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CITY NEWS

Attorney J. B. Rush, is on the sick list this week.

Presiding Elder Bundy was in the city Thursday, on his way to St. Paul

James N. Renix passed through the city enroute to St. Joseph, Mo.

Mrs. Marie Williams, have been very sick this week at the home of Mr. Early in Highland Park.

Mr. J. E. Shepardson of Rolyn, Washington but now of Oskaloosa, was in our city this week.

Mrs. Burke, the wife of Mr. Burke, of Council Bluffs, an employee at the Legislature, left for her home in Council Bluffs.

Miss Eva Robinson will leave in a few days for Minneapolis, with the intention of making that city her future home.

Miss Blanche Renix and Mrs. Scott went to Melbourne, Ia. last week to see the Renix Bros. Show

J. Faruk Blagburn, was nominated on the first ballot Saturday for market master.

Rev. C. W. Carter, an employee in the House Representative made a brief trip down to his home in Chariton, last week.

Dr. F. J. Peterson, made a brief trip last week to Newton, to hold quarrerly conference for the presiding elder.

WANTED—At once a girl to do general house work; colored girl preferred. Apply at Mrs. Joseph Fellows, 1346 East Thirteenth Street.

Mrs. John D. Reeler and Miss Sadie Jones of, Mason city spent last Friday in the Captal City, they come down with the Mason City excursion.

Robert Woods, left Monday evening for Washington D. C., where he will join his mother who has proceeded him a few months, he will be missed in social circles.

Mrs. Chas. Comley, of Webster City who has been visiting in the city left for her home yesterday. accompained by Mrs. Cunningham of Mexico Mo.

John L. Thompson, is doing clerical work in the City Assessor office, he being the only representive that we have on the assessor force.

Mrs. C. S. Stewart, who has been quite sick for the past two weeks is much improved. Able to be out.

Rev. Joseph Coleman, passed through our city this week enroute to his work in Nebraska. The Reverend is a minister of the Friend's church.

All members of Company M. 7th Regiment, are requested to meet at 1049 B, street, to celebrate and organized a social club Monday evening March 5. Q. D. Earley.

Mr. William Walker, one of our industrious young men, and one of our leaders in society, left Tuesday for Cherokee where he has secured a good situation. We regret very much to loose him but will unite with his host of friends in wishing him success.

The Toussaint L'Overture Club was organized in this city last Thursday night. by the young people of the Corianthian Baptist Church. President D. Lockridge, Secretary Miss Renix,

Rev. Johnson of Oskaloosa was a Capital City visitor this week.

It was reported that Miss Sophia Bass was not so well this week.

Rev. Mattie Johnson will be asked to address the A. M. E. Sunday School next Sunday. Send your children to hear her. A cordial invitation to all.

A few friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Woods' met at their home on Wednesday evening and gave a very enjoyable reception in honor of Mrs. Comley and Mrs. Cunningham, of Webster City, Ia. All enjoyed themselves and left at a late hour for their homes.

Miss Beulah Allen who has been sick for some time, is still confined to her bed, at the home of her mother's on Park Street.

Mrs. Susan White, who was very sick is much better and is able to be about the house again.

The H. B. S. met with Mrs. Denny. After an interesting meeting an excellent programme was rendered, followed by a dainty lunch.

Program for March 1, 1900, at Mrs. Hamilton's' 706 Walker Street, is as follows:

Invocation from Lew Wallace .....
Report of Executive Committee.....
Ben Hur.....Mrs. Wilburn
Music.....Mrs. E. T. Banks
Current Events.....Mrs. Cleggett
Progress of the Race.....Mrs. Palmer
History.....Mrs. Denny
Oracle.....Mrs. Lewis

Charles H. Underwood, of Mistic is in the city this week, as a delegate to the state miner convention which meet the Mine Operators and see if they can come to some agreement as to the present dificulty existing between them now Mr. Underwood was recently elected one of the State Auditors and come within one vote of being elected Vice President of the State Mine Association.

The Rev. Mattie Johnson, the evangelist arrived in the city on Thursday and will begin serious of meeting next Sunday, while in our city she will be the guest of Dr. and Mrs F. J. Peterson, it should be remamdered that Mrs. Johnson comes highly recommended by both pulpit and press as a christain worker, the pastor invites all to attend these meeting.

Memorial of Our Daughter.

"Not lost, but gone before."

How mournful seems, in broken dreams
The memory of the day,
When icy Death hath sealed the breath
Of some dear form of clay.

When pale unmoved, the face we loved,
The face we thought so fair,
And the hand lies cold, whose fervent hold,
Once charmed away despair.

Oh! there at last, life's trials past,
We'll meet our loved once more,
Whose feet have trod the path to God—
"Not lost but gone before."

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Lewis.

A SWELL PARTY.

Mesdames Chas. Comley of Webster City and Mrs. Theodore Williams gave a very swell party Tuesday evening at Mrs. William's cosy home near 9th and Grand in honor of Mrs. Ada Cunningham of Mexico, Mo. who is stopping over here a few days while enroute to Webster City. There were about twenty present, nearly all ladies only five gentlemen; the rooms were beautifully decorated with flowers and plants and the table was laden with all the tempting viands season, the menu consisted of corn escolloped, olives, pickles, celery, turkey, creamed potatoes, cranberries, lettice, radishes, garnished parsley, ice cream, cake, coffee, oranges, bananas, and frappe. The hostesses were assisted by Misses Eva Robinson, Effie Mitchell and Mary Ramey. An enjoyable time was had by all as those hostess by their years of experience aided by their jovial and pleasant husbands made all feel welcome, even the reporter; the out of city guests were Mrs. Cunningham of Mexico, Mo,, Miss Effie Mitchell of Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Comley of Webster City. Those who were fortunate enough to be present will long remember the hostesses.

The H. B. S. Reading Circle met with Mrs. J. Hamilton, 706 Walker Street. After the program, a dainty lunch was served by the hostess and her daughter Miss Nina. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. G. I. Holt, Third Avenue.

Program for March 8th:

Quotations .....Shakespear
Music.....Mrs. Warricks
Current.....Mrs. Smith
History.....Mrs. Hamilton
Oricle.....Mrs. Lewis and Palmer

INFLUENCE.

The conclusion reached by some Englishmen who have been making an investigation as to the instruction that the child of to day is receiving. They sent out the following questions to a large number of girls and boys: "Which would you rather be when you grow up, a man or a woman, and why?" "What man or woman of whom you have ever heard or read would you most wish to be, and why?"

Thirty-four per cent of the girls wished to be men, thirty per cent were faithful to their sex, because they admired the womanly ideas of life. About fifteen per cent desired to be Florence Nightengales, while others chose the stage or to be some daring man. Seventy-five per cent of the boys wanted to be men, while some of them were brutal in their reasons for wonting to be men, about fifteen per cent wished to be men from purely unselfish motives.

As on a whole, a large majority of both girls and boys seemed to be totally lost to that high ideals of life which has distinguished so many men and women for their manly and womanly worth to the age in which they live. It is quite true, what you teach in your homes will have as much to do with the mind of the child as the school will have. If the principal conversations that they hear is of war, they will strive to be a hero. If of dancing or in that direction they will seek the stage. If of horse racing, prize fighting and gambling, they will seek the association of such people as a rule.

The conclusion reached by those who have conducted this investigation is that such conversations and teachings will tend to misled or to cheek the child's aspiration, and their knowledge of great men and women will be extreamely limited.

We have saved many doctor bills since we began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our home. We keep a bottle open all the time and whenever any of my family or myself begin to catch cold we begin to use the Cough Remedy, and as a result we never have to send away for a doctor and incur a large doctor bill, for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never fails to cure. It is certainly a medicine of great merit and worth.—D. S. MEARKLE, General Merchant and farmer, Mattie, Bedford county, Pa. For sale by all Druggists.

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CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

Mr. Williams, Mason, and Jackson, and Miss Hampton of the Dixie Concert Company were in the city Saturday and spent a few hours very pleasantly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wade.

Mrs. Geo. Wade and her daughter, Opal, are visiting Mrs. W. H. London in Muchakinock.

Mrs. G H. Brown was at her post of duty in the choir, Sunday.

The industrial circle meets with Miss Foster Friday, when an excellent program will be rendered.

The Sunday School board met at the residence of Mrs. Geo. Wade. Wm. Lowery is the Supt., he is a graduate of our high school and a Sophmore in Coe College; Mrs. Wade is organist; Mrs. D. Marshall is choister; Mrs. B. Hawkins Secretary; Mrs. J. Lowery Treasurer

O. B. Claire has bren a great sufferer from a malignant ulcer; he is improving however.

Friends of this city have learned with regret that Gus Murphy of Sigourney, has been sent to the asylum.

Lula Wadkins was reported worse Sunday.

Walter Martin is in the city.

The A. M. E. choir takes great delight in assisting the pastor in the service of divire worship by discoursing music.

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BOONE DOINGS.

Mr. G. W. Brown is getting along nicely at present.

The prise fight which taken place in our city on the 19th was not any thing elevating to the young race of colored boys; try something better the next time

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A Ladies' Tailoring De- partment, the finest west of Chicago, has been established. Lady designer and cutter of long experience in Paris, Chicago, etc., with such firms as Allitons and Marshall, Field & Co., and lately with Lofquist, tailor, of this city, will be in charge.

Madam Stevenson, for years has held the undisputed position as the leading dressmaker of this state. She will offer again this year to take into her parlors good bright girls—young ladies, we should say—who want to learn how to become first-class dressmakers—independent and self-supporting. Madam will also teach country dressmakers, and six months or a year with her is all the difference between success and failure. During March we will make such arrangements, as we expect later the largest business west of Chicago.

April 1st is the date of the grand opening of the largest and finest exclusive dry goods house in Des Moines. In the meantime see the new goods for early March business now on our counters.

Have you seen It? What? The Miss Hobbs Hat. The very newest wrinkle in millinery—By the way, we are opening up our new spring goods and can show you millinery that will make you interview your husband on the subject of millinery.

Harris-Emery Co.

when you want to be the talk of the people.

Mr. W. Martin and Luther Robinson left for Cedar Rapids, last week.

Quite a number of Fraser people passed through the city during the last two or three weeks

A party of youug ladies and gentlemen made a surprise on Miss Eva Haywood Wedeusday evening. A very nice time was reported by all present, after refreshments were served, they departed for their for their respective homes.

The way the wind blows and water freezes, the ground hog must have seen his shadow.

The article of the Rev. Reeves in last week paper was very good and I hope it will be read and studied by all who are concerned in the welfare of the race.

Rev. Wright made a trip to Fraser last week and returned Tuesday.

Miss Bertha Mitchell has returned from Fraser and contemplates a trip to Saylorville, Iowa.

S. L. Terry was checkman at the Stevenson Ice Co. during the ice season.

Mrs. Mattie Cooper and Messrs. J. Morris and J. Francis were guests at the Terry home Tuesday. They left for Saylorville.

Death has visited our city since our last writing; the eldest son, Jesse. He died on the 10th, after a long illness of consumption. His funeral was preached by Rev. S. L. Wright at the A. M. E. Church the family has the heart-felt sympathy of their friends.

This is another year of oratory, say who will be able to withstand?

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MARSHALLTOWN.

Mr. L. H. Johnson's little baby is quite sick at this writing.

Mr. Morgan is preparing to move to Des Moines this week.

Mrs. Howard and Miss Delia were down Sunday to see Mrs. G. L. Sutu; the quarintine is raised from their house.

There will be preaching at the A. M. E. Church Sunday morning and evening.

It ts said that Misses Bertha Green and May Mays passed through last Saturday enroute to Newton.

It seems as if the Republicans in Congress have got their feet wet over the Porto Rico Bill; if they pass it means sure defeat this fall for it will show the money power back of it and all that can be said against it will help to defeat it; and if not the people will see that they have no power after election.

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KNOXVILLE NOTES

Mr. A. Jeffers, wife, and nephew of Columbia spent Sunday with their Mother and Grand-mother.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Griffith of East Des Moines, was called here on account of the death of their brother-in-law, Mr. C. Jeffers.

Mrs. M. Kay of Indianola, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jeffers Quincy, and Mr. Will Jeffers attended their Father's and Uncle funeral. The ladies remaining over with their Mother.

Miss Jessie Jeffers of Ottumwa, who has had the mumps, is able to be out again.

Master R. P. Bird was sick last week but is better now.

Miss Goldie Jeffers was able to start to school this week for the first time in weeks.

Mr. C. Jeffers, died of paralysis, at his home in this city, Tuesday Feb. 13, 1900, age 73 years. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at Indiana Chapel.

ALBIA NOTES.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Searcy are rejoicing over the arrival of a little baby girl.

Mr. C. G. Tolson who has been dangerously ill at his home in Hocking is reported much better.

Mr. Ambrose Morris of Ottumwa, passed through Albia last week enroute for Lucas.

Miss Dosie Jackson is on the sick list this week.

A few of our people attended the Washington Day exercises at the High School this week, which they report very good.

Mr. Charlie Davis has been sick a few days this week.

Rev. Waldon and daughter of Hocking were visiting with friends in Albia Sunday.

Mr. Monroe Davis was at Hocking Wedenesday and Sunday.

A NEW BOOK.

A book that has long needed and greatly desired by Colored people, and their friends, and is bound to be popular with them because of its merits, handsome appearance and mavelous cheapness, has just been issued by the Afro-American Publishing Co., 614—516 Ludlow St. Philadelphia, Pa. Its full title is "CAMP-FIRES OF THE AFRO-AMERICAN; or, The Colored Man as a Patriot, Soldier, Sailor and Hero in the Cause of Free America; Displayed in Colonial Struggles, in the Revolution, the War of 1812, and in later wars particularly the Great Civil War, 1861—1865, and Spanish-American War, 1898: concluding with an account of the War with the Filipinos. A Thrilling Record of His Daring and Suffering for Liberty's Sake, in Patriotic Uprising, in Battles on Land and Sea, in Prison Pens, and in Deeds of Individual Heroism." By Chaplain Jas. M. Guthrie. Profusely illustrated. It also treats upon the War with Mexico; the John Brown Raid; and the United States Colored Regulars.

The book contains over 700 large pages, and the fine English blue cloth binding has very attractive emblematic back and colors, representing a Colored sailor, with drawn cutlass, and a Colored soldier, with a musket, upholding and defending the American Flag; and a mounted Colored cavalryman blowing a bugle.

Besides the many chapters, which cover a period of nearly two hundred and eighty years, from Jamestown to Manila ents. The book will be a welcome volume to all both old and young. and would make a very desirable holiday present. It is as large as subscription books which are usually sold for $2 50 and $3.00, but it is furnished for only $2 00, and every purchaser receives free a large premium picture, in fine colors, of the heroic charge of the U. S. Colored Regulars near Santiago, Cuba. The picture is 18x24 inches in size, on plote paper, and is a work of art that will be desired by all self-respecting Colored people, who prefer paintings which honor their own race.

The book and the picture make such an attractive combination that subscribers can be obtained for it without any trouble; and hence any of our readers who may wish to act as agents should make a note of the above address and write to the publishers without delay.

A Baby's Cry.

A moderately intimate acquaintance with infants enables one to distinguish, almost from birth, three cries—the healthy yell, by which the child exercises his lungs, the fretting of moderate discomfort, and the acute cry of pain, the latter two including at first hunger, thirst, and dissatisfaction. By the end of three months the nurse or mother should be able to distinguish the fretting of actual physical discomfort from that of restlessness, and the sharp cry of pain from the less acute announcement of thirst, hunger, etc., while anger imparts a characteristic quality to the cry. If the baby is comfortably dressed and properly fed he will be less likely to be fretful and crying.—Dr. A. L. Benedict in the January Woman's Home Companion."

A Point in Carving Etiquette.

The adept carver will not ask the guest of honor which is his or her favorite piece. We will give the one we would honor the cut of fish next the tail, that nearest the head being next choice; the emperor's muscle and oyster of the turkey, with a bit of brown fat added as a tribute to palate discrimination; the tenderloin of steak, the hock of the leg, the tenderloin with kidney of the saddle (with some brown fat); the loin of the hare or squirrel, the rib of the sucking pig. Other guests will express their preference promptly when asked, that none may be kept waiting.—Ella Morris Kretschmar, in the January Woman's Home Companion.

Louisiana Rice Is Red.

The rice planters and millers of Southwestern Louisiana are having some trouble with the crop this season. For some unaccountable reason a considerable percentage of it is red. This is not the first season that red grains have appeared among the white, to be sure, but never before has the proportion been so large. An examination by chemists has shown that the red rice is equally nutritious as white. The value of the article as a matter of food is not in the least injured by the red grains. But the fact remains that the colored grains injure the sale of the rice they appear in.

Humors of Examination.

The humors of examination papers were further illustrated by Dr. Haig Brown, who, in speaking at the City of London college upon the responsibility which rested upon examiners in weighing fragments of knowledge, said that the question, "What are the Chiltern Hundreds?" once received the reply, "Small animals which abound in great numbers in cheese." The inquiry, "What is a cherub?" elicited, in its turn, the answer, "An immoral being of uncertain shape."—London Chronicle.

The Population of London.

Last year's statistics show that the population of London is 4,484,717. For every 1,000 inhabitants there were thirty births and 17.7 deaths. The number of infants who died in their first year was 158 for every 1,000 births. During the period extending from 1887 to 1896 the mortality was lower than in Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Berlin and Copenhagen; but in 1897 it increased to such an extent that it is now very little lower than that of most European cities, Rome included.

Slaves in New York State.

Immigration officials say that many foreigners in this country are living in a condition of abject slavery. At Avon, N. Y., there is a colony of 270 Italians who are under the direct control of one man, who hires them to farmers and fruit growers and takes most of their earnings, while those who perform the labor get little more than enough to eat, and are housed in buildings little better than cattle sheds.

Plum Pudding the Rage in London.

A plum pudding craze has broken out in London. One firm sold 600,000 pounds of puddings three weeks before Christmas. Surprises are now enclosed in these, ranging from buttons, gold sovereigns and half sovereigns to thimbles and diamond rings. One pudding ordered had in it a diamond and opal brooch worth $500, enclosed in a silver box.

Centenary of Electricity.

"Electricity as we know it" is just 100 years old. In 1799 the Italian scientist Volta gave definite form to the method of producing the current, and it is from his name that we have the term "voltmeter" to describe the instrument which measures the force of the current, and "volt" as the unit of that measurement.

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DES MOINES, . . IOWA.

In time John Barleycorn is the slugger that makes all of the pugilistic champions groggy.

Mr. Hanna will be pleased to learn that Philadelphia has stopped talking through her hat and is passing it around with gratifying results.

A Chicago woman married a man on fifteen minutes' acquaintance. She is now bewailing the fact that it is much easier to get into trouble than to get out of it.

Eddy of Minnesota is said to be one of the homeliest men in congress. He rather glories in the distinction, especially as all his other characteristics are enviable. During his last campaign the enemies of Mr. Eddy charged him with being double-faced. He met the charge in a manner that disarmed all criticism. "Great heavens," said Mr. Eddy to his audience, "do you think that if I had two faces I would wear the one I am showing you now?"

Ruskin was a wealthy man and he spent a great deal of money on vain experiments. One of these was a tea shop. He put the business in the hands of two excellent women and left it to commend itself without advertising. This amiable disregard for commercial principles had the natural result. Ruskin thought it was because the competitors in the neighborhood burned so much gas to illuminate their windows.

The suit of the Chicago Tribune company against the Associated Press involves questions of fact as well as principles of wide interest and considerable importance. It is charged, in the first place, that the Associated Press has been appropriating news purchased by the complainant from the London Times under a special contract and copyrighted in this country. This, however, is flatly denied by the defendant. It is claimed by the Associated Press that the news and comments in question were obtained by it, not from the early edition of the Tribune, but by cable from London.

In one branch of manufacturing enterprise the United States has thus far stood without a peer. The supremacy of this country in the electrical field has been universally recognized and admitted. It was here that practical application of electrical science was first made successfully, and it is here that electrical investigation, experiment and invention have had the fullest and freest scope. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that here the greatest success has been attained and the greatest progress made. These things have come simply as the natural consequence of the efforts put forth to secure them.

In some parts of Italy the filbert crop is almost, if not quite, as important as the produce of the vine. The nuts are grown on bushes planted from fifteen to twenty-five feet apart, so that they have the advantage of plenty of air and sunshine. The bushes bear fruit in their third year, and there are plantations nearly a hundred years old, the bushes of which still bear well. Deep clayey soil is best for filbert growing, and in Italy the planting takes place from slips in November and December. The filbert is not liable to disease like many other crops, but it suffers severely from hailstorms and cold winds.

A. E. Haserick, an officer in Plumer's force now a prisoner at Pretoria, sent a private letter to Cape Town in which he said. "The officers are confined in the Model School, which has an excellent gymnasium. Classes have been formed, and, during the mornings, the officers go through Sandow's developing exercises. In the afternoon they play rounders. The prisoners generally are developing wonderful muscles. Our dungeons are distinctly up to date. There is every convenience, from electricity to toothpicks, as well as books from the library." These Boers don't seem to be savages as reported by some of our flunky newspaper editors.

Major Anderson, agent in charge of the Colville Indian reservation in Washington, has gone to the national capital with three of their principal chiefs and two interpreters, to present the claim of these Indians for payment for land ceded to the government in 1891. The chiefs are Lot, Barnaby and Orpan-ghan. Lot, the head chief, is about 70 years of age, and while he has no record of war and pillage, he is none the less famous. He has never been at war with the whites. While the Coeur d'Alenes, who were warlike Indians, were paid large sums for their surplus lands, the Spokanes received nothing, and hence this journey to the "Great Father" to ask for what they regard as simple justice.

A "naval expert" writing for the New York Herald declares that the protests against the prohibition of defenses for the Nicaragua canal, are based upon the misapprehension of ignorance. He says that against a modern navy defenses would be useless, as they could neither prevent a blockade nor defend locks or dams which a single stick of dynamite could easily destroy. He may be correct, but he does not see the point of the protests which concerns the right to fortify the nation's property. It's the principle that is involved.

The News of Iowa

At a special election held in Oskaloosa an ordinance granting a new water franchise to the Oskaloosa Water Company was defeated by a small majority.

Joe Payne, ex-sheriff of Dallas county, was killed in Welch, Louisiana, by a train. Mr. Payne went to the south about three weeks ago, intending to make an extended visit there to cover the remainder of the winter.

W. A. Richards, formerly of Des Moines and now a deputy United States marshal stationed at Ottumwa, believes that John West, alias Jud West, alias John Curry, and better known locally as "Joplin Red" who was found dead in bed at the Northwestern hotel at Des Moines a few days ago, was murdered.

At Des Moines a few days ago A. D. Ehle, a dairyman, was fined $25 and costs by Justice of the Peace Halloran. The case will be appealed for the purpose of making it a test one of the subject matter involved. Ehle was charged with selling milk containing less than the required amount of butter fat. The information was filed in Justice Halloran's court as a result of the investigations of the state dairy commissioner.

Nine members of the household of Robert Wyett, living five miles southwest of Hudson, are very sick, as the result of eating canned vegetable oysters. The poison is supposed to have been wild parsnip, which had accidentally got mixed with the plant. The dish was eaten for dinner and soon all were taken violently ill. Neighbors summoned physicians, and two doctors and friends labored with the stricken family all night. All are now believed to be out of danger.

Little Hazel Rogers, a bright and popular 12-year-old child, committed suicide at Fort Madison a few days ago by placing the muzzle of a revolver against her breast and sending a bullet through her heart. The deed was deliberately planned. The child procured the revolver from her mother's room and carried it to her own room. No reason is known for the deed except possibly a child's love affair. The child was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rogers. Mr. Rogers is a Santa Fe fireman. He says the life of the child in the home has been most happy. The parents are overcome with grief.

At Sioux City a few days ago Elsie Gardner, who on February 11 fatally stabbed her paramour, Tom Haas, was discharged from custody after a two days' preliminary hearing on the charge of murder, having successfully established a case of self-defense. In her testimony the Gardner woman told a story of horrible brutality and abuse at the hands of Haas. She lived with him as his mistress for ten years, during which time he beat her into insensibility again and again. He forced her to earn money for him in most questionable ways and twisted her arms, gouged her eyes and otherwise tortured her to get from her the little money she possessed.

R. B. Fageol, of Des Moines, has manufactured and invented an automobile which it is proposed to manufacture in that city. Patents are pending. The young man worked out his idea while in the employ of the Chase bicycle works. Contracts have been drawn with Messrs. Stillwell, of Kansas City; Todd, of New York; Evans, of the Essex building; W. P. Chase, and others, for the organization of a $100,000 company to manufacture the carriage. The new carriage only weighs 350 pounds and will be moved by gasoline. The inventor is 21 years of age. The running gear of the machine is its strength. Some marvelous mechanical effects have been secured.

A few nights ago a shocking tragedy occurred at Weir City, a coal mining suburb one mile south of Bussey. A dance was in progress at the house of a miner named John Davis and several young men from Bussey were in attendance. William Holloway, son of Dr. J. G. Holloway, got into an altercation with Davis and was ejected from the house. It is stated that Holloway started in again with a knife in his hand and that Davis drove him out with a stick of wood. Davis is said to have then got his rifle and took up a position to guard the door and when Holloway again appeared in range Davis fired and Holloway turned and walked half way around the house and fell, expiring almost instantly and without uttering a word after he was shot. The ball passed through his left arm, striking the body near his suspender buckle and ranging through the body in a slightly downward course. Davis at once gave himself up to the authorities.

Supervisors of census for Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and the two Dakotas met in Des Moines a few days ago to receive instructions in their duties. Dr. Frederick H. Wines, of New York, assistant director of the census, was present and addressed them at the Savery. He is making a tour of the country, meeting groups of the supervisors at the different cities and explaining to them the detail of their duties, so that they in turn may be able properly to drill the enumerators in whose hands will be the duty of actually gathering the facts.

E. A. Christenson, of Calamus, Clinton county, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of about $20,000. For a number of years he has been a banker and leading merchant of that town, and was considered financially sound.

The city of Dayton is the defendant in a damage suit brought by Mrs. S. B. Watson. Mrs. Watson sustained injuries some time ago as a result of a fall and now brings suit for damages in the amount of $1,500. The case will be fought.

At the meeting of the Butter Makers' Association at Lincoln, Nebraska, a few days ago Iowa won the first prize in the state delegation competition. The markings were as follows: Iowa, 191 entries, average 89.675; Minnesota, nineteen entries, average 90.17; Wisconsin, seventy-two entries, average 87.60; Illinois, fifty-nine entries, average 90.52; Kansas, forty-five entries, average 88.67; Nebraska, fifty-one entries, average 89.07; South Dakota, thirty-four entries, average 85.86.

Hawk, of Jasper, has introduced a pure food bill in the house which is is very comprehensive in its scope. It provides that the state dairy commissioner shall be state food commissioner as well. The commissioner shall receive $500 extra salary and $300 extra clerk hire. He may hire assistants. Their expenses are to be allowed by the state at a per diem salary. It shall be the duty of the commissioner to inspect all food products, such as may deem necessary, in any way in which he may determine.

John West, alias "Joplin Red" who was found dead in bed in a Des Moines hotel, did not die a natural death. This fact has been established by the autopsy just completed by County Physician Shope. In the report furnished Coroner Ankeny he states his opinion that West came to his death from some unknown poison, taken into the stomach voluntarily or otherwise. It is stated that West's former pals were not adverse to his being made away with, and that they succeeded in accomplishing what they may have considered necessary to their own safety. Shortly before his death West returned from Chicago with between $600 and $700 which it is supposed he got by giving information of a proposed attempt to rob the Adams Express Company.

The foreign insurance companies, who received an adverse decision from the Iowa supreme court a few months ago, are going to take the matter into the United States supreme court. It will be remembered that the case decided by the Iowa tribunal involved the constitutionality of the statute which compels foreign insurance companies to pay more for the privilege of doing business within the commonwealth than is exacted from home companies. The court held that the discrimination was a legal one and within the scope of the power which confers upon a state the right to regulate matters of that kind. A few days ago McVey & McVey, attorneys, appeared at the office of State Treasurer Herriott and paid taxes under protest for twenty-seven different foreign insurance companies. The protest stipulation is made in order that the rights of the appellants may not be waived in getting the issue squarely before the United States supreme court.

Another blow has been aimed at the building and loan business of the state in a bill introduced in the upper body of the legislature by Senator Lewis. The author proposes to reduce the rate of interest which may be charged by these associations. At present the building and loan business of the state is exempted by statute from the usury laws, and may lawfully charge 12 per cent upon its loans, while no other business in the state may legally collect an interest rate of more than 8 per cent. This privilege was extended to building and loan corporations when the new code went into effect in 1897. There was a fight before it was placed on the statute books. In 1898, when the twenty-seventh general assembly convened, the question was again taken up. Another fight ensued upon the proposition to make the provision granting the right to building and loan corporations to charge usurious rates, apply to all contracts entered into by building and loan associations prior to the new code going into effect. Senator Lewis has introduced a bill proposing to repeal this last enactment, which is chapter 48 of the session laws of the twenty-seventh general assembly. He is also preparing a bill to be introduced shortly which will repeal the original law placing the interest rate at 12 per cent, which went into effect with the new code.

Mrs. Martin Renegar, wife of a well known farmer near Clarion, committed suicide a few days ago by hanging. Mrs. Renegar had sold out and had made plans for moving to Minnesota. He came to Clarion and chartered a car and made other necessary arrangements. When he arrived home he inquired for his wife and the children said she was up stairs. He went up and found her dead. She leaves a number of small children.

James Graham, unmarried, and an employe of the American coal company at Evans, fell to the bottom of the air shaft and was instantly killed.

LADYSMITH IS RELIEVED.

Buller Wires That the City Has Been Relieved.

LONDON, March 2.—The war office has received the following from Buller: "LYTTLETON'S HEADQUARTERS, March 1, 9 a. m.—General Dundonald, with the Natal Carbineers and Composite regiment entered Ladysmith last night: The country between me and Ladysmith is reported clear of enemy. I am moving on Nelthorpe.

"NELTHORPE, March 1.—I have just returned from Ladysmith. Except a small guard north of Surprise hill, the whole of the enemy lately besieging the town retired in hot haste, and to the south of the town the country is quite clear of them. The garrison was on a half a pound of meat a man per day, and were supplementing the meat rations by horses and mules. The men want little nursing before being fit for the field."

Boers Saved Their Guns.

The Boers seem to have gotten quite away from around Ladysmith without losing a gun or their baggage. Van Reenan's pass is only about twenty miles from Ladysmith. The enemy had artillery in action Tuesday, and they probably utilized both railroads in retreating, sending the heavy pieces to Pretoria and the lighter ones into the Free State.

BULLER ADVANCES.

Captures Pieter's Hill, Said to Be the Enemy's Main Position.

LONDON, March 1.—The war office received a dispatch from General Buller announcing that Pieter's hill, the enemy's main position, was magnificently captured yesterday and sixty prisoners taken. The war office received the following from Buller:

Headquarters, Hlandwani, Feb. 28. —Finding the passage of Langewacht's sprnit commanded by strong intrenchments, I reconnoitered for another passage of the Tugela. One was found below the cataract on February 25. We commenced making approaches thereto, and on February 26, finding I could make the passage practicable, I crossed the guns and baggage back to the south side of the Tugela, took up the pontoon bridge Monday night and relayed it at the new site, which is just below the present marked cataract. Gen. Barton with two battalions of the Sixth brigade and Dublin Fusileers crossed about a mile and a half down the banks of the river, ascended an almost perpendicular cliff about 500 feet, assaulted and carried the top of Pieter's hill. This hill, to a certain extent, turned the enemy's left, and the Fourth brigade, under Colonel Norcott, and the Eleventh brigade, Colonel Kitchener commanding, and the whole under the command of General Warren, assailed the enemy's position, which was magnificently carried by the South Lancanshire regiment about sunset. We took about sixty prisoners and scattered the enemy in all directions. There seems to be still a considerable body of them left on and under Bulwana mountain. Our losses I hope are not large.

GREAT BATTLE NEAR LADYSMITH.

British Compelled to Retreat With Heavy Losses.

COLENSO, Feb. 25.—In the attempt of the Inniskillings Friday evening to rush the Boer position on Pieter's hill, the Boer fire was so terrible, when the infantry emerged from the cover of the trees, that almost every man in the leading half of the company fell wounded. The advance line of the British reached a donga in front of the first Boer trench, which was not apparent until they were actually in it. The Boers retired to the crest and then returned on either flank of the Inniskillings, enfilading the captured donga with a terrible cross-fire. Finding it impossible to advance or to hold the position, the British fell back and entrenched themselves half way up the hill. The Boers maintained a heavy fire. In the course of the night, the Dublin fusileers and the Connaughts arriving to support the Inniskillings, another attempt was made to take the Boer position. This also failed. A heavy fire lasted through the night. The Inniskillings lost fourteen out of seventeen officers killed and wounded, and about 250 non-commissioned officers and men killed and wounded. Gen. Lyttleton's brigade relieved General Hart's brigade in the morning and the artillery duel was continued yesterday (Saturday), though no great damage was done. To-day an armistice was agreed upon to enable both sides to collect their dead and wounded. The Boers admit having had very heavy losses, but they scout the idea that the British will compel them to raise the siege of Ladysmith.

English Meet With Heavy Losses.

HOOF LAAGER, Ladysmith, Wednesday, Feb. 21.—There was heavy fighting all Monday and Tuesday, and it still continues since early this morning. Our officers hope to dislodge the British from their position. Last night a body of British troops tried to cross the river, but were beaten back with heavy loss. Our positions are being bombarded from Ladysmith.

Buller's Losses.

LONDON, March 2.—Gen. Buller's losses in the four attempts to get White out of Ladysmith, aggregate 4,000.

Give Up Two Islands.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Upon representations of the Spanish government to the effect that some of the islands south of the Philippine archipelago which had been taken possession of by the United Sates gunboats were really the property of Spain, the authorities of the state department have examined the charts and concluded to direct the withdrawal of our claims to the islands of Caygayen and Cibuta, both of which lie without the boundary lines laid down by the treaty of Paris.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL

THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 23.—The appointment of Judge G. S. Robinson as a member of the board of control was confirmed, 40 votes being cast in favor of confirmation and none against. Blanchard introduced a bill to repeal present law relating to assessment and taxation of telephone and telegraph companies and enact a substitute which will place the assessment on the same basis with that of railroad property. Senator Cheshire introduced two new measures relating to taxation. They are to make the same principles now applying to the assessment of sleeping and dining car companies apply to freight cars and cars of equipment companies. The senate passed the bill by Wallace repealing that section of the code which requires hedge fences to be trimmed to five feet every two years, and leaves the question discretionary with county trustees. Crossley's bill allowing $500 for traveling expenses of state superintendent was defeated.

HOUSE.

The house passed the bill by Lyman to allow savings banks to make loans on farm lands to two-thirds, instead of half the actual value of the land. Kirkwood's bill to transfer Harrison county from the Fourth to the Fifteenth judicial district and to provide an additional judge for the latter, was also passed. The house killed the Elker bill, after first voting down a substitute to increase the amount of personal earnings to be exempted $8 to $10. Bill providing that road supervisors shall cut weeds along roads in their districts before August 1 each year was passed, as was also the bill requiring the redemption of unused railroad tickets.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 24.—Aside from the introduction of a number of bills of minor importance no business was transacted.

HOUSE.

There was no quorum in the house and no business of importance was transacted.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 26.—Harriman's bill providing for a department of agriculture was under consideration to-day. An amendment providing that horticulture be not looked after by the proposed department was defeated. A vote was not reached. Finch introduced a bill proposing a system of parole for criminals.

HOUSE.

Representative Head of Green introduced a resolution asking that a committee be appointed to investigate the charge that John Cownie, member of the board of control, is also holding a government position contrary to law, and asking also that the committee be empowered to institute an inquiry to ascertain if Governor Shaw, Secretary of State Dobson, Auditor Merriam or Treasurer Herriott hold any office in private corporations over which they have control for purposes of taxation as members of the executive council. Carr introduced a bill to apply the Australian ballot to school elections. A large number of bills were killed by being indefinitely postponed.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 27.—Consideration of Harriman's bill was resumed. Garst offered an amendment requiring that the year book to be published by the proposed agricultural department be printed by contract. A debate ensued which was not concluded at time of adjournment. The senate voted to reconsider the vote by which it was decided to adjourn sine die March 1, and the resolution now lies on the table. Lewis introduced a bill providing that building and loan companies shall not be permitted to charge interest in excess of 8 per cent, the legal rate in Iowa.

HOUSE.

The Hughes anti-pass bill was taken up as a special order this morning at 10:30. Two reports had been submitted. The majority report amended the bill to apply only to delegates to political conventions; the minority report recommended the passage of the bill in its original form. After a hard fight the minority report was substituted for the majority report by a vote of 54 to 34. After a hard fight which lasted during the entire session the bill was defeated by a vote of 50 to 39.

SENATE.

Des Moines, Feb. 28.—The appointment of Joseph McGarraugh to be custodian of public buildings was received from Governor Shaw and the senate went into executive session to consider it. Considerable opposition developed and a committee was appointed to interview the custodian as to certain reforms. Garst's amendment to the Harriman agricultural bill, providing for the competitive system of bids in handling the year book of the proposed department, was adopted, 23 to 22. After the salary of the secretary had been fixed at $1,500 a year the bill passed with only one vote against it. The senate also passed a measure to grant a 30-day extension of certificates of Iowa insurance companies, so that they will not be compelled to pay the unconstitutional tax of 1 per cent.

HOUSE.

The house, without a dissenting vote, adopted the Head resolution offered Monday to have the members of the executive council investigated in regard to their individual business connections with building and loan and insurance organizations of the state. The Clarke bill abolishing the office of state printer and binder was then taken up and Clarke made an eloquent address in favor of its passage. Templin followed in an address in opposition. Prentiss, Ayers and Stallcop then delivered addresses, and after a fight which lasted nearly all day the bill was defeated, 45 to 18. Immediately following the defeat of the bill, Ayers of Chickasaw introduced a resolution directing the speaker to name a committee of five to report on any abuses in the offices and if necessary draft a bill for their correction. Another was introduced by Lyman of Poweshiek, by which the state printer and binder seek to have the law revised, to remove alleged inconsistencies, whereby it is claimed they do not receive pay for some of the work done.

SENATE.

Des Moines, March 1.—By a vote of 40 to 5 the senate passed the hunter's license bill. Committee on constitutional amendments reported favorably the equal suffrage amendment and also the resolution requesting Iowa's representatives in congress to work for a law permitting the election of United States senators by direct vote. Bill providing for establishment of a reformatory for women at Anamosa was reported favorably. Healy's bill to amend the code relative to debts for labor was defeated.

HOUSE.

Dunham's resolution instructing the printing committee to draft a bill making such changes in the prices to be paid the state printer and binder as they may deem wise, was adopted. Hughes gave notice that on next Wednesday he would call up the motion to reconsider the vote by which the anti-pass bill was defeated. Hinkle's motion that the suffrage bill be made a special order for next Thursday prevailed. These bills were passed: Providing for the teaching of the elements of vocal music in all the public schools of the state; enacting a state board of veterinary examiners; making clear that presidential electors shall be elected by the state at large.

AMERICANS ARE AMBUSHED.

Cavalry Squad Surrounded by Insurgents —One Killed.

MANILA, March 2.—A hundred insurgents, seven miles from San Fernando de la Union, ambushed ten men of the Third cavalry, who were escorting a provision train. The Americans scattered, and while returning to camp one man was killed. The insurgents captured four horses and a quantity of provisions. A subsequent reconnoissance of the locality developed the fact that there were entrenchments there and a force of Filipinos estimated to number 8,000 men.

Buller Not Yet Successful.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Ladysmith had not been relieved when the latest news left Natal two days ago. The Boers had then retired half way between Ladysmith and Colenso. If only 6,000 went to the Free State, as both the Boer and British accounts assert, the 12,000 who are left may purpose to maintain the siege and to resist Gen. Buller within contracted lines, although the impression at Gen. Buller's headquarters is that the Boers are merely covering a retreat.

DES MOINES, March 2, 1900.

The bill providing for the establishment of a woman's reformatory at Anamosa has met with such general approval that the friends of the reformatory system have framed a similar bill providing for a reformatory for men. The Anamosa penitentiary is far superior to the institution at Fort Madison and has been chosen as the more suitable location for the proposed reformatory. Senator Emmert has introduced a bill in the senate which provides for the necessary changes in the institations, and appropriates $30,000 for the erection of a school building, the only additional building required to change the Anamosa prison into a reformatory. The older convicts and those who are convicted repeatedly will be confined at Fort Madison. All convicts under 25 who have been guilty of murder, burglary or other serious crimes are to be sent to the reformatory. Convicts under 35 who are in for slight crimes and who have not been convicted more than twice are also to be sent to Anamosa. Inmates are to be graded according to their conduct. They are to be sent to school for a certain time each day and are to be taught trades. When they have reached a certain grade of deportment they may be paroled on good behavior.

Chris Hansen and Arthur Kyle, officers of the Retail Liquor Dealer's association, accompanied by their attorney, Fritz Conrad, have filed for record with the county auditor the new saloon consent petition on which the association has been working for the past two weeks. The petition carries over 5,000 signatures, but of these the association claims only 4,736 are good. It requres 4,324 names to make the petition good. If the figures of the association officers are correct the petition has a majority of 412 names over the number required.

The total net collections of the Des Moines revenue office for the month of February were $12,075.83, against $12,163.56 for February, 1899. The following items make up the gross amount: Cigar stamps, $2,166.30; tobacco stamps, $127.80; documentary stamps, $7,596.95; proprietary stamps, $2,250.08; total, $12,150.13; less discounts of $74.30, leaving $12,075 83. There were twenty-three business days in the month. Average net collections per day, $525.04.

Judge Conrad rendered an important decision in the case of David Andrews vs. Mark Chiesa. In this case the plaintiff sued for the benefit of the school fund, to recover $4,000 for sales of liquor it is alleged were made by defendant to his father, an habitual drunkard. The statute, before the code revision, provided that where a sale of liquor is made to a drunkard, a minor, or to a person whose relatives have forbidden sales being made, the person aggrieved might bring action for the benefit of the school fund, and recover $100 for every illegal sale shown. It developed on the trial of case that the code commission's report, that the statute be continued as it was, was not regarded by the legislature, and that it dropped out the words, "for each offense." Relying on this, the defense contended that it was intended by the legislature that a person could recover for but one sale prior to the time of bringing the action and not for all the sales proven. It was argued that in the past persons interested have permitted sales to be made in large numbers, that they might sue for large amounts, and that the legislators, knowing this, were of the opinion the intent of the law, which was to prevent these sales, had been violated, so dropped the words, intending thus to force suit to be instituted as soon as one sale is made, and to revent the abuse of the rights vested by the statute. Judge Conrad held that this is the only interpretation of the statute, and directed the jury to find, if it found at all, for one sale only. He said that it was clearly intended that but one sale can be sued upon at a time, and suit maintained for only one sale made prior to the commencement of the action.

A bill which abolishes the office of custodian of public buildings and grounds has been framed and brought before the senate committee appointed to consider the name of J. D. McGarraugh, whom Governor Shaw nominated for the office of custodian. The bill stipulates that the person appointed custodian must be a practical electrician, an experienced engineer and a man thoroughly versed in heating and ventilation. In addition to being custodian the man appointed is also to act as engineer and have complete charge of the lighting, heating and ventilation of the capitol.

BRITISH MEET HEAVY LOSS.

BOER HEAD LAAGER, Natal, Feb. 23. —Yesterday the British crossed the Tugela in large numbers, with cannon, and over sixty wagons. They attacked the Ermelo and Middleburghers' commandoes, but were forced to retire under a heavy Mauser fire. A renewed attempt to storm the Ermelo men was made this morning, but the British were again driven off. The fighting continues. The British losses were very heavy. Eight ambulances were employed in collecting their dead and wounded. The generals report that the commandoes are fighting bravely. Ladysmith fired a few shells this morning at our outposts till silenced by "Long Tom."

Taylor Sends Away Troops.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 24.—Governor Taylor has withdrawn nearly all his military forces from the state capital. The last four companies on duty have received orders to return home. One hundred volunteers were called for, however, to act as Taylor's bodyguard. This number was easily secured, and comprises the entire militia force now on duty.

Stammering men are four times as numerous as stammering women.

The cholera is only fatal to persons who are great smokers.

Rob Cleverdale's Adventure.

By Seward W. Hopkins.

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CHAPTER I.

A Long Journey—A Terrible Plunge.

"Hurrah! Hurrah! Here it is, mother! At last! At last!"

The morning mail had just come in. Rob Cleverdale held aloft a square package, bearing the stamp and postmark of a republic in South America. Mrs. Cleverdale smiled.

"How eager you are," she said.

"And why would I not be, mother?" asked Rob. "When a fellow has an uncle and aunt and cousin whom he has never seen, and no other relatives in the world, he must be eager to see their pictures!"

"And themselves, Rob?"

"Oh! If I only could! But, quick! Get it open! Oh, quick!"

It was evident that Mrs. Cleverdale was as eager as Rob, for her hand trembled as she undid the package.

"Oh! Oh!"

Rob's head was close to his mother's. Together they studied the photographs that had been sent from faraway Buenos Ayres. One was that of a handsome, elderly gentleman, with white hair and beard; another was that of a fine-looking lady, his wife, and the third, the one that had brought the expression of delight from Rob, was that of a beautiful young lady, about four years older than Rob himself. Rob was at this time about fifteen.

"So that's my cousin Elsie!" said Rob. "And Uncle David, and Aunt Anita. Isn't Elsie nice, mother?"

Mrs. Cleverdale did not answer. She leaned back in her chair and gazed with moist eyes at the face of her only brother and the picture of his only child.

"It seems so strange," said Bob, not noticing his mother's abstraction, "to be looking at the pictures of people I have never seen. Do you think I will ever see Uncle David or Elsie, mother?"

He did not seem so eager to see Aunt Anita. He knew that his uncle had married a wealthy lady of Buenos Ayres, and he felt rather in awe of the proud face with the black eyes that looked at him from the card.

"I hope so, Rob."

"But so far away!" said Rob. "Don't they ever come to New York to see you?"

"Your Uncle David is a very busy man," she said. "I don't suppose he ever has any time to go visiting. He owns so many interests in all parts of that country that they keep him occupied. I fancy, if you ever do see him, you will go there."

"Go there! What! Me go to South America!"

There was so much eager delight in Rob's words that Mrs. Cleverdale wiped an unbidden tear from her eye.

"Yes, Rob," she said. "I have not mentioned this before, because the subject was very painful to me. But it is time now for you to know something of the future that has been arranged for you. As you know, we are not rich. Your father was not one of the money-making kind. He was a good man, and a scholarly one. But he preferred to work for a stated salary rather than to strike out in risky enterprises for himself. So, when he died, he left us with nothing. My brother, David Horton, was just the opposite in nature. He went to Buenos Ayres when he was young, and started his career raising cattle and horses. He made money and married a lady of Buenos Ayres who was quite wealthy. Then he branched out and took up other lines of business, and now he is the controller of many of the industries in the Argentine Confederation. He is a banker in Buenos Ayres, and is the friend of the president. In fact, he is known to be the mainstay of the government in financial matters. Then he has silver mines on La Plata River, and gold mines on distant islands. He owns vast cattle ranges on the pampas, and ships that go to every country in the world. He is a merchant, yes, a merchant prince. His ships bring him treasure from all over."

"Why, he's just like Solomon was, with his ships and mines and things!" said Rob.

"I fancy, if the relative value of money was considered, your Uncle David would be found almost as rich as Solomon," said Mrs. Cleverdale, laughing at Rob's amazement. "But we must get on with our story. You know that I have looked for a letter from Buenos Ayres every three months. Well, that letter contains a remittance from Uncle David of five hundred dollars. That is what we are living on—what we have lived on since your poor father died."

"Oh! But I'll pay him all back some day, mother. Don't fear. I'll pay him all back."

Mrs. Cleverdale hugged Rob, and he did not see the tears that rolled down her cheeks.

"Yes, dear, you will pay him. And the time for that has come. I must read you a letter I received from him a short time ago. It is in reply to one I wrote him."

There was such evident emotion in his mother's manner that Rob looked at her in astonishment. He could see nothing to agitate her in the conversation they had. Mrs. Cleverdale left her chair and took from a drawer in her desk a letter bearing the same stamp as the package containing the pictures. She opened this, but did not at once begin to read. It was by this time apparent to Rob that his mother was feeling very sad. And if there was any one feature in Rob's nature that was stronger than another, it was his love for his mother. He put his arms around her and said:

"Don't read it, mother, if it makes you cry. Put the old thing away."

"No," she replied, patting his head. "It is for your good, my boy, and I must be brave. Uncle David is wise and shrewd. He knows what is best."

"Solomon, again," said Rob.

"Listen," said Mrs. Cleverdale, beginning to read:

"LISTEN," SAID MRS. CLEVERDALE BEGINNING TO READ.

Bank of Buenos Ayres, Nov. 10, 189—.

My Dear Sister.—I have read your letter—the last one, in which you ask about Rob—at least six times. And at every reading I reach a new conclusion. Now, however, after the last reading, I think I have solved the problem of his future, and I have no doubt you will agree with me in that I have solved it well. To return to your letter, you have, as I understand, made some arrangement to give up your lonely housekeeping and make your home with Mrs. Seymour, your old school friend, and more than sister, who lives in Brooklyn. You feel that it is time Rob began to think of his career, or for you to think for him. I agree with you fully. If you were sure that the boy was adapted to a professional life I would say keep him at college, and I would see that he got through his professional studies and had enough capital to start life upon. But there is no certainty that this is so. I fear that he may have inherited the scholarly tastes and fine temperament of his father, together with his lack of worldly push. If this were so, it is time now to take him in hand and make a man of him. If you thought seriously of engineering, which you mentioned, I would say go ahead. But I have studied all the projects you spoke of, and cannot see that there is any better one than I am about to lay down to you. And I do not mind telling you that there is a strain of selfishness in my plan, so you need not feel that I am doing anything by way of charity. This arrangement will undoubtedly be as advantageous to me as to him. As you know, my interests are vast. I have so many investments that require personal attention that I am busy every waking hour. And besides myself there is no one in whom I can place any confidence. Now, my dear sister, I am getting old. I need a younger head—a younger hand—to take hold out here and help me. Rob is young—so much the better—he will be the more easily trained to my methods of business. You see my way of looking at it—now to my proposition. Bring Rob down here. Or, if your health is not good, as you say, I advise you not to bring, but to send him. There are times in the year when this climate is not good for weak lungs, notwithstanding the name. Go to your friend in Brooklyn and let me have Rob. I will put him at once in my office, or in the bank, and use him as a sort of private secretary. If he shows adaptability, this will enable him to grasp the details of the large concern, and by the time he is twenty he will either be of incalculable value to me or not worth his salt. I will continue the remittance of two thousand a year to you, or increase it if you wish. I will give Rob a fair salary to start on, and he shall have every comfort a boy needs. I will not spoil him. I do not believe in that sort of treatment. But I will make a man of him. Then to look beyond the few years I may have left to me, this great business which I have built up will require some one after I am gone to keep it out of the hands of strangers. There are plenty here who are watching with envious eyes. Wealth makes enemies here as elsewhere. Elsie is my only child. To leave her this great industrial task would be to have her lose it. So, if Rob turns out to be what I want him to be, he will not only become my manager when I am old, but he will become heir to some of the interests I have made so valuable. This, I think, is as good an opening as comes to the average boy. Think it over, and let me know your decision. I must begin to train a manager soon. I cannot stand the strain much longer. Anita and Elsie send love. They are speaking of having their photographs taken, and of sending you some. If they do, I will add mine. Send Rob's and yours—Rob's so that I may know him when he arrives. You see, I count on your acceptance.

It will be lonely for you, but think of Rob's future.

Your loving brother,

DAVID HORTON.

By the time Mrs. Cleverdale got through reading her voice was trembling, and Rob was staring at her with his eyes wide open, in the greatest amazement. What a wonderful vista was here held out to him! He could even picture the thing to himself—there, in that almost unknown country, working hard to gain his uncle's confidence, and trusted with the management of large affairs. But then—to leave his mother! That dear mother, whose prop he had been since his father died. He could not think of that.

There was silence for a moment.

"I have thought this all over, Rob," said Mrs. Cleverdale, now speaking calmly. "It is the grandest thing for you! Just think what a future Uncle David offers!"

"But you! I can't leave you!"

"My dear boy, it is hard, but we must bear it. And you will soon be able to come and see me, you know, and some day, perhaps, my health will be better, and I can come to you. Yes, you must go. Uncle David has set his heart on it, and I would not disappoint him. We have no one else, you know, to look to."

Rob gulped down a sob, and then and there resolved to do just as his mother advised, and to show as little emotion as possible—thus making the parting so much easier for her.

Rob's picture was taken within the week and sent to his Uncle David at Buenos Ayres, with a letter from his mother, thanking Mr. Horton, and accepting his tempting offer.

(To be continued.)

KEEPING CHARLEY'S SEAT.

He Would Not Come Forward to Claim It.

Many amusing scenes are enacted before the footlights at bargain matinees, especially in the theaters where no reserved-seat coupons are issued on such occasions, and the rule of "first come, first served" obtains, says the Philadelphia Record. At a recent matinee of this kind in a popular theater much merriment was excited by the efforts of a stout, good-natured looking woman to secure a seat for a young man, evidently a relative, who had come into the theater after the house had pretty well filled up. She had succeeded in securing a seat herself and holding another one by the medium of sundry wraps and parcels, alongside, pretty well down toward the stage. In front of these she stood sentinel, anxiously scanning every new group that came in. Finally she saw the young man and began wildly to wave her handkerchief at him, but apparently he was looking everywhere save in the right direction. Meanwhile several seat-hunters had espied the unoccupied chair and were casting envious and suspicious glances at it. The situation was becoming critical; so, without more ado, the stout party put her hand to her mouth and shouted in stentorian tones across the entire auditorium: "Charlie! Here's your seat!" Every one laughed; but Charlie, evidently not courting unwelcome notoriety, discreetly kept in the background. "Charlie!" she yelled again, in louder tones, and then the denizens of the gallery, quick to seize an opportunity, began a chorus of "Charlie! I say, Charlie!" "Charlie!" where are you?" and "Ho! Charlie!" which strengthened the youth in his wise resolution to stay just where he was. Then the sentinel surrendered the seat to a determined-looking woman who wore spectacles.

Citing His Authority.

Caller—Where's Mr. Hare? Smart Office Boy (with a grin)—Can't say. He's dead. Caller—Why, I saw him myself this morning. Boy—Well, anyhow, there's a sign over across the street there wot says, "Hair Dyed Here."—Kansas City Independent.

THEY SCOFF AT TEXT-BOOKS.

Educators Criticise Lessons on the Bad Effects of Alcohol.

ARE NOT TRUE TO THE FACTS.

W. O. Atwater Says W. C. T. U. Methods Are Not Scientific — Superintendence Department of the N. E. A. Holds Spirited Discussion.

Chicago, March 2.—The evils of teaching in the public schools the effects of alcohol upon the human system, and the responsibility of the Woman's Christian Temperance union for the existing laws requiring such instruction, were the subjects discussed Wednesday afternoon by the superintendence department of the National Educational association at University hall. That the discussion was an interesting one, and that it is destined to elicit a scorching rejoinder from the Christian women of the country, appears probable from the fact that Mrs. S. M. D. Fry, one of the officers of the Women's Christian Temperance union, was present with a stenographer, and expressed privately the greatest indignation at some of the statemnts of the speakers.

The paper was read by Prof. W. O. Atwater of the Wesleyan university at Middleton, Conn., a man of national fame as a physiological chemist, and one of the highest authorities in this country on all questions pertaining to alcohol. It was listened to, therefore, with something like romance, and if the great majority of the members were not previously of the same opinion with him his argument carried them all away.

Prof. Atwater uttered a sweeping condemnation of the text-books now in use in the public schools, and condemned them as unscientific, untrue and dishonest. In order to support these assertions the paper was largely taken up with a technical discussion of the pathology of alcoholism. Its conclusions were that it would be better for young people to let liquor alone, but that liquor had been greatly slandered, and that it was a very good drink for some people in moderation.

The formal discussion of the paper was conducted by Superintendent S. T. Dutton of Brookline, Mass., and Superintendent Richard G. Boone of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The sentiments of these speakers were almost entirely in accord with Prof. Atwater. Nearly all of them believed that the text books on alcohol were an unscientific, unpedagogical and hypocrtical abomination. On the other hand, H. Sabin of Des Moines, Iowa, was an outspoken supporter of the women and the text books. The question was considered of such importance it was voted to continue its discussion today, though the programme naturally was thrown very much out of plumb.

At the morning session by a vote of 93 to 71 the educators declined to pass a resolution memorializing the National Educational association to promote the cause of spelling reform by the appointment of a special commission to study the subject and report. Action was deferred for a year, and the subject will come up at the next annual meeting of the department as a special order of business.

The need of a higher business education than that afforded by the present business colleges was discussed at the meeting of the National Hebart society at the Auditorium.

The convention will close tonight.

DOUBLE MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Father Kills His Daughter and Her Sweetheart and Then Himself.

Bellaire, Ohio, March 2.—At the town of Littlesburg, southeast of here, in West Virginia, last night, James Glenn killed his daughter and her sweetheart, and then committed suicide. The participants in the tragedy were among the most wealthy families there. Glenn had forbidden his 17-year-old daughter, Ellen, receiving the attentions of Albert Marsh, 23 years old. Glenn went home and found his daugher in company with her sweetheart. He ordered the young man to leave. Hot words ensued, which resulted in Glenn seizing a double-barreled shotgun, with which he attempted to shoot Marsh. The daughter rushed between them, the shot taking effect in her neck and head, killing her instantly. Marsh received the contents of the other barrel in the stomach, from which he died one hour afterward. Glenn then cut his throat, dying in a few minutes.

Worst Storm in Years.

Chicago, March 2.—Chicago beat her snowstorm record of the last sixteen years Wednesday, and by it crippled business activities for twenty-four hours. Twelve inches—a foot—of snow, driven and tossed by a fifty-two mile wind, piled on sidewalks and streets, blocked street railway tracks, beat into doors, interrupted telegraph wires, stopped automobiles, delayed the mails and inconvenienced millions of people in Chicago and surrounding territory.

Narrow Escape for Pupils.

Pana, Ill., March 2.—No. 8 schoolhouse, one mile west of this city, burned Wednesday morning. The scholars narrowly escaped cremation. Henry Stanton, the teacher, was seriously burned while rescuing the scholars.

Jury's Verdict Is Not Guilty.

Havana, Ill., March 2.—After fifteen hours' deliberation the jury found John R. Eckard not guilty of the murder of C. C. Underwood at Topeka last October.

REPUBLICANS ARE PLEASED.

Taylor and Others Recognized by the Postoffice Department.

Frankfort, Ky., March 2.—The republicans here are somewhat elated over what they term the recognition by Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith of the republican state officers as the proper person to receive all mail addressed officially. Postmaster Holmes of Frankfort today wired the postmaster-general that the democratic claimants and the republicans were both demanding all mail addressed to the state officials, and asked what he (Holmes) should do in the premises. To this Postmaster General Smith replied that all mail addressed to official persons by name is to be delivered to the persons named; that mail addressed to the state officers without designation by name is to be delivered to the "actual incumbents" of the offices The postmaster general adds: "The mere fact that the contest board has given certificates to contestants will not justify delivery of mail of latter class to them until they are lawfully induced into office. This reply is based upon your statement that the contestees still hold the offices."

INVALID BURNED TO DEATH.

Efforts of a Brother to Save David Robinson Prove Futile.

Port Huron, Mich, March 2.—David M. Robinson, an invalid, was burned to death Wednesday morning. He had been sick with pneumonia and malarial fever, and alcohol baths had been prescribed for him. Tuesday night his brother, William, gave him a vigorous rubbing with alcohol, and then put him to bed, fastening the bed clothes around him tightly. About 1 o'clock William was awakened by a flash of light. He arose quickly and running to his brother's room, was horrified to find him standing upright in bed in the midst of a sheet of flames. The heat was so great he could not approach, but seizing a bed quilt from his own bed he tried to smother the fire. While doing this the burning man threw up his arms and fell heavily to the floor, where, with a shriek, he died. The body was terribly burned.

PAUNCEFOTE TO BE RETIRED.

British Ambassador's Term of Service Will End April 1.

Washington, March 2.—The diplomatic career of Lord Pauncefote of Preston, the British ambassador to the United States, will terminate on April 1, when he will be placed on the retired list. Information has been received here that the British government has under consideration the names of five men who are eligible to succeed Lord Pauncefote. Sir Thomas H. Sanderson, K. C. B., is the best known of these. He is the permanent under secretary in the foreign office, and a brother of Sir Percy Sanderson, the British consul general in New York. The Hon. Francis Hyde Villiers, C. B., whose name is being considered also, is an assistant under secretary in the foreign office. The British minister at Brussels, Sir F. K. Plunkett, G. C. M. G., is included in the list, and another prominent diplomatic officer who may be chosen is Henry Howard, C. B., the British minister at The Hague. Mr. Howard has served in Washington as first secretary of the British legation when Sir Edward Thornton was the British minister here.

Natural Gas in Kane County.

Elgin, Ill., March 2.—On the farm of John Meinke, near Old Harmony, Kane county, natural gas has been discovered. Herman Abraham was boring a well, and at a depth of 114 feet encountered the fluid. Mud and water were expelled to a great altitude from the four-inch bore. When a match was applied the flame shot up several feet and is still burning. Mr. Meinke is more in need of water than of gas, and instead of feeling joyous over a result that may prove valuable, is troubled at not getting good water.

Steel Mills Close Down.

Muncie, Ind., March 2.—On account of the recent filing of suits in Muncie to enforce the weekly-payment law by State Factory Inspector McAbee of Indianapolis, every one of the eleven big iron and steel mills in Indiana owned by the Republic Iron and Steel company closed down indefinitely Wednesday night. While these shut-downs make a big boom in work at the other mills of the corporation located in other states, over 5,000 men become idle in Indiana.

Rates on Grain to Be Cut.

New York, March 2.—As a result of the meeting held in this city Wednesday by the chief executive officers of all the Central Traffic lines, that is, the railroads east of Chicago and St. Louis and west of Buffalo and Pittsburg, to endeavor to restore east-bound rates, which have been demoralized, to a stable basis, the present standard freight tariff on grain will be reduced after March 5, probably 12 cents per 100 pounds.

Two Cities May Unite

St. Joseph, Mich., March 2.—At a meeting of a number of prominent citizens of this city, the discussion turned upon the consolidation of this city with Benton Harbor. The project met with considerable favor, but two of those present registered themselves as emphatically against the idea, while others preferred not to express themselves. The name of Pere Marquette was thought to be a good one for the consolidated cities.

State Officers to Remain.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 2.—The house defeated the bill for the abolishment of the offices of state printer and binder by a vote of 45 yeas to 48 nays.

Statistics recently published show that Russia is the most illiterate country in Europe. Ten thousand of its villages are without common schools.

For Wireless Steering.

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Ben Nevis and Its Observatory.

In the current number of Knowledge Mr. Bruce gives an account of "Ben Nevis and Its Observatory." The object of this observatory is to study the height of clouds, their speed, direction and constitution, and to learn as much as possible regarding temperature, winds, etc. It is a true scientific instinct that leads us to sound, as it were, upward, just as we sound downward and explore at the bottom of the sea. The reasons why Ben Nevis, of all places, was most suitable were: (1) Because it was the highest mountain in the British isles, rising to 4,406 feet; (2) its summit was in close horizontal proximity to a sea-level station at Fort William; (3) it was situated in the track of the southewest storms, which influence so greatly the weather of Europe, especially in autumn and winter.

Buffalo Intelligence.

New York Cor. Pittsburg Dispatch: A big bull buffalo had an injured leg, and it was operated on with cocoaine and antiseptics, a few days ago. It was not an easy task for the veterinary surgeons, because a buffalo is a powerful animal, and he does not like any one to take liberties with him. But the operation was performed and the buffalo evidently felt better after it. Now the great creature goes willingly to the side of his cage when the surgeons approach. He knows them and remembers that they relieved him, and there is no sign of anything but pleasure on his part when he sees them.

Photographic Rock.

On the ranch of Paul Miller at Bradley Flat, near Hot Springs, S. D., is a ledge of rock which seems to possess all the properties of a photographic plate. When the rock is moist it will show after a thunder storm a clear photograph of the surrounding trees and bushes. Gradually pictures so taken seem to fade out, being renewed by each new thunder storm, though the same objects are not always reproduced. The rock seems to be a combination of flint and sandstone and is of a dirty red color.

Studying Aesop in Central Africa.

Probably Aesop is not as much read in our own country as he used to be, but there is a chance for him yet in central Africa. The report of the London Missionary society relates that at Kawimbe an "Aesop class" is conducted by the native teachers on Sunday afternoons. "Sometimes," says the report, "the lessons they draw are very good and helpful, and contain more Christian teaching than the fables themselves would warrant."—Birmingham Post.

A Big Price for Stirrups.

A pair of iron stirrups were sold for $15,000 at the Forman sale in London. They were made for Matthias Corvinus, king of Hungary, and are partly plated with silver, parcel gilt and chased, each of the outer edges having an exquisite border of translucent cloisonne enamel on gold, six inches high and six inches wide. The work is Italian of the end of the fifteenth or the beginning of the sixteenth century.

Big Salaries.

New York Press: Speaking of big salaries, the biggest on record was paid to George Gould. For ten years' work his father gave him $5,000,000. The amount went down as "for services rendered." That was at the rate of $500,000 a year. The highest salary ever paid a railroad president was $75,000 a year that went to Sir William C. Van Horn when he was president of the Canadian Pacific.

Heavy Fire Losses of a Year.

The losses by fire in this country and Canada continue to be very heavy as compared with last year. In October the total loss was $12,046,000, a little less than in September, but $4,500,000 greater than in October, 1898. For ten months the aggregate losses make the enormous total of $111,654,000, or $15,000,000 above those of 1898 and nearly $20,000,000 more than in 1897.

Island Without a Taxgatherer.

Louds island, on the coast of Maine, near historic Pemaquid, in the Lincoln county town of Bristol, is one of the few places on earth where there are no taxes. This island, otherwise known as Muscongus, was overlooked when Maine became a state, and was put into no town or county.

Rare Copper Coins.

There is a premium on copper cents from 1793 to 1814, inclusive, and from 1816 to 1857, inclusive, the rarest being 1799, which sometimes brings $25, and 1804, which has sold for $25. Others that have brought $1 or more are 1793, 1795, 1796, 1809 and 1811.

The First Motor Bus.

The first "motor bus" has made its appearance in London. It has seats for twenty-six passengers—twelve within and fourteen outside. The journey is between Kennington and Victoria.

Abdul Hamid's Dyed Hair.

Sultan Abdul Hamid's hair never grows white. It is dyed as often as is needful, for, according to Turkish court etiquette, the sultan's hair must always be black.

Human Sacrifices in India.

From the records of the Madras high court it appears that the practice of offering human sacrifices to idols is increasing in southern India.

PROGRESS OF THE SOUTH.

Twenty Years Have Known a Remarkable Growth in Dixie.

The industrial progress of the south during the past twenty years has been phenomenal. In the past ten years the production of wheat has increased 54 per cent in the south, and the number of hogs raised there during that period has nearly doubled. Seventy-two varieties of field crops are now grown where ther formerly was nothing but cotton, and sixty-five varieties of vegetables, fruits and melons are raised in the south for markets in the north. While five years ago the cotton mills in the south consumed but720,000 bales of cotton, their consumption amounts to nearly 1,500,000 bales in the 550 mills, with 4,952,092 spindles and 104,446 looms. The number of mills has increased 206, and of spindles and looms 640 per cent. The finest blankets made in the country are now manufactured in North Carolina, where 104 woolen mills are in operation. The finest grade of wool can be grown in the south almost as cheaply as cotton. Two decades ago the south produced annually but 6,000,000 tons of bituminous coal; that product has now passed the 40,000,000 mark, and of the 47,000 square miles of coal field in the south only about 1,000 are under development. While two decades ago less than 500,000 tons of iron were produced, the production has now grown to 2,500,000 tons of a very superior article. And the iron industry of the south is as yet in its infancy. There are enormous iron ore deposits in different parts of that section of the country which have thus far not been touched at all. This is but a short summary of the progress made in the south during the past twenty years, but it suffices to indicate the possibilities of that part of the country and what is in store for it in the future, since it is no longer limited to cotton.

WIFE OF GEN. BULLER.

The accompanying picture is from the latest photograph of Lady Audrey Buller, the talented and gracious wife of the English general who has been fighting the Boers in South Africa. Lady Buller is no longer a young woman, for she has a daughter who has just made her debut into the London social world. She has, nevertheless, shown herself one of the most energetic of the many English noblewomen who have been interesting themselves in alleviating the sufferings of the English sick and wounded at the Cape.

Owing to the recent severity of the fighting there seems plenty of opportunity ahead for all such relief work.

For Children's Throats.

During the school term when children must go continually and are subjected to all kinds of weather they are suceptible to a no more dangerous malady than sore throat. This, however, can be avoided by any mother who will follow out the directions given here: The treatment consists in thoroughly swabbing the back of the mouth and throat with a wash made thus: Table salt, two drams; black pepper, golden seal, nitrate of potash, alum, one dram each. Mix and pulverize, put into a teacup half full of water, stir well and then fill up with good vinegar. Use every half-hour, one, two and four hours, as recovery progresses. The child may swallow a little each time. Apply one ounce each of spirits of turpentine, sweet oil and aqua ammonia, mixed, every hour, to the whole of the throat and to the breast bone every four hours, keeping flannel to the part. In case of a severe cold it is better to administer the treatment over night, and in the morning the soreness will be found to have entirely disappeared.

Reminded the Colored Brother.

The pastor of a colored congregation was warming up to the climax of his sermon and his auditors were waxing more and more excited. "I wahns yer, O my congregashun, against de sin uv crap-shootin'! I wahns yer against de sin uv whisky drinkin', and de sin uv chicken-raisin', an' I wahns yer, my breddern, against de sin- uv melon stealin'!" A devout worshiper in the rear of the church jumped to his feet and snapped his fingers excitedly. "Whuffo' does yer, my brudder, r'ar up an' snap yo' fingers when I speaks uv melon-stealin'?" asked the preacher. "Kase yo' jes' minds me whar I lef' mah overcoat," replied the devout worshiper, as he subsided into his seat.

A Short Order.

Mr. Dobbs—I tell you the telephone is a great convenience. Mr. Bobbs—Sure thing. Fellow down at Beamer's restaurant gave me a hot roast over mine yesterday.—Baltimore American.

Agreed With Them.

Mother (to boy who does not want to eat his soup)—"Many a poor boy would be only too glad if he had but half that much soup to eat!" Boy—"So would I."

COLORED CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES.

Merit wins. That is a true maxim, and it was exemplified in the recent city primary and convention. There one of our race, namely, J. Frank Blagburn, who in the primary received a majority of votes, not because he was a Negro, but because he was a man of integrity; because he had the ability, and because he executed the functions of the office of market master. But we must remember that it is a city office, and we are proud to say that Des Moines has done her duty. Now the next question is: Will Polk county do her duty? There are several offices to be filled and we have men who are competent to fill them with credit to themselves and satisfaction to the public. There are two offices that I think we are entitled to, one constable and one justice of the peace. We have plenty of good men that have the ability, and their reputation and character is such that the public or press can not truthfully assault them, and I will say that those are the kind of men we must select for those positions. While thinking over the many good that I know could fill those positions with credit, there are two that in my judgment seems especially fitted for those offices. Those are Messrs. Joseph Shepard and I. E. Williamson. Mr. S. is a gentleman of high standing with his own race, a christian gentleman, a man with a clean political record, and his constant association with the members of the Polk county bar and his asknowledged popularity with said body together with his knowledge of court proceedure, gleaned while acting in the capacity of bailiff especially fits him for the office of constable.

Why I think Mr. I. E. Williamson would make a good justice and a strong candidate is because he is a lawyer, he is a man that is of high standing with his race, a scholar and a gentleman, a graduate from the West Des Moines high school; also a graduate from Iowa College of Law, and has been in actual practice for the last five years. He is highly esteemed by both the members of the Polk county bar and the presiding judges. These are some of the reasons why I believe he will make a strong candidate. Sincerely yours, W. R. FOSTER.

NEWTON NOTES..

Sunday was quaterly meeting at the A. M. E. church, Rev. Willits of the M. E. church adminstered the sacraments

Miss Lottie Green arrived home from Chicago. Tuesday, to remain indefinetly.

Rev. Peterson of Des Moines preached an able sermon at the A. M. E. church, Tuesdry

Mrs. Wm. Johnson departed for Sterling. Col. Wedensday morniug to join her husband, who preceeded her two weeks ago.

Mr. A. Graves of Omaha, spent a few hours with Newton friends last Thursday.

Mr. C. J. Tolliver of Rock Island, was a Newton visitor. Msnday.

Mr. Fred Green is much better since he returned home.

Miss Clara Miller and Messers. Mays nd Miller attended he Cake Walk in Colfax the 22nd.

Mrs. A. Hayes is indisposed at this writing.

IOWA CITY BRIEFLETS.

Mrs. E. J. Meadow of Albia visited her sister, Miss Henrietta Jones, over Sunday.

Mr. H. L. Davis of Cedar Rapids, passed through Iowa City Tuesday after-noon.

Miss Katie Caret returned to her home in Muchakinodk, Wedensday, after a five months sojourn in our city; her many regret to see her go.

The A. M. E. Sunday School board elected the officers for the ensueing year as follows: Mrs. Geo. Patterson, Supt., Mr. Ward, Asst. Supt., Miss Byrda Dickson, Sec., Mr. W. T. Patterson, Trea. and teacher of Bible Class No 2, John McNeil, Librarian, Miss Maggie Mason, teacher no. 1, Mrs. Bertha Doran, teacher no. 3

Mrs. Dora Price returned to her home in Muscatine, after a three weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. Geo. Patterson.

Mrs. E. J. Meadows, Sunday School District Supt. addressed the Sunday School in a very pleasing manner, Sunday.

Miss Maggie Mason received a lovely bracelet as a presint for working for a firm.

A Carpet Rag sewing was enjoyed by the young people last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Winston.

Phanando Powell of Tipton is in the University Hospital, undergoing surgical operation for enlargement of glands.

Iowa City friends of Rev. Seary are glad to hear of his recovery from smallpox.

AGAINST BARBER'S BILL

I do not want you to be surprised at me for writing to you because I know that I am not worthy of this undertaking, but Sir, it seems to me that I ought to say something in regard to the act of the Legislature; I think they have made a blunder in regard to the Barbers in in Iowa. Now Sir, I want to say this; it is a scheme to create an office for certain men to get pay for nothing and it will not be a black man either, this legislature will give the designing Barbers any thing they want, providing we pay for it. To license all Barbers in Iowa thats what I have reference to is a blunder for the legislature of Iowa, although the Barbers of Iowa may have ask for but not as a general thing. I understand some colored Barbers wanted to pay license; I wonder why and to whom. To a board that is appointed by the State Examiner and that board will surely be composed of all white and no black men then will the colored Barbers all over the State of Iowa tell me when do they expect one of their sons will go before this Iowa State boad examineer and get a flat "no never not while the snow falls and the grass grows", that will be the end sf the Blaok Barbers in Iowa. I wonder at our Barbers in the big cities going into such scheme as that. Mr. Editor, this does not only exclude the colored barber alone but will eventually exterminate all the colored barbers from Iowa; here is another reason I have, how many colored men can go into any the barber-shops in Iowa and get shaved, not one and it will be worse when they get this scheme and we colored barbers fool enough to pay some body to cut our heads off. What an idea our people do not know what is going in Iowa among some of the scheme barbers have and the poor colored barbers step right in the trap; I see it has passed the lower House on the 19th of this month. Mr Editor, I never knew that any colored barbers was that well off that he wants to have a board of white men to tell him he was not a fit man to run a barber-shop. Now this is a good scheme for the white and it is a poor one for bladk men; I wonder at the colored barbers in the big cities can see this there is about 95 per cent of the white barers in Iowa that will not shave a colored man; what are we going to do we have to go clear across the state to Des Moines to be examined by this Board, you must pay your traveling expenses, and buy your license; the colored barber had better get that law and change. T. H. M. BENTON,
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SHORT SERMONS.

For its exercise or manifestation trust demands an object or being to be trusted.—Rev. T. Jefferson Danner.

Better a very little real faith straight from the heart than a vast amount of vague belief.—Rev. D. C. Garrett.

A secret of blessedness in work is the conviction that we are doing the work that God wishes us to do.—Rev. R. J. Kent.

The Bible exhorts us to that patient continuance in well doing that is necessary to the building of Christ-like character.—Rev. J. R. Shannon.

Progress is not blind, and now, more than ever, the evolution of the race should be guided by intelligent foresight.—Rev. G. D. Smith.

With the right conception of man's being here, not for happiness but for worthiness, suffering itself is an angel in disguise.—Rev. Ira Billman.

All human law is based on the conviction that the punishment should fit the crime. The common sense of justice requires that.—Rev. Dr. Crowe.

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To (Being the person in possession of the real estate hereafter described) and to Mary B. Weeks, guardian, (in whose name the same is taxed.) You and each of you are hereby notified that on the ninth day of December A. D., 1896 the following described real estate to-wit: Lot three hundred and eleven (311) Mann's second addition to Lake Park, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines and all within the county of Polk and state of Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax of the year 1895 to A. H. Kelsey, that the undersigned is now the legal owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of said sale and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the land be made unless redemption is made within ninety days from completed service hereof.

LOUIS MORGAN,
Owner and holder of certificate.

A. R. De Fluent, editor of the Journal, Doylestown, Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheamatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The Pain Balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails." For sale by all Druggists.

Gold Basis for India.

London, Aug. 10.—In the house of commons Tuesday the secretary of state for India, Lord George Hamilton, in introducing the Indian budget, said that after careful consideration the government had deliberately concluded that a gold standard was required in the interests of India, and that they would not be deterred from prosecuting this policy by all the means in their power.

P. D. Armour Has Recovered.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—P. D. Armour has sent messages announcing his complete recovery from the illness that kept him away from his office for several weeks last spring. He went abroad in May, and he writes to friends that he now feels better than at any time within the past five years. He will return Oct. 1.

Agree to a Conference.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 10.—President Simon Burns of the Glass Workers' association received a telegram from President Chambers of the Manufacturers' association announcing that the manufacturers were willing to meet the workers in conference to consider the wage scale at Pittsburg, Aug. 15.

Senator Beveridge Returns.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 10.—Senator and Mrs. A. J. Beveridge of Indiana returned from Manila by the Empress of Japan Tuesday. The senator absolutely refuses to express an opinion upon anything connected with the Philippine campaign, and most especially declines to discuss Gen. Otis.

Look Was Missing.

A drill sergeant was unpopular among his men. They found him too particular. One day he had on hand a party of recruits whom he was putting through the funeral exercise. Opening the ranks so as to admit the passage of the supposed funeral cortege among them, the instructor, by way of practical explanation, walked slowly down the lane formed by the two ranks, saying, as he did so: "Now, I'm the corpse. Pay attention!" Having reached the end of the line he turned, regarded the men with a scrutinizing eye for a minute, and then remarked: "Your 'ands is right, and your 'eads is right, but you 'aven't got that look of regret you ought to 'ave."—Youth's Companion.

The Stuart Kings of Scotland.

To be king of Scotland for many a day implied that the monarch ascended in childhood, and came to an unnatural death while in the prime of life. Thus James I. ascended the throne when he was 12, and was murdered. James II. was 7, James III. 9, James IV. 15, and all were killed—the last two in battle. James V. was only 16 months old when he became a king, and his daughter, Mary Queen of Scots, was 8 days old when she came into that hard heritage. She was a widow at 18, she married Darnley when he was not yet 25, abdicating a few weeks after she had married for the third time. Her son, James VI., thus became king when he was 13 months old.

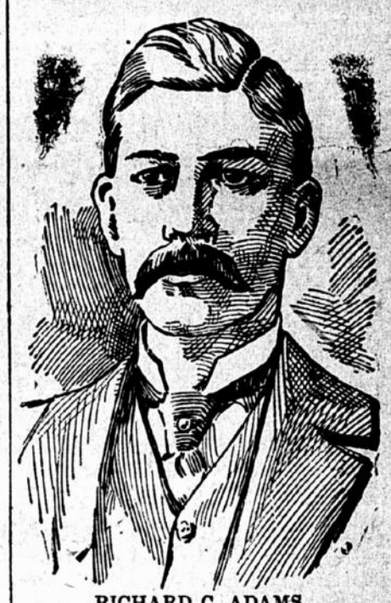
JUSTICE FOR RED MAN

IS THE MISSION OF MR RICHARD C. ADAMS.

Who Represents the Delaware Tribe—Heartless Syndicates and Corporations Would Deprive Indians of Home That They Are Entitled To.

(Washington Letter.)

Richard C. Adams, a full-blooded Delaware Indian, who represents his nation at Washington, is a lawyer of superior intellect and acquirements. He is devoting not only his life, but his fortune also, to the work of having justice done to the red man. He has written some good poetry and has also compiled a little history of the Delaware tribe, which he has on his tongue's end. The Delaware Indians were once one of the most powerful tribes on the North American continent. When first met by the white man they claimed and controlled all of the territory between the Hudson river and the Potomac. Under the spreading elm tree at Shackamaxon, 217 years ago, they sold to the founder of the state of Pennsylvania, William Penn, the vast area within its borders for a nominal sum, and largely as an act of friendship and brotherly love which they entertained for the white people at that time and have ever since. But the Delawares have been forced much against their will and their interest to cross the continent, unwilling but always yielding graciously, having utmost confidence in the promises that "this move will be the last," until now but a handful of them are left, where they have purchased homes in the Cherokee nation, Indian Territory. And here, where they were assured by both the Cherokees and the United States government that their rights and interests would be protected, they find that their very homes are now being covered with applications for mineral leases by both Cherokee citizens and citizens of the United States—wealthy corporations—who claim the protection of the United States government and deny the rights of the Delaware Indians. They have no money left in the hands of the government, and, if deprived of their rights in the Cherokee nation, they are paupers. If they win in their contention, they are rich. The Cherokees are rich; they have a large fund in the hands of the government. The Delawares, Mr. Adams claims, have an interest in this fund, but have no means of obtaining any portion of it to defend their rights. Through the efforts of Mr. Adams and



RICHARD C. ADAMS.

John Bullette the Twenty-fifth section of the Curtis bill became a law. It provides that before any allotment shall be made of lands in the Cherok nation, there shall be segregated therefrom, by the commission heretofore mentioned, in separate allotments or otherwise, the 157,600 acres of land purchased by the Delaware tribe of Indians from the Cherokee nation, under agreement of April 8, 1867. This, Mr. Adams claims, has not been done, although it has been demanded. The questions as to the rights of the Delawares are now in the Court of Claims. If their contention is sustained, that the lands which the various mineral syndicates desire to secure possession of are Delaware lands, the Cherokees cannot make the leases. But the Delawares fear that these leases may be executed by the secretary of the interior without awaiting the decision of the court.

"We are now trying to secure our last little homes in the Indian Territory and protect them from the grasping greed of heartless syndicates and corporations," says Mr. Adams.

Supplies in Philippines.

Handling rapidly large quantities of supplies is, therefore, a very important part of military duties. A steady procession of government transports hurry across the Pacific loaded with necessities for the troops. When the supplies reach Manila, they must be hurried over the island of Luzon. Many men are required for this work, but men cannot be spared from the firing lines or garrison duty. Besides, the handling of supplies is not very dignified or pleasant work for the American soldier. The Chinese coolies have therefore been employed for this labor, and very hard working and useful little fellows they are, too. Stripped to the scantiest attire possible, they put their shoulders to heavy bundles and, busy as ants, make up in numbers what they lack in size.

A Sure Sign.

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MUCHAKINOCK.

The Union Valley Baptist Sunday school opened at 9:30 Sunday, but owing to the severe cold weather the attendance was very small. The church services commenced at 11 a. m. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Bingaman. After several Sundays being unable to preach, he delivered an excellent sermon, taking his text from St. Luke xiii. chapter and the sixth verse. Subject: "The Tree and Its Fruits."

The funeral of Mrs. Kate Lawson took place in the Baptist church Sunday at 2 o'clock. Rev. Bingaman preached the sermon.

Mrs. Kate Lawson, who had been sick about seven months, died February 22, 1900, leaving a husband, four sons, four daughters, and many other relatives to mourn her departure. Mrs. Lawson was also a member of the U. V. B. church. Quite a number turned out to witness her remains.

The evening services of the U. V. B. church commence at 7:30; prayer meeting held for 30 minutes; preaching began at 8 o'clock. Sermon preached by the pastor. Text: Joshua xx. chapter and ninth verse.

Sam Wilson of Des Moines spent a few days in our city last week.

Mrs. Mattie Wade of Cedar Rapids is visiting our city at this writing, the guest of Mrs. W. H. London.

Mrs. Winston has returned from Colfax, where she visited several weeks.

Miss Mary Sneed, after spending several days at the parental home, left last week for Des Moines.

DAVENPORT.

The revival meetings closed at the Third Baptist church Tuesday, the 27th of February. There were not so very many added to the church, but it was greatly revived, as the church itself was somewhat spiritually dead. The church congratulates itself on having a man who is not afraid to preach sound Baptist doctrine, and above all he is a christian gentleman. He has been successful in correcting many mistakes by preaching the gospel in its purity. The church and Sunday school is progressing nicely.

Asleep in Jesus,
Never again to weep.

Little Ollie May Evans passed away at the home of her uncle, William Wethers, last Wednesday, at 8 p. m. The funeral was held at the home, Rev. M. J. Burton officiating.

Mrs. L. Appelwhite entertained at supper Mrs. E. J. Saunders Tuesday evening.

Rev. M. J. Burton, the new Baptist minister here, has joined the ministerial union here.

The W. W. club of the A. M. E. church gave a social the 21st of February. Quite a crowd was out and all had a nice time.

FRASER.

We have had some very cold and windy days.

Those now on the sick list are Wm. Battles and Alice Hollands.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lee died Wednesday night, February 21, 1900, and was buried Friday, February 23, 1900. The funeral was preached at the First Baptist church, Rev. E. Roey officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Gilest left here Friday evening, February 23, for Thurber, Texas.

The quarantines have been taken off the houses of Fraser.

The literary opened Tuesday night, February 27. It has been closed on account of so many of its members being quarantined.

The First Baptist Sunday school of Fraser opened by singing "It Is Well." Praper, Rev. E. Roey. Also there were three visitors of the A. M. E. Sunday school with us today. The important question before the school was, "Where is Nazareth?"

Saturday night's entertainment was a failure on account of the inclemency of the weather, but the contest of the three little missionaries came off and was a success. Little Misses Maggie Poach, $4; Flora Jackson, $2.78; Alice Holland, $2.62. Total, $9.40.

Little Alice Holland is convalescent.

Alice did not believe the little girls could beat her, but by having a good superintendent they all received prizes and were well pleased. The scholars of the advanced class says to their teacher, "You must study."

We are glad to know we have Miss Ada Roey and Mrs. Mabel Coleman with us once more after being quarantined for several days.

Miss Ethel Roach has been on the sick list, but at this writing is improving. Also Mr. U. L. McDonald and Richard Galliger are improving.

We hope that some of our young ladies will not forget next Sunday that they are in Sunday school and keep little better order than was kept by Misses A. R. and A. H. Every one come out to hear Rev. Roey make a talk on the subject of the lesson. We would be glad to see every one out to Sunday school every Sunday. You never get too old to learn. If you do not care to come yourself, you that have children lrage enough to walk should send them.

BURLINGTON.

On Thusrday evening, February 22, at 8 o'clock p. m., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Brooks, 809 Gertrude street, occurred the marriage of Mr. Archie Mitchell and Miss Eva Brooks. The bride was attired in a handsome French blue cord, trimmed in white chiffon and silk. Rev. James Higggins officiated. An elegant repast was then served. Many handsome presents were received. The bride and groom received many useful presents from Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brooks, to furnish their home. The immediate relatives of the family were present. Those present beside the family, were: Mr. and Mrs. Peter King, Mr. and Mrs. Harry King, Mr. Charles McGinnis, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Edwards, Miss Gertie Tyler. Mo. and Mrs. Archie Mitchell will be at home to their friends at 513 Gertrude street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Martin spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Mt. Pleasant, the guest of Mrs. Clay Reed.

Black Patti's Troubadours were in the city last Wednesday and played to a small house.

Friday night class of St. Johns A. M. E. church, composed of young converts, was organized last Friday with a membership of 30.

The choir praictice is every Friday evening at 7 o'clock at St. Johns A. M. E. church.

A reverend gentleman, formerly of Indian Territory, late from Muchakinock to Burlington, where he said he was soliciting for the Baptist church at Muchakinock, is now the guest of the sheriff of Des Moines county jail, for the next 10 days. He was found helplessly drunk and picked up on the railroad crossing. When asked his name he replied his name was Damnation, and made the same reply to a Baptist deacon. It is to be hoped tramps of this character will be stopped at once imposing on the public in the name of the church.

St. Johns A. M. E. church March 4 will celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the church. In the morning the pastor will speak of the growth of the church. At 3 o'clock, literary exercises; papers will be read by Mrs. Julia Folks, Mrs. Grace Morris Allen, Mrs. Jas. Higgins; also the burning of the mortgage note. At 7:45, song service, and a short discourse by the pastor. All the friends are invited to be present with us.

Mrs. G. A. Brown of Valley street is still very ill; also Mrs. Henry Cooper is suffering with la grippe, but it is to hoped is not serious.

Mrs. Parthene Whitei s still at the Mercy hospital.

Mr. Theodore Brooks and several of the boys went to Keokuk on Washington's birthday.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Mr. Hedge, Sr., has been very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones left for Tipton, Iowa, last Monday week.

Mr. H. Tansel is able to be up.

A dance and cake walk were given in the city last Tuesday night.

Mrs. P. E. Carland, who has been visiting with her brother, Fred Knight and wife, has returned to her home in Chicago.

Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis of Washington, D. C., our noted colored elocutionist, gave one of her excellent entertainments at College chapel Wednesday, February 21, for the benefit of the A. M. E. church. She was ably assisted by Mr. Albert Young, the noted tenor soloist of Lawrence, Kas. This entertainment was the first of the kind that has happened in our city for some time. Miss Davis and Mr. Young are both highly accomplished. Those who missed the opportunity before of being at the entertainment should not fail to avail themselves of the next good opportunity, March 29, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McCracken, assisted by their daughter, Miss Myra, entertained at tea last Sunday evening week, Misses Henrietta Davis, Nora Bartlett and Rose Dortch and Rev. J. Bundy.

Miss Lyda Wicks of Davenport, Iowa, is in the city attending her sick mother.

Miss H. V. Davvis was guest of Rev. and Mrs. Rhinehart while in the city.

Mr. A. Young was guest of Mr. and Mrs. McNeil while in the city.

Mr. Ralph Burnaugh, eldest son of Mr. Ira Burnaugh, came in from Eldora, Iowa, last week.

Mr. Ed Tindall of Ottumwa spent a few hours in the city last Saturday.

A literary club to be known as Henrietta Vinton Davis club has been organized in our city by the young ladies. The object of the club is for mutual improvement and to cultivate a higher taste of culture.

Rev. Mrs. W. G. Rhinehart has received an invitation to a grand reception at Bethel chapel, Chicago, in honor of Bishop Arnett and wife, in behalf of the missionary cause. She sends her regrets. Rev. G. W. Gaines, D. D., our representative for bishop, will be present. All hail to his (Gaines') success.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Martin of Burlington came up Tuesday to attend the ball and cake walk.

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

To Amy H. Eustick:

You are hereby notified that on the ninth day of December, A. D. 1896, the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot fifty-nine (59) in Harrison Park addition to University Place, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax of the year 1895 to M. E. Miller; that the undersigned is now the legal owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of the above mentioned sale, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the land will be made unless redemption is made within ninety days from the completed service hereof.

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ORIGINAL NOTICE.

In the District court of the state of Iowa, in and for Polk County:
Isabella Broadstone, Plaintiff, vs.
Chas. W. Broadstone, Defendant.

To the above named defendant: You are hereby notified that there will be a petition on file in the Clerk's office of the District court of Polk county, Iowa, on or before the 15th day of February A. D. 1900, by the plaintiff (Isabella Broadstone), asking to be divorced from you on the ground of wilful desertion, without the knowledge or consent of the plaintiff, and that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term of said District court, which will commence at Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa, on the 5th day of March A. D. 1900, default will be entered against you and judgment rendered thereon.

J. B. RUSH,
Attorney for plaintiff.

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CHURCH AND CLERGY.

The Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman is to write the life of D. L. Moody.

Bishop Edsall has just completed a highly successful mission at Jamestown, N. D.

Tomkins Avenue Congregational church of Brooklyn raised over $27,000 for missions during the year.

The death roll in the Congregational ministry in Great Britain was unusually heavy during the year 1899.

A congress of the history of religions will be held at Paris, France during the first part of September next year.

The receipts of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, for the year make a total of $38,000, of which $17,000 is from pew rents.

The annual council of the South African churches was held at Graaf Reinet, and owing to the preoccupations of the war, only thirty-eight delegates attended.

Since his resignation from the Church of the Pilgrims relief from care has conduced to a marked improvement in the health of the venerable Dr. R. S. Storrs.

AFRICA IN THE NEXT CENTURY

Dark Continent Is Undergoing a Wonderful Transformation.

From the Forum: The twentieth century Africa promises startling contrasts when compared with the Africa of the nineteenth century. With an area four times as great as that of the United States, a population of 150,000,000, a soil and climate capable of infinite variety of production, a rapidly expanding commerce, and the greatest known supplies of ivory, gold and diamonds, its development under the modern methods which are now being applied to it is practically assured. The home of the oldest civilization, it is the last of the continents to yield to the touch of the newest civilization. But yesterday enveloped in darkness of mystery without and ignorance within, it is today illuminated by the searchlight of modern methods, and as its importance and attractions are being recognized, with this recognition must come development. With 2,000,000 Europeans scattered over its vast area, acquainting themselves with its natural conditions and requirements, with the steamer, the railroad, the telegraph and the telephone carrying light and knowledge and civilization to its darkest corner, Africa cannot long remain unknown or unknowing. It was only after the explorers—Livingstone, Speke, Stanley and others—had discovered, through persistent and heroic effects, that there existed vast navigable water ways above the falls near the mouths of the great streams which flow from the interior that European nations awoke to the physical and commercial possibilities of Africa, and then, in a twinkling, the dark continent was seized upon and divided up and became, as by magic, a vast European "hinterland." Between 1884 and 1898 an area two and a half times the size of the United States, and containing a population of 100,000,000, was parceled out by an agreement of the European powers. At present scarcely a foot of African territory remains unclaimed.

AS TRUE AS GOSPEL.

There is always compensation. Our angels go out that our archangels may come in.

Unhappy is the man for whom his own mother has not made all other mothers venerable.

It is poor wit who lives by borrowing the words, decisions, mein, inventions and actions of others.

What an absurd thing it is to pass over the valuable parts of a man, and fix our attentions on his infirmities.

Virtue will catch as well as vice by contact; and the public stock of honest, manly principle will daily accumulate.

A greater value should be set on having received instructive and useful lessons than of possessing great store of wealth; for the latter is transitory good, the former is durable.

There is scarcely a generalization for one sex which does not apply equally to the other, so perfectly alike in nature are men and women. The difference is only in circumstances.

NEW SOURCE OF GUTTAPERCHA

A German Says the Trees That Produce It Will Grow in the Philippines.

In a monograph, just published in Germany, it is shown that the Philippines are among the few places on earth in which the trees from which guttapercha is procured will flourish. The value of this statement is not to be underrated for two reasons: One is that guttapercha is an indispensable material for the making of submarine cables and golf balls; the other is that the trees in Sumatra and Borneo, from which the chief supply has hitherto been drawn are almost entirely exhausted. The cause of this exhaustion lies in the primitive and destructive methods which were formerly employed for gathering this valuable commodity. The natives who never have any thought for the morrow have ruthlessly cut down whole forests of trees, so that they might scrape the guttapercha, which is nothing but the sap from inside the bark. This wholesale destruction carried on for years has greatly diminished the annual crop, but the discovery that these trees grow and can be successfully cultivated in the Philippines offers hope that a new mine of wealth has been found for American enterprise as soon as the islands are pacified. While the chief use of guttapercha is, of course, for the isolating covering of electric wires, a large quantity is used for the manufacture of golf balls, for which no other material seems so well adapted. Its hardness after having been submitted to the proper pressure, and its toughness make it the only golf ball material yet discovered. The amount of cable laid since 1856 is some 41,853 knots, representing a cost for the cables alone of millions of pounds sterling, and as the prospects are that during the next fifty years many more cables will be required and laid, the demand for guttapercha is almost unlimited. The wealth which guttapercha in the Philippines holds out to American enterprise is in proportion to this demand.

EGG MEMBRANE

Used as a Substitute For Skin Grafting For Surface Wounds.

New York Special Chicago Tribune: Medical science has discovered that the hen's egg provides an admirable substitute for human flesh to graft on human open wounds. The substitute is the delicate membrane that immediately lines the inside of a hen's egg. The German surgeons first found that this membrane can be successfully used as the nucleus for granulation of open wounds. The surgeons of the Seney Hospital in Brooklyn were the first in this country to adopt and practice the Germans' discovery. Consequently Edgar A. Garbut will leave the Seney Hospital, Brooklyn, and again take charge of his laundry. Garbut, 36 years old now, fell from his bicycle two years ago and so severely injured himself that as the disease of the bones advanced it was necessary to remove the bones of his left arm, his shoulder blade, and the left end of his collar bone. While Garbut rallied, the surgeons soon saw that the wounds left by the operations would not heal on the surface. Garbut's wife, his nephew and a young man in his employ offered of their cuticle to graft on Garbut's wounds. But on December 10 the last one of the surgeons in the Seney Hospital remembered that the German surgeons say that the hen's egg provides a substitute for human cuticle in such cases. So the Seney Hospital surgeons procured some fresh eggs and from them took the membrane that lines the shells, and pieces of membrane were planted on Garbut's wounds. Soon a new skin was formed. The egg membrane did not form any part of the new membrane skin, but simply was a "starter" for it.

Forgot His Native Tongue.

Andrew Lawson, a Norwegian cooper was struck on the head by a falling block while at work on one of the piers of the Atlantic Transport company, New York city, on Sept. 5, 1898. He lay like one dead in St. Vincent's hospital for two months. His life was despaired of, but finally he rallied and regained a part of his lost strength. Lawson is in a normal condition in every sense, with the exception that he has forgotten all about his former life and companions, and has no remembrance of his native tongue. Try as he will he cannot converse in the language that he learned in Norway. His wife is instrucing him as she does their four-year-old boy. Lawson speaks the English language only imperfectly. The case has attracted the attention of scientists and specialists.

Buffaloes in Australia.

Buffaloes and elephants are by no means approaching extinction as rapidly as is commonly supposed. Immense herds of buffaloes roam about the vast northern plains of Australia, but bloodthirsty blacks are also numerous in that region, and buffalo-hunters carry their lives in their hands. Also, according to the latest number of the British North Borneo Herald, large numbers of elephants occupy the jungles to the south of Sandakan bay. It is suggested that they could be turned into a valuable asset for the colony if decoy animals were imported from India and the natives were taught how to construct "kedahs," or trapping enclosures.

Value of Birds.

A French naturalist asserts that if the world should become birdless man would not inhabit it after nine years, in spite of all the sprays and poisons that could be manufactured for the destruction of insects. The insects and slugs would simply eat up our orchards and crops.

Ben Nevis and Its Observatory.

In the current number of Knowledge Mr. Bruce gives an account of "Ben Nevis and Its Observatory." The object of this observatory is to study the height of clouds, their speed, direction and constitution, and to learn as much as possible regarding temperature, winds, etc. It is a true scientific instinct that leads us to sound, as it were, upward, just as we sound downward and explore at the bottom of the sea. The reasons why Ben Nevis, of all places, was most suitable were: (1) Because it was the highest mountain in the British isles, rising to 4,406 feet; (2) its summit was in close horizontal proximity to a sea-level station at Fort William; (3) it was situated in the track of the southwest storms, which influence so greatly the weather of Europe, especially in autumn and winter.

Buffalo Intelligence.

New York Cor. Pittsburg Dispatch: A big bull buffalo had an injured leg, and it was operated on with cocoaine and antiseptics, a few days ago. It was not an easy task for the veterinary surgeons, because a buffalo is a powerful animal, and he does not like any one to take liberties with him. But the operation was performed and the buffalo evidently felt better after it. Now the great creature goes willingly to the side of his cage when the surgeons approach. He knows them and remembers that they relieved him, and there is no sign of anything but pleasure on his part when he sees them.

Photographic Rock.

On the ranch of Paul Miller at Bradley Flat, near Hot Springs, S. D., is a ledge of rock which seems to possess all the properties of a photographic plate. When the rock is moist it will show after a thunder storm a clear photograph of the surrounding trees and bushes. Gradually pictures so taken seem to fade out, being renewed by each new thunder storm, though the same objects are not always reproduced. The rock seems to be a combination of flint and sandstone and is of a dirty red color.

Studying Aesop in Central Africa.

Probably Aesop is not as much read in our own country as he used to be, but there is a chance for him yet in central Africa. The report of the London Missionary society relates that at Kawimbe an "Aesop class" is conducted by the native teachers on Sunday afternoons. "Sometimes," says the report, "the lessons they draw are very good and helpful, and contain more Christian teaching than the fables themselves would warrant."—Birmingham Post.

A Big Price for Stirrups.

A pair of iron stirrups were sold for $15,000 at the Forman sale in London. They were made for Matthias Corvinus, king of Hungary, and are partly plated with silver, parcel gilt and chased, each of the outer edges having an exquisite border of translucent cloisonne enamel on gold, six inches high and six inches wide. The work is Italian of the end of the fifteenth or the beginning of the sixteenth century.

Big Salaries.

New York Press: Speaking of big salaries, the biggest on record was paid to George Gould. For ten years' work his father gave him $5,000,000. The amount went down as "for services rendered." That was at the rate of $500,000 a year. The highest salary ever paid a railroad president was $75,000 a year that went to Sir William C. Van Horn when he was president of the Canadian Pacific.

Heavy Fire Losses of a Year.

The losses by fire in this country and Canada continue to be very heavy as compared with last year. In Octo[ber] the total loss was $12,048,000, [a] less than in September, but [$]greater than in October, 1898. [Ten] months the aggregate losses [are] enormous total of $111,654,00[0] 000,000 above those of 1898 [and] $20,000,000 more than in 189[9]

Island Without a Taxgat[her]

Louds island, on the coast [of] near historic Pemaquid, in the [Lin]county town of Bristol, is on[e] few places on earth where th[ere] no taxes. This island, oth[er] known as Muscongus, was overlo[oked] when Maine became a state, and [was] put into no town or county.

Rare Copper Coins.

There is a premium on copper cents from 1793 to 1814, inclusive, and from 1816 to 1857, inclusive, the rarest being 1799, which sometimes brings $25, and 1804, which has sold for $25. Others that have brought $1 or more are 1793, 1795, 1796, 1809 and 1811.

The First Motor Bus.

The first "motor bus" has made its appearance in London. It has seats for twenty-six passengers—twelve within and fourteen outside. The journey is between Kennington and Victoria.

Abdul Hamid's Dyed Hair.

Sultan Abdul Hamid's hair never grows white. It is dyed as often as is needful, for, according to Turkish court etiquette, the sultan's hair must always be black.

Human Sacrifices in India.

From the records of the Madras high court it appears that the practice of offering human sacrifices to idols is increasing in southern India.

PROGRESS OF THE SOUTH.

Twenty Years Have Known a Remarkable Growth in Dixie.

The industrial progress of the south during the past twenty years has been phenomenal. In the past ten years the production of wheat has increased 54 per cent in the south, and the number of hogs raised there during that period has nearly doubled. Seventy-two varieties of field crops are now grown where ther formerly was nothing but cotton, and sixty-five varieties of vegetables, fruits and melons are raised in the south for markets in the north. While five years ago the cotton mills in the south consumed but720,000 bales of cotton, their consumption amounts to nearly 1,500,000 bales in the 550 mills, with 4,952,092 spindles and 104,446 looms. The number of mills has increased 206, and of spindles and looms 640 per cent. The finest blankets made in the country are now manufactured in North Carolina, where 104 woolen mills are in operation. The finest grade of wool can be grown in the south almost as cheaply as cotton. Two decades ago the south produced annually but 6,000,000 tons of bituminous coal; that product has now passed the 40,000,000 mark, and of the 47,000 square miles of coal fields in the south only about 1,000 are under development. While two decades ago less than 500,000 tons of iron were produced, the production has now grown to 2,500,000 tons of a very superior article. And the iron industry of the south is as yet in its infancy. There are enormous iron ore deposits in different parts of that section of the country which have thus far not been touched at all. This is but a short summary of the progress made in the south during the past twenty years, but it suffices to indicate the possibilities of that part of the country and what is in store for it in the future, since it is no longer limited to cotton.

WIFE OF GEN. BULLER.

The accompanying picture is from the latest photograph of Lady Audrey Buller, the talented and gracious wife of the English general who has been fighting the Boers in South Africa. Lady Buller is no longer a young woman, for she has a daughter who has just made her debut into the London social world. She has, nevertheless, shown herself one of the most energetic of the many English noblewomen who have been interesting themselves in alleviating the sufferings of the English sick and wounded at the Cape.

Owing to the recent severity of the fighting there seems plenty of opportunity ahead for all such relief work.

For Children's Throats.

During the school term when children must go continually and are subjected to all kinds of weather they are suceptible to a no more dangerous malady than sore throat. This, however, can be avoided by any moth[er] who will follow out the dire[ctions] en here: The treatm[ent] thoroughly swabb[ed] mouth and [throat] [with] [Cham]berlain's Pain Balm, full strength. [This] should be repeated every three hours [until] relief is obtained. For sale by all Druggists.

COLORED CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES.

Merit wins. That is a true maxim, and it was exemplified in the recent city primary and convention. There one of our race, namely, J. Frank Blagburn, who in the primary received a majority of votes, not because he was a Negro, but because he was a man of integrity; because he had the ability, and because he executed the functions of the office of market master. But we must remember that it is a city office, and we are proud to say that Des Moines has done her duty. Now the next question is: Will Polk county do her duty? There are several offices to be filled and we have men who are competent to fill them with credit to themselves and satisfaction to the public. There are two offices that I think we are entitled to, one constable and one justice of the peace. We have plenty of good men that have the ability, and their reputation and character is such that the public or press can not truthfully assault them, and I will say that those are the kind of men we must select for those positions. While thinking over the many good that I know could fill those positions with credit, there are two that in my judgment seems especially fitted for those offices. Those are Messrs. Joseph Shepard and I. E. Williamson. Mr. S. is a gentleman of high standing with his own race, a christian gentleman, a man with a clean political record, and his constant association with the members of the Polk county bar and his asknowledged popularity with said body together with his knowledge of court proceedure, gleaned while acting in the capacity of bailiff especially fits him for the office of constable.

Why I think Mr. I. E. Williamson would make a good justice and a strong candidate is because he is a lawyer, he is a man that is of high standing with his race, a scholar and a gentleman, a graduate from the West Des Moines high school; also a graduate from Iowa College of Law, and has been in actual practice for the last five years. He is highly esteemed by both the members of the Polk county bar and the presiding judges. These are some of the reasons why I believe he will make a strong candidate. Sincerely yours, W. R. FOSTER.

NEWTON NOTES..

Sunday was quaterly meeting at the A. M. E. church, Rev. Willits of the M. E. church adminstered the sacraments

Miss Lottie Green arrived home from Chicago, Tuesday, to remain indefinetly.

Rev. Peterson of Des Moines preached an able sermon at the A. M. E. church, Tuesdry

Mrs. Wm. Johnson departed for Sterling, Col. Wedensday morning to join her husband, who preceeded her two weeks ago.

Mr. A. Graves of Omaha, spent a few hours with Newton friends last Thursday.

Mr. G. J. Tolliver of Rock Island, was a Newton visitor, Msnday.

Mr. Fred Green is much better since he returned home.

Miss Clara Miller and Messers. Mays nd Miller attended he Cake Walk in Colfax the 22nd.

Mrs. A. Hayes is indisposed at this writing.

IOWA CITY BRIEFLETS.

Mrs. E. J. Meadow of Albia visited her sister, Miss Henrietta Jones, over Sunday.

Mr. H. L. Davis of Cedar Rapids, passed through Iowa City Tuesday after-noon.

Miss Katie Caret returned to her home in Muchakinodk, Wedensday, after a five months sojourn in our city; her many regret to see her go.

The A. M. E. Sunday School board elected the officers for the ensueing year as follows: Mrs. Geo. Patterson, Supt., Mr. Ward, Asst. Supt., Miss Byrda Dickson, Sec., Mr. W. T. Patterson, Trea. and teacher of Bible Class No 2, John McNeil, Librarian, Miss Maggie Mason, teacher no. 1, Mrs. Bertha Doran, teacher no. 3

Mrs. Dora Price returned to her home in Muscatine, after a three weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. Geo. Patterson.

Mrs. E. J. Meadows, Sunday School District Supt. addressed the Sunday [School] in a very pleasing manner, Sunday. [Miss] Maggie Mason received a lovely [present] for working for a

[Supper] was enjoyed by [many] Monday evening at

[Mr.] is in the [hospi]tal. [Sur]gl[eons] [hand]s. [They] are glad [to] [be] very from smallpox.

ST BARBER'S BILL

[I] want you to be surprised at [my] ing to you because I know [I'm] worthy of this undertak[ing] it seems to me that I ought [to] ing in regard to the act of [Legis]ture; I think they have made [a] in regard to the Barbers in [Iowa]. Now Sir, I want to say this; [that] is a scheme to create an office for certain men to get pay for nothing and it will not be a black man either, this legislature will give the designing Barbers any thing they want, providing we pay for it. To license all Barbers in Iowa thats what I have reference to is a blunder for the legislature of Iowa, although the Barbers of Iowa may have ask for but not as a general thing. I understand some colored Barbers wanted to pay license; I wonder why and to whom. To a board that is appointed by the State Examiner and that board will surely be composed of all white and no black men then will the colored Barbers all over the State of Iowa tell me when do they expect one of their sons will go before this Iowa State boad examineer and get a flat "no never not while the snow falls and the grass grows", that will be the end sf the Black Barbers in Iowa. I wonder at our Barbers in the big cities going into such scheme as that. Mr. Editor, this does not only exclude the colored barber alone but will eventually exterminate all the colored barbers from Iowa; here is another reason I have, how many colored men can go into any the barber-shops in Iowa and get shaved, not one and it will be worse when they get this scheme and we colored barbers fool enough to pay some body to cut our heads off. What an idea our people do not know what is going in Iowa among some of the scheme barbers have and the poor colored barbers step right in the trap; I see it has passed the lower House on the 19th of this month. Mr Editor, I never knew that any colored barbers was that well off that he wants to have a board of white men to tell him he was not a fit man to run a barber-shop. Now this is a good scheme for the white and it is a poor one for bladk men; I wonder at the colored barbers in the big cities can see this there is about 95 per cent of the white barers in Iowa that will not shave a colored man; what are we going to do we have to go clear across the state to Des Moines to be examined by this Board, you must pay your traveling expenses, and buy your license; the colored barber had better get that law and change. T. H. M. BENTON,
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SHORT SERMONS.

For its exercise or manifestation trust demands an object or being to be trusted.—Rev. T. Jefferson Danner.

Better a very little real faith straight from the heart than a vast amount of vague belief.—Rev. D. C. Garrett.

A secret of blessedness in work is the conviction that we are doing the work that God wishes us to do.—Rev. R. J. Kent.

The Bible exhorts us to that patient continuance in well doing that is necessary to the building of Christ-like character.—Rev. J. R. Shannon.

Progress is not blind, and now, more than ever, the evolution of the race should be guided by intelligent foresight.—Rev. G. D. Smith.

With the right conception of man's being here, not for happiness but for worthiness, suffering itself is an angel in disguise.—Rev. Ira Billman.

All human law is based on the conviction that the punishment should fit the crime. The common sense of justice requires that.—Rev. Dr. Crowe.

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Why the Leaves Turn.

The common and old-fashioned idea is that the tints of autumn foliage are caused by frost. Stated briefly, the causes are these: The green matter in the tissue of a leaf is composed of two colors, red and blue. When the sap ceases to flow in the autumn and the natural growth of the tree ceases, oxidation of the tissue takes place. Under certain conditions the green leaf changes to red; under different conditions it takes on a yellow or brown tint—due to difference in combination of the original constituents of the green tissue, and to the varying conditions of climate, exposure and soil. A dry, cold climate produces more brilliant foliage than one that is damp and warm. This is the reason that our American autumns are so much more gorgeous than those of England

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It is better to be generous than selfish, better to be true than false, better to be brave than to be a coward. Blessed beyond all earthly blessedness is the man who in the tempestuous darkness of the soul has dared to hold fast to these venerable landmarks. Thrice blessed is he who, when all is drear and cheerless within and without, when his teachers terrify him and his friends shrink from him, has obstinately clung to moral good—thrice blessed, because his night shall pass into clear, bright day.

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Owner and holder of certificate.

A. R. De Fluent, editor of the Journal, Doylestown, Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheamatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The Pain Balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails." For sale by all Druggists.

Gold Basis for India.

London, Aug. 10.—In the house of commons Tuesday the secretary of state for India, Lord George Hamilton, in introducing the Indian budget, said that after careful consideration the government had deliberately concluded that a gold standard was required in the interests of India, and that they would not be deterred from prosecuting this policy by all the means in their power.

P. D. Armour Has Recovered.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—P. D. Armour has sent messages announcing his complete recovery from the illness that kept him away from his office for several weeks last spring. He went abroad in May, and he writes to friends that he now feels better than at any time within the past five years. He will return Oct. 1.

Agree to a Conference.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 10.—President Simon Burns of the Glass Workers' association received a telegram from President Chambers of the Manufacturers' association announcing that the manufacturers were willing to meet the workers in conference to consider the wage scale at Pittsburg, Aug. 15.

Senator Beveridge Returns.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 10.—Senator and Mrs. A. J. Beveridge of Indiana returned from Manila by the Empress of Japan Tuesday. The senator absolutely refuses to express an opinion upon anything connected with the Philippine campaign, and most especially declines to discuss Gen. Otis.

Look Was Missing.

A drill sergeant was unpopular among his men. They found him too particular. One day he had on hand a party of recruits whom he was putting through the funeral exercise. Opening the ranks so as to admit the passage of the supposed funeral cortege among them, the instructor, by way of practical explanation, walked slowly down the lane formed by the two ranks, saying, as he did so: "Now, I'm the corpse. Pay attention!" Having reached the end of the line he turned, regarded the men with a scrutinizing eye for a minute, and then remarked: "Your 'ands is right, and your 'eads is right, but you 'aven't got that look of regret you ought to 'ave."—Youth's Companion.

The Stuart Kings of Scotland.

To be king of Scotland for many a day implied that the monarch ascended in childhood, and came to an unnatural death while in the prime of life. Thus James I. ascended the throne when he was 12, and was murdered. James II. was 7, James III. 9, James IV. 15, and all were killed—the last two in battle. James V. was only 16 months old when he became a king, and his daughter, Mary Queen of Scots, was 8 days old when she came into that hard heritage. She was a widow at 18, she married Darnley when he was not yet 25, abdicating a few weeks after she had married for the third time. Her son, James VI., thus became king when he was 13 months old.

JUSTICE FOR RED MAN

IS THE MISSION OF MR RICHARD C. ADAMS.

Who Represents the Delaware Tribe—Heartless Syndicates and Corporation Would Deprive Indians of Home That They Are Entitled To.

(Washington Letter.)

Richard C. Adams, a full-blooded Delaware Indian, who represents his nation at Washington, is a lawyer of superior intellect and acquirements. He is devoting not only his life, but his fortune also, to the work of having justice done to the red man. He has written some good poetry and has also compiled a little history of the Delaware tribe, which he has on his tongue's end. The Delaware Indians were once one of the most powerful tribes on the North American continent. When first met by the white man they claimed and controlled all of the territory between the Hudson river and the Potomac. Under the spreading elm tree at Shackamaxon, 217 years ago, they sold to the founder of the state of Pennsylvania, William Penn, the vast area within its borders for a nominal sum, and largely as an act of friendship and brotherly love which they entertained for the white people at that time and have ever since. But the Delawares have been forced much against their will and their interest to cross the continent, unwilling but always yielding graciously, having utmost confidence in the promises that "this move will be the last," until now but a handful of them are left, where they have purchased homes in the Cherokee nation, Indian Territory. And here, where they were assured by both the Cherokees and the United States government that their rights and interests would be protected, they find that their very homes are now being covered with applications for mineral leases by both Cherokee citizens and citizens of the United States—wealthy corporations—who claim the protection of the United States government and deny the rights of the Delaware Indians. They have no money left in the hands of the government, and, if deprived of their rights in the Cherokee nation, they are paupers. If they win in their contention, they are rich. The Cherokees are rich; they have a large fund in the hands of the government. The Delawares, Mr. Adams claims, have an interest in this fund, but have no means of obtaining any portion of it to defend their rights. Through the efforts of Mr. Adams and

RICHARD C. ADAMS.

John Bullette the Twenty-fifth section of the Curtis bill became a law. It provides that before any allotment shall be made of lands in the Cherok nation, there shall be segregated therefrom, by the commission heretofore mentioned, in separate allotments or otherwise, the 157,600 acres of land purchased by the Delaware tribe of Indians from the Cherokee nation, under agreement of April 8, 1867. This, Mr. Adams claims, has not been done, although it has been demanded. The questions as to the rights of the Delawares are now in the Court of Claims. If their contention is sustained, that the lands which the various mineral syndicates desire to secure possession of are Delaware lands, the Cherokees cannot make the leases. But the Delawares fear that these leases may be executed by the secretary of the interior without awaiting the decision of the court.

"We are now trying to secure our last little homes in the Indian Territory and protect them from the grasping greed of heartless syndicates and corporations," says Mr. Adams.

Supplies in Philippines.

Handling rapidly large quantities of supplies is, therefore, a very important part of military duties. A steady procession of government transports hurry across the Pacific loaded with necessities for the troops. When the supplies reach Manila, they must be hurried over the island of Luzon. Many men are required for this work, but men cannot be spared from the firing lines or garrison duty. Besides, the handling of supplies is not very dignified or pleasant work for the American soldier. The Chinese coolies have therefore been employed for this labor, and very hard working and useful little fellows they are, too. Stripped to the scantiest attire possible, they put their shoulders to heavy bundles and, busy as ants, make up in numbers what they lack in size.

A Sure Sign.

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MUCHAKINOCK.

The Union Valley Baptist Sunday school opened at 9:30 Sunday, but owing to the severe cold weather the attendance was very small. The church services commenced at 11 a. m. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Bingaman. After several Sundays being unable to preach, he delivered an excellent sermon, taking his text from St. Luke xiii. chapter and the sixth verse. Subject: "The Tree and Its Fruits."

The funeral of Mrs. Kate Lawson took place in the Baptist church Sunday at 2 o'clock. Rev. Bingaman preached the sermon.

Mrs. Kate Lawson, who had been sick about seven months, died February 22, 1900, leaving a husband, four sons, four daughters, and many other relatives to mourn her departure. Mrs. Lawson was also a member of the U. V. B. church. Quite a number turned out to witness her remains.

The evening services of the U. V. B. church commence at 7:30; prayer meeting held for 30 minutes; preaching began at 8 o'clock. Sermon preached by the pastor. Text: Joshua xx. chapter and ninth verse.

Sam Wilson of Des Moines spent a few days in our city last week.

Mrs. Mattie Wade of Cedar Rapids is visiting our city at this writing, the guest of Mrs. W. H. London.

Mrs. Winston has returned from Colfax, where she visited several weeks.

Miss Mary Sneed, after spending several days at the parental home, left last week for Des Moines.

DAVENPORT.

The revival meetings closed at the Third Baptist church Tuesday, the 27th of February. There were not so very many added to the church, but it was greatly revived, as the church itself was somewhat spiritually dead. The church congratulates itself on having a man who is not afraid to preach sound Baptist doctrine, and above all he is a christian gentleman. He has been successful in correcting many mistakes by preaching the gospel in its purity. The church and Sunday school is progressing nicely.

Asleep in Jesus,
Never again to weep.

Little Ollie May Evans passed away at the home of her uncle, William Wethers, last Wednesday, at 8 p. m. The funeral was held at the home, Rev. M. J. Burton officiating.

Mrs. L. Appelwhite entertained at supper Mrs. E. J. Saunders Tuesday evening.

Rev. M. J. Burton, the new Baptist minister here, has joined the ministerial union here.

The W. W. club of the A. M. E. church gave a social the 21st of February. Quite a crowd was out and all had a nice time.

FRASER.

We have had some very cold and windy days.

Those now on the sick list are Wm. Battles and Alice Hollands.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lee died Wednesday night, February 21, 1900, and was buried Friday, February 23, 1900. The funeral was preached at the First Baptist church, Rev. E. Roey officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Gilest left here Friday evening, February 23, for Thurber, Texas.

The quarantines have been taken off the houses of Fraser.

The literary opened Tuesday night, February 27. It has been closed on account of so many of its members being quarantined.

The First Baptist Sunday school of Fraser opened by singing "It Is Well." Praper, Rev. E. Roey. Also there were three visitors of the A. M. E. Sunday school with us today. The important question before the school was, "Where is Nazareth?"

Saturday night's entertainment was a failure on account of the inclemency of the weather, but the contest of the three little missionaries came off and was a success. Little Misses Maggie Poach, $4; Flora Jackson, $2.78; Alice Holland, $2.62. Total, $9.40.

Little Alice Holland is convalescent.

Alice did not believe the little girls could beat her, but by having a good superintendent they all received prizes and were well pleased. The scholars of the advanced class says to their teacher, "You must study."

We are glad to know we have Miss Ada Roey and Mrs. Mabel Coleman with us once more after being quarantined for several days.

Miss Ethel Roach has been on the sick list, but at this writing is improving. Also Mr. U. L. McDonald and Richard Galliger are improving.

We hope that some of our young ladies will not forget next Sunday that they are in Sunday school and keep little better order than was kept by Misses A. R. and A. H. Every one come out to hear Rev. Roey make a talk on the subject of the lesson. We would be glad to see every one out to Sunday school every Sunday. You never get too old to learn. If you do not care to come yourself, you that have children lrage enough to walk should send them.

BURLINGTON.

On Thusrday evening, February 22, at 8 o'clock p. m., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Brooks, 809 Gertrude street, occurred the marriage of Mr. Archie Mitchell and Miss Eva Brooks. The bride was attired in a handsome French blue cord, trimmed in white chiffon and silk. Rev. James Higggins officiated. An elegant repast was then served. Many handsome presents were received. The bride and groom received many useful presents from Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brooks, to furnish their home. The immediate relatives of the family were present. Those present beside the family, were: Mr. and Mrs. Peter King, Mr. and Mrs. Harry King, Mr. Charles McGinnis, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Edwards, Miss Gertie Tyler. Mo. and Mrs. Archie Mitchell will be at home to their friends at 513 Gertrude street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Martin spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Mt. Pleasant, the guest of Mrs. Clay Reed.

Black Patti's Troubadours were in the city last Wednesday and played to a small house.

Friday night class of St. Johns A. M. E. church, composed of young converts, was organized last Friday with a membership of 30.

The choir praictice is every Friday evening at 7 o'clock at St. Johns A. M. E. church.

A reverend gentleman, formerly of Indian Territory, late from Muchakinock to Burlington, where he said he was soliciting for the Baptist church at Muchakinock, is now the guest of the sheriff of Des Moines county jail, for the next 10 days. He was found helplessly drunk and picked up on the railroad crossing. When asked his name he replied his name was Damnation, and made the same reply to a Baptist deacon. It is to be hoped tramps of this character will be stopped at once imposing on the public in the name of the church.

St. Johns A. M. E. church March 4 will celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the church. In the morning the pastor will speak of the growth of the church. At 3 o'clock, literary exercises; papers will be read by Mrs. Julia Folks, Mrs. Grace Morris Allen, Mrs. Jas. Higgins; also the burning of the mortgage note. At 7:45, song service, and a short discourse by the pastor. All the friends are invited to be present with us.

Mrs. G. A. Brown of Valley street is still very ill; also Mrs. Henry Cooper is suffering with la grippe, but it is to hoped is not serious.

Mrs. Parthene Whitel s still at the Mercy hospital.

Mr. Theodore Brooks and several of the boys went to Keokuk on Washington's birthday.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Mr. Hedge, Sr., has been very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones left for Tipton, Iowa, last Monday week.

Mr. H. Tansel is able to be up.

A dance and cake walk were given in the city last Tuesday night.

Mrs. P. E. Carland, who has been visiting with her brother, Fred Knight and wife, has returned to her home in Chicago.

Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis of Washington, D. C., our noted colored elocutionist, gave one of her excellent entertainments at College chapel Wednesday, February 21, for the benefit of the A. M. E. church. She was ably assisted by Mr. Albert Young, the noted tenor soloist of Lawrence, Kas. This entertainment was the first of the kind that has happened in our city for some time. Miss Davis and Mr. Young are both highly accomplished. Those who missed the opportunity before of being at the entertainment should not fail to avail themselves of the next good opportunity, March 29, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McCracken, assisted by their daughter, Miss Myra, entertained at tea last Sunday evening week, Misses Henrietta Davis, Nora Bartlett and Rose Dortch and Rev. J. Bundy.

Miss Lyda Wicks of Davenport, Iowa, is in the city attending her sick mother.

Miss H. V. Davvis was guest of Rev. and Mrs. Rhinehart while in the city.

Mr. A. Young was guest of Mr. and Mrs. McNeil while in the city.

Mr. Ralph Burnaugh, eldest son of Mr. Ira Burnaugh, came in from Eldora, Iowa, last week.

Mr. Ed Tindall of Ottumwa spent a few hours in the city last Saturday.

A literary club to be known as Henrietta Vinton Davis club has been organized in our city by the young ladies. The object of the club is for mutual improvement and to cultivate a higher taste of culture.

Rev. Mrs. W. G. Rhinehart has received an invitation to a grand reception at Bethel chapel, Chicago, in honor of Bishop Arnett and wife, in behalf of the missionary cause. She sends her regrets. Rev. G. W. Gaines, D. D., our representative for bishop, will be present. All hail to his (Gaines') success.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Martin of Burlington came up Tuesday to attend the ball and cake walk.

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

To Amy H. Eustick:

You are hereby notified that on the ninth day of December, A. D. 1896, the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot fifty-nine (59) in Harrison Park addition to University Place, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax of the year 1895 to M. E. Miller; that the undersigned is now the legal owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of the above mentioned sale, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the land will be made unless redemption is made within ninety days from the completed service hereof.

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ORIGINAL NOTICE.

In the District court of the state of Iowa, in and for Polk County:
Isabella Broadstone, Plaintiff, vs. Chas. W. Broadstone, Defendant.

To the above named defendant: You are hereby notified that there will be a petition on file in the Clerk's office of the District court of Polk county, Iowa, on or before the 15th day of February A. D. 1900, by the plaintiff (Isabella Broadstone), asking to be divorced from you on the ground of wilful desertion, without the knowledge or consent of the plaintiff, and that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term of said District court, which will commence at Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa, on the 5th day of March A. D. 1900, default will be entered against you and judgment rendered thereon.

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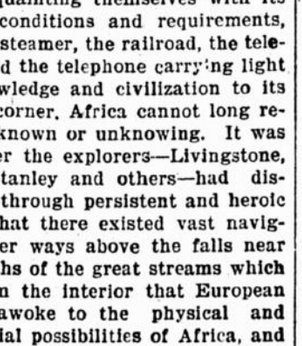

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CHURCH AND CLERGY.

The Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman is to write the life of D. L. Moody.

Bishop Edsall has just completed a highly successful mission at Jamestown, N. D.

Tomkins Avenue Congregational church of Brooklyn raised over $27,000 for missions during the year.

The death roll in the Congregational ministry in Great Britain was unusually heavy during the year 1899.

A congress of the history of religions will be held at Paris, France during the first part of September next year.

The receipts of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, for the year make a total of $38,000, of which $17,000 is from pew rents.

The annual council of the South African churches was held at Graaf Reinet, and owing to the preoccupations of the war, only thirty-eight delegates attended.

Since his resignation from the Church of the Pilgrims relief from care has conduced to a marked improvement in the health of the venerable Dr. R. S. Storrs.

AFRICA IN THE NEXT CENTURY

Dark Continent Is Undergoing a Wonderful Transformation.

From the Forum: The twentieth century Africa promises startling contrasts when compared with the Africa of the nineteenth century. With an area four times as great as that of the United States, a population of 150,000,000, a soil and climate capable of infinite variety of production, a rapidly expanding commerce, and the greatest known supplies of ivory, gold and diamonds, its development under the modern methods which are now being applied to it is practically assured. The home of the oldest civilization, it is the last of the continents to yield to the touch of the newest civilization. But yesterday enveloped in darkness of mystery without and ignorance within, it is today illuminated by the searchlight of modern methods, and as its importance and attractions are being recognized, with this recognition must come development. With 2,000,000 Europeans scattered over its vast area, acquainting themselves with its natural conditions and requirements, with the steamer, the railroad, the telegraph and the telephone carrying light and knowledge and civilization to its darkest corner, Africa cannot long remain unknown or unknowing. It was only after the explorers—Livingstone, Speke, Stanley and others—had discovered, through persistent and heroic effects, that there existed vast navigable water ways above the falls near the mouths of the great streams which flow from the interior that European nations awoke to the physical and commercial possibilities of Africa, and then, in a twinkling, the dark continent was seized upon and divided up and became, as by magic, a vast European "hinterland." Between 1884 and 1898 an area two and a half times the size of the United States, and containing a population of 100,000,000, was parceled out by an agreement of the European powers. At present scarcely a foot of African territory remains unclaimed.

AS TRUE AS GOSPEL.

There is always compensation. Our angels go out that our archangels may come in.

Unhappy is the man for whom his own mother has not made all other mothers venerable.

It is poor wit who lives by borrowing the words, decisions, mein, inventions and actions of others.

What an absurd thing it is to pass over the valuable parts of a man, and fix our attentions on his infirmities.

Virtue will catch as well as vice by contact; and the public stock of honest, manly principle will daily accumulate.

A greater value should be set on having received instructive and useful lessons than of possessing great store of wealth; for the latter is transitory good, the former is durable.

There is scarcely a generalization for one sex which does not apply equally to the other, so perfectly alike in nature are men and women. The difference is only in circumstances.

NEW SOURCE OF GUTTAPERCHA

A German Says the Trees That Produce It Will Grow in the Philippines.

In a monograph, just published in Germany, it is shown that the Philippines are among the few places on earth in which the trees from which guttapercha is procured will flourish. The value of this statement is not to be underrated for two reasons: One is that guttapercha is an indispensable material for the making of submarine cables and golf balls; the other is that the trees in Sumatra and Borneo, from which the chief supply has hitherto been drawn are almost entirely exhausted. The cause of this exhaustion lies in the primitive and destructive methods which were formerly employed for gathering this valuable commodity. The natives who never have any thought for the morrow have ruthlessly cut down whole forests of trees, so that they might scrape the guttapercha, which is nothing but the sap from inside the bark. This wholesale destruction carried on for years has greatly diminished the annual crop, but the discovery that these trees grow and can be successfully cultivated in the Philippines offers hope that a new mine of wealth has been found for American enterprise as soon as the islands are pacified. While the chief use of guttapercha is, of course, for the isolating covering of electric wires, a large quantity is used for the manufacture of golf balls, for which no other material seems so well adapted. Its hardness after having been submitted to the proper pressure, and its toughness make it the only golf ball material yet discovered. The amount of cable laid since 1856 is some 41,853 knots, representing a cost for the cables alone of millions of pounds sterling, and as the prospects are that during the next fifty years many more cables will be required and laid, the demand for guttapercha is almost unlimited. The wealth which guttapercha in the Philippines holds out to American enterprise is in proportion to this demand.

EGG MEMBRANE

Used as a Substitute For Skin Grafting For Surface Wounds.

New York Special Chicago Tribune: Medical science has discovered that the hen's egg provides an admirable substitute for human flesh to graft on human open wounds. The substitute is the delicate membrane that immediately lines the inside of a hen's egg. The German surgeons first found that this membrane can be successfully used as the nucleus for granulation of open wounds. The surgeons of the Seney Hospital in Brooklyn were the first in this country to adopt and practice the Germans' discovery. Consequently Edgar A. Garbut will leave the Seney Hospital, Brooklyn, and again take charge of his laundry. Garbut, 36 years old now, fell from his bicycle two years ago and so severely injured himself that as the disease of the bones advanced it was necessary to remove the bones of his left arm, his shoulder blade, and the left end of his collar bone. While Garbut rallied, the surgeons soon saw that the wounds left by the operations would not heal on the surface. Garbut's wife, his nephew and a young man in his employ offered of their cuticle to graft on Garbut's wounds. But on December 10 the last one of the surgeons in the Seney Hospital remembered that the German surgeons say that the hen's egg provides a substitute for human cuticle in such cases. So the Seney Hospital surgeons procured some fresh eggs and from them took the membrane that lines the shells, and pieces of membrane were planted on Garbut's wounds. Soon a new skin was formed. The egg membrane did not form any part of the new membrane skin, but simply was a "starter" for it.

Forgot His Native Tongue.

Andrew Lawson, a Norwegian cooper was struck on the head by a falling block while at work on one of the piers of the Atlantic Transport company, New York city, on Sept. 5, 1898. He lay like one dead in St. Vincent's hospital for two months. His life was despaired of, but finally he rallied and regained a part of his lost strength. Lawson is in a normal condition in every sense, with the exception that he has forgotten all about his former life and companions, and has no remembrance of his native tongue. Try as he will he cannot converse in the language that he learned in Norway. His wife is instrucing him as she does their four-year-old boy. Lawson speaks the English language only imperfectly. The case has attracted the attention of scientists and specialists.

Buffaloes in Australia.

Buffaloes and elephants are by no means approaching extinction as rapidly as is commonly supposed. Immense herds of buffaloes roam about the vast northern plains of Australia, but bloodthirsty blacks are also numerous in that region, and buffalo-hunters carry their lives in their hands. Also, according to the latest number of the British North Borneo Herald, large numbers of elephants occupy the jungles to the south of Sandakan bay. It is suggested that they could be turned into a valuable asset for the colony if decoy animals were imported from India and the natives were taught how to construct "kedahs," or trapping enclosures.

Value of Birds.

A French naturalist asserts that if the world should become birdless man would not inhabit it after nine years, in spite of all the sprays and poisons that could be manufactured for the destruction of insects. The insects and slugs would simply eat up our orchards and crops.

Ben Nevis and Its Observatory.

In the current number of Knowledge Mr. Bruce gives an account of "Ben Nevis and Its Observatory." The object of this observatory is to study the height of clouds, their speed, direction and constitution, and to learn as much as possible regarding temperature, winds, etc. It is a true scientific instinct that leads us to sound, as it were, upward, just as we sound downward and explore at the bottom of the sea. The reasons why Ben Nevis, of all places, was most suitable were: (1) Because it was the highest mountain in the British isles, rising to 4,406 feet; (2) its summit was in close horizontal proximity to a sea-level station at Fort William; (3) it was situated in the track of the southewest storms, which influence so greatly the weather of Europe, especially in autumn and winter.

Buffalo Intelligence.

New York Cor. Pittsburg Dispatch: A big bull buffalo had an injured leg, and it was operated on with cocoaine and antiseptics, a few days ago. It was not an easy task for the veterinary surgeons, because a buffalo is a powerful animal, and he does not like any one to take liberties with him. But the operation was performed and the buffalo evidently felt better after it. Now the great creature goes willingly to the side of his cage when the surgeons approach. He knows them and remembers that they relieved him, and there is no sign of anything but pleasure on his part when he sees them.

Photographic Rock.

On the ranch of Paul Miller at Bradley Flat, near Hot Springs, S. D., is a ledge of rock which seems to possess all the properties of a photographic plate. When the rock is moist it will show after a thunder storm a clear photograph of the surrounding trees and bushes. Gradually pictures so taken seem to fade out, being renewed by each new thunder storm, though the same objects are not always reproduced. The rock seems to be a combination of flint and sandstone and is of a dirty red color.

Studying Aesop in Central Africa.

Probably Aesop is not as much read in our own country as he used to be, but there is a chance for him yet in central Africa. The report of the London Missionary society relates that at Kawimbe an "Aesop class" is conducted by the native teachers on Sunday afternoons. "Sometimes," says the report, "the lessons they draw are very good and helpful, and contain more Christian teaching than the fables themselves would warrant."—Birmingham Post.

A Big Price for Stirrups.

A pair of iron stirrups were sold for $15,000 at the Forman sale in London. They were made for Matthias Corvinus, king of Hungary, and are partly plated with silver, parcel gilt and chased, each of the outer edges having an exquisite border of translucent cloisonne enamel on gold, six inches high and six inches wide. The work is Italian of the end of the fifteenth or the beginning of the sixteenth century.

Big Salaries.

New York Press: Speaking of big salaries, the biggest on record was paid to George Gould. For ten years' work his father gave him $5,000,000. The amount went down as "for services rendered." That was at the rate of $500,000 a year. The highest salary ever paid a railroad president was $75,000 a year that went to Sir William C. Van Horn when he was president of the Canadian Pacific.

Heavy Fire Losses of a Year.

The losses by fire in this country and Canada continue to be very heavy as compared with last year. In October the total loss was $12,046,000, a little less than in September, but $4,500,000 greater than in October, 1898. For ten months the aggregate losses make the enormous total of $111,654,000, or $15,000,000 above those of 1898 and nearly $20,000,000 more than in 1897.

Island Without a Taxgatherer.

Louds island, on the coast of Maine, near historic Pemaquid, in the Lincoln county town of Bristol, is one of the few places on earth where there are no taxes. This island, otherwise known as Muscongus, was overlooked when Maine became a state, and was put into no town or county.

Rare Copper Coins.

There is a premium on copper cents from 1793 to 1814, inclusive, and from 1816 to 1857, inclusive, the rarest being 1799, which sometimes brings $25, and 1804, which has sold for $25. Others that have brought $1 or more are 1793, 1795, 1796, 1809 and 1811.

The First Motor Bus.

The first "motor bus" has made its appearance in London. It has seats for twenty-six passengers—twelve within and fourteen outside. The journey is between Kennington and Victoria.

Abdul Hamid's Dyed Hair.

Sultan Abdul Hamid's hair never grows white. It is dyed as often as is needful, for, according to Turkish court etiquette, the sultan's hair must always be black.

Human Sacrifices in India.

From the records of the Madras high court it appears that the practice of offering human sacrifices to idols is increasing in southern India.

PROGRESS OF THE SOUTH.

Twenty Years Have Shown a Remarkable Growth in Dixie.

The industrial progress of the south during the past twenty years has been phenomenal. In the past ten years the production of wheat has increased 54 per cent in the south, and the number of hogs raised there during that period has nearly doubled. Seventy-two varieties of field crops are now grown where ther formerly was nothing but cotton, and sixty-five varieties of vegetables, fruits and melons are raised in the south for markets in the north. While five years ago the cotton mills in the south consumed but720,000 bales of cotton, their consumption amounts to nearly 1,500,000 bales in the 550 mills, with 4,952,092 spindles and 104,446 looms. The number of mills has increased 206, and of spindles and looms 640 per cent. The finest blankets made in the country are now manufactured in North Carolina, where 104 woolen mills are in operation. The finest grade of wool can be grown in the south almost as cheaply as cotton. Two decades ago the south produced annually but 6,000,000 tons of bituminous coal; that product has now passed the 40,000,000 mark, and of the 47,000 square miles of coal fields in the south only about 1,000 are under development. While two decades ago less than 500,000 tons of iron were produced, the production has now grown to 2,500,000 tons of a very superior article. And the iron industry of the south is as yet in its infancy. There are enormous iron ore deposits in different parts of that section of the country which have thus far not been touched at all. This is but a short summary of the progress made in the south during the past twenty years, but it suffices to indicate the possibilities of that part of the country and what is in store for it in the future, since it is no longer limited to cotton.

WIFE OF GEN. BULLER.

The accompanying picture is from the latest photograph of Lady Audrey Buller, the talented and gracious wife of the English general who has been fighting the Boers in South Africa. Lady Buller is no longer a young woman, for she has a daughter who has just made her debut into the London social world. She has, nevertheless, shown herself one of the most energetic of the many English noblewomen who have been interesting themselves in alleviating the sufferings of the English sick and wounded at the Cape.

Owing to the recent severity of the fighting there seems plenty of opportunity ahead for all such relief work.

For Children's Throats.

During the school term when children must go continually and are subjected to all kinds of weather they are suceptible to a no more dangerous malady than sore throat. This, however, can be avoided by any mother who will follow out the directions given here: The treatment consists in thoroughly swabbing the back of the mouth and throat with a wash made thus: Table salt, two drams; black pepper, golden seal, nitrate of potash, alum, one dram each. Mix and pulverize, put into a teacup half full of water, stir well and then fill up with good vinegar. Use every half-hour, one, two and four hours, as recovery progresses. The child may swallow a little each time. Apply one ounce each of spirits of turpentine, sweet oil and aqua ammonia, mixed, every hour, to the whole of the throat and to the breast bone every four hours, keeping flannel to the part. In case of a severe cold it is better to administer the treatment over night, and in the morning the soreness will be found to have entirely disappeared.

Reminded the Colored Brother.

The pastor of a colored congregation was warming up to the climax of his sermon and his auditors were waxing more and more excited. "I wahns yer, O my congregashun, against de sin uv crap-shootin'! I wahns yer against de sin uv whisky drinkin', and de sin uv chicken-raisin', an' I wahns yer, my breddern, against de sin- uv, melon stealin'!" A devout worshiper in the rear of the church jumped to his feet and snapped his fingers excitedly. "Whuffo' does yer, my brudder, r'ar up an' snap yo' fingers when I speaks uv melon-stealin'?" asked the preacher. "Kase yo' jes' minds me whar I lef' mah overcoat," replied the devout worshiper, as he subsided into his seat.

A Short Order.

Mr. Dobbs—I tell you the telephone is a great convenience. Mr. Bobbs—Sure thing. Fellow down at Beamer's restaurant gave me a hot roast over mine yesterday.—Baltimore American.

Agreed With Them.

Mother (to boy who does not want to eat his soup)—"Many a poor boy would be only too glad if he had but half that much soup to eat!" Boy—"So would I."

COLORED CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES.

Merit wins. That is a true maxim, and it was exemplified in the recent city primary and convention. There one of our race, namely, J. Frank Blagburn, who in the primary received a majority of votes, not because he was a Negro, but because he was a man of integrity; because he had the ability, and because he executed the functions of the office of market master. But we must remember that it is a city office, and we are proud to say that Des Moines has done her duty. Now the next question is: Will Polk county do her duty? There are several offices to be filled and we have men who are competent to fill them with credit to themselves and satisfaction to the public. There are two offices that I think we are entitled to, one constable and one justice of the peace. We have plenty of good men that have the ability, and their reputation and character is such that the public or press can not truthfully assault them, and I will say that those are the kind of men we must select for those positions. While thinking over the many good that I know could fill those positions with credit, there are two that in my judgment seems especially fitted for those offices. Those are Messrs. Joseph Shepard and I. E. Williamson. Mr. S. is a gentleman of high standing with his own race, a christian gentleman, a man with a clean political record, and his constant association with the members of the Polk county bar and his asknowledged popularity with said body together with his knowledge of court proceedure, gleaned while acting in the capacity of bailiff especially fits him for the office of constable.

Why I think Mr. I. E. Williamson would make a good justice and a strong candidate is because he is a lawyer, he is a man that is of high standing with his race, a scholar and a gentleman, a graduate from the West Des Moines high school; also a graduate from Iowa College of Law, and has been in actual practice for the last five years. He is highly esteemed by both the members of the Polk county bar and the presiding judges. These are some of the reasons why I believe he will make a strong candidate. Sincerely yours, W. R. FOSTER.

NEWTON NOTES..

Sunday was quaterly meeting at the A. M. E. church, Rev. Willits of the M. E. church adminstered the sacraments

Miss Lottie Green arrived home from Chicago, Tuesday, to remain indefinetly.

Rev. Peterson of Des Moines preached an able sermon at the A. M. E. church, Tuesdry

Mrs. Wm. Johnson departed for Sterling, Col. Wedensday morning to join her husband, who preceeded her two weeks ago.

Mr. A. Graves of Omaha, spent a few hours with Newton friends last Thursday.

Mr. C. J. Tolliver of Rock Island, was a Newton visitor, Msnday.

Mr. Fred Green is much better since he returned home.

Miss Clara Miller and Messers. Mays nd Miller attended he Cake Walk in Colfax the 22nd.

Mrs. A. Hayes is indisposed at this writing.

IOWA CITY BRIEFLETS.

Mrs. E. J. Meadow of Albia visited her sister, Miss Henrietta Jones, over Sunday.

Mr. H. L. Davis of Cedar Rapids, passed through Iowa City Tuesday after noon.

Miss Katie Caret returned to her home in Muchakinodk, Wedensday, after a five months sojourn in our city; her many regret to see her go.

The A. M. E. Sunday School board elected the officers for the ensueing year as follows: Mrs. Geo. Patterson, Supt., Mr. Ward, Asst. Supt., Miss Byrda Dickson, Sec., Mr. W. T. Patterson, Trea. and teacher of Bible Class No 2, John McNeil, Librarian, Miss Maggie Mason, teacher no. 1, Mrs. Bertha Doran, teacher no. 3

Mrs. Dora Price returned to her home in Muscatine, after a three wecks visit with her mother, Mrs. Geo. Patterson.

Mrs. E. J. Meadows, Sunday School District Supt. addressed the Sunday School in a very pleasing manner, Sunday.

Miss Maggie Mason received a lovely bracelet as a presint for working for a firm.

A Carpet Rag sewing was enjoyed by the young people last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Winston.

Phanando Powell of Tipton is in the University Hospital, undergoing surgical operation for enlargement of glands.

Iowa City friends of Rev. Seary are glad to hear of his recovery from smallpox.

AGAINST BARBER'S BILL

I do not want you to be surprised at me for writing to you because I know that I am not worthy of this undertaking, but Sir, it seems to me that I ought to say something in regard to the act of the Legislature; I think they have made a blunder in regard to the Barbers in in Iowa. Now Sir, I want to say this; it is a scheme to create an office for certain men to get pay for nothing and it will not be a black man either, this legislature will give the designing Barbers any thing they want, providing we pay for it. To license all Barbers in Iowa thats what I have reference to is a blunder for the legislature of Iowa, although the Barbers of Iowa may have ask for but not as a general thing. I understand some colored Barbers wanted to pay license; I wonder why and to whom. To a board that is appointed by the State Examiner and that board will surely be composed of all white and no black men then will the colored Barbers all over the State of Iowa tell me when do they expect one of their sons will go before this Iowa State boad examineer and get a flat "no never not while the snow falls and the grass grows", that will be the end sf the Black Barbers in Iowa. I wonder at our Barbers in the big cities going into such scheme as that. Mr. Editor, this does not only exclude the colored barber alone but will eventually exterminate all the colored barbers from Iowa; here is another reason I have, how many colored men can go into any the barber-shops in Iowa and get shaved, not one and it will be worse when they get this scheme and we colored barbers fool enough to pay some body to cut our heads off. What an idea our people do not know what is going in Iowa among some of the scheme barbers have and the poor colored barbers step right in the trap; I see it has passed the lower House on the 19th of this month. Mr Editor, I never knew that any colored barbers was that well off that he wants to have a board of white men to tell him he was not a fit man to run a barber-shop. Now this is a good scheme for the white and it is a poor one for bladk men; I wonder at the colored barbers in the big cities can see this there is about 95 per cent of the white barers in Iowa that will not shave a colored man; what are we going to do we have to go clear across the state to Des Moines to be examined by this Board, you must pay your traveling expenses, and buy your license; the colored barber had better get that law and change. T. H. M. BENTON,

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SHORT SERMONS.

For its exercise or manifestation trust demands an object or being to be trusted.—Rev. T. Jefferson Danner.

Better a very little real faith straight from the heart than a vast amount of vague belief.—Rev. D. C. Garrett.

A secret of blessedness in work is the conviction that we are doing the work that God wishes us to do.—Rev. R. J. Kent.

The Bible exhorts us to that patient continuance in well doing that is necessary to the building of Christ-like character.—Rev. J. R. Shannon.

Progress is not blind, and now, more than ever, the evolution of the race should be guided by intelligent foresight.—Rev. G. D. Smith.

With the right conception of man's being here, not for happiness but for worthiness, suffering itself is an angel in disguise.—Rev. Ira Billman.

All human law is based on the conviction that the punishment should fit the crime. The common sense of justice requires that.—Rev. Dr. Crowe.

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Why the Leaves Turn.

The common and old-fashioned idea is that the tints of autumn foliage are caused by frost. Stated briefly, the causes are these: The green matter in the tissue of a leaf is composed of two colors, red and blue. When the sap ceases to flow in the autumn and the natural growth of the tree ceases, oxidation of the tissue takes place. Under certain conditions the green leaf changes to red; under different conditions it takes on a yellow or brown tint—due to difference in combination of the original constituents of the green tissue, and to the varying conditions of climate, exposure and soil. A dry, cold climate produces more brilliant foliage than one that is damp and warm. This is the reason that our American autumns are so much more gorgeous than those of England.

Subscribe for the Bystander.

It is better to be generous than selfish, better to be true than false, better to be brave than to be a coward. Blessed beyond all earthly blessedness is the man who in the tempestuous darkness of the soul has dared to hold fast to these venerable landmarks. Thrice blessed is he who, when all is drear and cheerless within and without, when his teachers terrify him and his friends shrink from him, has obstinately clung to moral good—thrice blessed, because his night shall pass into clear, bright day.

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LOUIS MORGAN,
Owner and holder of certificate.

A. R. De Fluent, editor of the Journal, Doylestown, Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheamatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The Pain Balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails." For sale by all Druggists.

Gold Basis for India.

London, Aug. 10.—In the house of commons Tuesday the secretary of state for India, Lord George Hamilton, in introducing the Indian budget, said that after careful consideration the government had deliberately concluded that a gold standard was required in the interests of India, and that they would not be deterred from prosecuting this policy by all the means in their power.

P. D. Armour Has Recovered.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—P. D. Armour has sent messages announcing his complete recovery from the illness that kept him away from his office for several weeks last spring. He went abroad in May, and he writes to friends that he now feels better than at any time within the past five years. He will return Oct. 1.

Agree to a Conference.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 10.—President Simon Burns of the Glass Workers' association received a telegram from President Chambers of the Manufacturers' association announcing that the manufacturers were willing to meet the workers in conference to consider the wage scale at Pittsburg, Aug. 15.

Senator Beveridge Returns.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 10.—Senator and Mrs. A. J. Beveridge of Indiana returned from Manila by the Empress of Japan Tuesday. The senator absolutely refuses to express an opinion upon anything connected with the Philippine campaign, and most especially declines to discuss Gen. Otis.

Look Was Missing.

A drill sergeant was unpopular among his men. They found him too particular. One day he had on hand a party of recruits whom he was putting through the funeral exercise. Opening the ranks so as to admit the passage of the supposed funeral corlege among them, the instructor, by way of practical explanation, walked slowly down the lane formed by the two ranks, saying, as he did so: "Now, I'm the corpse. Pay attention!" Having reached the end of the line he turned, regarded the men with a scrutinizing eye for a minute, and then remarked: "Your 'ands is right, and your 'eads is right, but you 'aven't got that look of regret you ought to 'ave."—Youth's Companion.

The Stuart Kings of Scotland.

To be king of Scotland for many a day implied that the monarch ascended in childhood, and came to an unnatural death while in the prime of life. Thus James I. ascended the throne when he was 12, and was murdered. James II. was 7, James III. 9, James IV. 15, and all were killed—the last two in battle. James V. was only 16 months old when he became a king, and his daughter, Mary Queen of Scots, was 8 days old when she came into that hard heritage. She was a widow at 18, she married Darnley when he was not yet 25, abdicating a few weeks after she had married for the third time. Her son, James VI., thus became king when he was 13 months old.

JUSTICE FOR RED MAN

IS THE MISSION OF MR RICHARD C. ADAMS.

Who Represents the Delaware Tribe—Heartless Syndicates and Corporation Would Deprive Indians of Home That They Are Entitled To.

(Washington Letter.)

Richard C. Adams, a full-blooded Delaware Indian, who represents his nation at Washington, is a lawyer of superior intellect and acquirements. He is devoting not only his life, but his fortune also, to the work of having justice done to the red man. He has written some good poetry and has also compiled a little history of the Delaware tribe, which he has on his tongue's end. The Delaware Indians were once one of the most powerful tribes on the North American continent. When first met by the white man they claimed and controlled all of the territory between the Hudson river and the Potomac. Under the spreading elm tree at Shackamaxon, 217 years ago, they sold to the founder of the state of Pennsylvania, William Penn, the vast area within its borders for a nominal sum, and largely as an act of friendship and brotherly love which they entertained for the white people at that time and have ever since. But the Delawares have been forced much against their will and their interest to cross the continent, unwilling but always yielding graciously, having utmost confidence in the promises that "this move will be the last," until now but a handful of them are left, where they have purchased homes in the Cherokee nation, Indian Territory. And here, where they were assured by both the Cherokees and the United States government that their rights and interests would be protected, they find that their very homes are now being covered with applications for mineral leases by both Cherokee citizens and citizens of the United States—wealthy corporations—who claim the protection of the United States government and deny the rights of the Delaware Indians. They have no money left in the hands of the government, and, if deprived of their rights in the Cherokee nation, they are paupers. If they win in their contention, they are rich. The Cherokees are rich; they have a large fund in the hands of the government. The Delawares, Mr. Adams claims, have an interest in this fund, but have no means of obtaining any portion of it to defend their rights. Through the efforts of Mr. Adams and

RICHARD C. ADAMS.

John Bullette the Twenty-fifth section of the Curtis bill became a law. It provides that before any allotment shall be made of lands in the Cherok nation, there shall be segregated therefrom, by the commission heretofore mentioned, in separate allotments or otherwise, the 157,600 acres of land purchased by the Delaware tribe of Indians from the Cherokee nation, under agreement of April 8, 1867. This, Mr. Adams claims, has not been done, although it has been demanded. The questions as to the rights of the Delawares are now in the Court of Claims. If their contention is sustained, that the lands which the various mineral syndicates desire to secure possession of are Delaware lands, the Cherokees cannot make the leases. But the Delawares fear that these leases may be executed by the secretary of the interior without awaiting the decision of the court.

"We are now trying to secure our last little homes in the Indian Territory and protect them from the grasping greed of heartless syndicates and corporations," says Mr. Adams.

Supplies in Philippines.

Handling rapidly large quantities of supplies is, therefore, a very important part of military duties. A steady procession of government transports hurry across the Pacific loaded with necessities for the troops. When the supplies reach Manila, they must be hurried over the island of Luzon. Many men are required for this work, but men cannot be spared from the firing lines or garrison duty. Besides, the handling of supplies is not very dignified or pleasant work for the American soldier. The Chinese coolies have therefore been employed for this labor, and very hard working and useful little fellows they are, too. Stripped to the scantiest attire possible, they put their shoulders to heavy bundles and, busy as ants, make up in numbers what they lack in size.

A Sure Sign.

Jenks—That baby of yours ought to be a good tennis player later on. Jones—What makes you think so? Jenks—Oh, the way he keeps up his racket.

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MUCHAKINOCK.

The Union Valley Baptist Sunday school opened at 9:30 Sunday, but owing to the severe cold weather the attendance was very small. The church services commenced at 11 a. m. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Bingaman. After several Sundays being unable to preach, he delivered an excellent sermon, taking his text from St. Luke xiii. chapter and the sixth verse. Subject: "The Tree and Its Fruits."

The funeral of Mrs. Kate Lawson took place in the Baptist church Sunday at 2 o'clock. Rev. Bingaman preached the sermon.

Mrs. Kate Lawson, who had been sick about seven months, died February 22, 1900, leaving a husband, four sons, four daughters, and many other relatives to mourn her departure. Mrs. Lawson was also a member of the U. V. B. church. Quite a number turned out to witness her remains.

The evening services of the U. V. B. church commence at 7:30; prayer meeting held for 30 minutes; preaching began at 8 o'clock. Sermon preached by the pastor. Text: Joshua xx. chapter and ninth verse.

Sam Wilson of Des Moines spent a few days in our city last week.

Mrs. Mattie Wade of Cedar Rapids is visiting our city at this writing, the guest of Mrs. W. H. London.

Mrs. Winston has returned from Colfax, where she visited several weeks.

Miss Mary Sneed, after spending several days at the parental home, left last week for Des Moines.

DAVENPORT.

The revival meetings closed at the Third Baptist church Tuesday, the 27th of February. There were not so very many added to the church, but it was greatly revived, as the church itself was somewhat spiritually dead. The church congratulates itself on having a man who is not afraid to preach sound Baptist doctrine, and above all he is a christian gentleman. He has been successful in correcting many mistakes by preaching the gospel in its purity. The church and Sunday school is progressing nicely.

Asleep in Jesus,
Never again to weep.

Little Ollie May Evans passed away at the home of her uncle, William Wethers, last Wednesday, at 8 p. m. The funeral was held at the home, Rev. M. J. Burton officiating.

Mrs. L. Appelwhite entertained at supper Mrs. E. J. Saunders Tuesday evening.

Rev. M. J. Burton, the new Baptist minister here, has joined the ministerial union here.

The W. W. club of the A. M. E. church gave a social the 21st of February. Quite a crowd was out and all had a nice time.

FRASER.

We have had some very cold and windy days.

Those now on the sick list are Wm. Battles and Alice Hollands.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lee died Wednesday night, February 21, 1900, and was buried Friday, February 23, 1900. The funeral was preached at the First Baptist church, Rev. E. Roey officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Gilest left here Friday evening, February 23, for Thurber, Texas.

The quarantines have been taken off the houses of Fraser.

The literary opened Tuesday night, February 27. It has been closed on account of so many of its members being quarantined.

The First Baptist Sunday school of Fraser opened by singing "It Is Well." Praper, Rev. E. Roey. Also there were three visitors of the A. M. E. Sunday school with us today. The important question before the school was, "Where is Nazareth?"

Saturday night's entertainment was a failure on account of the inclemency of the weather, but the contest of the three little missionaries came off and was a success. Little Misses Maggie Poach, $4; Flora Jackson, $2.78; Alice Holland, $2.62. Total, $9.40.

Little Alice Holland is convalescent.

Alice did not believe the little girls could beat her, but by having a good superintendent they all received prizes and were well pleased. The scholars of the advanced class says to their teacher, "You must study."

We are glad to know we have Miss Ada Roey and Mrs. Mabel Coleman with us once more after being quarantined for several days.

Miss Ethel Roach has been on the sick list, but at this writing is improving. Also Mr. U. L. McDonald and Richard Galliger are improving.

We hope that some of our young ladies will not forget next Sunday that they are in Sunday school and keep little better order than was kept by Misses A. R. and A. H. Every one come out to hear Rev. Roey make a talk on the subject of the lesson. We would be glad to see every one out to Sunday school every Sunday. You never get too old to learn. If you do not care to come yourself, you that have children lrage enough to walk should send them.

BURLINGTON.

On Thusrday evening, February 22, at 8 o'clock p. m., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Brooks, 809 Gertrude street, occurred the marriage of Mr. Archie Mitchell and Miss Eva Brooks. The bride was attired in a handsome French blue cord, trimmed in white chiffon and silk. Rev. James Higggins officiated. An elegant repast was then served. Many handsome presents were received. The bride and groom received many useful presents from Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brooks, to furnish their home. The immediate relatives of the family were present. Those present beside the family, were: Mr. and Mrs. Peter King, Mr. and Mrs. Harry King, Mr. Charles McGinnis, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Edwards, Miss Gertie Tyler. Mo. and Mrs. Archie Mitchell will be at home to their friends at 513 Gertrude street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Martin spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Mt. Pleasant, the guest of Mrs. Clay Reed.

Black Patti's Troubadours were in the city last Wednesday and played to a small house.

Friday night class of St. Johns A. M. E. church, composed of young converts, was organized last Friday with a membership of 30.

The choir praictice is every Friday evening at 7 o'clock at St. Johns A. M. E. church.

A reverend gentleman, formerly of Indian Territory, late from Muchakinock to Burlington, where he said he was soliciting for the Baptist church at Muchakinock, is now the guest of the sheriff of Des Moines county jail, for the next 10 days. He was found helplessly drunk and picked up on the railroad crossing. When asked his name he replied his name was Damnation, and made the same reply to a Baptist deacon. It is to be hoped tramps of this character will be stopped at once imposing on the public in the name of the church.

St. Johns A. M. E. church March 4 will celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the church. In the morning the pastor will speak of the growth of the church. At 3 o'clock, literary exercises; papers will be read by Mrs. Julia Folks, Mrs. Grace Morris Allen, Mrs. Jas. Higgins; also the burning of the mortgage note. At 7:45, song service, and a short discourse by the pastor. All the friends are invited to be present with us.

Mrs. G. A. Brown of Valley street is still very ill; also Mrs. Henry Cooper is suffering with la grippe, but it is to hoped is not serious.

Mrs. Parthene Whitel s still at the Mercy hospital.

Mr. Theodore Brooks and several of the boys went to Keokuk on Washington's birthday.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Mr. Hedge, Sr., has been very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones left for Tipton, Iowa, last Monday week.

Mr. H. Tansel is able to be up.

A dance and cake walk were given in the city last Tuesday night.

Mrs. P. E. Carland, who has been visiting with her brother, Fred Knight and wife, has returned to her home in Chicago.

Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis of Washington, D. C., our noted colored elocutionist, gave one of her excellent entertainments at College chapel Wednesday, February 21, for the benefit of the A. M. E. church. She was ably assisted by Mr. Albert Young, the noted tenor soloist of Lawrence, Kas. This entertainment was the first of the kind that has happened in our city for some time. Miss Davis and Mr. Young are both highly accomplished. Those who missed the opportunity before of being at the entertainment should not fail to avail themselves of the next good opportunity, March 29, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McCracken, assisted by their daughter, Miss Myra, entertained at tea last Sunday evening week, Misses Henrietta Davis, Nora Bartlett and Rose Dortch and Rev. J. Bundy.

Miss Lyda Wicks of Davenport, Iowa, is in the city attending her sick mother.

Miss H. V. Davvis was guest of Rev. and Mrs. Rhinehart while in the city.

Mr. A. Young was guest of Mr. and Mrs. McNeil while in the city.

Mr. Ralph Burnaugh, eldest son of Mr. Ira Burnaugh, came in from Eldora, Iowa, last week.

Mr. Ed Tindall of Ottumwa spent a few hours in the city last Saturday.

A literary club to be known as Henrietta Vinton Davis club has been organized in our city by the young ladies. The object of the club is for mutual improvement and to cultivate a higher taste of culture.

Rev. Mrs. W. G. Rhinehart has received an invitation to a grand reception at Bethel chapel, Chicago, in honor of Bishop Arnett and wife, in behalf of the missionary cause. She sends her regrets. Rev. G. W. Gaines, D. D., our representative for bishop, will be present. All hail to his (Gaines') success.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Martin of Burlington came up Tuesday to attend the ball and cake walk.

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

To Amy H. Eustick:

You are hereby notified that on the ninth day of December, A. D. 1896, the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot fifty-nine (59) in Harrison Park addition to University Place, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax of the year 1895 to M. E. Miller; that the undersigned is now the legal owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of the above mentioned sale, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the land will be made unless redemption is made within ninety days from the completed service hereof.

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To A. G. Newman:

You are hereby notified that on the ninth day of December, A. D., 1896, the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot twenty-seven (27) in Forest Glen, being included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax of the year 1895 to M. E. Miller; that the undersigned is now the legal owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of the above mentioned sale, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the land will be made unless redemption is made within ninety days from the completed service hereof.

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To Amy H. Eustick:

You are hereby notified that on the 9th day of December, A. D. 1896, the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot thirty-two (32) in Harrison Park addition to University Place, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax of the year 1895, to E. R. Bennett; that the undersigned is now the legal owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of the above mentioned sale, and that the right of redemption will expire and adeed for the land will be made unless redemption is made within ninety days from the completed service hereof.

GEO. HARNAGEL.

ORIGINAL NOTICE.

In the District court of the state of Iowa, in and for Polk County:

Isabella Broadstone, Plaintiff, vs. Chas. W. Broadstone, Defendant.

To the above named defendant: You are hereby notified that there will be a petition on file in the Clerk's office of the District court of Polk county, Iowa, on or before the 15th day of February A. D. 1900, by the plaintiff (Isabella Broadstone), asking to be divorced from you on the ground of wilful desertion, without the knowledge or consent of the plaintiff, and that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term of said District court, which will commence at Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa, on the 5th day of March A. D. 1900, default will be entered against you and judgment rendered thereon.

J. B. RUSH.
Attorney for plaintiff.

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CHURCH AND CLERGY.

The Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman is to write the life of D. L. Moody.

Bishop Edsall has just completed a highly successful mission at Jamestown, N. D.

Tomkins Avenue Congregational church of Brooklyn raised over $27,000 for missions during the year.

The death roll in the Congregational ministry in Great Britain was unusually heavy during the year 1899.

A congress of the history of religions will be held at Paris, France during the first part of September next year.

The receipts of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, for the year make a total of $38,000, of which $17,000 is from pew rents.

The annual council of the South African churches was held at Graaf Reinet, and owing to the preoccupations of the war, only thirty-eight delegates attended.

Since his resignation from the Church of the Pilgrims relief from care has conduced to a marked improvement in the health of the venerable Dr. R. S. Storrs.

AFRICA IN THE NEXT CENTURY

Dark Continent Is Undergoing a Wonderful Transformation.

From the Forum: The twentieth century Africa promises startling contrasts when compared with the Africa of the nineteenth century. With an area four times as great as that of the United States, a population of 150,000,000, a soil and climate capable of infinite variety of production, a rapidly expanding commerce, and the greatest known supplies of ivory, gold and diamonds, its development under the modern methods which are now being applied to it is practically assured. The home of the oldest civilization, it is the last of the continents to yield to the touch of the newest civilization. But yesterday enveloped in darkness of mystery without and ignorance within, it is today illuminated by the searchlight of modern methods, and as its importance and attractions are being recognized, with this recognition must come development. With 2,000,000 Europeans scattered over its vast area, acquainting themselves with its natural conditions and requirements, with the steamer, the railroad, the telegraph and the telephone carrying light and knowledge and civilization to its darkest corner, Africa cannot long remain unknown or unknowing. It was only after the explorers—Livingstone, Speke, Stanley and others—had discovered, through persistent and heroic effects, that there existed vast navigable water ways above the falls near the mouths of the great streams which flow from the interior that European nations awoke to the physical and commercial possibilities of Africa, and then, in a twinkling, the dark continent was seized upon and divided up and became, as by magic, a vast European "hinterland." Between 1884 and 1898 an area two and a half times the size of the United States, and containing a population of 100,000,000, was parceled out by an agreement of the European powers. At present scarcely a foot of African territory remains unclaimed.

AS TRUE AS GOSPEL.

There is always compensation. Our angels go out that our archangels may come in.

Unhappy is the man for whom his own mother has not made all other mothers venerable.

It is poor wit who lives by borrowing the words, decisions, mein, inventions and actions of others.

What an absurd thing it is to pass over the valuable parts of a man, and fix our attentions on his infirmities.

Virtue will catch as well as vice by contact; and the public stock of honest, manly principle will daily accumulate.

A greater value should be set on having received instructive and useful lessons than of possessing great store of wealth; for the latter is transitory good, the former is durable.

There is scarcely a generalization for one sex which does not apply equally to the other, so perfectly alike in nature are men and women. The difference is only in circumstances.

NEW SOURCE OF GUTTAPERCHA

A German Says the Trees That Produce It Will Grow in the Philippines.

In a monograph, just published in Germany, it is shown that the Philippines are among the few places on earth in which the trees from which guttapercha is procured will flourish. The value of this statement is not to be underrated for two reasons: One is that guttapercha is an indispensable material for the making of submarine cables and golf balls; the other is that the trees in Sumatra and Borneo, from which the chief supply has hitherto been drawn are almost entirely exhausted. The cause of this exhaustion lies in the primitive and destructive methods which were formerly employed for gathering this valuable commodity. The natives who never have any thought for the morrow have ruthlessly cut down whole forests of trees, so that they might scrape the guttapercha, which is nothing but the sap from inside the bark. This wholesale destruction carried on for years has greatly diminished the annual crop, but the discovery that these trees grow and can be successfully cultivated in the Philippines offers hope that a new mine of wealth has been found for American enterprise as soon as the islands are pacified. While the chief use of guttapercha is, of course, for the isolating covering of electric wires, a large quantity is used for the manufacture of golf balls, for which no other material seems so well adapted. Its hardness after having been submitted to the proper pressure, and its toughness make it the only golf ball material yet discovered. The amount of cable laid since 1856 is some 41,853 knots, representing a cost for the cables alone of millions of pounds sterling, and as the prospects are that during the next fifty years many more cables will be required and laid, the demand for guttapercha is almost unlimited. The wealth which guttapercha in the Philippines holds out to American enterprise is in proportion to this demand.

EGG MEMBRANE

Used as a Substitute For Skin Grafting For Surface Wounds.

New York Special Chicago Tribune: Medical science has discovered that the hen's egg provides an admirable substitute for human flesh to graft on human open wounds. The substitute is the delicate membrane that immediately lines the inside of a hen's egg. The German surgeons first found that this membrane can be successfully used as the nucleus for granulation of open wounds. The surgeons of the Seney Hospital in Brooklyn were the first in this country to adopt and practice the Germans' discovery. Consequently Edgar A. Garbut will leave the Seney Hospital, Brooklyn, and again take charge of his laundry. Garbut, 36 years old now, fell from his bicycle two years ago and so severely injured himself that as the disease of the bones advanced it was necessary to remove the bones of his left arm, his shoulder blade, and the left end of his collar bone. While Garbut rallied, the surgeons soon saw that the wounds left by the operations would not heal on the surface. Garbut's wife, his nephew and a young man in his employ offered of their cuticle to graft on Garbut's wounds. But on December 10 the last one of the surgeons in the Seney Hospital remembered that the German surgeons say that the hen's egg provides a substitute for human cuticle in such cases. So the Seney Hospital surgeons procured some fresh eggs and from them took the membrane that lines the shells, and pieces of membrane were planted on Garbut's wounds. Soon a new skin was formed. The egg membrane did not form any part of the new membrane skin, but simply was a "starter" for it.

Forgot His Native Tongue.

Andrew Lawson, a Norwegian cooper was struck on the head by a falling block while at work on one of the piers of the Atlantic Transport company, New York city, on Sept. 5, 1898. He lay like one dead in St. Vincent's hospital for two months. His life was despaired of, but finally he rallied and regained a part of his lost strength. Lawson is in a normal condition in every sense, with the exception that he has forgotten all about his former life and companions, and has no remembrance of his native tongue. Try as he will he cannot converse in the language that he learned in Norway. His wife is instrucing him as she does their four-year-old boy. Lawson speaks the English language only imperfectly. The case has attracted the attention of scientists and specialists.

Buffaloes in Australia.

Buffaloes and elephants are by no means approaching extinction as rapidly as is commonly supposed. Immense herds of buffaloes roam about the vast northern plains of Australia, but bloodthirsty blacks are also numerous in that region, and buffalo-hunters carry their lives in their hands. Also, according to the latest number of the British North Borneo Herald, large numbers of elephants occupy the jungles to the south of Sandakan bay. It is suggested that they could be turned into a valuable asset for the colony if decoy animals were imported from India and the natives were taught how to construct "kedahs," or trapping enclosures.

Value of Birds.

A French naturalist asserts that if the world should become birdless man would not inhabit it after nine years, in spite of all the sprays and poisons that could be manufactured for the destruction of insects. The insects and slugs would simply eat up our orchards and crops.

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CRONJE SURRENDERS

He and His Entire Army Capitulated.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—It is officially announced that Gen. Cronje surrendered with his whole force unconditionally at dawn this morning.

The news of the surrender comes in the following dispatch received by the war office from Lord Roberts:

"PAARDEBERG, Feb. 27, 7:45 a. m.—General Cronje and all his force capitulated unconditionally at daylight and is now a prisoner in my camp. The strength of his force will be communicated later. I hope that her majesty's government will consider this event satisfactory, occurring as it does on the aniversary of Majuba."

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Roberts:

"PAARDEBERG, 11 o'clock Tuesday morning.—From information furnished daily to me by the intelligence department it has become apparent that Cronje's force is becoming impressed and that the discontent of the troops and discord among the leaders is rapidly increasing. This feeling doubtless accentuated by the disappointment caused when the Boer reinforcements, which tried to relieve Cronje were defeated by our troops on February 23. I resolved therefore to bring pressure to bear upon the enemy. Each night the trenches were pushed forward toward the enemy's laager, so as to gradually contract his position and at the same time bombard it heavily with artillery, which yesterday was materially aided by the arrival of a 4-inch howitzer which I ordered up from DeeAar. Carrying out these means a captive baloon gave great assistance by keeping us informed of the dispositions and movements of the enemy. At 3 a. m. to-day a most dashing advance was made by the Canadian regiment and some engineers supported by the First Gordon Highlanders and Second Shropshires, resulting in our gaining points 500 yards nearer the enemy and about 80 yards of his trenches where our men entrenched themselves and maintained their positions till morning. The gallant deed was worthy of our colonial comrades and which I am glad to say was attended with comparitively slight loss.

"This apparently clinched matters, for at daylight to-day letters signed by Cronje, in which he stated he would surrender unconditionally, were brought to our outposts under a flag of truce.

"In my reply I told Cronje he must present himself at my camp and that his forces must come out of their laager after laying down their arms. By 7 a. m. I received Cronje and dispatched a telegram to you announcing the fact. Cronje starts for Capetown this afternoon under charge of Major General Prettiman, who will hand him over to the general commanding at Capetown. The prisoners, who number about 3,000, will be formed into commandos under our own officers.

"They will also leave here to-day, reaching Modder river to-morrow, when they will be railed to Capetown in detachments."

Twenty-nine Transvaal officers were captured and eighteen Free State officers. The guns captured from the Transvaal force were three 75-centimetre Krupps, nine 1-pounders and one Maxim gun. From the Free Staters the British captured one 75-centimetre Krupp and one Maxim. The officers captured by Roberts besides Cronje include the following: Chief Commandant M. J. Wolverans, a member of the volksraad; Field Cornet Frus, a Scandinavian; Major Albrecht, the famous Gordon artilleryman; Major Von Dewitz, a distinguished German officer, and responsible for most of the splendid engineering works of the Boers since the commencement of the war office.

British Loss Heavy.

The war office has issued a list of 721 non commissioned officers and men wounded in the fighting at Paardeberg on Sunday, February 18, including 63 Canadians and 273 Highlanders.

THE WAR IN MEXICO.

Fiercest Fighting of the War Takes Place in Sonora.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—A special to the Chronicle from Potam, Sonora, Mexico, says:

The Mexican federal troops under General Torres have saved Guayamas from the Yaquis, but by dint of the fiercest fighting of the war at a sacrifice of 200 soldiers. The town here is filled with wounded and all the public buildings are utilized.

Dewey's Claim Greatly Reduced.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The United States court of claims has rendered a decision on the claims of Admiral Dewey for prize money on account of the destruction of the Spanish fleet in Manila harbor. The court decided against the admiral's contention that the enemy's force was superior to his, and awarded him $9,570.

Cronje Reinforced and Well Entrenched.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—A cable dispatch from The Hague to a prominent Dutch resident of New York, printed in the Evening Journal, says:

"Dr. Leyds has received the following dispatch from President Kruger: 'Free State and Transvaal forces together south of Paardeberg. Reinforced and well entrenched.'"

Give Up Two Islands.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Upon representations of the Spanish government to the effect that some of the islands south of the Philippine archipelago which had been taken possession of by the United Sates gunboats were really the property of Spain, the authorities of the state department have examined the charts and concluded to direct the withdrawal of our claims to the islands of Caygayen and Cibuta, both of which lie without the boundary lines laid down by the treaty of Paris.

CONGRESS.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 23.—In spite of vigorous and influential opposition, Penrose, of Pennsylvania, succeeded in getting the Quay case before the senate, and during the afternoon three notable speeches were delivered. Daniel vigorously supported Quay's right to a seat. Vest and Foraker delivered notable speeches anent the Hawaiian government bill. Both were constitutional arguments, Foraker's being a reply to Vest's.

HOUSE.

An agreement was reached in the house that the vote on the Porto Rican tariff bill be taken up at 3 p. m. next Tuesday, general debate to close Monday. The speech of Littlefield, of Maine, was the feature of the day. He added to his laurels won in the Roberts debate by a speech against the bill, which for brilliancy, wit and logic rivals the best efforts of the recognized orators of the house. Among the others who spoke were Messrs. Jones (Va) and Mattox (Ga.) against the bill, and Messrs. Russell (Conn.), Barnholdt (Mo.), Gardner (Mich.), and Lacey (Iowa) for it. The debate continued at a night session.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Throughout the session to-day the senate had under consideration the Hawaiian government bill. The discussion took a wide range, but the basis of it was an amendment offered by Platt, of Connecticut, as to the appointment and tenure of office of the judges of the Hawaiian court. No decision was reached.

HOUSE.

The house continued the debate on the Porto Rican bill, Tawney of Minnesota paying his respects to Littlefield of Maine, who had opposed the bill.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Turley of Tennessee presented a constitutional argument against the seating of Quay, which was given close attention by his colleagues. Consideration of the Hawaiian government bill brought out a lively discussion between Tillman and Spooner, in which the former admitted that ballot boxes had been stuffed and negroes had been shot in the south to maintain white domination. An amendment was made to the bill striking out the property qualification of voters for members of the legislature, but little other progress was made. Frye reported the shipping subsidy bill.

HOUSE.

The general debate upon the Porto Rican tariff bill was today extended until tomorrow night and addresses were made by a dozen representatives.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Depew delivered a speech, addressing himself to the resolutions offered on the Philippine question, particularly to that proposed by Beveridge of Indiana, declaratory of the policy of the United States toward the Philippine Islands. At the conclusion of Depew's speech Turley of Tennessee resumed his argument against the seating of Quay of Pennsylvania.

HOUSE.

The general debate on the Porto Rica tariff bill closed today in a blaze of glory. The galleries were banked to the doors and every seat on the floor was occupied when the rival champions of the respective sides, Dolliver, of Iowa, and Bailey, of Texas, made the closing arguments, each speaking for an hour and a half. The address of Dolliver elicted unbounded enthusiasm from the galleries and floor.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Aldrich, chairman of the finance committee, made an explanation of the work of the conferees on the financial measure. McLaurid of South Carolina delivered an address on the Philippine question. He declared himself for expansion, being the first democrat in the senate to do so. Allen delivered a speech in opposition.

HOUSE

The Porto Rican tariff bill, amended as agreed upon at the conference of republicans so as to reduce the tariff from 25 to 15 per cent of the American tariff, and limiting its life to two years, was passed by a vote of 172 yeas to 161 nays. Six republicans, Messrs. Crumpacker (Indiana); Fletcher, (Minnesota); Heatwole, (Minnesota); Littlefield, (Maine); Lorimer, (Illinois), and McCall, (Mass.), voted against the bill and four democrats, Messrs. Davy and Myer, (Louisiana); Devries, (California), and Sibley, (Penn.), voted with the republicans for the bill.

SENATE.

Washington, March 1.—The bill providing a form of government for Hawaii was passed without division. Clay of Georgia delivered a carefully prepared speech on the Philippine question. He favored the adoption of the Bacon resolutions, declaring it to be the policy of the United States to turn over the islands to the Filipinos as soon as a stable government could be establi-hed by them under the protection of this country.

HOUSE.

The democrats scored their first victory of the session in the house on the motion to take up the contested election case of Aldrich vs. Robbins from the Fourth Alabama district. On two separate votes the democrats with the aid of two republicans, Mondel, of Wyoming, and H. C. Smith, of Michican, beat the republicans upon the question of consideration. An agreement was made to consider the Loud bill relating to second-class matter on March 20.

BRITISH BADLY WHIPPED.

Caught in a Trap and Given a Costly Drubbing.

LONDON, March 1.—The Mail's correspondent, under date Pieters, Feb. 24, describes the engagement: "Last night the Inniskilling Fusiliers, mixed with some Dublin Fusiliers and Cannaught Rangers, attempted to carry the railway hill from Pieters. They were under continuous fire, through which they passed up the heavy broken ground to the first Boer trench. Half way up the hill the Boers retreated to the crest and then came back on either flank of the Irish troops enfilading the captured trench with a savage cross, as well as a direct fire. All night and until 9 o'clock in the morning our men held their position under the ceaseless fire and at a terrible cost. At roll call only five officers and one hundred men answered to their names. Col. Thackery and Major Sanders of the Inniskillings, Col. Stillwell of the Dublin Fusiliers, Captain Maitland, of the Second Gordons, and Col. Thorold, of the Welsh Fusiliers, were killed. Two hundred and fifty-two of the rank and file were killed and wounded. General Lyttleton's brigade relieved them at ten o'clock this morning, when the Boer artillery pounded the troops holding the center of the kopjes without pause but with little effect."

Dewey's Claim Greatly Reduced.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The United States court of claims has rendered a decision on the claims of Admiral Dewey for prize money on account of the destruction of the Spanish fleet in Manila harbor. The court decided against the admiral's contention that the enemy's force was superior to his, and awarded him $9,570.

Cannot Buy Discharges.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The war department will probably reject applications of enlisted men to purchase their discharge, as it finds it has authority to do that in time of peace. In this way it escapes deciding whether the United States is at war.

THE WAR IN MEXICO.

Fiercest Fighting of the War Takes Place in Sonora.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—A special to the Chronicle from Potam, Sonora, Mexico, says:

The Mexican federal troops under General Torres have saved Guayamas from the Yaquis, but by dint of the fiercest fighting of the war at a sacrifice of 200 soldiers. The town here is filled with wounded and all the public buildings are utilized.

Even a wily strategist is trapped now and then.

PUERTO RICO TO BE TAXED.

House Passes the Tariff Bill by a Vote of 172 to 161.

PARTY MANAGERS SURPRISED.

Rate Is Cut Down to 15 Per Cent, and the Law Is Made Temporary—Four Democrats Vote for the Measure—Other Washington Matter.

Washington, March 2.—The struggle in the house over the Puerto Rico tariff bill ended Wednesday when the bill was amended by reducing the tariff to 15 per cent and making the law temporary, and passed by a vote of 172 to 161. The republican managers were surprised at the majority of eleven received by the bill, for up to the hour of voting they claimed only a majority of from three to five.

There were six republicans who voted against the bill. They were McCall of Massachusetts, Littlefield of Maine, Crumpacker of Indiana, Lorimer of Illinois, and Heatwole and Fletcher of Minnesota. Warner of Illinois, who was absent by reason of illness, was paired against the bill. Representative Lorimer announced that were Mr. Warner present he would oppose the bill.

These five republicans were not enough to defeat the bill. On a strict party vote, with all members present, the republicans have a majority of fourteen, and it would have required the change of eight republican votes to defeat. Four democrats voted for the bill, four others were absent without pairs, and one was present without voting. In this way the bill received a majority of eleven votes.

The four democrats who voted for the bill were Davey and Meyer of Louisiana, Devries of California, and Sibley of Pennsylvania. The four democrats absent without pairs were Stallings of Alabama, Small of North Carolina, Smith of Kentucky, and Fleming of Georgia. Bellamy of North Carolina, democrat, was present, but did not vote.

The republicans cheered over their victory, but it was not entirely a republican victory. They also cheered the four democrats who voted with them. The republicans made their fight for constitutional power that congress could legislate for the islands acquired from Spain without extending the constitution over them. The six republicans who opposed the bill did so on the ground that this position was not constitutional, and was not fair to Puerto Rico. The four democrats who voted for the bill did so on the ground of protection to their local interests.

The four democrats who were absent without pairs were simply unfortunate. The republican whip, Mr. Tawney, was a better player at pairing his men than was the democratic whip. Mr. Tawney secured a pair for every republican who favored the bill. He even beat the republican opponents out of one vote by changing the pair of Mr. Stevens of Minnesota, who had paired with Mr. Harmer of Pennsylvania, to Mr. Warner of Illinois. Mr. Stevens had assured Mr. McCall that he was opposed to the bill and would pair with Mr. Harmer. McCall relied upon that pair to hold Stevens.

But Mr. Tawney won over Stevens to support the bill this morning and quietly changed the pair to Warner, allowing Stevens to vote. The democratic whip was unable to secure pairs for all his absentees.

The conference report on the financial bill was taken up in the senate today, and Mr. Aldrich, in charge of the bill, made an explanation of the report. He confined his statement to an explanation of such provisions of the conference report as amended or modified the terms of the senate bill. Mr. Allen of Nebraska made a speech against the Hawaiian bill, and the senate adjourned, after agreeing to vote on the latter today.

WARSHIPS ON GREAT LAKES.

President McKinley Answers the Inquiry of Congress.

Washington, March 1.—The president has just transmitted a report to the house defining the present status of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain relating to the maintenance of war vessels on the great lakes.

The report is in answer to a resolution passed by the lower branch of congress Jan. 15, requesting information regarding the status of the agreement between the two governments signed April 29, 1817. In reply to this request, Secretary Hay holds that the joint high commissions of the United States, appointed May 30, 1898, to adjust all international complications on the great lakes, were instructed to obtain from Great Britain the admission that the convention does not prevent the construction of a certain class of warships for the building of which the shipyards of lake ports have special facilities. This joint high commission, he added, had made satisfactory progress in securing such agreement, but final adjudication of the matters has been suspended.

Gen. Anderson Goes to Ohio.

Chicago, March 2.—Gen. Thomas M. Anderson, former commander of the lakes, left Chicago today for his future home in Columbus, Ohio. With his family he will spend several weeks in Detroit visiting relatives. Gen. Anderson has business interests in Chillicothe and Columbus, and since his retirement he has decided to return to Ohio to live.

Rumor of Alliance Revived.

Baltimore, Md. March 2.—The old rumor relative to an alliance between the Greater Seabord system and the Baltimore and Ohio has been revived

DRAMATIC SCENE BY SYNON.

Accused Man Calls for Vengeance on His Wife's Murderer.

Chicago, March 2.—Michael Synon, alleged murderer of his wife, created a scene at the county morgue Wednesday afternoon by falling on his knees before the case containing the body of the woman, calling on heaven to bring her murderer to justice.

"I guess your prayer has already been answered," said Detective Sergeant Bonner, who was standing near.

Synon had just been held to the grand jury when the scene took place. He had refused to make a confession and the detectives thought that by bringing him into the presence of his dead wife, he would break down and admit his guilt, but the plain failed.

FIRE AT RULER OF VENEZUELA

Attempt to Assassinate President Castro Fails.

Caracas, Venezuela, March 1.—During the carnival procession a Venezuelan fired two shots at President Cripiano Castro without effect. The president was afterward acclaimed by the populace. The city is quiet. Gen. Cripiano Castro became president of Venezuela in October last, as a result of the successful revolution against President Andrado, who fled from the republic. But Castro was not recognized as president by the United States until Nov. 20, 1899. Castro is about 36 years old, is well educated, and is credited with being possessed of ample means. He has been a strong supporter of the liberal party.

Chicago Board of Trade.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—The following table shows the range of quotations on the board of trade today:

	High.	Low.	Closing—Feb.28.	Feb.27.
Wheat—				
Feb.	.....	.....	$ .63⅞	$ .64¾
May	$ .66⅛	$ .65⅛	.65⅛	.66⅛
July	.66⅞	.66	.66⅛	.67
Corn—				
May	.35⅛	.34⅞	.35	.35
July	.35¼	.35	.35	.35⅛
Sept.	.35⅝	.35½	.35½	.35⅝
Oats—				
Feb.	.....	.....	.22	.....
May	.23⅜	.23⅜	.23⅜	.23⅜
July	.22⅜	.22⅜	.22⅜	.22⅜
Pork—				
May	10.70	10.50	10.55	10.70
July	10.72½	10.57½	10.60	10.72½
Lard—				
May	5.85	5.77½	5.80	5.85
July	5.95	5.87½	5.90	5.92½
Short ribs—				
May	5.82½	5.75	5.75	5.82½
July	5.82½	5.77½	5.80	5.82½

Former Soldier Arrested.

Chicago, March 2.—Thomas S. Kelly, formerly treasurer of the Omaha branch of the Phoenix Life and Insurance company of Chicago, was arrested Wednesday afternoon for the alleged embezzlement of $5,000. Kelly disappeared from Omaha two years ago. Kelly does not deny the charges preferred against him, and accompanied Sheriff Thomas Flynn of Omaha to that city. When the Spanish-American war broke out Kelly joined the regular army. He served in the Philippines as a private. A month ago he returned to the United States and received his discharge. When arrested Kelly was seeking employment with another insurance company.

Bitter Against the Mormons.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 2.—For some weeks Mormon elders have been active here, and have secured many converts in this city. Today it came to light that the adopted daughter of A. J. Gerstner of Park avenue had become infatuated with an elder named Fred Brooks, gone to Salt Lake City with him, and there married him. It is not known whether Brooks has any other wives. Gerstner is enraged, and has demanded that the authorities take such action as will prevent further proselyting of Mormons here. He says that the elders invade homes during the absence of husbands and fathers and use their arguments upon the women.

Fatal Explosion of Powder.

Waterloo, Iowa, March 2.—A keg of gunpowder stored in the residence of Gustavus Horn, four miles east of Dunkerton, exploded this morning, wrecking the house and fatally injuring two children. Mr. and Mrs. Horn were at the barn doing the chores at the time. As they started toward the house they were met by their children, whose clothing were all ablaze. The flames were extinguished, but the burns proved fatal.

American Ship Is Burned.

Souraybaya, Java, March 1.—The American ship St. John, Capt. Fales, from New York for Yokohama, is reported lost by fire. All hands were saved and landed at Banjoowange. The St. John had a registered tonnage of 1,885 and was owned by I. F. Chapman & Co. of New York.

Call for State Convention.

Columbus, Ohio, March 2.—The call for the state republican convention on April 24 and 25 was issued Wednesday, and vice-presidents and the various committees will be chosen the first day, when the temporary organization will be effected.

Train Robber Is Killed.

Kansas City, Mo., March 1.—Lon Curry, one of the train robbers who engaged in the Wilcox, Wyo., hold-up on the Union Pacific last June, when something like $30,000 was secured, was shot and killed by officers at Dodson, near here, while resisting arrest.

Dowie Prompt in Paying.

Waukegan, Ill., March 1.—John Alexander Dowie is meeting promptly his contract payments on the Benton land, bought for Zion City. Payments of about $50,000, which fall due March 1, have just been made to the property-owners interested

A NEWSPAPER FAM[INE]

SCARCITY OF PRINT MAY BRING IT ON.

[MAN]

Great Shortage of the Material Which Is Made of Wood Is Made—Canadian Pulp Shut Off Entirely.

(From the Chicago Daily Inter-Ocean.)

A serious famine threatens the industry of the United States. A combination causes have conspired to let product of the mills, while the for print paper and the other grades is unprecedented.

The conditions led to a secret meeting of the leading paper manufacturers of the United States yesterday at the Great Northern hotel, to consider what could be done to avert the threatened famine by the shortage of pulp, which, if it is not relieved, will cause the vast paper mills of the country to shut down and cripple every industry which depends upon the product of the mills. Nearly the leading paper manufacturers of the country were present, and the topic of interest was a new process for the manufacture of paper, to take the place of the wood fibre now in such universal use. What fiber is, the paper manufacturers will not say. They averred that at the present time the process by which it is manufactured is in a crude stage, but discussed it as the only visible means of present difficulties.

Great Lack of Material.

"Not for twenty years has the serious condition confronted the manufacturers of paper, and there is danger that we may be forced to close our mills for lack of material," said D. Schaeffer of the Hartford Paper company, who presided over the meeting. "Various causes are responsible for this condition. The principal one is that wood pulp, from which lower grades of paper is manufactured, is so hard to get that there is a constant scramble for material. An inquiry of the pulp mills at Sault Ste. Marie, the largest pulp mills in the world, develops the fact that not a pound for sale there, and the mills are as hard pressed. The cutting of the forests of the Eastern and middle Western states, the stopping of the supply from Canada is largely responsible for the threatened famine. Added to the scarcity of timber is the recent mild winter, which has made it impossible to get the pulp wood which has been cut to market. A large part of the cut of the forests of Wisconsin, Michigan, upon which the Western states depend for pulp wood, is now lying on the bare ground, and cannot be moved until snow comes. Another great danger confronts us, the possibility of a heavy fall of rain following this long dry season. If eighteen inches of snow were to come up the pulp wood already cut in the woods it would be next to impossible to get it out and float it down the river to the mills.

Labor Also a Cause.

"A great scarcity of labor in the pineries has also made the movement of pulp wood to the mills slow. Companies cutting pulp wood have spent thousands of dollars importing men into the pineries to cut pulp wood only to lose them when they got there. Boys of eighteen and nineteen are being largely employed in the work.

"Canada has been the source of supply for many of the Eastern mills, but that source of supply has been cut off as the cutting of pulp on crown lands has been prohibited and the province of Quebec has placed an export duty on pulp, making the importer pay $1.90 per cord duty, which makes the material too expensive. The only solution we can see is to adopt a new fiber as a substitute for wood fiber. That is the subject for discussion. We have one in view, but do not care to talk of that now.

"Another difficulty which confronts Eastern manufacturers is a lack of water upon which they depend for power. That is the result of the cutting away of the forests. The mills of the middle West are embarrassed in this respect to the same extent as the Eastern mills.

"We have not combined to form any combination to control prices. The demand naturally controls prices. The sole object is to determine if possible, for a family basis, what the producer as much as the consumer."

J. C. Brockelbank, Eastern and Western manager of the Manufacturers' Paper company of Philadelphia, with offices in the Rookery building, confirmed the statements made by William Schaeffer concerning the trade.

Condition Is Serious.

"If present conditions continue, there will be a shortage of pulp wood in the mills until next fall," he said. "It will be simply impossible to get the wood from which wood pulp is made. It grows in the swamps, and the winter has been so mild that it has been impossible to get to the rivers, down which it is floated to the mills, as wagons would sink to the hubs in mud and water. Continued cold weather can relieve the condition."

The stock of paper now on hand is extremely short. The export trade, which was large, has been abandoned entirely, and the jobbers have very little free paper on hand. The mills have no free paper and will see that they are in condition to meet contracts already made before they sell to any one else. There is serious danger that the mills may have to shut down entirely for lack of pulp wood. The greatest dangor to the trade is likely to be during March and April, and May, but the famine will continue until next fall.

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Barnacles of the Hog Business.

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The subject assigned me is one that might be drawn out to cover a vast field, but my time is too limited to permit of dealing with the subject in detail.

Selfishness is one of the worst barnacles on the hog business. How many really selfish men succeed in the business? I claim that a selfish breeder will never make the business a success. The successful breeder must be liberal enough to see the faults and imperfections of his own herd and when he finds a cross in the herd of a brother breeder that would be an improvement on his own, try to secure it, and not be selfish enough to permit his own herd to go to wreck rather than buy from a brother breeder. I remember seeing this notice in a sale catalogue: "If you haven't what the people want, get it, and then you will find a ready sale for what you are offering." The remark is as true as the rising of the sun. When I was in the breeding business I was glad to find some other fellows that had something better than myself. I bought to improve my own herd.

Then there are show barnacles. The people can see for themselves. It does a breeder good to get beaten sometimes. Nothing is more disgusting and tiresome than to have to listen to the lamentations of a defeated exhibitor. Life is too short, take your defeat cheerfully.

There is the state fair barnacle. He is the fellow that breeds and gathers up a lot of cheap stuff and takes to our state fair exhibitions. He as a rule has no interest in the advancement of any breed. He cares nothing for the interest of the fair. Nine-tenths of this class would not give the agricultural papers a half-inch advertisement under any circumstances, though those papers have put both time and money into the advancement of the interests of the breeds. They sit down in the pens right beside the men that have been liberal enough to put their means and almost undivided attention back of a grandly bred herd that will improve the stock interests generally. They sell their animals for a little more, and sometimes less, than pork prices, thereby injuring the entire swine raising business.

There is also the red light and danger-signal barnacle. We have a few of them yet, but they are becoming scarcer. They draw a little ring around themselves and never step outside of it. They live in their shells and are afraid to peep out for fear they might see a red light—they are always looking for disasters. They are the fellows that would not give over $17 for a boar to stand at the head of their herd, and they will sell their own stock from $15 down, and try to make you believe that their animals are just as good as others that you would have to pay $50 for. These are the fellows that write in the stock journals and tell just how to raise hogs, and say that business was never better, and that they have shipped so many sows and boars within a certain time. When I read those articles I am inclined to believe they are telling the truth, especially the boar part of it, but my opinion is they ship them to Chicago or some other fat stock market, and would rather stand the dockage than to cut the animals when they are pigs, for they know they will make poor barrows. Good breeders who are really doing a good business do not have the time to write long tiresome articles for publication in the stock journals, sounding the alarm or calling attention to the danger signals and of all the traps that the "rascals" have set to catch the unwary. Busy, honest, upright breeders are unsuspecting. When honest men go into sales they are not lavish with their criticism of the methods of the man that is holding the sale, nor do they denounce him as dishonest without having as thoroughly ascertained the facts in the case. The man that spreads distrust is hurting his own business as well as that of others.

There are a few honest barnacles. There is nothing more commendable than honesty. This should be the largest stone on which the man builds his foundation for his business. On the other hand some breeders will tell you with delight of the dishonest methods of some other breeder, and then with a nudge in the side and a sly wink will say that they would not do such a thing, oh not for the world.

Selling Good Brood Mares.

The good brood mare is worth more to the farmer that can breed her than she is to the city man that expects to wear her out in the service of some city establishment. In other words the broodmare of proper type and free from blemishes is worth more money than she will sell for, unless the sale be made to some breeder that can afford to pay more than the professional horse buyers. Farmers have been making the mistake of selling off their best mares instead of holding on to them. They say that the buyers would only take the best, so they had to sell them or nothing. But the buyers had to have horses and if the farmers had everywhere refused to sell their best breeding stock the buyers would have been compelled to take the second best. The farmers would thus today be in shape to breed from first-class stock and raise horses such as the market demands.

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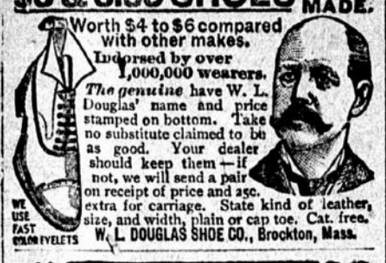

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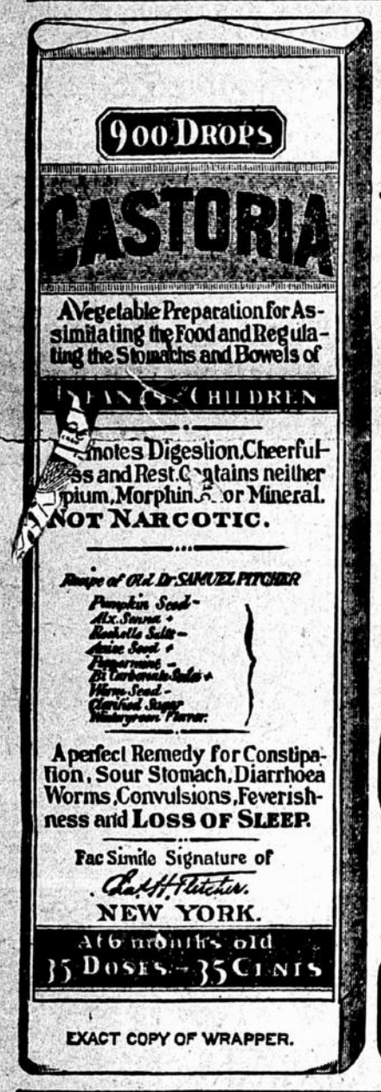

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The Bystander of Des Moines is greatly improved in appearance sence it has been change in form to a 6-col. quarto.—Mitchellvile Index.

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Governor A. H. Longino of Mississippi, who opposes lynching was nearly mobbed by fellow-students at the University of Mississippi for a violent speech against lynch-law.

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A bill has been introduced in the Legislature of Mississippi, giving to the families of the victims of mob violence, $300, and depriving the official, who surrenders a prisoner to a mob, of office.

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At the annual ortorical contest of the literary societies held in Westerville, O., recently; Joseph Hannibal Caulker, native of Africa took first place. His subject was "Our Relation to the Dark Continent".

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Mr. William Grey, one of the most prominent colored men of Minneapolis, Minn., and for nearly twenty years employed in the railway postal service, died last week. Mr. Grey was chief clerk on his car and drew a salary of $1,500 a year.

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Prince A. Daniels, has for 26 years been in the employe of the First National Bank of Memphis, Tenn. His first employment was that of messenger, but by efficiency and integrity, he has been continually promoted until now he has charge of the bank's collections, handling vast sums of money each and every day.

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A check for $5,000 signed by a Pennsylvania woman, who requested that her name and address remain unknown, has been received by Charles G. Gray, president of the Exchange Bank, to be held in trust for the Negro Industrial Academy of Fort Valley, Ga.

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It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of a doctor. An Albany (N. Y.) dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, than very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain,s Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family hae since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by all Druggists

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There was more dancing over the golden calf than over two tables of stone.

Venice has had three international art exhibitions since 1895, and all of them have been successful. The last one, which closed on Nov. 13, occasioned the sale of $70,000 worth of paintings, 19 per cent of which went into the pockets of non-Italian artists.

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DECEIVED THE BRITISHERS.

How a Woman Adventurer Was Able to Play a High Role in London.

The history of Hon. Elizabeth Harriet Grieve, who flourished in England in 1773-74, illustrates a favorite method by which the old-time Britishers endeavored to secure snug places. This lady, who said that she was first cousin to Lord North, second cousin to the Duke of Grafton, nearly related to Lady Fitzroy and a personal friend of Lord Guilford and Charles James Fox, drove about London in a handsome chariot, with footmen; her chariot stopped at the doors of great houses; she received great people at her own house, notably Charles James Fox; she also condescended to receive smaller people. The latter gave her large sums of money, in return for which she promised them places. One was to be a clerk in the victualing office, one was to be a court waiter; one was to be clerk in the admiralty; one was to be a "settled tidesman;" another was to have anything that happened to be going. Charles Fox assisted, unwittingly, at spreading the belief in the lady's powers and promises, because he frequently drove to her lodgings, and left his carriage outside for all the world to see. The reason was not friendship, but interest. He, too, received promises. He was at the moment impecunious. The lady promised him a West Indian heiress, with $300,000. He called daily to inquire after his heiress with all the eagerness of a young lover. Alas! the heiress was never visible; she was even reported to be laid up with smallpox. Her visits were so useful to the Hon. Elizabeth that she actually lent him $1,500, a step which naturally made him believe more firmly in the West Indian. Of course, when the expectant men found that there was nothing for them they went to court and saw the magistrate. It came out, on investigation, that the lady was not in any sense honorable; that she was not related to any great people; that her history was a mass of lies, and that she was nothing more than an ex-convict recently returned from Virginia. They kept her in prison for a twelvemonth—the delay is not explained—and then banished her for seven years.

HEAVY GUNS DESTROY EARS.

Why So Many Artillerymen Suffer From Defective Hearing.

The stunning report of each gun as it is fired is something that a stranger on the deck of a ship of war will long remember. There is an old saying, "deaf as a post." Now in the English navy this is changed to "deaf as a post captain." No man can go through a long series of gunnery practices without having his hearing seriously affected. Some men put cotton in their ears, but even this precaution does little to deaden the terrible shock. And if the firing of one or two guns has such a shattering power, what would be the effect if the whole armament were in action together? It is impossible to conceive the strain on nerve and senses of the rending concussion. If a visitor watches the firing of one of the monster nine-inch guns and then places himself beside one of the smaller pieces, the report made by the one will not appear much louder than that of the other. The extra distance to the muzzle of the big pieces discounts the sound. The only apparent difference between the two appears to be that the small pieces have a sharper, higher-pitched note, and that the six and nine-inch guns speak with more of a bellowing roar. One piece of advice may be given to any one who finds himself in the neighborhood of a gun in action. The noise will not have nearly the same effect if you are watching the gun as if the crash comes unexpectedly. Unconsciously nature prepares you to resist a shock which is known to be impending.

The Flight of Empress Eugenie.

The true story of the flight of the Empress Eugenie from the Tuilleries will soon be published. It is now in the form of a manuscript left by Dr. T. W. Evans, the American dentist, who accompanied the Empress in her flight to England. Dr. Crane, who aided Dr. Evans in protecting Eugenie and accelerating her flight, says he only awaits a decision of the court before publishing this contribution to French history. The reason why it was not published during Dr. Evans' lifetime is because it deals hard blows at those who deserted the Empress in her hour of trial. Now that most of the chief actors in the drama of 1870 have passed away, the venerable ex-Empress has expressed the wish that this interesting manuscript be published.

An Encounter with a Mad Bull.

A telegram from Paris describes an encounter with a mad bull at Mont de Marsan. A woman was terribly injured, and an officer who went to her assistance with a drawn sword was tossed several yards and badly hurt. A sergeant charged the animal with a fixed bayonet, but was knocked down and trampled upon, being frightfully mangled. The bull next charged the village omnibus, killing both the horses. Several villagers, armed with rifles, at length succeeded in killing it.

Nathan Hale's Schoolhouse.

Nathan Hale's schoolhouse in New London, Conn., is attracting considerable attention at the present moment. The old house where he taught after leaving Yale College until the breaking out of the revolution, and where he made a patriotic speech to his scholars just before he joined the Continental army, is still standing, and the Connecticut society of the Sons of the American Revolution propose to purchase it and restore it to its former condition.

STREET CARS IN ENGLAND.

London Decision That Would Cause Astonishment in This Country.

A London magistrate has just made from the bench a statement, which, if it is ever duplicated by a competent court in this city, would or might have consequences terrible even to imagine. It seems that on one of the urban railways there had been a crowded train. A woman had tried to force her way into a compartment already fully occupied and her efforts had excited a mild protest from one of the passengers already seated. The protesting remarks were taken amiss by the woman's husband, a fight followed and then an arrest of the pugnacious husband. It is not a matter of any consequence whether he or the other man was at fault for the scrimmage; what is at least interesting is the fact that the magistrate before whom the case came formally announced that nobody has a right to enter a railway carriage which is already full. Those who take tickets at the starting point, he said, are entitled to seats and tickets taken at intermediate stations are subject to there being room for the holders. If the company issues tickets in excess of the number of seats provided the holders may bring an action for damages, wait for the next train or demand the return of their money. Persons in a carriage which is full have a legal, as well as moral right to prevent others from endeavoring to enter it and the sooner the public understands this the better, as no one has a right to inconvenience passengers already in their places. Such is the English law, according to this interpreter of it. Patrons of our own elevated and surface cars are not likely even to ask if there is any such law in this country. They are so well habituated to traveling in cruel discomfort that the impulse to make effective protest against it has been lost.

PERSIAN RUGS OF IRISH MAKE.

Deft Weavers on the Old Sod Turn Out a Perfect Imitation.

Just a year ago some manufacturers of artistic textiles touring in Donegal resolved on establishing a place for the making of hand-tufted carpets of the description generally known as "Turkish" or "Persian." The peculiarity of this fabric is that from its nature it must be a hand production. The tufts are tied by the fingers in knots in longitudinal warps, which are stretched between two long parallel beams. The carpets are made to the size and shape of any room. The design is placed in front and the girls from three to a dozen, according to the size of the carpet, select the colors indicated row by row, which are tied, then bound down by "shoots" of woolen weft drawn across the entire width and beaten firm by small iron-toothed hammers. There is interesting variety and pleasure in the work, and it is such that individual skill and workmanship come largely into play. Altogether, it is just such an industry as is suited to the rural districts of Ireland. No steam power is required and there is therefore no handicap on the commercial side by the absence of coal. The first year's experiment with the Irish girls has proved that they are admirably adapted for the work. The girls show a nimbleness of fingers and sharpness of eye for color and form that have quite astonished their teachers and they take to the work with a spirit and cheerfulness quite refreshing. So convinced are the promoters of its ultimate success that they have planned out a broad scheme that will spread the work all over the west of Ireland and give employment to many hundreds of girls and boys.—London Furniture Record.

Mendicant Students.

Concerning the poorer students of Russia the Saturday Review says: Their mendacity is passive rather than active. Unlike the mendicant friars, they never ask, but they know much will be given them. They know, too—strange fact in a strange country—that the university is open to all, irrespective of means or position. Thus the university becomes the poor Russian's golden opportunity, for here, as elsewhere, there are many posts, for which graduates alone are eligible. A stroll through the streets of Moscow during term time furnishes abundant evidence of the popularity of the university. The uncompromising military blue and green uniform which stamps the student, and which he can never, save under dire penalties, exchange for plain clothes, is to be met with at every turn. A few rich students are caught sight of driving; the many are on foot.

A Cat's Long Jump.

New York Correspondence Pittsburg Dispatch: How far can a cat jump without hurting itself was partially exemplified in Brooklyn. A pretty white cat ran up a tree to get away from a dog, and at last crawled out on a small branch at least sixty feet above the ground. The branch was not much more than a twig, and the cat could not turn around. She sat up there on the swaying limb and meowed. At last the twig broke, and down came the cat. She alighted on the ground on her feet, looked around for a moment, and then bounded away. Which shows that a sixty-foot drop does not hurt a Brooklyn cat, whatever it might do to cats of other places.

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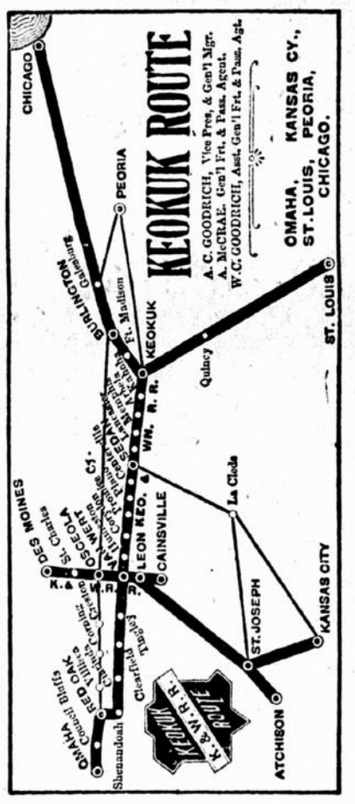

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