\*\*\*\*

When visiting in the city of Keokuk, don't forget to give Mrs. M. E. Dixon's Popular Ice Cream Parlor a call, 1103 Main street.

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Rev. and Mrs. Rhinehart left Monday night for Conference. Mrs. Rhinehart to visit Keokuk and Canton Mo., before returning home.

Mrs. Ben Hawkins entertained at tea Friday evening Mrs. Hancock of Chicago. Mr. Frank Armstrong of Hanson and Miss Armina Saunders.

Mr. Hawkins returned from Clinton Fair last week.

The Ladies' Industrial Circle meets this week with Mrs. M. F. Lowry of 9th St. Mrs. Henry Martin is convalescent.

The Light House Society meet Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wade of 7th., street, quite a number were present and a most enjoyable time was had. They adjourned to meet with Miss Davis on the 10th., inst.

Rev. F. Loveland of the M. E. church west side will preach at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening in the absence of the pastor. Brother Thomas preached in the morning.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown are thinking of locating in Marion as Mr. Brown has accepted the position as cook in the Hotel Daniels of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Hewert Wright of Marshalltown stopped off in our city a few days this week enroute to Iowa City where they will reside. Mr. Wright will attend the State University at that place this winter, we wish him success.

Our pastor should return to us for another year or should we get another minister, the members and friends should by all means give them a grand reception. Show them that Cedar Rapids is not behind the standard.

Mrs. Rasberry and sister Mrs. M. Bowlin expects to visit in Kansas soon. Mrs. Dollis Marshall entertained several little folks in honor of her son Carl Logan's fourth birthday Sept. 3rd., at 3 o'clock. After amusing themselves with childish games they repaired to the dining room where supper was served, after which all left for their respective homes wishing Carl many more such birthday.

Mrs. Marshall was assisted in serving by Miss Crawford and Mrs. Lowry.

Mrs. Marshall elegantly entertained at 5 o'clock lunch Sunday afternoon Rev. Rhinehart and wife.

ALBIA NEWS. Mrs. Nelson Tomlin and four children of Knoxville returned home Friday after a sojourn of several days with Mrs. H. Boman.

The Tennessee Jubilee singers sang Monday evening in this city at the Presbyterian church. The crowd was small but the singers proved themselves to be fine entertainers.

Frank Bryant of Osceola was in our city last week we failed to give his name.

Mrs. U. S. Jones gave a dinner party at her home on last Friday in honor of her sister Mrs. Burt Woods. A delightful dinner was served to the ladies and they had a very pleasant visit together.

Mr. Din Jeffers of Marion County spent Sunday visiting his many friends in our city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bates gave a dinner at their home on Sunday. The guest invited were Messdames Davis, Ward, Tolson, Wood and Jones, Messrs. Davis, Jones and Woods.

Miss Cora Thomas of Muchakinock is visiting for a few days at the parental home.

Mr. John Thomas attended the old soldiers' picnic at Bakesburg Wednesday.

The members of the A. M. E. church and citizens of Albion gave a concert at the city hall on Sept 1. The program consisted of old time scenes with a fare representation of our present day advancement.

Mrs. C. Thomas Mrs. S. Miller and Miss Cora Thomas, Rev. A. Ford and Mrs. Ford were in attendance at a reception at Russell on last Saturday evening.

Mr. C. G. Tolson spent Sunday with his family.

Albia High School will open Monday with four in the High School, the number in school we will report later.

OTTUMWA NEWS. Mr. Tommie Spleer of Chialoathe Mo., arrived in our city Aug. 26, and is visiting his sisters Miss Spicer and Mrs. H. E. Williams who resides on 414 Jay St.

Little D. D. Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Carpenter, who lives on 407 Jefferson street died Aug. 26, age 18 months and 21 days. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter and family thank all friends who were so kind to them in the bereavement of their son.

The Baptist Association commenced on the 6th of Sept, and convened until the 11. Mrs. Isaac Johnson who lives on the South Side gave a lawn social Wednesday evening, quite a number were present and all enjoyed themselves.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hicks has been quite sick, but at present is improving.

COUNCIL BLUFFS. This is possibly the first time Council Bluffs has contributed her quota to the general news of the Bystander, situated in the western part of the state surrounded by its numerous bluffs from which it takes its name Council Bluffs stands as one of the largest and most enterprising cities of Iowa.

A number of visitors have been in the city enjoying the beautiful breeze of Lake Manawa and attending Exposition.

Rev. Carter the energetic pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist church expects soon to pay their entire indebtedness and have a number of repairs done.

Miss Martha Neely left Sunday evening for a few weeks visit in Chicago, Miss Gunn of Marysville Mo., is visiting her Aunt Mrs. Chestney.

Rev. Phelps of Bedford Ia., assisted in the rally at the Baptist church Sunday. Miss Daisy Hancock of Cincinnati Ohio was a guest of Miss Mae Shivers.

CLARINDA ENWS. The evening service at the A. M. E. church last Sunday was well attended. Misses Bertha and Fannie Web left last Thursday for their home in Burlington, after a few weeks visit among relatives and friends.

Miss Goldie Carter left last Sunday for her home in Omaha. Those on the sick list are Mrs. Anderson, Miss Leneas and Mary Douglass. Mrs. C. H. Mendenhall is convalescent. Mrs. G. Gooden is quite ill at this writing.

Messrs. D. Black and B. Eonis of College Springs were visiting in our city Sunday.

Rev. James left Monday for conference. Mrs. D. Dunn of Omaha was in our city Friday and Saturday evening attending to business. She left Saturday evening accompanied by Mrs. A. Knight to Villiska.

Mrs. E. Wilkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Olsen's family spent Sunday in the city. The lawn social that was given at the Baptist parsonage was a success.

Miss Bessie Lucas returned home Sunday accompanied by Mr. Martin.

Mrs. Baker and Izola Knight returned home last Friday morning.

Miss Estella Williams left last Thursday for her home in Creston.

Miss Nash returned home last Friday after a few weeks visit in Bedford.

The T. I. C. club was entertained by Mrs. James last Friday afternoon.

Miss Daisy Bryant and Mr. Will Nash were united in marriage last Monday afternoon at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Games were greatly surprised last Thursday when a party of friends arrived in the evening.

Albert Carson while out driving with Hattie Johnson last Friday evening had a very bad accident, his horse became frightened an ran away and he and Miss Johnson were thrown out but not seriously hurt.

VARIETIES. Save produce a large part of the world's indigo and pepper.

Germany has during the last two decades, spent close upon \$100,000,000 in dredging and improving the Rhine, the Elbe and the Vistula.

One woman residing in a Maine village has been so much annoyed by loafers leaning against her fence that she now keeps it freshly painted.

Each convict at the New Hampshire state prison is furnished a Bible and a dictionary, and Greek and Latin textbooks are supplied those who ask for them.

Mrs. Mulcahy—And so your cow is sick? Mrs. Burke—She is, and it makes it hard for me and the children. We have no milk at all; I have to sell it.—Boston Transcript.

A special commission, created for that purpose has planted and nourished more than one thousand shade trees in the streets of Charleston, S. C., within the past four years.

Great is greatness. Governor Elisha Dyer, of Rhode Island, has recently been alluded to in print as "the father of Mr. Elisha Dyer, Jr., the great dance leader of New York."—Boston Herald.

When a suspicious-looking person approaches one of the tellers in the Bank of France a private signal is given to a concealed photographer, and in a few seconds the suspected individual is secretly photographed.

The Connecticut legislature recently passed a law requiring the use of only such ink on public records as has been approved by the Secretary of State. One hundred dollars is the penalty provided for violation of the act.

In Giles county, Virginia, the inhabitants are moving to other parts on account of the earthquake, which there produced comic effects not reported elsewhere. The water all leaked out of one of the neighboring lakes, and a prosperous salt-works entirely disappeared.

BITS OF WISDOM. Some churches have more sleepers than pillars.

Unfriendly kindred are the greatest strangers and often the worst foes.

The saloon screen door shows that the devil is ashamed of his business.

When men are dying inside it takes more than scholarship to arrest the malady.

We are sure to have favor with God when to get it we are willing to lose the favor of man.—Ex.

Satisfactorily Explained. Father—What was your mother talking about a while ago? Son—I don't know. Father—Why, you sat and heard it all! Son—Yes, but she was talking to the baby.

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CALAMITY AT COHOES.

Electric Car Struck by an Express Train Many Killed. COHOES, N. Y., Sept. 6.—A trolley car of the Troy City Railroad Company was struck by the night boat special of the Delaware & Hudson railroad at a crossing at the west end of the Hudson river bridge, which connects Cohoes with Lansingburg, and its load of human freight was hurled into the air. Eighteen of the 35 passengers are dead and at least 10 of the remainder will die. The crossing where the accident occurred is at a grade. Four tracks of the Delaware & Hudson road cross the two tracks of the trolley road. The tracks of the street line run at a grade from the bridge to the point where the disaster took place. The motor car was struck directly in the center by the engine of the train, which was going at a high rate of speed. The accident came without the slightest warning. The car was upon the tracks before the train loomed in sight. The motorman evidently saw the train approaching as he reached the track, and opened his controller, but in vain. With a crash that was heard for blocks the engine struck the lighter vehicle. The motor car hurled in two, both sections being hurled into the air in splinters. The mass of humanity, for the car was crowded to overflowing, was torn and mangled. Those in the front of the car met with the worst fate, and every human being in that section of the car was killed.

CONSPIRACY AGAINST CZAR.

His Assassination Planned by a Terrific Explosion of Gas. NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—The World's London special says: A report is published here that a daring plot to assassinate the czar of Russia was discovered at Moscow last week. The plan of the conspirators was to allow gas to escape into a house on the route of the czar's procession until the atmosphere in every room had become saturated. One of their number was to remain in the house and strike a light when the czar was passing, in the expectation that the house would be blown to pieces and the czar killed by the flying debris. The conspirator would perish himself as a sacrifice to the cause. This duty fell to the lot of one Alexander Kolanoff. In his agitation, Kolanoff seems to have made an error, as the explosion was mis-timed. When it occurred the staff officer and his wife were driving past the house, and they, instead of the czar, were killed. Their coachman will probably die of his injuries, and about thirty other persons were more or less seriously injured. Kolanoff's mangled body was found among the ruins. The czar and zarina drove by just twenty-five minutes later. Many arrests were made in Moscow, but the Russian press has been forbidden to refer to the matter.

THE BATTLE OF OMDURMAN.

The British Loss Said to Be 100, the Turkish Loss Very Heavy. CAIRO, Egypt, Sept. 5.—The following dispatch, dated Saturday, has just been received from Nazri: "Early this morning the Derivishes made a most determined attack upon the Anglo-Egyptian forces, but after an hour's hard fighting we drove them off. At 8:30 a. m. a general advance was ordered upon Omdurman, and again we were received with a determined attack on our right, but the Derivishes were once more repulsed, with heavy loss. The army under the personal command of the khedive is totally dispersed by noon. At 2 o'clock this afternoon our forces advanced again and occupied Omdurman. The khedive fled during the forenoon and is now being closely pursued by our cavalry. It is impossible now to give a complete list of the casualties. The British loss is estimated at about 100. The Egyptian loss is probably 200. Karl Neufeld was rescued unharmed."

SPANISH CORSES.

MADRID, Sept. 6.—The corpses in session. The peace protocol was discussed in secret session.

BREVITIES.

Orders are issued that all the regulars out on Montauk, stationed generally east of the Mississippi river, shall return to those stations. In the parade at the G. A. R. encampment at Cincinnati, it is estimated there were between 25,000 and 30,000 veterans, and the parade was four hours in passing a given point. It is the intention of Russia, according to reliable information, to convene the proposed peace conference a month after the adjournment of the Spanish-American peace commission. London Daily Mail: "We learn from good authority that an Anglo-Russian understanding is practically complete. Great Britain recognizes Russia in Manchuria, Russia undertaking to satisfy Great Britain in Chinese railway matters and to respect England's sphere in the valley of the Yangtze Kiang." London dispatch: A report is current that a treaty of alliance between Germany and Great Britain on the lines of the speech of Chamberlain have been actually completed. This is probably the amplification of the gossip relative to daily visits of the German ambassador to the foreign office for the past fortnight which had been attributed to a desire on the part of Germany and Great Britain to formulate a common policy in regard to Russia and China. Another explanation of the German ambassador's visits is that they relate to the mixed tribunals of Egypt, the international agreement on the subject ending in February. Through French and Russian influence the court has always hampered British plans for use of Egyptian savings and the advancement of Egypt. Now it is said an agreement has been almost reached by which Germany will support British views.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE TICKET.

Free Silver Men of Iowa Hold Harmonious Conventions at Marshalltown. MARSHALLTOWN, Sept. 8.—The democrats, populists and free silver republicans of Iowa, held their state convention here yesterday and nominated the following ticket: Secretary of state—Claude R. Porter, Appanoose county, democrat. Treasurer of state—Nels Anderson, Des Moines county, democrat. Auditor of state—E. H. Gillette, Polk county, populist. Attorney general—J. M. Parsons, Lyon county, democrat. Supreme judge—W. A. Spurrer, Polk county, silver republican. Railroad commissioner (long term)—A. Hanson, O'Brien county, populist. Railroad commissioner (short term)—H. E. Willis, Clinton county, democrat. Clerk supreme court—Earl P. Perkins, Polk county, democrat. Supreme court reporter—W. A. Ferrin, Taylor county, democrat. There were three separate and distinct conventions held. A division of the offices had been previously agreed upon and each convention after permanent organization proceeded to nominate its part of the ticket and adopt its platform. In the democratic convention Frank Q. Stuart, of Chariton, was temporary chairman and R. F. Graham was permanent chairman. There was only one contest over candidates in this convention, that between Walter McHenry, of Des Moines, and J. M. Parsons, of Rock Rapids, for attorney general. The ballot resulted: Parsons, 661; McHenry, 373. The other candidates were nominated by acclamation. Committees were named as follows: Committee on resolutions—Fifth district, A. E. Miller, Washington county; Second, W. H. Phillips, Scott; Third, J. S. Murphy, Dubuque; Fourth, R. N. Douglas, Alameda; Fifth, Judge Caldwell, Tama; Sixth, Col. C. H. Macleary, Keokuk; Seventh, M. H. King, Polk; Eighth, J. W. Rhinehart, Appanoose; Ninth, K. R. Madden, Adams; Tenth, M. F. Healy, Webster; Eleventh, J. H. Quick, Woodbury. State central committee—First district, H. L. Throop, Mt. Pleasant; Third, Judge Carr, Manchester; Fourth, W. O. Holman, Cerro Gordo county; Seventh, G. A. Huffman, Des Moines; Eighth, W. B. Hart, Ringgold county; Tenth, M. F. Healy, Ft. Dodge; Eleventh, T. F. Ward, Plymouth county. In the convention of the populists P. H. Doulon, of Emmetsburg, was temporary chairman, and E. H. Gillette, of Des Moines, permanent chairman. Committees were reported from the districts as follows: Members of the state central committee: Fifth, L. S. Moore, Marion; Sixth, J. R. Clark, Marion county; Seventh, J. Bellange, Des Moines; Eighth, W. H. Robb, Creston; Ninth, J. C. Frazier, Shelby; Tenth, Ben Spear, Jefferson; Eleventh, J. M. Hathaway, Onawa. The committee on resolutions: Fifth, S. J. Mann; Sixth, Gen. J. B. Weaver; Seventh, E. H. Gillette, Des Moines; Eighth, J. O. Jones; Ninth, G. A. Bassom; Tenth, J. E. Anderson; Eleventh, Dr. H. A. Evans. E. H. Gillette was nominated for auditor without opposition, as was A. Hanson for railroad commissioner. The convention, after adopting their platform, ratified the candidates named by the other conventions and adjourned. At the silver republican convention Judge Spurrier, of Des Moines, presided. H. J. Budd, J. N. Holman and J. M. Wanser were appointed as a committee on resolutions. But one office had been given the silver republicans, that of judge of the supreme court, and Judge Spurrier was named for the place by acclamation. Following the adoption of the platform, the nominees of the other conventions were ratified and the convention adjourned. The state central committee was constituted as follows: First district, Robt. D. Donahoe, Burlington; Second, Herbert Fairall, Marengo; Third, E. R. Dow, Dubuque; Fourth, J. M. Wanser, Tama city; Sixth, J. E. Gorrell, Newton; Seventh, C. S. Wilson, Des Moines; Eighth, B. V. Leonard, Bedford; Ninth, E. H. Hulcham, Guthrie Center; Tenth, E. K. Borch, Denison; Eleventh, W. B. Chapman, Wassa. [The platforms of the three conventions will be found in another column.]

HOUSKINS FOUND GUILTY.

DES MOINES, Sept. 7.—James M. Hoskins, of Sioux Rapids, editor of the Sioux Rapids Republican, has been convicted of criminal libel by Judge Quartin, of Storm Lake. Last week J. J. Bruce, of Rolfe, was convicted under the same indictment and both he and Hoskins will be sentenced by Judge Quartin. Both men were mixed up in the writing and publication of a libellous letter calculated to reflect on the character of Judge Hessel, of Storm Lake.

BATTERIES MUSTERED OUT.

DES MOINES, Sept. 6.—Paymaster Monaghan, of Omaha, yesterday paid off the two batteries that have been located at Camp McKinley for some time. As soon as they received their pay they were given their discharges from the service of Uncle Sam. The two batteries were paid of government money, \$8,229.30. The members of the batteries at once took trains for their homes in Cedar Rapids and Burlington.

FIFTY-FIRST IOWA TO GO WEST.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—The Examiner quotes General Miller as saying that within a month the three regiments at the Presidio will be on the way to Honolulu or Manila. They are the First Tennessee, Fifty-first Iowa and Twentieth Kansas.

TO OPPOSE HENDERSON.

WATERLOO, Sept. 6.—The democrats of the Third congressional district held their convention in Waterloo and nominated John H. Howell, of Eagle Grove, Wright county, for congress.

SHOT HIMSELF.

GRINNELL, Sept. 6.—Gordon Pierce, a well known young man of Grinnell, shot himself in Omaha while cleaning a revolver.

AVOID THE IMPURITIES.

of surface water and sewage, which breed fevers, diphtheria and malaria. Drink Colfax Mineral Water. Colfax Mineral Water Co., Colfax, Iowa.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Green, of Cedar Rapids, Elector.

DAVENPORT, Sept. 7.—The Rev. Dr. Thomas Green, of Cedar Rapids, was chosen bishop of Iowa on the eighth ballot by the Episcopal convention, which met in Davenport cathedral. There were four candidates, but two fell out, leaving the contest between Dr. Green and Dr. Edsall, of Chicago, who had been placed in nomination in a graceful speech by Dr. Cathell, rector of St. Paul's, Des Moines. On the seventh ballot Dr. Green's nomination would have been announced by the tellers but for one vacant ballot. The eighth ballot stood: Votes of clergy, 20 for Green, 18 for Edsall; votes of laity, 58 for Green, 49 for Edsall.

HORROR AT FORT DODGE.

Body of a Soldier Sent Home in an Awful Condition. FORT DODGE, Sept. 8.—Wilbur H. Brown, a sergeant in Troop F, First United States cavalry, died in Washington while en route to Montauk Point. The body was sent to his home in Fort Dodge. When it arrived it was found that the body had been forwarded without having received the attention of an embalmer, and the body was in such a condition that the health authorities were compelled to decline to allow a public funeral, arrangements for which had been made. The people are indignant and complaint will be made to the war department by a committee of citizens.

KEEPS ITS WAR CIRCULATION.

Des Moines Daily News Continues its Phenomenal Growth. DES MOINES, Sept. 7.—The return of peace has resulted in no decrease in the circulation of the Des Moines Daily News, which is probably the only daily newspaper in the country to hold its war circulation. The Daily News is still offered to subscribers for \$1 a year, 75 cents for six months, fifty cents for three months, 25 cents a month, which partly accounts for its great popularity. It gives all the news of Iowa and the whole world boiled down for the busy reader.

STATE TO BEAR EXPENSE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9.—Colonel Loper, of the Fifty-first Iowa volunteers, received a dispatch from Governor Shaw, of Iowa, telling him not to allow his men to suffer for anything, adding that "the state will foot bills." The colonel says his men need nothing except underclothing, requisition for which has been sent in. He may employ a special cook for the sick, but does not desire to meddle with the rations of well men. He is emphatic in the declaration that his men are all right.

A BAD MAN CONVICTED.

AMES, Sept. 8.—William Odell, captured by Marshall Ricketts in this city some time ago, was found guilty of breaking and entering the residence of G. W. Rogers, and carrying upon his person concealed and loaded weapons. Odell proves to be the worst criminal ever held by Story county authorities. The crime of which he has been found guilty is punishable by life imprisonment.

FARMER CRUSHED TO DEATH.

CEDAR FALLS, Sept. 7.—J. M. Miller, a farmer residing about seven miles from Cedar Falls, met with a terrible death, being caught between a wagon and the shaft of a self-binder in such a manner that he was slowly crushed to death. Decease was about 35 years of age and well known.

PAY DAY FOR FIFTY-FIRST.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9.—Iowa volunteers have just received their pay for the months of July and August. This was \$92 for each enlisted man, the total paid the regiment being about \$55,000.

PENSIONERS IN IOWA.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—The annual report of Commissioner of Pensions Evans shows 37,977 pensioners residing in Iowa on June last, and the amount disbursed to them during the last fiscal year was \$5,649,978.

SECOND DISTRICT REPUBLICANS.

DAVENPORT, Sept. 8.—The republicans of the Second district nominated Joe R. Lane, of Davenport, for congress, by acclamation.

IOWA CONDEMNED.

Henry Batterman, 21 years old, employed in Richardson's shoe factory, at Dubuque, was drowned in the Mississippi river at Eagle Point a few days ago. He was pulling in a trout line, and, losing his balance, fell in the river. The farm house of James Trux, living about three miles northwest of Linden, was totally destroyed by fire, together with nearly all its contents. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective chimney while the family were away visiting. At Storm Lake recently the jury in the libel suit against J. J. Bruce for publishing charges against Judge Hessel, after a long trial, returned a verdict of guilty, being out but a few minutes. This vindicates Judge Hessel and proves the charges to be without foundation. Clarence Lane, of Company F, Fifty-second Iowa, died in the Red Cross hospital at Camp McKinley, Des Moines, a few days ago. Lane died of heart disease, but was in the hospital on account of some other complaint. He had reached to get something and fell back on his cot dead. His remains will be taken to Algona. Des Moines dispatch: Mayor MacVicar, of Des Moines, and four other Iowa mayors have issued a call for a state convention of mayors of Iowa for the purpose of forming an Iowa Municipal League auxiliary to the League of American Municipalities. The convention will meet at Marshalltown October 12 and 13. Fort Dodge dispatch: A team driven by Willie Hively, aged 12, became frightened at a pile of lumber and backed off a bridge into an 18-foot ravine near Fort Dodge. In the hurry besides the driver were Mrs. A. H. Hively, her 4-year-old son, and her baby and Mrs. J. C. Newsome and her family. All except Mrs. Newsome were thrown into the ravine, the horse falling over her. John Hively, the 4-year-old boy, was killed, and Mrs. Hively was so badly injured that it is feared she may die.

ANOTHER TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Two Spans of a Bridge Fall—Eighteen Dead and Twenty-Seven Missing. HOGANSBURG, N. Y., Sept. 7.—Two south spans of the international bridge of the New York & Ottawa railroad, now under construction across the St. Lawrence river about three miles above St. Regis Indian village, fell without warning with sixty men at work on the bridge, all being thrown into the river, some sixty feet below. Thirty-three were picked up and taken to Cornwall hospital, eighteen of whom have since died, and twenty-seven are now missing. The bridge consists of three spans, of which two were completed and the third was nearly completed, when the south pier gave way at its foundation, causing both spans to fall into sixty feet of water, taking its load of human freight with it. The immediate cause of the disaster and the giving way of the span of the bridge seems to have been the washing away of the large piers.

AN INTERVIEW WITH SHAFER.

Talks Freely of the Conditions in the Santiago Campaign. NEW YORK dispatch: The World prints an interview with General Shafter, in which he is represented as saying: "At Santiago we had to deal with things as they were, not as they should have been. Of course there was sickness. But nobody was neglected. Doctors were scarce at first, but we had boat loads of them as soon as they could get there. Doctors got sick like the rest. They were overworked and exhausted, but their ability was unquestionable. Look at the low percentage of deaths from wounds. It never was lower in any war. The men who ordered a summer campaign in a fever infested country are responsible for the natural and unavoidable consequences. Anaesthetics were plentiful. It was the heat that was so deadly, and the rains. Right in the midst of the most torrid heat a shower would fall. It would drizzle everybody without cooling the air. In a few minutes, under the sun again, every man would be steaming. Men of the strongest constitution succumbed."

NO ENMITY SHOWN.

American Commissioners Given Welcome at San Juan. SAN JUAN DE PORTO RICO, Sept. 8.—Rear Admiral Schley and General Gordon and their staffs arrived on the Seneca. As the Seneca entered the harbor the guns of the New Orleans and the Wasp boomed a salute. The flags of the Spanish ships dipped courteously. Admiral Schley's flag lieutenant came ashore and engaged apartments at the Hotel Inglaterra. Later General Brooke entered the city with his entire staff. A little later Rear Admiral Schley and General Gordon came ashore, and the three American commissioners called on General Macias at the palace. General Macias greeted his visitors with great cordiality, even cordiality.

FILIPINOS FAVOR ANNEXATION.

Eighteen of Twenty Leaders Vote for Union With America. MANILA, Sept. 8.—At a meeting of twenty leaders of the Filipinos of all sections, called to discuss the policy of these islands, eighteen of them were emphatically in favor of outright annexation to the United States and two were in favor of a republic. The general native opinion is that it is best to adopt United States Constitution and laws, and to offer liberal inducements to the independent factions to co-operate and to reward the services rendered.

TERRIBLE SLAUGHTER AT OMDURMAN.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—The British war office has received a dispatch from General Kitchener, dated at Omdurman, saying that over 600 Arabs mounted on camels were dispatched after the fugitive Khalifa Abdullah. The derwish leader was reported to be moving with such speed that some of his wives had been dropped along the road followed by him. The dispatch adds: "Officers have been counting the derwish bodies on the field and report the total number of dead found at about 10,800. From the numbers of wounded who have crawled to the river and town, it is estimated that 16,000 were wounded. Besides the above, between 300 and 400 derwishes were killed in Omdurman when the town was taken. I have as prisoners between three and four thousand fighting men."

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION SELECTED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—President McKinley announced the names of his appointees on the industrial commission as follows: Andrew L. Harris, of Ohio; S. N. B. North, of Massachusetts; F. S. Sargent, of Illinois; Ellison A. Smythe, of South Carolina; John M. Farquhar, of New York; Eugene D. Conner, of Michigan; Thomas W. Phillips, of Pennsylvania; Charles J. Harris, of North Carolina and M. D. Hatchford, of Indiana.

LI HUNG CHANG DISMISSED.

PEKIN, Sept. 9.—Li Hung Chang has been dismissed from power. It is presumed it was done in accordance with the demand which, it was rumored, the British minister here, Sir Claude Macdonald, was instructed to make on account of the alleged general partiality of Li Hung Chang to Russia.

MILES ARRIVES.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—The transport Ogdan, bringing in General Miles and staff and the Second Wisconsin from Porto Rico, arrived yesterday. All are well. There were no deaths or sickness during the voyage. The troops are in the best of spirits.

ITALY FOR PENEN.

ROME, Sept. 7.—Popolo Romano announces that Italy has decided to reply to the circular of Car Nicholas on the subject of a conference to consider international peace measures by an offer to second his proposition in every possible way.

FILIPINOS TO CONFER WITH McKinLEY.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—A Hong Kong cable says: A committee of three Filipinos, appointed by Aguinaldo, left Hong Kong to confer with President McKinley on the future of the Philippine Islands.

DEMOCRATIC.

The democracy of Iowa, in state convention assembled, discern in the democratic national platform of 1896, which hereby becomes the best expression of democratic principles enunciated since Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence. The utterances of that platform concerning finance, explaining and defining our faith in the money question. The free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the rate of 16 to 1 to be called upon in increasing measure for the industrial and political independence of our people, and recognizing the representative and exponent of the platform, we earnestly favor his speedy re-election to the United States in 1900.

We impeach the republican party for its dishonesty in declaring for bimetallicism in its national platform of 1896, and for its subsequent failure to carry out its platform unequivocally committing itself to the gold standard, and for its failure to take prompt and effective action for the relief of the people. We demand that the republican party be held to its obligations and next into an interest-bearing bonded debt, and filling the treasury with the proceeds of the sale of the nearly one billion dollars of legal tender money with non-legal tender bank notes. We demand that the republican party be held to its obligations and next into an interest-bearing bonded debt, and filling the treasury with the proceeds of the sale of the nearly one billion dollars of legal tender money with non-legal tender bank notes.

GREEN ROOM GOSSIP.

Beebom Tree will return to this country season after next, playing in "Julius Caesar" and "Ragged Robin." Sarah Bernhardt will come at the same time under the management of Maurice Grau. Materna has retired permanently from the stage. The emperor of Austria recently decorated her with one of the medals for art and science. She now possesses these distinctions from four monarchs. Odell Williams, who went to London to play his original part of the drunken sergeant in "Heart of Maryland," has returned, and will reappear as the stern but kindly old Squire Bartlett in "Way Down East."

RECENT INVENTIONS.

A Georgian has designed a collar button which is shaped like a glove button and has the hook portion bent at an angle with the shank to aid in releasing it from the button. A new medicine cabinet has numbered pockets for the reception of bottles, with dials to indicate the number of the bottle to be used next, and an alarm clock to indicate the hour, drawers being provided for powders and pills. Lamp chimneys and globes are being made in England of soft hot glass wire wound on a mandrel or pattern in any desired shape, with vertical strengthening ribs and spaces between the wires to admit air, the wires being either plain or in mixed colors. A newly designed fire-escape is framed of a carriage running on a track around the cornice of the building, to carry an endless chain, extending to a roller mounted in a frame on the pavement to allow the chain to revolve as a person grasps the links to descend, a brake lever attached to the roller to control the speed.

HOME-MADE PHILOSOPHY.

Don't teach your boy to aim so god-dorfully high. The big game is all down on the earth. People that git there grub throo the plan ov doin dirt to honest labor, are the most particular about how it shud be et at the tabul. Don't force a tockative child inter silence. Tockin may be its only natch-erly talent, un yood better sharpen it than to blunt it off too short. Any political measure with the rich men fight, is a good measure for the poor. You don't wantler let the rich measure everything in thare own measure. Don't trust a man bekaws he is rich. Most peple git rich by being trusted too far. The fat cow needs to be fenced outer the corn, jist the same as the lean one. Wen a man works fur you, un yoo pay him less than he urns—that's livin in on profit. If you pay him in store goods—that's gettin your work in on him two times. You can't wip eddushun inter a child, nor wip appetite outer it. The slow process ov eternally feedin is the only way to keep a child mentally and stomachically full. It will be a long time before peple git so orful good on earth that Saint Peter will let each one go inter the wardrobe un select thare own crown ov arrivin in heaven.

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CURRENT EVENTS.

The over-curious are not over-wise.—Massinger. The cost of the public funeral of Mr. Gladstone was \$11,000. Envelopes for letters were first used in their present form in 1839. Mexico has had fifty-five presidents since 1821. Of these, sixteen have died violent deaths. It has been stated by an eminent scientist that the foam of the sea is caused by the seaweed. Three women and one man form the town council of Lincoln, N. J., and the residents are convinced the women know how to rule the town. A Toronto dentist gratuitously cares for the teeth of children whose parents are too poor to pay for a service. Last year he attended over 2,000 children. The polar fox changes the color of its coat. In summer it is almost black; in winter it is so white that the animal can scarcely be seen as it scampers over the snow. An electric light that will be visible at a distance of forty-eight miles is established at Cape Griznez, on the French coast, opposite Dover. It will be of 5,000,000 candle power. Women are in control of the electric cars of Chillicothe, Ohio, and on their hats they bear a ribbon bearing the word "Conductor." It is pleasant to hear them say, "Step lively, please!" One hundred and forty-four gold crosses were last year distributed by the Empress Augusta among as many German servant girls who had each continued for forty years in the employ of one family. Elation Should Be Suppressed. Young doctor—I'm doing very well. I have cured a three night last week. Old doctor—That's good! I hope you never forget to appear annoyed on such occasions. Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit safely and easily and forever, be made of gold in three nights last week. No-To-Bac, the wonder worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Burette Co., Chicago or New York.

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at the oldest best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it. The chief food products of Ladrones are bread fruits and coconuts, which grow spontaneously every part of the islands. One coconut nut tree will feed a man. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. 70c. Children teething softens the gums, reduces inflammation, cures wind colic, 25 cents a bottle.

Francis pays its steamship lines over \$2,000,000 a year for carrying mails and \$4,000,000 as general subsidies.

Hay is so plentiful this year in some parts of western Connecticut that it is offered for sale at \$1 a ton.

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**MILES MAKES A STATEMENT.**  
Gives Reasons Why There Was Delay in Presenting the War in May.  
NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—General Miles in an interview admitted to the Associated Press the accuracy of the interview heretofore attributed to him. In a lengthy typewritten statement prepared by him while on the way from Porto Rico he puts forth his side of the controversy between himself and the war department. General Miles in the statement gives the reasons why there was delay in prosecuting the war in May. He says his views were rejected by the president and Secretary Alger at the outset. They were finally adopted in part, but too late to carry out the original program. He says he was sent to rescue General Shafter when that commander was about to quit; that he had full authority to act at Santiago, and did so; that he then retired and magnanimously gave General Shafter the benefit and honor of surrender. The general says he changed the Porto Rico plans because they had been published and were anticipated by the Spaniards. He says his campaign in Porto Rico was a success.

**CROWDED HOSPITAL.**  
Bad Condition of Affairs at Montauk Point.  
MONTAUK POINT, L. I., Sept. 6.—Of 600 troops from Santiago brought by the transport Roumania, 300 were so sick that they had to be sent to the detention hospital, causing great crowding. This hospital is intended to comfortably accommodate 450, but with room for 500 cots somewhat closer together. At the time the new lot arrived from the Roumania, nearly 600 were already crowded into these quarters and these 300 swelled the number to 900 more than the normal capacity, to accommodate whom it became necessary to remove some cots and substitute mattresses on the floor between the remaining cots, some 250 being given such accommodations. Fifty more tents are needed for this hospital.

**A BOLD SUGGESTION.**  
Alsace-Lorraine May Be Made Neutral or Independent.  
ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 3.—The Novosti, in a long article declares that the principal subject to be considered by the disarmament of congress must be the result of the consideration of this matter will be either the neutralization or independence of Alsace-Lorraine, which "will not be possible without wounding the amour propre of either nation." "Both Germany and France," says the Novosti, "could make this self-sacrifice to attain the ear's worthy object and thus restore friendship and relieve the world of the burden of an armed peace."

**THE ACTUAL COST.**  
Of Men and Money of the Spanish-American War.  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—The approximate cost of the war to the United States has been: Expenditures for the army, \$78,500,000; expenditures for the navy, \$36,000,000. Total, \$114,500,000. Lives lost in the army: Officers killed in battle, 33; men killed in battle, 231; officers and men wounded, about 1,450; officers and men killed by disease, estimated, 1,500. Lives lost in the navy and marine corps: Officers killed in battle, 1; men killed in battle, 13; men drowned, 1; men wounded, 38.

**THE TURK MUST GO.**  
Or Peace Cannot Be Restored in Crete.  
GANEIA, Crete, Sept. 9.—The president of the Cretan executive committee has notified the foreign admirals of his view of the massacres at Candia. He says it is impossible to continue the effort to organize the administration until the Turkish functionaries and troops are withdrawn. He demands the convocation of the Cretan assembly and proposes to place a force of Cretans at the disposal of the international administration.

**McKinley Goes to Omaha.**  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—President McKinley and his cabinet have accepted an invitation to visit the trans-Mississippi exposition at Omaha. A special commission from Omaha came to Washington for the purpose of requesting the president to be present at the celebration of peace day at the exposition on October 12. The president received them at the white house and not only promised to go himself, but to induce every member of the cabinet who could possibly leave his desk to accompany him.

**German-English Alliance a Go.**  
NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the British colonies, who arrived here on the steamship Majestic, said frankly to a Tribune reporter that the treaty with Germany had actually been signed, thus making it known to the world for the first time that such an alliance had been made.

**Alger Will Inspect Camps.**  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Secretary of War Alger announces that he intends to make a tour of the various camps in which large bodies of men are now stationed, with a view to ascertaining for himself the exact condition of affairs. The secretary's intention is to start very soon, probably next week.

**Revision Ordered in Dreyfus Case.**  
PARIS, Sept. 8.—The Figaro says the cabinet council has unanimously agreed on a revision of the Dreyfus case. The Matin announces discovery of facts implicating officers of the general staff.

**Admiral Cervera's Gratitude.**  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Admiral Cervera called his navy department and expressed his gratitude to the United States for its kindness while he was a prisoner of war.

**French Minister of War.**  
PARIS, Sept. 6.—General Zurlinden, military governor of Paris, has accepted the ministry of war in succession to M. Cavaignac, resigned.

**Netherlands (Queen Extruded).**  
AMSTERDAM, Sept. 7.—The enthronement of Queen Wilhelmina occurred yesterday amid scenes of splendor never equalled in the Netherlands.

**STORYTELLERS.**  
Dr. von Rokitsany of Cratz, who has just died, was a son of the celebrated Viennese professor, Rokitsany. The latter had four sons, of whom two devoted themselves to medicine, while the other two became singers, and the old man used to say, when asked what their professions were: "Zwei heulen und zwei heilen."—"Two are howlers and two are healers."

The house surgeon of a London hospital was attending to the injuries of a poor woman whose arm had been severely bitten. As he was dressing the wound, he said: "I cannot make out what sort of a creature bit you. This is too small for a dog's bite and too large for a dog's bite." "Oh, sir," replied the patient, "it wasn't an animal, it was another lady."

A new postoffice was established in a small village away out west and a native of the soil was appointed postmaster. After a while complaints were made that no mail was sent out from the new office, and an inspector was sent to inquire into the matter. He called upon the postmaster and asked why no mail had been sent out. The postmaster pointed to a big and nearly empty mail-bag hanging up in a corner and said: "Well, I ain't sent it out 'cause the bag ain't nowhere nigh full yet!"

Admiral Farragut used to relate that a pretty girl on a Mississippi steamer was anxiously sought in marriage by one of the passengers. Viewing them all with favor, the girl applied to the captain of the boat for advice in making her selection. He suggested that she leap overboard, after he had made arrangements that would make injury to her impossible. She did as he said. Four of her suitors promptly went in after her and united in bringing her safely back to the deck. "What shall I do now?" she perplexedly inquired of the captain. "I don't rightly know, miss," he answered, "but it seems to me I'd take the dry one."

**Sad Realization.**  
The young one—Women are undoubtedly beginning to think more.  
The old one—They are beginning to think less—of me.

**C. G. W. RY. IMPROVEMENTS.**  
Increasing the Hauling Capacity Without Increasing Expenses.  
The annual report of the Great Western shows that the largest amount expended by it in reduction of grades has placed it in the lead of all the granger lines in the tonnage hauled by its engines.

In the annual report of the Great Western for 1896, President Stickney stated that the maximum grades on the line were then one per cent or 32.80 feet to the mile, and that the company proposed to reduce its grades one-half, or to 16.40 feet to the mile. He stated that the economy which would result may be estimated from the statement that the maximum load which one engine would then haul was 700 tons, 240 tons of dead weight (cars), and 460 tons of paid freight (freight), while with a reduction of grades and revision of curves as was proposed would increase the engine load to 1,000 tons, or about 350 tons of dead weight (cars), and 650 tons of paid freight (freight), thus enabling each train to haul 190 tons more of paying load without any increase of expenses.

In the report for 1898 President Stickney states that the company began a comprehensive plan of improving the track and permanent way by cutting down grades, widening and strengthening the banks, increasing side tracks, making permanent with earth, stone and steel its bridges, and thoroughly ballasting the track. Since then the work has progressed systematically, and the present summer will nearly complete the work thus planned.

There has been expended upon the permanent way:  
In the fiscal year 1895.....\$ 170,652.56  
In the fiscal year 1896..... 323,844.18  
In the fiscal year 1897..... 620,445.35  
In the fiscal year 1898..... 656,222.90  
Total.....\$1,771,265.79

In the matter of bridging, bridges 151 wooden culverts and 140 ordinary pile bridges, 30 important trestle bridges from 18 to 70 feet high, being nearly all the bridges of that class on the whole line, are being made permanent by being filled with earth on stone arched waterways at an estimated cost of \$308,173.

Numerous gangs of men and teams are at work widening the cuts and strengthening the embankments, and ballast, in some places of gravel, and in others of crushed stone, is being put under the track at the rate of about two miles per day.  
The freight earnings of the line for the years 1897 and 1898 are as follows:  
1897.....\$ 2,549,010.62  
1898.....\$ 4,102,518.78

Gross freight earnings.....\$ 2,549,010.62  
Miles run by freight trains.....50,336,787.09  
Gross freight earnings per mile run.....\$ 50.56

**MIDDLE-OF-ROAD POPULISTS.**  
A Long Address to the People of the United States Adopted.  
CINCINNATI, Sept. 7.—The middle-of-the-road populists yesterday reorganized the people's party, renewed its former declaration of principles and nominated its national ticket two years and two months in advance of the date of the election. The object of this early action was to head off such a faction as that of 1896. While the radicals controlled the convention, they could not carry out their program without a bolt from northern delegates. The western and southern delegates nominated Wharton Barker and Ignatius Donnelly, and declared the principles of the reorganized party. The eastern states were not represented. This was the smallest national convention on record and it adopted the longest platform on record, one of over 7,000 words. While the people's party was heretofore divided in issue of fusion, it has now been found that even the anti-fusionists are badly divided, and the fighting among the middle-of-the-roads themselves has just begun.

**TROUBLE IN CRETE.**  
Muslims and British Authorities Come Together and Blood Flows.  
CANDIA, Island of Crete, Sept. 7.—Candia is in a state of anarchy. A collision between the Mussulmans, who were demonstrating against European control, and the British authorities, who have been installing Christians as revenue officials, culminated in bloody fighting between the Mussulmans and the British troops. Riots took place in various parts of the city, and many have been killed. When the outbreak was fiercest a warship, stationed in the harbor, began firing shells with the result that a portion of the city is burned. The greatest confusion and uproar prevailed. The British military authorities installed Christian officials.

**CANDIA, Crete, Sept. 8.** The British battleship Canada has arrived with several other warships. Reinforcements of blue jackets have been landed. Early restoration of order is expected. The British vice-consul was killed in the rioting.  
ATHENS, Sept. 9.—The following dispatch has been received from Candia: "The Bashi Bazuks are committing excesses and the Christians in the surrounding districts are arming to march to the assistance of the Candians. There are fresh bombardments expected. The British, German and Spanish consulates have been looted, and 37 British subjects have been killed."  
ATHENS, Sept. 9.—According to dispatch from Candia, the admirals of the international fleet have decided to compel the disarming of the Bashi Bazuks and the surrender of the instigators of the disorder.

**BIDS FOR BATTLESHIPS.**  
Four Firms Ask for Contracts on New Vessels.  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—Four firms offered bids for the three new battleships authorized by the last congress. The lowest bid of each for any type of vessel follows: Newport News Shipbuilding Company, Newport News, Va., \$2,580,000; Cramps, Philadelphia, Pa., \$2,650,000; Union Iron Works, San Francisco, \$2,674,000; Dialogue & Co., \$2,840,000. Many details of construction will figure in the awards. The result of the bidding for the construction of the three big battleships authorized by congress is eminently satisfactory to the navy department. From the face of the bids it is clear that the government is going to secure very much more in the matter of power and speed than was expected; that the cost is going to be less than was paid proportionately for the Illinois class, and, finally, that the department will be able to distribute the work among the three big building concerns, a method of construction that always redounds to the advantage of the government.

**IN THE ICE.**  
American Whaling Vessels in the Arctic Ice Fields.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—A Seattle special says: A letter from one of its captains was received by the Pacific Steam Whaling Company. He says he has arrived at Juneau from the westward, and learns that all the vessels caught in the ice were lost. The vessels caught in the ice to which the relief was sent were the Jessie H. Freeman, Wanderer, Belvidere, Orca, Romeo, Newport, Fearless, and Jennie. Some of these vessels are now known to have been destroyed and it has been understood one or two had already escaped before the ice broke up. The vessels are valued at about \$100,000 each.

**We Get Coaling Station in Samoa.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—The United States gunboat, Bennington, has sailed for Pago Bay, Samoa to make the survey for coaling stations. Upon finishing the survey she will proceed to Manila and relieve the Concord, which will come to Mare Island and go on the dry dock, English docks not being available.

**Orwig's Weekly Patent Office Report.**  
DES MOINES, Sept. 9.—A copyright has been allowed to J. H. Carmichael, of Emmetsburg, Ia., for his compound of "Practical and Valuable Information," a book that will be issued soon from the press of the George E. Miller Printing Co., of Des Moines.

A patent has been allowed to H. Kees, of Iowa Falls, for a wire fence stay and lock. Straight stay wires are placed in perpendicular position against fence posts in pairs at intervals between posts and fixed to the fence wires by means of locking devices made of short wires having hooks on their ends to engage the stays and one or more straight stay wires forced down between the fence wires and the locking devices to key all the parts together securely.

Patents were issued last week to inventors in different states as follows: Iowa G. Newcomb, 2, Minnesota 5, Kansas 4, New York 50.

Consultations about inventions and preparing and prosecuting applications for patents, free.

THOMAS G. ORWIG & Co., Proprietors of the Iowa Patent Office.

**HEROES OF WAR.**  
From the Chicago Times-Herald.  
The feeling of admiration for heroes of war seems to be innate in the human heart, and is brought to the surface as the opportunity and object for such hero worship presents itself.

Among those who proved their heroism during the Civil War was A. Schifferdecker, of 101 Sedgwick Street, Chicago. He is an Australian. He was born in Australia, came to America at the age of two and a half, and became an American citizen. He was living at Milwaukee when the call for volunteers came. He enlisted in 1862, and was promoted to sergeant in the Twenty-sixth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, in the Army of the Potomac. He saw much fighting, campaigning in the Shenandoah Valley.

In the first day's fighting at the battle of Gettysburg, Schifferdecker received a wound in the right side, which afterward caused him much trouble. He was captured and imprisoned at Belle Island and Andersonville, and afterwards exchanged. He returned to his regiment, which was transferred to the army of General Sherman, and marched with him through Georgia to the sea.

In this campaign Mr. Schifferdecker's old wound began to trouble him and he was sent to the hospital and then home. He also contracted catarrh of the stomach and found no relief for years.  
"I happened to read an account of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People about a year ago," he said, "and thought that they might be good for my trouble. I concluded to try them. I bought one box and began to take them according to directions. They gave me relief. After finishing that box I bought another, and when I had taken the pills I felt that I was cured. I recovered my appetite and ate heartily. I can testify to the good the pills did me."  
Mr. Schifferdecker is a prominent Grand Army man in Chicago, whither he moved some years ago with his family.

**She Had Not.**  
"Have you been married previously?" asked the license clerk.  
"Naw," said the young and blushing candidate, "but paw, he says he thinks I am getting married too previously now."

**CANADA AT OMAHA.**  
In the international hall at the Trans-Mississippi exposition the largest exhibit is that of the Dominion of Canada. It occupies 5,000 feet of floor space and 6,000 feet of wall space, covered with the best the country can produce. It is an agricultural, mineral, forestry and dairy exhibit combined. Commissioner Myers says the Dominion can supply the breadstuffs for all the nations of the earth. Not only wheat, but oats, barley, rye, corn and all of the cereals known to the United States grow and flourish in every locality, yielding abundantly. The corn is as large as that grown further south, the small grain has a lighter color, the berry being more plump and larger.

The dairy business of Canada has grown with great rapidity during the past few years. Last year's shipment of butter to Great Britain aggregated 23,000,000 pounds, valued at \$2,900,000. Along with the butter goes the cheese, which last year amounted to 165,000,000 pounds, valued at \$15,000,000. Honey and maple sugar are two other staple products of Canada shown in the exhibit.

The lumber exhibit is interesting as well as instructive, both on account of the numerous exhibits and the character of the exhibits. There are some oak, pine, poplar, birch, hickory, walnut, maple, cedar, and a score of other varieties of the woods of the forest. One of the most interesting is a slab cut from a log of hard pine. It is six feet across and Mr. Myers vouches for the statement that the tree from which this plank came measured 150 feet to the first limb. In addition to this, he declares that there are millions of acres of pine forests in the north of the Dominion that have never been visited by the chopper.

A great showing of apples, pears, plums and other fruit is also made. In grasses there is no end to the display. There are all the varieties grown in the United States, both tame and wild, and the assertion is made that some of them produce as high as three tons per acre.

In the center of the court is the mineral display. Three large cases are filled with rich specimens of gold, silver, copper, lead, zinc, tin, iron and other metals from the gray sulphates to the most beautiful and delicate forms of crystallizations.

And now our thoughts are all of peace and home. There are, too often, people to be found who have no home, and it is to these these few words are addressed. If you really want a home you can easily get one, but you should act at once before the relapse from the war puts prices on the advance. In Marinette County, Wisconsin, the very finest farming land is to be had now at a most modest figure. Excellent home markets are to be had for whatever the farmer raises, and good prices are given. These lands are on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, and full information concerning them will cheerfully be furnished by C. E. Rollins, Immigration Agent, 151 La Salle Street, Chicago.

The amount of powder required to propel cannon projectiles is about half the weight of the projectile. A projectile 4 inches in diameter weighs 33 pounds; 5-inch, 50 pounds; 6-inch, 100 pounds; 8-inch, 250 pounds; 10-inch, 500 pounds; 12-inch, 1,100 pounds; 16-inch, 3,370 pounds.

**Cool Summer Resorts.**  
Winks—Catch me going to Mount Fashion another summer.  
Minks—Hot there?  
Winks—No. Cold enough for blankets every night.  
Minks—Then what is the matter with it?  
Winks—They didn't have the blankets.

**Swallowed a Needle and Died.**  
A tailor accidentally swallowed a needle and died as the result of the inflammation. Little ticks frequently have great power, as is seen in a few doses of the famous Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which, however, has an entirely different effect. The Bitters make nervous, weak and sickly persons strong and well again.

A soldier's widow, a resident of Philadelphia, died there in 1877. For thirteen years she had been a pensioner. It has just been discovered that her daughter has been personating her for the past twenty-one years, and drawing her pension.

**Ticks, Lice, Fleas, Bed Bugs.**  
CANOLINE—Insecticide and disinfectant, prevents all contagious diseases. It will kill ticks, lice, fleas, bed bugs, screw worms and all insects and vermin; cures scab, mange, cuts, galls, stings and bites; keeps off flies. Non-poisonous, cheapest and best on earth. Send 25c for bottle to make one gallon to Cannon Chemical Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Paper floors for dwelling houses are coming into use in Germany. They are formed of several thicknesses of stout paper, dampened, pasted and rolled. They have no creases or joints, no harbor dust or vermin, and are yielding to the feet.

**A. B. & O. S. W. Promotion.**  
Cincinnati, Sept. 5, 1898.—C. C. Riley, at present Superintendent of Car Service of the Baltimore & Ohio South Western Railway, with headquarters at Cincinnati, will be promoted to the newly created position of Superintendent of Transportation on August 23rd, and the position he formerly held will be abolished. Mr. Riley came to the Baltimore & Ohio South Western Railway from the C. C. & St. L. Railway about a year ago, and has earned his promotion by meritorious services.

Two little pigs caused contention between a couple of neighboring farmers in Shannon county, Mo. Each claimed both pigs. They went to law about them, and when the costs amounted to \$90 the litigants compromised by each taking a pig.

**"A Home in Texas."**  
No part of the United States offers advantages that are to be found in the Gulf Coast country of Texas. Everything grows; lots of it the year around. For stock raising you can not find its equal under the sun. Write to Southern Texas Colonization Company, John Anderson, Manager, No. 10 E. Ohio Bldg., Chicago, Ill., for new illustrated pamphlet, "A Home in Texas." Cheap excursion rates twice a month.

One hundred years ago in the United States, when church collections were taken up they were deposited in a bag suspended to the end of a pole. A bell was attached to the pole to arouse the sleepy worshippers.

**No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.**  
Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. All druggists.

It is believed that a diet of corn bread makes bigger men, physically, than bread made of wheat flour.

**Dr. Kay's Lung Balm** for coughs, colds and throat disease.  
W. N. U. Des Moines, No. 37—1898.  
When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.

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**WORKS OF ART.**  
How a Business House Has Made It Possible for Every One to Possess Them.

Probably at no time in the world's history has so much attention been paid to the interior decoration of homes as at present. No home is made how humble, is without its handwork that helps to beautify the apartments and make the surroundings more cheerful. The taste of the American people has kept pace with the age, and almost every day brings forth something new in the way of a picture, a draping, a piece of furniture or some form of mural decoration. One of the latest of these has been given to the world by the celebrated artist, Murville, in a series of four handsome porcelain game plaques. Not for years has anything as handsome in this line been seen. The subjects represented by these plaques are American Wild Ducks, Army General, American Quail and English Snipe. They are handsome paintings and are especially designed for hanging on dining-room walls, though their richness and beauty entitles them to a place in the parlor of any home. These original plaques have been purchased at a cost of \$50,000 by J. C. Hublinger Bros. Co., manufacturers of the celebrated Elastic Starch, and in order to enable their numerous customers to become possessors of these handsome works of art they have had them reproduced by a special process in all the rich colors and beauty of the original. They are finished on heavy cardboard, pressed and embossed in the shape of a plaque and trimmed with a heavy band of gold. They measure forty inches in circumference and contain no reading matter or advertisement whatever.

Until October 1 Messrs. J. C. Hublinger Bros. Co. propose to distribute these plaques free to their customers. Every purchaser of three ten-cent packages of Elastic Starch, Salt-Ron brand, manufactured by J. C. Hublinger Bros. Co., is entitled to receive one of these handsome plaques free from their grocer. Old and new customers alike are entitled to the benefits of this offer. These plaques will not be sent through the mail, the only way to obtain them being from your grocer. Every grocer who carries the country has Elastic Starch for sale. It is the oldest and best laundry starch on the market, and is the most perfect cold process starch ever invented. It is the only starch made by men who thoroughly understand the laundry business, and the starch that will not injure the finest fabric. It has been the standard for a quarter of a century, and as an evidence of how good it is twenty-two million packages were sold last year. Ask your dealer to show you the plaques and tell you about Elastic Starch. Accept no substitute. Bear in mind that this offer holds good a short time only, and should be taken advantage of without delay.

**Have to Be Explicit Now.**  
"That reminds me of something," said the grizzled veteran. "Before the war—"  
"Which war?" interrupted one of the listeners.

**Beauty is Blood Deep.**  
Clean blood makes a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets,—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10, 25, 50c.

**A Matter of Pride.**  
"The bank check stamp tax will be paid willingly," said the banker.  
"What makes you think so?"  
"Because no man would want to have it understood that his check wasn't worth two cents."



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## RACE ECHOES.

The Negro of the South is crying: "Oh! Lord how long before I shall have my rights as a man!"

A person who is unwilling to pay \$1.50 per year for a race journal defending his interests should be ignored by the journalistic fraternity.

Be respectful, colored man, cultivate good manners in your children. It will do us a "world of good" in our struggle for permanent recognition.

There will be an arch erected at Cincinnati by the colored people for the national G. A. R. encampment which will represent Abe Lincoln freeing the slaves.

A grand tribute paid to the colored soldiers, by Mrs. Jno. Addison Porter, wife of the Secretary to President McKinley, who was a red cross nurse at Santiago. She said that "they were brave in battle, obedient under orders and philosophical amid privation."

The national government is weak at home and strong abroad. It can guarantee the protection of life, liberty and property in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, but is unable and unwilling to do the same within its borders. The ghost of Postmaster F. J. Baker is haunting the national capital, Richmond Planet.

We are very pleased to know that the 9th, 10th, and 25th regiments will be sent back in two months to their respective forts. The 9th to Robinson, the 10th to Keogh and in all probabilities the old Fort Custer will be remodeled and the 25th infantry stationed there instead of Assinabone. This we have as official information.

W. A. Pledger, a colored lawyer of Atlanta, gave an illustration recently of the affections of former slaves for the men who once owned them. Pledger belonged to a Clayton county family whose name he bears. Joseph Pledger one of the sons of that family was a confederate soldier and was so badly wounded that he has been unable to do very little since the war. Fearing that he might not be able to come on, purchased for him a confederate uniform, obtained a nice boarding place and paid for entertainment throughout the reunion.

Before the Spanish conflict the southern inhuman pups lynched Negroes, on triumph up charges, and since the Spanish war is over, they are now lynching the poor helpless Negroes in the south for the fun of seeing them swing by the neck. Oh! what a poor management government we must have, that is afraid to protect its citizens God should paralyze and destroy any government that sit still on its do nothing and fail to protect its subjects at home, the same as abroad by sending a curse upon the powers that can and fail to protect its citizens. They should be damned beyond recognition and place a party in power that would protect life and all races of people and property belonging to that or any other government.

Patronize those that advertise with us.

More than It Was Worth. 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 costs me a large sum to go to court, 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, with my hands in my pockets."

## The Ungrateful Mule.

The mule was undoubtedly a bad mule, but Lieutenant Kellenberger of Battery G, First Ohio Light Infantry, said that his disposition was ruined and his confidence in human nature destroyed by improper treatment. "He has been mistreated," said Lieutenant Kellenberger. "I will show you how this mule should be treated." Then the lieutenant with the assistance of an orderly saddled the mistreated mule in front of his tent. The mule offered neither resistance nor protest. The lieutenant patted him on the neck. "He needs kind, but firm treatment," said he. Just then the mistreated mule danced three bars of a two-step, executed an individual hop, skip and jump with each leg, and projected Lieutenant Kellenberger into the air directly beneath a thorn tree. "Catch that man-eating monster and beat him to death," said Lieutenant Kellenberger, as the hospital corps assisted him to his tent. Then several men came out of a company street and erected a tablet reading thus: "Where Kelly Fell, May 23, 1898."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## Gladstone Floored.

An anecdote of Gladstone at the time of his greatest rivalry with Disraeli is told. At a dinner party the subject of Judaism cropped up. "Admitted," said Gladstone, "that the Hebrews have given the world a philosopher in Spinoza, musicians in Mendelssohn and Meyerbeer, a poet in Heine, the fact remains that they have not produced a single statesman." There was silence for a moment. Every one knew, of course, that this was a direct allusion to Disraeli. Then one of the company stepped into the breach. "Mr. Gladstone," he said, "as a matter of fact the Hebrews have produced a statesman, and one of the greatest the world has seen." The fighting instinct of Mr. Gladstone surged up at once. "May I ask, sir," he said, pointedly, "who was this Hebrew statesman?" Everyone, anticipating a more than lively scene, waited in tense expectation for the answer. It came in the quietest tones: "Moses, sir." Everyone smiled, and Mr. Gladstone joined in the laugh.—Vienna Welt.

## Why He Departed.

Burke once rushed out of the house of commons in a rage, because as he rose to speak holding a bundle of papers, a member jumped up, saying, "Mr. Speaker, I hope the honorable gentleman does not intend to read all those papers and to bore us with a speech in the bargain." "A lion put to flight by the braying of an ass," whispered the witty George Selwyn. This old anecdote is "capped" by one told in Sir M. Grant Duff's "Diary" of a London engineer. The engineer, though not easily worsted, admitted that he was once put to flight by a dealer in marine stores. He had gone to examine, from the man's back yard, a house which he was thinking of purchasing on behalf of a railway company. While standing there, he saw a huge mastiff making at him open-mouthed. "Oh! you're in no danger, sir!" said the dealer; he's very particular about what he eats." The engineer instantly left the yard.

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## Testing Them.

Alexander Hamilton, when slavery existed to a limited extent on Manhattan Island, bought a slave for the purpose of emancipating him. At the first meeting of the Emancipation Society of the City of New York, Hamilton attended at the request of Lafayette, who desired to become an honorary member. "Gentlemen," said Hamilton, coming straight to the point, "in token of my sincerity, let every person here emancipate his slaves now." The members were astonished at the application of this severe test. Not one was willing to submit to it. Hamilton, seeing that his proposition met with general disapproval, took his hat and left the building.

## Life in Colorado.

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Day Express	12:15 pm	12:20 pm
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Rocky Mountain Limited	5:24 am	5:30 am
C. R. I. & P. GOING WEST.		
Denver Limited	8:25 am	8:30 am
Night Limited Express	9:20 pm	9:25 pm
Day Express	12:45 pm	12:50 pm
Rocky Mountain Limited	1:19 am	1:25 am
Fast Mail	6:00 am	6:05 am
KROKUK & DES MOINES.		
Eldon Express	10:45 am	6:50 pm
Keokuk Express	3:36 pm	7:30 am
DES MOINES & FT. DOUGLASS.		
Ruthven Mail and Express	9:20 am	12:10 pm
Tama and Ft. Dodge	10:35 am	4:45 pm
Miss-St. Louis Ex.	9:18 pm	9:40 pm
St. Paul-Minn. Flyer	6:00 am	7:30 am
WINTHROP BRANCH.		
Accommodation	6:40 pm	8:45 am
Mail	11:20 am	4:30 pm
CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN.		
St. Louis City, N. & W.	6:15 pm	9:10 am
Chicago & Denver Ex.	10:46 am	10:46 pm
Chicago Limited	11:55 am	9:00 pm
Dakota Limited	1:30 am	2:00 pm
Chicago Express	7:50 pm	7:00 am
C. G. W.—MAYNARD LEAS—NORTH.		
Chit. & St. Paul Limited	8:15 pm	9:30 am
Chicago & St. Paul Ex.	3:30 am	3:30 am
Twain City Special	2:35 am	9:20 am
C. G. W.—MAYNARD LEAS—SOUTH.		
Kansas City Limited	6:50 am	4:00 pm
Day Express	11:30 am	11:40 am
Night Express	8:35 pm	8:45 pm
WABASH RAILWAY.		
St. Louis Passenger	8:10 am	8:45 am
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No. 2 Express	11:15 am	3:50 pm
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Fonda Mail and Express	11:55 am	3:30 pm
Sioux City-Fonda Limited	5:45 pm	9:15 am
D. M. N. & W.—BOONE LINE.		
Chicago Accommodation	5:35 am	8:20 pm
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