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IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

CITY NEWS.

Get your coal at 1007 Center street. Vote for H. H. Lewis for constable to-morrow.

Mrs. R. N. Hyde has returned from Vincennes, Ind., this week.

Vote for J. L. Thompson for Justice of Peace to-morrow.

Every colored voter should vote for Thompson and Lewis Saturday afternoon.

Levi Riley a janitor at the Y. M. C. A. building is the only new case of small-pox reported.

Mr. N. Shininghouse was called to the sick bedside of his father Thursday by a telegram.

Miss Nettie Tolliver spent Friday in Olive visiting Mrs. C. H. Richardson and Miss Eldora Thompson.

Hon. Geo. E. Taylor of Oskaloosa is in the city this week attending the colored meeting.

Attorney Geo. H. Woodson of Muchakinoock was a Capitol City visitor Thursday to attend the colored meeting.

Mr. Geo. Wells one of our esteemed citizens was selected as a special police by the Mayor. We congratulate him.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairfax of Omaha, Neb., stopped over with her sister Mrs. E. Noble while enroute to her old home in Keokuk.

Robert Baikes one of our old and highly esteemed citizens from the East Side has been drawn on the May term of the grand jury.

Quarterly meeting will be held at the A. M. E. church Sunday. Rev. Williamson of Muchakinoock will assist Dr. Peterson.

Rev. J. Underwood and J. H. Mixon of Fraiser were in the city Thursday. The latter gentleman is thinking of starting a business enterprise here.

Mr. C. W. Henry of East Des Moines has finished painting his house of a pale green, trimmed in dark green. It shows up very pretty.

All members of the Marshall Band are requested to meet at N. E. Mortons on Tenth street to make arrangements for Decoration Day.

The H. B. S. R. C. held a very pleasant and profitable meeting at the residence of Mrs. Ella Smith last Thursday. They will meet with Mrs. I. E. Williamson next Thursday all members are requested to be present, business of importance.

The republican county primaries is Saturday April 28th from 1:00 to 7:00 P. M. at the regular voting places, don't forget the date.

Rollen Weeks who has been pursuing a course in Shorthand and Typewriting at the Capital City Commercial College stopped last week as his term had expired, but will finish his course next fall. He is now one of the best penman among our race in the city.

A few young friends of Fred Stanton surprised him last Tuesday evening by calling in a body and gave him a party as a reminder that it was his twenty-first birthday, a very enjoyable time was had by all present. Light refreshments were served, and at a late hour all departed leaving Fred wishing for them to call every birthday.

Telephone 355 Center street, for coal.

Mrs. Anna Humbles of Muchakinoock visited a few days in our city last week while here she was the guest of Mr. S. M. Wilson. She likes Des Moines very much.

Voters, do not forget to vote for John L. Thompson the only colored candidate for Justice of Peace.

When in Muchakinoock, Iowa, stop at MRS. ADDIE JOHNSON'S RESTAURANT for good meals or short orders; also Ice Cream. Prompt attention given to all orders.

Married, at the home of the bride's parents on School street. Miss Maud Cleggett to William Jones of Montazuma, Ia. It was a very quiet affair as only the relatives and a very few friends were present, the ceremony was performed by Dr. F. J. Peterson. They left immediately for Montazuma where they will make their future home. The bride is one of Des Moines well known girls having been raised up here, while the groom is a studious barber in his town. We extend them our best wishes for their success in married life.

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NECROLOGY.

Mrs. Patsy Palmer Brooks, the wife of John L. Brooks, a prominent citizen of Burlington, died at her home Sunday April 15. She leaves a husband, four daughters and one son to mourn her loss. Mr. Brooks has the sympathy of his many friends in his deep sorrow, having just buried his son Theodore two weeks before.

DR. R. C. RANSOM.

Dr. R. C. Ransom of Bethel A. M. E. church, Chicago, is one of the leading candidates for editor of the Christian Recorder in Philadelphia, at the coming General Conference which will soon convene in Columbus, Ohio. We favor Dr. Ransom because he is an educated christian gentleman. He is one of the most eloquent pulpit orators in the connection; highly educated and polished, yet he has that social and congenial disposition which makes him pleasant with all classes, the lowest layman do not feel embarrassed in his presence. He is yet a young man and we earnestly hope, as we sincerely believe the members of the General Conference will reward Dr. Ransom. Than again he is a western man and the entire west should stand a unite for him. The hard struggle that he has had to reach the high plane of learning is commendable.

Shall We Celebrate

The One Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of John Brown.

While America has had many illustrious sons, but if we should be the judge but few if any has been more courageous, self-sacrificing and more loyal to humanity than the hero of Harper's Ferry and sage of Ossawatimie. The extreme hatred he had for slavery and the horrible hardships that he has endured while trying to free the poor slave, has never been excelled by human, and the tender love and sweet kindness he always had for our race. Therefore every colored church and society in every city and hamlet should prepare a good programme and appropriately celebrate his anniversary which is May 9, 1900.

IMPROVEMENT OF OUR MERCHANT MARINE

In view with the situation the United States now assumes, we need to turn our attention to our foreign commerce in other parts of the globe. The first and most important question is the improvement of our merchant marine. We need more vessels to export our products to foreign countries in American vessels and under the American flag. England, Germany and France years ago wisely seen the urgent necessity of improving their merchant marine, and, as a result those countries control all the African and export trade of Asia, and are now working hard to control China, Japan and the Archipelago.

Our nation with such a great diversity of industries and manufactured products, with our abundant natural resources, and with such an industrious and increasing population, ought to increase the means of profitable disposing of its surplus production of every kind is self-evident. Therefore Congress ought to take immediate steps to so enlarge and improve our merchant marine that American commerce will be carried in American vessels, made, owned and operated by Americans with the American flag floating above the vessel.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

Signonney, Iowa, April 23.—Messrs Thompson & Shepard.—Dear Sirs; My time was out yesterday with your dear paper. Will you please send it on for another year, I like it very well and can not do without it. You will find enclose \$1.50 for the same.

Your Truly, THOMAS H. M. BENTON.

FOR COUNTY RECORDER.

Mr. John P. Cook, one of our successful farmers, near Valley Junction, is a candidate for his second term as recorder. Mr. Cook was born in Des Moines in 1856 and lived in the county every since. In 1899 he moved to his farm in Walnut township. He is an influential and active republican, and was elected recorder two years ago and has made an efficient and good honest officer. He is sociable to all and we believe he will get the nomination, as no one else is out. He will be elected by an increase majority.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY.

Attorney John McLennan's name will come before the republican county convention for renomination for his second term as county attorney; as he has only held the office one term and has made an excellent officer; saving the county the expense of trials where there was no necessity or not sufficient evidence in the case. He is a very careful, painstaking lawyer and successful. Therefore for his past faithfulness to duty the party can pay no higher tribute than to renominate him by acclamation.

A QUEER MAGAZINE.

Our Dumb Animals, printed in Boston, is the name of a monthly magazine (white) that has recently come to our editorial table. Its motto is, "We speak for those that can not speak for themselves." It seeks to tell sinful, cruel and brutal treatment done to the poor dumb animal that can not speak for themselves. To read of some of the cruel treatment almost shudder a man of a tender heart and a kindly disposition. Still when we reflect a moment and think that less than a half century ago our race and ancestors were then treated even worse than the dumb animals are today. It certainly makes us shudder.

NEGRO COUNCIL ORGANIZED.

Pursuant to a call issued in the Bystander of last week, colored people from different parts of the state met here Thursday for a two days session, but finished their work in one day and adjourned sine die last night. The meeting was called to order by I. M. Jones, after some preliminaries attorney J. B. Rush delivered the opening address, responded to by Geo. E. Tay-

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IOWA CITY BRIEFLETS.

[Last Week's Correspondence.] Mr. and Mrs. William Boone of Charleston, Mo., are visiting their parental home, i. e. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Patterson. Mr. Julius Roberts of Boston, Mass., has accepted a position as stone cutter on the new collegiate building. Miss Emma Boyd passed through our city from Muscatine to Cedar Rapids Thursday to attend the Clay-Davis wedding. Mrs. G. W. Mason and daughters, Misses Maggie and Bessie attended the wedding of their friend, Miss Amelia Etta Davis to Mr. Jeff Adam Clay of Chicago, last Thursday at Cedar Rapids. Walter Jones of Mairon was an Easter visitor in the city. Subscribe for the Bystander. Mrs. Geo. Patterson and granddaughter little Ethyl Jackson are visiting in Muscatine. Mr. Milton Thompson was in Cedar Rapids Thursday attending the Clay-Davis wedding. Miss Stywater of New York is now a resident of this city. Rev. M. E. Gordon and Mr. J. W. McNeil entertained about 800 people at a debate given at the Armory Monday evening. The question was "Resolved that a doctor is of more benefit to a community than a preacher." Mr. McNeil affirmed and Rev. Gordon denied. Mr. McNeil won. Miss Effa Mason has been entertaining mumps. Little Misses Beatrice and Selma and Master Reginald Weathers of Peoria, Ill., are visiting their grand parents Mr and Mrs. W. T. Patterson.

FT. MADISON NEWS.

Miss Mollie Woods has gone to Davenport to visit Mrs. L. J. Saunders. Mr. B. Winfrey has moved to Oak and 6th street. Miss Nellie McClelland is visiting her sister Mrs. Hoskins in Davenport. Easter exercises at both churches were very good. The pastor of the Second Baptist church ask for a settlement over two months ago as the members had but little work in the winter, they have not been able to do so, but expects to do so soon. Mrs. J. P. Lee is still quite sick. Rev. E. Roney and J. H. Jones spent Sunday here and attended the Baptist church. Rev. J. W. Muse has gone to Jacksonville, Ill., on important business. Rev. McClelland will take charge of the church while he is gone. Rev. Chambers and wife who have been sick are out again. Mr. Bowman is still unable to use his hand yet. A few of the people are leaving and going to other places for work.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Lula Miller who spent a few days in Oskaloosa with her sick brother returned home on last Tuesday. Mr. Brittan Thomas and family spent a few days of this week in Albia. The A. M. E. Sunday School held their Easter exercises at the A. M. E. church this Sunday evening, the exercises were very good for the children. Messrs Burt Jones and Henry Brumer, attended the ball game in Pekay Sunday. A number of the Hocking Valley people attended the ball game in Albia on last Thursday afternoon.

SIoux CITY ITEMS.

Mrs. R. E. Early and children of Sioux Rapids Ia., arrived in the city Saturday morning and will spend two weeks visiting friends. Mr. Sam Douglass has returned to Minneapolis, Minn. Mesdames Carbin and Thompson are able to be out again. The A. M. E. church choir sang at Leads on last Saturday evening to a large and appreciative audience. The Dixie Jubilee Concert company of Chicago will sing at Whitfield M. E.

church Friday evening May 4th. The Sunday School elected their delegate last Sunday, Mrs. Jas. Washington was elected delegate and the minister as alternate.

Miss Mary Blair has returned from Fort Pierre South Dakota where she has been called on the account of the illness of her mother.

The Donkey Social has been announced for May first.

The handshaking social given by the ladies of the church on last Monday evening was well attended.

Messrs Richard Downing and Milton Dowdy went to Chicago last week to enter the service of Mr. W. H. Dildence, formerly proprietor of the Mondamin and Garretts-n Hotels of this city.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Mr. J. Arbuckle who has been very sick is a little better.

Mrs. Wm. Harrison is improving a little.

Mrs. Wm. Spotts has returned from a visit in Lincoln, Omaha and Council Bluffs, she was accompanied by her husband who visited in the city a few days.

Mr. B. Jones has recovered.

Mr. C. Reed is on the sick list.

Mrs. Burnet of Burlington has joined her husband here.

Mr. Perry Greenup of Burlington has spent last Sunday in the city.

Last Sunday was Quarterly meeting Rev. G. W. Rhinehart was assisted by Rev. U. S. Smith of University who preached two excellent sermons which was greatly appreciated.

Miss May Carter has returned from a visit in Albia.

Mr. Vern Wilbur had the misfortune to get his arm broken last week while boring.

Rev. J. Bundy preached Wednesday evening.

MUCHAKINOOCK NEWS.

Britton Thomas and family and Pearl Thomas and family who were quarantined last week on account of being exposed to Small Pox was relieved last Friday.

All the men that have been out at the new mine near Lovilla were in the city Sunday and says that they have struck the finest coal that the C. C. company has had in the State they returned Monday.

H. C. Lee left last Saturday to visit and to recuperate.

Mrs. Nanny Brown visited in Muscatine last week.

The Odd Fellows are preparing for a large demonstration the first Sunday in May, they are at present negotiating for the M. C. Band of thirty-one men.

Mrs. Roland Diggs of Coalfield is visiting here at this writing.

Britton Thomas and family spent Sunday in Albia.

Prof. A. R. Jackson was in Oskaloosa Tuesday on business.

Mrs. E. A. London and son Herbert was in Oskaloosa Wednesday visiting.

Burt Jones of Albia was in our city Sunday.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church. Rev. Williams of Oskaloosa preached an excellent sermon assisted by the pastor and Rev. Bingaman pastor of the U. V. B. church. Quite a number of the Oskaloosa people were down to attend the meeting.

DISTRICT MEETING.

All members of the A. M. E. church, of the St. Paul District and adjoining A. M. E. churches are requested to meet at Davenport, Tuesday morning, May 8th, 1900, in the Masonic Hall, corner Second and Brady streets, to take in consideration the present dissatisfaction now existing, and have been for the last three years throughout the district of the mismanagement of our main head.

And to petition the general conference to change certain clause in the law, that we, the layman, may enjoy all of the rights and privileges, according to the letter and spirit of the law. Neither preachers or exalters will have a voice in this meeting.

Meeting to be called to order Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

S. M. Cratic, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, Chairman.

Jessa Walden, of Newton, Iowa, Secretary.

A. D. Corbin, of Davenport, Iowa, Corresponding Secretary.

Spencer Carry, Muchakinoock, Iowa, Treasurer.

For particulars write A. D. Corbin, 331 W. Tenth street, Davenport, Iowa. Reception Committee at Davenport—Ben Hopkins, W. B. Hill, Henry Proctor, A. D. Corbin, Mrs. W. B. Parker, Mrs. A. D. Corbin, Mrs. Annie Hill.

Every church is requested to be represented.

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DES MOINES, IOWA.

The darkest hour of human misery comes just before the dawn of deliverance.

Boxing bouts which have been held in the basement of the South Division High school, Chicago, under the supervision of Principal Smith, have found favor in the eyes of the Board of Education authorities.

Who are the ten greatest men in the nineteenth century? This is a favorite conundrum just now across the water, but we have seen only one attempt to solve it in print.

Consular reform is brought perceptibly nearer than it ever was before by the action of congressional committees. Both in the Senate and in the House of Representatives a favorable report has been made upon bills dealing with the organization of the consular service.

In Europe there are many young men whom fate has destined to be the rich men of the next century. For a long time it was supposed that Lord Belgrave, who inherited the wealth of the Duke of Westminster, would head the list, but since the duke's death it is reported that his fortune has been greatly overestimated.

A recent review of the progress of the University of Illinois reveals the fact that there are six different colleges and four schools united under one head. These are the College of Agriculture, College of Literature and Arts, College of Science, College of Engineering, College of Law, College of Medicine, the School of Library Science, School of Pharmacy, School of Music and the Preparatory School.

There is a general desire for a decision by the Supreme Court of the United States to determine the question whether the new island possessions are a part of the United States, or its property. It was thought that a suit brought by a New York firm of importers to recover duties paid on Puerto Rican goods might furnish a basis for the desired interpretation.

The free town library, one of the best educational gifts to the nineteenth century to the world, bids fair in the twentieth century to become still more than it is now a stimulant to intellectual progress. Collections of books for the scholar and the rich there have been from the earliest times; but a library belonging to the whole community, rich and poor, learned and ignorant, laborer and professional man, is purely a product of the last half century.

To the dwellers in northern latitudes the coming of spring is like a release from prison. Barriers built by snow and ice are leveled, and doors sealed by the frost swing open.

PEOPLE'S PARTY.

Convention at Des Moines to Select National Delegates. Des Moines, April 25.—The people's party of Iowa held a state convention in Observatory hall yesterday to select delegates to the national convention, which is to be held at Cincinnati May 9.

WRIGHT FOUND GUILTY.

Muscatine Man Must Suffer for Murder of Mrs. Mary Crippen. MUSCATINE, April 27.—The jury in the case of George Wright returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree and fixed his sentence for life in the penitentiary.

SUED FOR \$50,000.

Standard Oil Company Defendant in a Big Suit. DES MOINES, April 27.—Attorney F. S. Dunshee has filed in the district court a suit for \$50,000 against the Standard Oil Company for alleged damages sustained by the Crystal Oil Company, of Des Moines, in which the plaintiff alleges that amount of damages was brought on by the destruction of the plaintiff's business.

HE PREFERRED DEATH.

Stephen Triplett Cuts His Throat Rather Than Go to Prison. MARSHALSTOWN, April 25.—Rather than go to prison Stephen Triplett, who had pleaded guilty to the crime of incest, cut his throat with a razor in his cell in the county jail.

Rock Island Rushes Work.

DES MOINES, April 26.—Two hundred and fifty teams and 600 men are at work grading the Rock Island extension from Gowrie to Sibley. Work trains are engaged in hauling gravel from the pits at Grand Junction and ballasting the roadbed as fast as it is built.

Whirled to Death.

Oto, April 27.—While playing around the mill, George Henry's four-year-old girl was caught in a wheel shaft and killed almost instantly.

Drowned in a Tub of Water.

SIoux CITY, April 27.—The 1-year-old son of William Metcalf, Hedges station, Morningside, fell into a tub of water and was drowned.

Frances Shebeck Ends Life.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Frances Shebeck, who lived with her sister, Mrs. S. P. Ramsey, four miles west of Washington, took four ounces of carbolic acid. When her sister discovered her lying on the bed, she asked what she had done and the girl replied that she had taken carbolic acid and wanted to die.

HON. MATT PARROTT DEAD.

The ex-Lieutenant Governor of Iowa has just passed away. WATERLOO, April 24.—After an illness of several months, Hon. Matt Parrott, ex-lieutenant governor of Iowa, died at 10:30 o'clock Saturday night at the sanitarium in Battle Creek, Mich., of Bright's disease.

[Matt Parrott was born in Schoharie county, New York, May 11, 1837. At thirteen years of age he left school and entered a printer's office to learn the trade. He went to Troy in 1857 and in a couple of years drifted west and worked in newspaper offices in Chicago, Burlington and Davenport.

MATT PARROTT'S FUNERAL.

Services Held in the Episcopal Church at Waterloo. WATERLOO, April 26.—The funeral services of Former Lieut. Governor Matt Parrott were held at the Episcopal church yesterday afternoon. Prominent men from all parts of the state were in attendance.

HULL WINS IN STORY.

Defeats Payne for the Congressional Nomination. NEVADA, April 23.—The Story county primaries, held in accordance with the primary system in vogue in Story county, resulted in a decided victory for Captain J. A. T. Hull for congress.

Des Moines Saloons Defeated.

DES MOINES, April 26.—Judge Bishop overruled the demurrer in the case of A. K. Campbell vs. the Polk county board of supervisors. The court held that inasmuch as the official notice was not published ten clear days previous to the date of the regular meeting of the board it was not acting within its jurisdiction.

New Railroad in Iowa.

DES MOINES, April 26.—The secretary of the executive council has on file figures showing an increase of 843,678 miles of railroad in the state during the past year. This makes a total of 9,361 miles.

REVIEWS.

A verdict of \$1,000 has been awarded Wm. H. Baily in his suit against the Des Moines street car company. He sued for \$25,000.

The Ottumwa Courier recently published a letter announcing the withdrawal of Hon. G. L. Waterman from the congressional race in the Sixth district on account of new business plans which will take him outside of the state most of the time.

Sioux City dispatch: A \$500 fine is probably all Ernest Meyer will have to pay for murdering his brother-in-law, Chris Bauer, on the night of March 10. The jury returned a verdict finding him guilty of assault with intent to commit great bodily injury for which the maximum penalty is \$500 fine or one year in jail.

Des Moines dispatch: H. B. Knowlton, administrator of the estate of the late Charles Downs, killed by an electric wire belonging to the defendant, has begun action against the Des Moines Edison Electric Light company demanding damages to the amount of \$25,000 alleged to be due him for the death of Downs. Plaintiff claims in petition that Downs's death was due to the negligence of the defendant.

Centerville, the county seat of Appanoose county, was visited a few days ago by a \$40,000 fire which for a time threatened to consume the entire business portion of the city. The fire originated in an implement house on the south side of the square, but in what manner is unknown.

CANADIAN CITY BURNED.

Only a Few Houses Remain Standing in Hull. OTTAWA, Ont., April 27.—Five square miles of territory burned over; more than 2,300 dwellings, factories, mills, stores and other buildings destroyed, entailing a loss estimated to reach \$20,000,000, and between 12,000 and 15,000 men, women and children homeless, is a summing up of the havoc wrought by the fire which has been raging at Hull and in Ottawa since 11 o'clock yesterday morning and at midnight was practically under control.

NET FAILED TO WORK.

Boers Leave Wepener and Escape to the North. LONDON, April 26.—It is now apparent that the chances of Lord Roberts catching the retreating Boers in a net are very slender. The Boers have everywhere retired at the first pressure of the British advance, and the hope that Gen. Rundle would be able to induce them to remain at DeWet's Dorp until they had been forced to fight or to surrender has been disappointing.

DE WET'S DORP OCCUPIED.

General Chermiside Takes Possession Without Opposition. LONDON, April 26.—The war office has received the following from Lord Roberts: "BLOEMFONTEIN, April 25.—Pole-Carew's division reported at Roodekop yesterday evening without casualties.

BRITISH SUFFER DEFEAT.

Bulletin From Pretoria Give Boers the Best of It. PRETORIA, April 25.—An official bulletin issued here says: "The federals continue fighting at Wepener and have captured a herd of Brabant's cattle and horses. Dewet's losses at Dewet's Dorp were one killed and six wounded. Twenty British were captured. The British appear to be retiring beyond Dewet's Dorp. Cronje reports that with a strong command he has attacked the British northeast of Boshof. A heavy engagement followed and the British were driven from kopje to kopje.

Boycott on Chicago's Dewey Day.

CHICAGO, April 27.—The long-talked-of boycott of the Dewey celebration by organized labor has taken form. The executive committee of district 8 of the International Association of Machinists issued an edict declaring the promoters of the celebration antagonistic to union labor and ordering members of the unions to take no part in it because the grandstands are being built by non-union labor.

Succeeds Roberts.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—William H. King, who served in the Fifty-fifth congress from Utah, has been sworn in as a representative of that state to succeed Brigham H. Roberts.

THE TURK AGREES TO PAY.

"Under Same Conditions as in the Case of Other Foreign Subjects." CONSTANTINOPLE, April 24.—The Porte has replied to the American demands stating that Turkey will compensate the American missionaries under the same conditions as in the case of other foreign subjects. There is the greatest interest in political circles regarding the attitude of the United States in the indemnity claim, and it is believed that the powers having similar claims will support the American action.

EXTRA PAY GIVEN OFFICERS.

Secretary Root Replies to Resolutions of the Senate. WASHINGTON, April 27.—Secretary of War Root sent to the senate his reply to the resolution of April 21, as to whether officers of the United States Army in Cuba or Porto Rico have received any compensation for their services there other than the compensation to which they were entitled by law to receive as salary and allowances; and if so asking the names and rank of the officers and the amounts received by them. The reply in part follows:

Pursuant to the orders of the secretary of war, dated respectively March 1, 1899, April 19, 1899, and May 9, 1899, copies of which are annexed hereto, allowances have been paid four officers of the army who have been required to live in the city of Havana and to perform important civil functions in connection with the administration of the government of Cuba, as follows:

To the military governor of Cuba, at the rate of \$8,500 per year. To the military governor of Havana, at the rate of \$5,000 per year. To the collector of customs for the island of Cuba, at the rate of \$1,800 per year. To the treasurer of the island of Cuba, at the rate of \$1,800 per year.

QUAY DEFEATED.

Declared Not Entitled to a Seat in the Senate. WASHINGTON, April 25.—The resolution declaring M. S. Quay not entitled to a seat in the senate was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Allen, Bacon, Bard, Bate, Berry, Burrows, Butler, Clay, Cockrell, Culbertson, Hale, Harris, Heitfeld, Hawley, Jones of Arkansas, Lindsay, McBride, McCumber, McEnery, McMillan, Martin, Money, Platt of Connecticut, Proctor, Quarles, Ross, Simon, Teller, Tillman, Turley, Turner, Vest, Wellington—33.

THE DEMOCRATIC ISSUES.

Anti-Imperialism and Anti-Trusts Leading Questions. NEW YORK, April 25.—Following is a summary of the replies from twenty-three democratic national committeemen to the Journal and Advertiser's questions regarding the campaign issues and candidates:

Anti-imperialism as the leading issue, 21; anti-trust as the leading issue, 21; the money question as the leading issue, 16; anti-militarism as the leading issue, 6. The Chicago platform will be reaffirmed, 20; non-committal as to Chicago platform, 3.

BRITISH CLAIM A VICTORY.

Say Brabant and Hart Turn Position of Boers. LONDON, April 25.—The report that the siege of Wepener had been practically raised was apparently premature. The Boer attack upon Colonel Dalgety's northern position as described from Maseru, was probably a final attempt to rush the garrison before securing a safe retreat, and, as Colonel Dalgety successfully repulsed the attack, little further anxiety is felt on his account.

Fighting Resumed in Africa.

LONDON, April 21.—A special dispatch from Bloemfontein says that firing is reported to be in progress south of Karee siding, six miles north of Glen. The strength of the Boers is not known. British infantry, supported by artillery, hold a strong position on a large dam.

Russo-Korean Agreement.

SEOUL, April 21.—An agreement has been concluded between the Russian and Korean governments, Korea pledging herself not to alienate Kopje island, at the mouth of Sampho bay.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

DES MOINES, April 27, 1900. Governor Shaw has named the members of three of the six commissions created by the legislature last winter—the library commission, which is to promote the general library interests of the state; the commission to locate the positions occupied by Iowa troops at the battle of Vicksburg and the Shiloh commission which carries an appropriation of \$50,000 for the erection of monuments to mark the spots occupied by Iowa soldiers on the field at Shiloh.

The governor has signed the bill by Representative Miller of Fayette, requiring that teachers in the public schools shall be instructed in the rudiments of music. It is not necessary that they shall be singers or performers on any instrument, but they must understand the rudiments of the art of reading music.

The Vicksburg commission consists of one member of each of the Iowa regiments or batteries which fought on those fields, and three at large, making thirty-five; the Shiloh commission consists of one member from each regiment or battery, making eleven.

Treasurer of State Herriott reports that every cent of the Agricultural College endowment funds have been loaned out at 5 per cent. More than \$200,000 was on hand when the legislature adjourned, but the law passed by it allowing the trustees of the college to loan the money at the market rate resulted in the quick disposition of the funds.

Dairy Commissioner Norton says there is but a very small amount of bogus butter sold in Iowa and that under the present revenue laws there is little difficulty in absolutely knowing where it is sold. Last year, according to official revenue department statistics, there was imported to Iowa 79,000 pounds of oleomargarine; the same year there was made in this state approximately 90,000,000 pounds of regulated butter. Illinois leads in consumption of oleomargarine; no less than 18,000,000 pounds were used in that state, or about one-fifth of the entire product of the country.

The secretary of the executive council has completed computing the railroad assessments for the year 1900. Forty-five systems are included in the assessment, and it makes an aggregate of \$45,899,325. The assessments are of special interest this year because of the publicity given them by State Treasurer Herriott, who says they are unequally adjusted and not in conformity with the laws of the state.

Attorney General Remley has handed down an opinion to the state board of control construing the pension law passed by the last general assembly and relating to the pension of members of the Soldier's Home. The board of control always declined to use any part of the pension funds and they accumulated under the rules of the trustees requiring all above \$6 to be sent to relatives or given to the state. The new law, the attorney general says, requires the pensioners to give one half of their pension money to their dependant relatives if they have any. The opinion was called out for the reason that a pensioner who had been sending his extra \$2 to his children in the Davenport home to keep from giving it to the state, wanted to retain all of his pension, whereas the law, as the board read it and as the attorney general construes it, forces him to give half of it, or \$2 additional, to his children, although they do not need it.

The question of paying the Iowa troops, at national guard rates, during the period of their service in the United States army, has been brought before the state auditor, and is now in a position which demands a ruling. For a long time some of the discharged troops have been claiming that they were entitled to national guard pay in addition to the United States army pay received from the government. A batch of claims have been filed with the auditor setting forth these claims on behalf of several members of Company M, of the Forty-ninth Iowa. The claims are filed by Elza C. Johnson, of Maquoketa, as attorney for the claimants. The names of the claimants are Arthur Larkey, John Nims, William L. Foster, Frank VanEmbureg, James D. VanEmbureg, George Hopius and Elza C. Johnson. Mr. Johnson was captain of Company M. Mr. Foster was quartermaster sergeant. Mr. Larkey was a private and Mr. Nims a private and artificer.

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## CHAPTER XII.

When his task was finished Rob was very nervous. He did not know how these letters were going to reach the post. There was no station near. Elvin came riding in—he had been to Buenos Ayres—about supper time, and came in where Rob was, still wearing his high boots and carrying his whip. Rob shuddered as he thought of what that whip would do if Elvin discovered the letter to his uncle.

"Flashed?" asked the Englishman, looking at the neat rows of letters Rob had arranged.

"Yes, sir." Elvin took up some of the last ones, and looked them over. He nodded, and went to his own room. He had not touched the letters among which was hidden the one to David Horton.

"Now, if it only gets into the post safely!" said Rob to himself. "But how is it going to be done?"

No more was said about the letters that night, and Rob did not dare put his plan to escape into execution. He was so eager to have that letter off safely that he resolved to remain another day and watch events. And he knew that if he escaped before the letters were mailed Elvin would suspect something and examine them all. So he slept that night again in the little room off the office.

The next morning at breakfast Elvin called a man who was working in the stables. He was a short, ugly fellow, almost black.

"Govino," said Elvin, "you see those letters in there on the desk?"

"Me see plenty," he said. "Many letters."

"Saddle a horse and ride to Dolores. Go to the postoffice and see Negora. Negora is with us, and will send the letters without allowing the fact, to become known. Do you understand?"

Govino went out and saddled a horse, and then came in and got the letters. Rob breathed freely when he saw the man ride off, for even if he did read the names on the envelopes, it was not likely that he would know that Horton was not to receive one. And perhaps he could not read anything.

Elvin remained all that day around

read your fool cipher and sent the whole story—about me—and all—to Horton. He wrote a letter of his own, and sent it along with yours."

Richard Elvin quivered with emotion. "Has Horton seen it?" he managed to gasp.

"No. I caught it just in time. I'll tell you about it later. But where is he now? I will make sure of him now. I'll kill him within the next two minutes."

With trembling finger Richard Elvin pointed toward the door of Rob's room. "In there!" he whispered.

With an oath Starnie drew a knife from under his riding coat and leaped toward the door of Rob's room. He flung it open. He stood there with the knife in his hand, stupefied with amazement. The window was open. The room was empty.

The boy he was to kill in the next two minutes was not there to kill.

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For once in his life, Richard Elvin was staggered.

"He's gone!" yelled Lemuel Starnie. The elder man made no answer.

"He's gone!" shouted Starnie again. "Don't you see what a fool you've been?"

Richard Elvin was at all times quick to resent a taunt.

"Fool!" he echoed. "Why have I been a fool? The boy may be outside."

"Yes—a good way outside," replied Starnie, in disgust.

"Well, what do you mean, anyhow? You come here like a bellowing bull, rush around to stab people, and howl at me for being a fool. What have you learned?"

With a sneer of bitterness too deep for words Starnie drew a folded letter from his pocket.

"Read that," he said.

It was Rob's letter to his uncle. With trembling fingers Elvin held it, and read it through. He returned it to Starnie without a word.

"Why don't you speak?" demanded the son. "How do you feel, now that your foolishness has upset the whole scheme?"

"But has it?" asked Elvin. "I cer-

## THE MACABEE SCOUTS.

Philippine Natives Who Have Formed a Great Aid to Uncle Sam.

Capt. Mathew A. Batson, originator of the now celebrated Macabee scouts, who played so important a part in the recent campaign in northern Luzon, is now in this country and will submit a proposition to the secretary of war to the effect that a regiment of Macabee cavalry be formed to fight the insurgents and ladrones on their own ground and after their own fashion.

Capt. Batson is most enthusiastic in his commendation of the Macabees as soldiers and he will urge the formation of a cavalry regiment as a result of his six months' experience at the head of the first command of Filipino soldiers ever enrolled under the Stars and Stripes. "The Macabees are born swimmers," he says. "Whenever we came to a river there was never any hesitation about crossing it. The command would march up and into it with scarcely so much as a preliminary halt, and I found, to my astonishment, that every man could swim, and swim well. I rode a Filipino pony during the greater part of my service in the field with my Macabees, and I soon learned that the ponies swam as well as the men, or very nearly so. The idea soon occurred to me that a picked organization of Macabees on Filipino ponies would be a most powerful force in ending the lawlessness in the island of Luzon. I know no more about the other Philippine islands than you do, and do not so much, I'm sure. But Luzon I do know pretty well, and a regiment, such as I will urge, could follow the insurgents and ladrones wherever they might go and so rapidly as to effect their complete disorganization. You see, the Macabees live off the country. They therefore require no wagon train and all they need is ammunition. They can live on very little and as for water, there is really no need to carry a special supply beyond that which each man carries in his canteen. Once in a while the men suffer a little for water, but these periods are never of long duration. The enemy will, as he is harder pressed, seek the swamps and bays and into and through these he must be pursued. There are no troops that we can muster in the United States so well adapted to this peculiar warfare as the Macabees. They know the country and they hate the Tagalogs, and they are splendid fighters. The ponies, besides, being good swimmers, are strong little brutes and every Macabee can ride."

"True. Stay! The first time the boy came to Black Cat Bay, Torrevo beat him. This time he did not. It may not be the same boy."

"It was the same boy. Torrevo is no doubt playing a deep game. I think I can see through the whole thing. The 'Black Cat' happened to be near when I threw the boy overboard, and picked him up. He told Torrevo who he was, and Torrevo agreed to help him. Of course, knowing our power, Torrevo would not dare do anything while that power existed. It was agreed between them to have the cub remain with Torrevo till an opportunity arose to warn Horton what was going on. This would place Torrevo in the light of being true to Horton and the government, and if we failed, he would be punished. He would be rewarded for his aid. This is clear enough to me. It was a put up job."

"But how could it be? Torrevo did not suggest the boy to do the writing. I did. I saw the tally of the last cargo. The boy did it at Rio, I suppose while Torrevo was drunk."

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## THEIR OWN MIXTURES.

Smokers Who Have Tobacco Compounded to Suit Their Tastes.

The young and inexperienced are ever ready to smile incredulously at the seasoned smoker who offers his tobacco pouch with the remark, "Try some of my own mixture." In some cases "my own mixture" may really be only the smoker's "own" in the sense that he has paid for a few ounces of it, but in spite of the copy-righted and much-advertised special mixtures in these latter days, it seems from what one of the most popular downtown tobacconists says, that the habit of buying one's own exclusive "mixture" is not so extinct as might be supposed, says the New York Tribune.

"Here is a list of the special mixtures we make," says this authority, taking from a corner a large card, "you see, there are about fifty of them on this card. Each mixture is noted down, all the ingredients and the proportions in which they are to be used, and over each one is the name of the customer who first ordered it. The way of it is that a smoker makes his experiments on different combinations of tobacco until he hits upon something which just suits him. Sometimes he buys the ingredients and mixes them himself, but people have so much to do nowadays that more often they tell us what they want and we do the mixing. It takes weeks sometimes for a customer to get to just the thing he is aiming at, and, of course, it is all guesswork in the meantime. But you might be surprised to know how long a man will go on using the same mixture, once he has found out what suits him. This first name on the list does not belong to the mixture we have been making the longest; it comes first because the list is alphabetically arranged, but that recipe has been standing here for ten years to my knowledge. It was first ordered by an Englishman; his name still goes with it and he is still using it, but scores of other people also use it who have never heard of him. So, you see, it is possible for a man to be using another man's 'particular mixture' and go on using it for years, thinking it his own exclusive mixture all the time. The way some of these mixtures gain popularity shows that it isn't quite exactly true that there are as many different tastes as tongues, for sometimes what exactly suits one man seems exactly to suit a hundred others. When we find a mixture becoming widely popular we sometimes make it up in quantities, but only rarely. And that, I suppose, is how new 'mixtures' get put on the market."

Timothy "Dry Dollar" Sullivan is a unique figure in New York politics who has been brought into public notice lately by his antagonism to the movement against gambling and other forms of vice in the metropolis. It is but natural that Sullivan should not be in sympathy with such a campaign. He was born and has thrived in the atmosphere of which District Attorney Gardiner is trying to rid New York and he sees no harm in it.

Sullivan began life as a bootblack. Now he is a leader in the state senate. He was born in New York thirty-seven years ago and his boyhood was spent around the Five Points, where he blacked shoes and sold papers and was a leader of the gamins. As soon as he could vote the politicians took him up and at twenty-three he was able to demand a nomination for the assembly. He has been in office ever since, never tasting defeat. Since 1892 he has been in the senate. He has maintained his influence by befriending such of his constituents as ran afoul of the law, by organizing relief movements for the poor, and by giving "Dry Dollar" Sullivan picnics and balls to which the voters of his district are invited. He has a host of relatives, all of whom live in his district and every one of whom receives aid from the senator.

When he moved into the upper house of the legislature he had his nephew, Timothy P. Sullivan, better known as "Boston Tim," elected to the assembly. Although he is looked up to as a very

generous man by his retainers, his empty, once earned, attends his victim to the grave. His followers boast that he unhorsed Byrnes and drove McCullagh out. They will give you the names of half a dozen police captains who have suffered various forms of degradation because, as his henchmen say, they have interfered with Sullivan's interests, political or financial. In his own district they look up to Sullivan as a feudal lord, and believe that neither money nor the law can defeat him.

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CONSTANTINOPLE, April 26.—In view of the steps taken by the United States government in regard to claims rising out of the Armenian massacres, the embassies of Great Britain, France, Austria, Italy and Germany have asked their governments for instructions as to their similar claims. The promulgation of the irade, authorizing the rebuilding of American structures burned at Kharbut and the enlargement of Roberts college is regarded as showing clearly the desire of the yildiz kiosk to be agreeable to the United States in the hope the latter will not press for indemnity. The United States

### TIDAL WAVE IN A RIVER.

Something Held the Spectator Fascinated to the Spot.

The moon was riding at the very zenith, says the Century, and it dazzled us to look up to it. Each one stood evenly within the circle of his own clear-cut shadow on the ground, at that moment of the moon's transit, and the bore was due; but it was a calm night, and it was three-quarters of an hour after our unaccustomed ears had caught the first far-distant, muttering undertone before the white thing was seen, a ghastly line advancing as evenly over the water, and as quickly, as the dark shadow of an eclipse sweeps over a landscape. Nearer and nearer it roared, growing greater and whiter, until we could see the whole cascading, bubbling, frothing front, with spray-drops showering from the crest higher up in the moonlight. With the roar of awful waters the dread thing came on, raising its white crest higher and higher as it licked the edges of the plies beyond which the junks lay. There were shouts and yells, and the usual boatmen's pandemonium let loose on the junks as the roaring wave approached. A rocket sizzed, some fire-crackers sputtered and gongs resounded, but all small sound of earth's creatures were drowned as the fearful white thing crashed past, and a frightful hissing, a seething, lashing and swirling of still higher billows succeeded—the most sinister sound of water ever heard—still speeding, rushing, whirling madly, irresistibly on. As the ten-foot wall of foam reached the edge of the piling and the junk platform, it floated the junk loose at the instant. Each junk rode to the flood's fury bow on, and continued to rise, to lift itself bodily up, along the sea wall before one's fascinated gaze. In the fierce after-rush, the water went swifter and more swiftly by, until one had a dizzying sense of danger to come, but past feeling from. Something held one fascinated to the spot, although in the fewest minutes, barely a quarter of an hour, two-thirds of the whole body and mass of the flood-tide had flung itself against the wall, and, it seemed, might continue to rise with the same force for hours. A salt, fresh smell of the sea, the breath of the ocean's coolest, deepest under-world, came in with the awful tide. A ghastly mist succeeded. Shreds of vapor scudded over the triumphant moon, and the sea's curtain fell on one of the most sensational, spectacular performances the Pacific ocean and the moon ever make together.

### OOM PAUL'S HUMOR.

How He Fooled a Lobbyist at a Hotel.

Many years ago, when President Kruger was in England, he was approached concerning some concession, railway or otherwise, by a business man here in London. The negotiations lasted for some time. One evening the Londoner, who was staying at the same hotel, having spent many hours with Mr. Kruger and his companion, went to bed much exhausted, and feeling he had not got quite all he wanted. Next morning he arose at 9 and went along the corridor to Mr. Kruger's bedroom. To his astonishment it was empty and all the luggage was gone. "Oh, sir," said the chambermaid, "Mr. Kruger and his friend left at 6 this morning." Then, with a giggle of amused reminiscence, the girl added: "They was a queer couple, sir, and no mistake. When 'e passed your door, sir, Mr. Kruger, 'e started dancin' right outside your door, sir, 'e and his friend. They didn't know as any one saw them, sir, but Bessie and I see them, unbeknown, from the top of the stairs. Then they went downstairs, sir, fairly splittin' their sides with laughin', though they didn't say a word."—London Daily News.

### A New Idea in Rat Traps.

A rat and mouse trap which has been patented in all the countries throughout the civilized world issuing patents, the invention of Heinrich Bengeler, of Beinrode, Germany, is really an ingenious arrangement, as the animal never gets a chance even to nibble at the bait, and when it once gets into the trap it is automatically locked; there without a possible chance of escape. A modified form of this bottle-shaped trap, however, is employed for catching rats and vermin in the house. The small end of the field trap is inserted in the mouse hole, the tubular passageway forming a continuation of the underground passages. The animal in trying to get the bait naturally enters the hole and is thus induced to enter the tubular passage from which it cannot escape.

### A Fad in Entertaining.

An ingenious woman in Cincinnati has inaugurated a "luncheon day." She has sent out cards to her most intimate friends reading "Tuesdays in April. Luncheon from 1 till 3 p. m." The table is to be set with extra places, and at 1 o'clock the hostess will take her seat with those who may be present. As friends drop in they will go directly to the dining-room, and, after greeting the hostess, will sit where they please at table. The affairs promise to be delightfully informal. The menu will never be elaborate, and those who have had the good fortune to receive cards will not fall to drop in between the 'hours named, for they are doubly sure of congenial company.

### Sleep Protects Them.

A medical paper says that in railway collisions nearly all the passengers who are asleep escape the bad effects of shaking and concussion, nature's own anaesthetic preserving them.

### SOME WONDERFUL WOUNDS.

Seen at the Front in the South African War.

From Mool river Sir William MacCormac, England's distinguished surgeon, who took the field with the soldiers in South Africa, sends to the London Lancet an interesting set of notes on the remarkable bullet wounds he has seen recently. "The greater number of these wounds," he says, "were caused by the Mauser bullet, and nearly all presented the characteristic features—a small circular, slightly depressed area covered by a black scab. The exit wounds often were similar, but a little larger, sometimes presenting a scar like an incised wound and difficult to discover. When I saw them a week or ten days after the injury they were for the most part healed. How these bullets fail to damage vital structures lying immediately in their path is nothing short of marvelous. The proportion of fatal chest wounds to those that are recovered from is believed to be small, but what the proportion precisely is cannot yet be learned. It is abundantly clear that one lung and often both lungs may be traversed, and in many directions, without causing grave symptoms, and often without producing any symptoms of lung trouble at all." A private who looked extremely well and said he had nothing to complain of had a hole seven inches long and three inches wide in his chest, which involved the lungs. Part of three of his ribs were carried away and the lung was exposed. The soldier lay in a trench on the field from 2:30 to 5 o'clock before he could be attended to. He was carried to the hospital at 12:30 o'clock that night. Another private was hit in the middle of the nose and the bullet passed out the back of the neck. He had a little headache, and some trouble in swallowing, but in ten days the wound healed and the man apparently was perfectly well.

### TRANSPLANTING A RACE.

Africans Undergo a Complete Transition Here.

Negroes who came to North America had to undergo as complete a transition as ever fell to the lot of man, without the least chance to undergo an acclimatizing process. They were brought from the hottest part of the earth to the region where the winter's cold is of almost Arctic severity—from an exceedingly humid to a dry air. They came to service under alien taskmasters, strange to them in speech and in purpose. They had to betake themselves to unaccustomed food and to clothing such as they had never worn before, writes Prof. Shaler in Appleton's Popular Science Monthly. Rarely could one of them find about him a familiar face of a friend, parent or child, or an object that recalled his past life to him. It was an appalling change. Only those who know how the negro cleaves to the familiar things of life, how fond he is of warmth and friendliness, can conceive the physical and mental shock that this introduction to new conditions meant to them. To people of our own race it could have meant death. But these wonderful folk appear to have withstood the trials of their deportation in a marvelous way. If we compare the Algonquin Indian, in appearance a sturdy fellow, with these negroes, we see of what stuff the blacks are made. A touch of housework and of honest toil took the breath of the aborigines away, but these tropical exotics fell to their tasks and trials far better than the men of our own kind had done.

### Proposed Highway for Bicycles.

A perfect highway from New York to San Francisco, in as near a straight line as it is possible to make it, with a width of 120 feet, for the use of automobiles and bicycles, as well as for the use of the farmer, is a thing that the Automobile club of America will try to bring about. The subject was seriously discussed at a banquet, in honor of members of the National Highway Commission, at the Waldorf-Astoria, in New York, when plans were made and the route announced. Besides a direct path from New York to San Francisco, passing through Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha and Ogden, the club wants a highway along each coast. Congress will be asked to appropriate one-third of the expense, and the states, counties, townships and cities en route will be asked to pay the rest; the owners of property benefited to donate the right-of-way. The club and highway commission have on their list of membership the names of some of the foremost men of America.

### List's Kindness Exemplified.

A young composer, being desirous of having his composition criticised by Liszt, called on the master by the advice of his friends. So as not to interfere with Liszt's time he made his visit at 7:30 a. m., and explained his errand to the old servant, who remarked that it was rather early. Liszt overheard the colloquy from the head of the stairs, and demanded of the servant who was there. Hearing that the caller was a poor artist, the great musician ran downstairs to the gate in his shirt sleeves, called the visitor back, took him up to the piano, played off his composition, criticised it, and sent him away feeling like a master in counterpoint.

### Rio Janeiro's English.

The following amusing notice is written in a cemetery at Rio Janeiro in several languages: "Noble messengers and gentlemen who may desire a dog to follow in this tombyard will not be permission unless him drawn by a cable round him throttle."

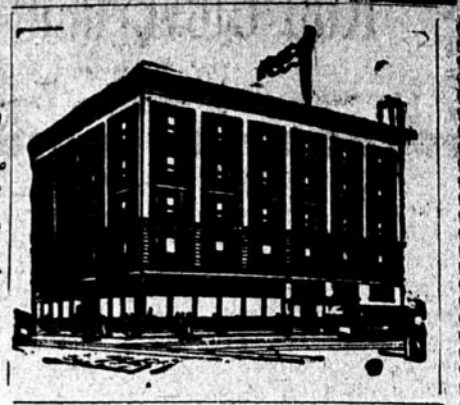
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The main announcements have already appeared in the daily papers. In order to make a visit to our new basement valuable to you we note a few remarkable bargains.

### Standard Domestic.

Ginghams—250 pieces of fine 3/4c Apron Ginghams—all sizes, all colors—big value.

Dress Prints—Three cases best 3/4c quality China Blue Dress Prints, mill end lengths—worth 7 cents.

Batiste Lawns—2 cases mill end lengths 82-inches Batiste Lawns—worth 12 1/2c in any other house.

Percales—2 cases 35-inch Percales—choice styles, medium and dark colors, regular 10c value.

Percales—4 cases heavy, wide 8 1/2c soft finish dark Percales—navy and white, cadet and white, etc. worth 12 1/2c.

Silesia—2 cases of mill ends, all colors, 36 in. wide, assorted lot, with values up to 15c.

Outing Flannel—5 cases of mill end lengths, all sizes and colors—regular 7 1/2c quality.

### DRESS GOODS BARGAINS.

We make here a few notes of the genuine bargains offered during our three day opening, and have added for a guide the prices charged in other stores for the same goods. These prices include the whole range of colors, styles and patterns.

8 1/2c for the goods others sell at 12 1/2c-15c. 15c for the goods others sell at 25c. 19c for the goods others sell at 29c-35c. 39c for the goods others sell at 60c.

### Basement Hosiery and Underwear.

Ladies Hose—Fast black seamless hose. You never saw their equal for the price. 4c

School Hose—2 pair for 25c. Heavy strong, durable knee, heel and toe—warranted to wear—best value you ever saw. 13c

### Miscellaneous Bargains

16c for good, heavy grain sacks. 23c for 35c Men's Jumpers. 25c for good, heavy jeans for pants. 45c for 58c Men's Denim Jumpers. 9 1/2c blue and brown Denims, worth 12 1/2c. 48c for Men's soft Neglige working shirts worth 60c. 21c for best Carpet warp, all colors in stock. 23c for good, heavy Men's work shirts. 47c for 60c Men's Denim and Duck Overalls—home made. 4c for Men's heavy work Socks.

### Standard Domestic.

Unbleached Muslin—Yard 4 1/2c extra good 7c quality Unbleached Muslin.

Bleached Muslins—33 inch good quality soft finish Bleached Muslins—a decided bargain. 6 1/2c

Sheeting—72-inch two yards wide 12 1/2c regular 18c grade Unbleached Sheetting.

Sheeting—Full width, 9-4 heavy unbleached sheetting, marked 20c elsewhere. 15c

Sheeting—72 inches wide, soft finish bleached sheetting, sold elsewhere at 27 cents. 19c

Cambrie—Remarkable value in a 7 1/2c yard wide, soft finish Unbleached Cambrie—others ask 10c.

Ticking—32-inch extra soft finish 12 1/2c and extra heavy grade feather ticking—worth 18c.

Table Oil Cloth—Great value in 12 1/2c 5-4 size Table Oil Cloth in white, marble and fancy styles.

### CLINTON.

Mr. T. W. Stepp spent a couple of days in Chicago this week.

Harrison the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Cassius Clark is quite ill.

Died—Mrs. Sarah Phillips wife of Leonard Phillips at her home in this city, Sunday morning at 11:30 deceased had been quite feeble for some months past but her closest friends did not think the end so near, she had been a resident of this city for a number of years, a devoted member of the stewardess board for several years. The funeral services were held from Bethel A. M. E. church Monday afternoon, Rev. Holly officiating.

Quarterly meeting will take place on Sunday, Presiding Elder Bundy is expected to be in attendance.

Rev. Holly has been ill for a few days.

Mr. Geo. Robinson has returned from Philadelphia and other parts of the East where he has been taking a needed rest for a few weeks past.

### KANSAS CITY, (Mo.) ITEMS

(Gathered by the BYSTANDER'S Observer.)

Mr. Dan Lucas bears the distinction of having the finest and complete up-to-date tontorial parlor in Kansas City.

The services of Rev. Jones' First Baptist church were largely attended last Sunday, and the reverend beautifully illustrated how observable God has often called men to places of dignity and honor when they have been busy in the honest employment of their vocation. Rev. Jones is a remarkable divine and puts more than ordinary power, force and eloquence into his words.

Prof. Will Ewing and his unique colored string band are playing nightly to an appreciative audience at the Delaware club. Their instrumentalists are grand and inspiring and such as to elicit commendation.

AN HOUR WITH THE COMPOSERS AND THE PLAYERS.

"What Happened to Jones," which appeared at the Coats opera house last evening is a most humorously suggestive name for a farce; yet it is wholly inadequate to insinuate the numerous and varied things that occur to the fellow whose homely appellation figure in the title. Two hours of farce comedy abounding in bright lines and comical situations. The laughs of the audience was almost a mass of punctuation marks, and that's "What Happened to Jones."

Your clothes may be swell and snug in their fit As the skin on a Dago banan, But subscribe for the "BYSTANDER" and find, in IT— Good advice to the poor colored man.

### TOPEKA, KANSAS ITEMS.

(Gathered by the BYSTANDER'S Observer.)

The colored populace of Topeka are progressing nicely and have in all about nineteen or twenty different churches.

Services at the Second Baptist church on Sunday last, were largely attended. Their pastor Rev. J. D. Olden is an able divine.

In a recent visit to the office of the Topeka Plaindealer, the visitor can note that the office is strictly up-to-date and the typo's are kept busy in manipulating the movable alphabet.

Mr. Nick Chiles, the business manager of the Plaindealer is also proprietor of the Chiles Hotel it is on 114 7th St. Three well known and popular

### young gentlemen of Topeka namely Tom McAdoo, Geo. Bradford and Ed. Love visited Kansas City last Sunday.

### EVANS NEWS.

There were five candidates baptized Sunday.

Mrs. Jennie Tucker and Mrs. Davison of Des Moines were in the city Sunday.

Mrs. C. Thomas' little boy also Mrs. C. Webb's boy have the small-pox.

Mr. John Bryant is making quite a success with his millinery work, he has ordered more hats.

Mr. Luther Allen and Tom Carrington left the 18th for Bradford, Ill. to attend the funeral of their niece.

The literary society will start again Tuesday night.

### ACUTE SENSES OF THE SAVAGE

Scientific View of Their Alleged Superiority to Civilized Man.

In his last lecture on the "Senses of Primitive Man" W. H. R. Rivers discussed the acuteness of hearing in savages. In this respect none of the Torres Straits natives were superior to one of the Europeans composing the expedition, while the majority were inferior. No great weight, however, could be attached to the observations, because all the people were divers—an occupation that certainly damaged the ears to some extent. To investigate their range of hearing a Galton's whistle was used, and it was shown that they could hear very high notes. Their sense of smell was tested by means of a series of tubes containing solutions, of varying strength, of odorous substances like valerian and camphor, and the results, while not altogether satisfactory, tended to show they had no marked superiority in this respect over the members of the expedition. With regard to taste it was very difficult to get information, as the natives, naturally enough, did not like strange objects being put into their mouths. One fact, however, was noticed, which was interesting when it was remembered that sweet and bitter were probably our most definite sensations and that was the complete absence of any word for bitter. For the sense of temperature the data were very scanty, but it was found that the natives had points on their skin specially sensitive to cold exactly as was the case with Europeans. As to touch, when tested to see how close the points of a pair of compasses must be put on the skin before they ceased to be felt as two, their sensitiveness was in general better than Europeans, but there was always the doubt whether they were really able to bear pain with more fortitude. However, the conclusion that the Murray Islanders were distinctly less sensitive than the Europeans in the expedition was supported not only by their subjective statements, but also by objective tests depending on the conditions of the blood pressure. In the discrimination of weight it was curious that these natives, who had no abstract idea of weight and no word to express it, and who, moreover, could have had no practice, were more accurate than a practiced European. Finally Dr. Rivers, while commenting on the defective knowledge of some of the senses he had treated and on the absence of comparative data, concluded that in general the sense organs of the savage were not markedly superior to those of the normal of average European, and that the recorded instances of apparently extraordinary acuteness were to be explained by his habits of observation and specialized knowledge.



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**CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.** Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church, in the absence of Presiding Elder Bundy, Rev. Bass was assisted in administering the holy sacrament by Rev. Lockwood of St. Paul's M. E. church (white) who also delivered an excellent sermon in the afternoon, those who failed to hear Rev. Lockwood missed a rare treat. The Sunday School board will meet this week with Mrs. Della Marshall. Every one is busy now cleaning house, before warm weather appears. Rev. Bass preached at the Sunshine Mission on the 14th inst. Word has been received from Mrs. Harry Martin that her brother passed peacefully away at his home in Bedford, after a lingering illness of consumption.

Mrs. Martin will return home this week. Laurence Morgan and brother are in the city visiting their cousin Frank Morgan.

The large Easter chorus repeated their exercises at the A. M. E. church Sunday night.

Besure and attend the baby show at the A. M. E. church Thursday evening. May the 10th several babies will be on exhibition. Handsome prizes will be awarded.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown had their baby Myrtle Annette christened at the Quarterly meeting with Mrs. Raspberry as God mother.

It has been said that the Rapid's A. M. E. church choir is one of the finest in the State. There are nine in number and can compete with any choir. Rev. Bass certainly feels proud of them and we fail to see why he should not. The anticipate an outing sometime in the near future.



HALF WAY HOME

Do you remember the wayide nook Under the lee of a laurel ledge...

The brook sang on with a sea-shell croon, To the mermaid ferns with their long green hair...



Gallant Little Hale Robbins.

By Charles Adams.



HAT true hero, Master Hale Robbins has nearly recovered from the wounds received last August...

But thanks to the boy's courage, his little sister Lois, in whose defence he made the fight...

The assault was not wholly unprovoked, although the children were not to blame for it...

Hale had been his sister's trusty guardian ever since she was large enough to toddle out-of-doors...

That morning they set off for school just before eight o'clock. In addition to their dinner-pail and two books...

As the children came along that morning little Lois espied one of the eagles flying heavily to the tree...

"It is going to feed the young ones," said Hale. "Now hark, and you'll hear 'em scream!"

The eagle bore the fish to the big nest in the tree-top, and immediately the peculiar whistling cries of the young were heard.

Lois that she ran toward him, partly raising the basket of her head. One of the eagles swooped at the same moment...

Her shriek of pain brought the dazed boy to his feet; but before he could strike, the eagle swooped again with great force.

1. Boy and bird fell and rolled over on the ground; but the boy grasped the bird's neck, and with his wounded arm dealt such blows as he could...

The blood was pouring down Hale's face and he could hardly see; but whenever he discerned the shadow of the bird...

At length the eagle alighted on the ground near by. It was much hurt and could no longer keep the air; but it still strutted unsteadily forward...

Calling Lois to him and taking her hand, the lad now attempted to get up and go home with her...

Mrs. Robbins rushed to the place and found Hale sitting very soberly on a stone, a dreadful little object...

Mr. Robbins, the father, found the female eagle the next day, "mumping" in a fir thicket near the river...

The homing instinct in the blood is felt by hard-headed, shrewd and practical men, engaged in business in great towns...

This is the country paper published up-country, and filled with intimate personal details, the pleasant and kindly neighborhood gossip...

The man may be a millionaire several times over, but he was once a boy on the farm, and he will be a subscriber to the little country paper...

"No speaker," says Champ Clark, "can tell beforehand what effect his words are going to have on an audience..."

A British soldier in South Africa thus wrote to a friend in Ireland: "We made a grand capture yesterday. A case supposed to contain a piano was opened and found to contain a lovely machine gun..."

A double marriage of a somewhat unusual character was recently witnessed at Maplewood, W. Va. The grooms were Will and Wesley Thomas, twins, and the brides were the twin daughters of Jerry Tyree...

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Advertisement for J. Thompson & Sons, Beloit, Wis., featuring a plow and the text 'GENUINE NORWEGIAN PLOW'.

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Advertisement for Castoria, 'The Kind You Have Always Bought', featuring a signature and the text 'Always Bought Signature of J. C. Atchison'.

Advertisement for W. L. Douglas shoes, '\$3 & 3.50 SHOES MADE', featuring an illustration of a shoe.

Advertisement for 'DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY', 'A quick relief and cure for dropsy'.

Advertisement for 'PATENT SECURED ON FEE REFUNDED', 'Send in your patent for examination'.

Advertisement for 'WANTED SOLDIERS HOMESTEADS', 'The addresses of all Federal Soldiers, their widows or heirs'.

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Dr. L. Clark Seelye became  
of Smith College he was  
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man of perfect piety and fine  
of speech. But one night,  
weeks of his presidency, he  
uneasily on his pillow, and his  
ard him murmur in his sleep,  
God! "Seven hundred girls!"

The cost of preparing the American  
exhibit at the Paris exposition has  
been \$240,333. The largest item is sal-  
aries of experts—\$72,045.

Bishop Walsham Howe, like the  
mother of Pierre and Thomas in the  
"Bab Ballads," was "of decent size,  
though not particularly tall." He  
gives his height as five feet nine inches,  
but on his first visit to Almondbury to  
preach, the verger came to him in the  
vestry and said: "A've put a platform  
in 't' lulp t' for ye; you'll excuse me,  
but a little wan looks as if he was in a  
toob."

Uncomfortable beds are the rule in  
Manila. There are no springs, mat  
tresses or slats. A square of woven  
rattan, like that of a cane-seat chair,  
is stretched over a wooden frame. On  
the rattan a sheet is spread, and this  
is the bed.

Henry Fielding was once asked by  
Lord Denbigh why he wrote his name  
"Fielding" instead of "Felding," as  
his lordship's family used. "I can not  
tell, my lord," replied the novelist,  
"except it be that my branch of the  
family were the first that know how  
to spell."

**BRIDGE OF TRAGEDIES**

**TO LOSE IDENTITY AT HANDS  
OF REBUILDERS.**

**Hands of Indians Fought There Years  
Ago, And Horrors Have Been Com-  
menced There Ever Since—Rendezvous  
of Robbers.**

Probably no place in the United  
States has been the scene of more  
crime than the Morris creek railroad  
bridge, near Montgomery, W. Va.,  
which is soon to lose its identity at  
the hands of bridge builders engaged  
to remodel it, and the creek which it  
spans. The original owners were the  
Morris brothers, who held the patent  
from the state of Virginia, and from  
these brothers the creek bears its  
name. How many tragedies occurred  
here before the white man came is not  
known, but tradition says the creek  
was the scene of a number of conflicts  
between the Mingoos and the Shaw-  
nees, and the quantities of arrows and  
stone hatchets which can be found  
there bear out the correctness of this  
statement. At one time this creek  
was one of the prettiest bits of scenery  
in the Kanawha valley, but the  
railroads and coal mines have taken  
away much of the beauty which it  
once possessed, and the beautiful  
stream of water is now but a discol-  
ored drain for all the impurities of  
the different mines along its course. In  
August, 1894, Dr. J. W. Davis, a prom-  
inent physician of Montgomery, was  
returning from a professional visit up  
this creek, when he was fired upon and  
received wounds from which he died  
in a few hours. This assassination was  
carefully planned, and fire was opened  
upon the doctor by his invisible as-  
sailant before he had got into danger-  
ous range. The doctor whipped up his  
horses and tried to escape, and in so  
doing was compelled to drive nearer  
to the ambush of his foe. He drove

only a few months ago, when an in-  
sane soldier from the Philippines, in  
charge of two guards, en route to one  
of the eastern army infirmaries at  
night, and while the train was passing  
over the bridge, leaped out, and was  
immediately followed by one of the  
guards, who was permanently injured.  
The insane man was never found.

**TOO OLD TO GO TO THIS WAR.**

**Death of an Equine Veteran of the  
Civil War at the Age of 43.**

The only living war horse of the late  
war died a few days ago at North East,  
Pa. The annoucement of the death of  
old Ned will cause many a veteran to  
heave a sigh at the thought that an-  
other war veteran has fallen from the  
ranks of those left after the civil con-  
flict of the sixties. Old Ned was not a  
pensioner, although he was entirely de-  
pendent. He was acknowledged to be  
the only surviving member of the  
equine race which did service in the  
late war. The steed lived to the re-  
markable age of 43 years, and died this  
month in the stable of his owner, B. F.  
Crawford, at North East, which had  
been the horse's home since the war  
closed. Ned served in the armies of  
both North and South, doing his duty  
as willingly for one side as for the  
other. Yet he was not a deserter from  
either. The old nag's history would  
make an interesting volume, as he had  
been exhibited all over the country.  
His teeth marks proclaimed him 9  
years old when, in 1864, he was a de-  
vulful black charger ridden by one of  
Early's raiders, who was shot from his  
back in an encounter near Washing-  
ton, and the horse fell into the hands  
of a victorious Federal brigade. After  
the fight, when those who had lost  
their mounts in the battle were sup-  
plied with new horses captured from  
the enemy, Ned was given to B. F.  
Crawford, then a sergeant, who rode  
him through the rest of the rebellion.  
For several years past Mr. Crawford  
has paraded his pet animal in memorial  
events in different cities of the coun-  
try, and the sagacious beast had  
learned to know a Decoration day cele-  
bration as well as anyone. The sound  
of martial music had a wonderfully re-  
juvenating effect on him. When in  
parades he could not be managed any-  
where except directly behind and next  
to the band, and in that location he of-  
ten marched unattended. Among other  
occasions which have been featured by  
the presence of this old war horse was  
the memorial attending the unveiling of  
the monument to the unrecognized dead  
of the Ashtabula disaster when he was  
as much of an attraction as was the  
monument. The bones of old Ned will  
be set up in the State University at  
Philadelphia, Pa., and Capt. Crawford  
will retain the hide, which he will have  
tanned.—Cleveland World.

# FAGGED



What a story of suffering that one  
word tells. It says: "I am all  
tired out. It seems to me I  
can hardly take another step.  
I haven't a particle of  
ambition. I can't do half  
the work I feel I must do.  
I am weak, nervous, depressed,  
discouraged."

## That's Impure Blood

Now you know what the trouble is, you certainly  
know the cure,—a perfect Sarsaparilla. "Sarsaparilla"  
is simply the name of the medicine, for in a perfect  
Sarsaparilla there are a great many remedies. Some act by  
taking out the bad; others, by putting in the good.

You want a Sarsaparilla that will make your blood pure  
this spring, a Sarsaparilla that will make it rich and strong,  
a Sarsaparilla that is a powerful nerve tonic. You want  
the strongest and best Sarsaparilla that can be made.

# That's AYER'S

"The only Sarsaparilla made under the personal supervision of three graduates: a  
graduate in pharmacy, a graduate in chemistry, and a graduate in medicine."

"Last July my oldest daughter was taken sick, and I was on my feet, it seemed to me, night and day for  
weeks taking care of her. I had no other help than that which my husband gave me, and by the time daughter  
began to mend I was down sick myself. I was discouraged, and did not care much whether I lived or died.  
My husband got me a bottle of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and its effects were magical. Two bottles of this medicine  
put me on my feet and made a well woman of me."—JANE M. BROWN, Bentonport, Iowa, Jan. 19, 1900.



MORRIS CREEK BRIDGE.

through a hail of bullets, three of  
which took effect, wounding him mor-  
tally. Bloodhounds were placed on the  
trail of the assassin, and in a day or  
so Bud Clendennin, a man who but a  
short time before had recovered from  
an illness through which the kind-  
hearted doctor had treated him free of  
charge, was captured. He was tried,  
convicted at Charleston and given a  
life sentence in the penitentiary, where  
he subsequently died, protesting his  
innocence to the last. The fact that  
it was on the eve of an election, and  
that for some of the jurymen to vote  
it would be necessary for them to dis-  
pose of the case that night, saved  
Clendennin from the gallows, as 11  
of the jury were for hanging, the  
other was not, and, declaring his in-  
tention of holding the fort, the rest  
gave in, so that they might vote. In  
the same year, and but a few months  
later, the body of Dr. J. C. Aultz, a  
well-known surgeon, was found a life-  
less mass under the fatal bridge. Un-  
known parties attempted to blow up  
the bridge with dynamite during a  
strike in 1894, but owing to the fact  
that they were not familiar with the  
explosive the force of the explosion  
was unconfined, and though the bridge  
was somewhat weakened, comparative-  
ly little damage was done. During  
all the time that the Lewis gang of rob-  
bers and murderers existed this was  
their rendezvous, and every move  
which they made was planned under  
the shadow of the old bridge. Here  
it was that John Cochran, miner, was  
coaxed one night in March and mur-  
dered, robbed and then his lifeless  
body cast into the inky waters of the  
creek, and washed out into the bosom  
of the Kanawha river. Viers, who led  
the white element of this gang, made  
an effort to throw the responsibility  
for this murder upon an innocent man  
named Lewis, who was an enemy, but  
on the scaffold his nerve failed him,  
and he confessed that his former state-  
ments were false, and that Lewis had  
nothing to do with the murder.

venom might have some curative prop-  
erties that would make it a valuable  
adjunct to the materia medica, and  
for that reason they are making re-  
newed efforts to get some of the poi-  
son. La Tosca sleeps most of the  
time, and pays no attention to any-  
thing that is transpiring about her.  
She was brought here from Borneo  
about two years ago, and, after eating  
the three snakes that made the voyage  
with her, refused all descriptions of  
food, and seems to get along very well  
without it. This variety of reptiles  
never eats anything but snakes. They  
have been known to kill bears and  
horses, and are feared by all the na-  
tives of Borneo, Java and the smaller  
islands of the East Indies, where they  
are found. La Tosca is the only speci-  
men of her kind in America, and, un-  
less she can be induced to eat, must,  
sooner or later, die. She measures 14  
feet in length.—Philadelphia Record.

**Confessed and Was Lynched.**

Charles Humphries, who entered the  
room of Miss McCoy, daughter of a  
wealthy farmer near Phoenix City,  
Ala., was lynched by a party of men.  
The young woman recognized Hum-  
phries, and a mob immediately start-  
ed in pursuit. They came upon the  
negro about ten miles from Phoenix  
City. He confessed and was then  
strung up.

**Indians Charged with Murder.**

The steamer Cutch, which has arrived  
at Vancouver, B. C., from Skagway,  
brought news of the arrest of nine In-  
dians, the perpetrators of a murder  
there last October. The victims were  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Worthing, who  
were shot down over their fire at  
night. The bodies were hidden in a  
cave.

**Transvaal Horse Sickness.**

Horse sickness has broken out  
earlier than usual in South Africa. As  
a rule it comes in February. The  
Boers being entirely a mounted force,  
the trouble will affect them more than  
it will the English armies.

**Killed Husband, Shot Himself.**

Early the other morning Mrs. Leon-  
ard Wagner killed her husband and  
then shot herself at their home near  
Sandusky, O. The cause of the crime  
is believed to have been jealousy.

**A Query.**

Edith—He says if I don't marry him  
he—he doesn't know what he'll do!  
Ethel—Ah! has the poor fellow no  
trade?—Puck.

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**PICKING POCKETS WITH TOES.**

**Wonderful Dexterity Displayed by the  
Gauchos of the Argentine.**

From the Boston Transcript: The  
Gauchos, or dwellers in the extensive  
plains of Buenos Ayres, are marvel-  
ously dexterous with both hands and  
feet. Many of them have acquired  
through long practice such skill in us-  
ing their toes as if they were fingers  
that they can fling the lasso and even  
pick pockets with them. Some time  
ago a Frenchman who was fishing in  
one of the rivers of Buenos Ayres was  
warned against the light-fingered na-  
tives. He forthwith kept a vigilant  
watch on his companions, but never-  
theless one day when his attention was  
closely riveted on his float a wily  
Gaicho drew near and, delicately in-  
serting his foot, extracted the French-  
man's hooks and other valuables from  
his pocket.

On some of the Japanese railroads  
terra cotta sleepers are used. They  
are far more durable than those of  
wood, and thus amply repay for in-  
crease of cost.

# Spring Body Cleaning



Every spring you clean the house you  
live in, to get rid of the dust and dirt which  
collected in the winter. Your body, the  
house your soul lives in, also becomes filled  
up during the winter with all manner of  
filth, which should have been removed from  
day to day, but was not. Your body needs  
cleaning inside. If your bowels, your liver,  
your kidneys are full of putrid filth, and  
you don't clean them out in the spring,  
you'll be in bad odor, with yourself and  
everybody else all summer.

**DON'T USE A HOSE** to clean your  
body inside, but sweet, fragrant, mild but  
positive and forceful **CASCARETS**, that  
work while you sleep, prepare all the filth  
collected in your body for removal, and  
drive it off softly, gently, but none the less  
surely, leaving your blood pure and nourishing,  
your stomach and bowels clean and  
lively, and your liver and kidneys healthy and active.  
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## Explosives Confined and Unconfined.

There is a widespread misapprehension in regard to the devastating effect of high explosives. When unconfined the effect even of large charges of them upon structures is comparatively slight. At the naval ordnance proving ground, so long ago as 1884, repeated charges of dynamite, varying from five pounds to 100 pounds in weight, were detonated on the face of a vertical target consisting of eleven one-inch wrought-iron plates bolted to a twenty-inch oak backing, until 440 pounds of dynamite had been so detonated in contact with it, and yet the target remained practically uninjured, while at Braamfontein the accidental explosion of fifty-five tons of blasting gelatin, which was stored in railway vans excavated but 30,000 tons of soft earth. Thus at Fort Lee, on the Hudson, but two tons of dynamite placed in a chamber in the rock and tamped brought down 100,000 tons of the rock; at Lamberis, Wales, two tons and a half of gelatin dynamite, similarly placed, threw out 180,000 tons of rock, and at the Talcan Mawr, in Wales, seven tons of gunpowder placed in two chambers in the rock dislodged from 125,000 to 200,000 tons of rock.

## The Ages of Men.

A great man does not always attain a ripe old age; in fact, hardly half of the greatest men of modern and ancient times have reached the limit of age set by the Bible. Among statesmen: Mirabeau was 42; Pitt, 47; Caesar, 55; Richelieu, 57; Cromwell, 59; Frederick the Great, 74; Disraeli, 75; Bismarck, 83; Talleyrand, 84. Of great conquerors: Alexander the Great died at 32; Napoleon at 51; Hannibal at 76, Marlborough at 72, Blucher at 86, Moltke at 91. The age of the decease of philosophers was: Spinoza, 44; Descartes, 53; Aristotle, 62; Socrates, 68; Linnaeus, 70; Copernicus, 70; Galileo, 78; Kant, 79; Plato, 82; Newton, 84; Humboldt, 89. The longevity of great writers, poets, varies from Byron, 36, to Sophocles, 90. To painters death came at ages varying from Raphael at 37, to Titian.

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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 been conducted to a marked improvement in the health of the venerable Dr. R. S. Storrs.

## WORRY AND GRAY HAIR.

When Black Becomes White in a Few Days.

Many persons are in the habit of taking stories of "hair turned white in a single night" with the traditional pinch of salt. As a matter of fact, there are numerous cases on record of fright or weird experience bleaching a man's raven locks. In battle not a few soldiers have experienced the odd and unpleasant sensation of finding that within the course of a few days their raven or auburn "thatchers" have become white as the driven snow. Sir H. M. Stanley entered upon his great march across Africa with jet-black hair. He emerged from his series of adventures in appearance twenty years or more older and with hair bleached pure white. It took nine years of anxious war correspondence and exciting experiences to bleach the hair of the late veteran "special," Archibald Forbes. But in not a few cases has the strange transformation come suddenly. There are some who insist they have reason to know that in those last terrible days at Khar-toum the hair of valiant Gen. Gordon went snow-white! More authentic is the case of a young lieutenant, whose red locks were suddenly streaked with white on the eve of his first battle, which was against the Zulus in '79. A commissioner in a London bank tells how his hair was changed from brown to iron-gray within a week as a result of his galling experiences during the Indian mutiny. One of the most eminent French generals became an old man, in appearance at any rate, when he was but 22, after taking part in one of the most sanguinary battles in the Franco-Prussian war. And there are several cases, authenticated by officers and surgeons, of Crimean soldiers whose hair changed color during that trying campaign.—Tit-Bits.

## JOURNEYS THROUGH THE AIR.

Some Very Exciting Balloon Adventures on Record.

One of the saddest of modern balloon tragedies was that in which Mr. Walter Powell of Malmesbury and a member of the house of commons lost his life. Mr. Powell, accompanied by Capt. Templar, ascended from Bath in the war balloon "Saladin." At Bridgport the machine descended suddenly, and Capt. Templar was thrown out and severely injured. Before it could be secured, the "Saladin" rose swiftly again, carrying its unconscious occupant—Mr. Powell—with it. For many weeks the fate of the M. P. was veiled in mystery, and it was surmised he had fallen into the sea and was drowned. Fragments of a wrecked balloon were found on the outskirts of Spain some months afterwards, but whether it was the unfortunate "Saladin" was not proved. In 1808 two Parisians had a dispute, and they decided to adjust it by a duel. Not content with the ordinary method of settling quarrels, a novel idea was ventilated and adopted. They obtained a pair of large balloons, and each man, accompanied by his seconds, entered one of the aerial chariots. When they had attained a height of 1,000 feet from the ground, and at a signal from the seconds, the combatants were to fire at each other with blunderbusses of formidable dimensions. After two or three shots had been fired one of them managed to put a hole through the balloon of his adversary. The silk covering was torn open, and the duelist, together with his seconds, was dashed to pieces on the roofs of the houses below. The other balloon sailed on, and came down some hours later in a field many miles from where it ascended.

## Color Sergeant Wanted Boots.

Some fifty years ago Sir Harry Smith, after whose wife Lady Smith is named, was governor of the Cape Colony, and mainly responsible for quelling the Kaffir rebellions on the eastern frontier of the Cape. After one of these arduous campaigns, his troops returned to Cape Town in a terribly impoverished condition, as regarded their outfit—torn tunics, battered helmets, ragged trousers—many of them without boots. They were paraded for Sir Harry's inspection, who congratulated them on their gallant conduct, their smart and soldier-like appearance, etc. This proved too much for an old color-sergeant, very much down at heel, and an old favorite of the general. Stepping forward from the ranks, he respectfully saluted Sir Harry, and said: "Begging your pardon, Sir 'Arry, we don't want no gammon; we wants boots!"—Rochester Post-Express.

## Pauperism in London.

The very latest statistics on London pauperism are not encouraging. A review of the last twelve months shows that although for four successive years the British metropolis has experienced good trade and open winters, there was no great diminution in the number seeking relief under the poor law. On the other hand, for the first four months the mass of pauperism was greater than it was for the same period of 1898, and stood at a higher figure than in more than half of the previous 42 years during which a record has been kept.

## Butterfly Parasols.

One simply can't find anything more delicate and fetching than the butterfly parasol. A beauty which a lucky belle will carry is of silk with four exquisite butterflies embroidered on every other gore. And such butterflies as they were! Lovely, large creatures, embroidered in more pastel tints than one dreamed existed, and seemingly ready to take flight at the faintest move. But they can't. They must continue to adorn Beauty's sunshade.

## WHEN DUELS WERE FOUGHT.

Death of a Man Who Was a Maker of Coats-of-Mail.

"About two years ago," said a business man to a New Orleans Times-Democrat reporter, "there died" at the Charity hospital an eccentric old German who once upon a time followed the queerest trade in the world. He was a maker of coats of mail. Long before the war he had a little jewelry shop on the north side of Canal street and the coat of mail business was a sort of private side line. The armor he made was composed of small links of very hard steel, woven together so compactly that one could not thrust even a pin through the interstices, and it was said that the "coats" would turn either a knife or a bullet. They were fashioned something like a sleeveless undershirt, and were intended to be worn immediately beneath the outside garments. In those days the use of such devices was popularly attributed to fellows who wanted to secure an unfair advantage in duelling and the reputation of wearing one under any circumstances was fatal to a reputation for courage. Consequently the old German didn't go to any pains to exploit his business and his customers must have come to him through many devious channels. I knew the old chap quite well when I was a boy, and I have often seen him putting the mail together in his little back room. He got the links from Germany, and they came in long single strand chains, which he fastened together at the edges with small steel rings, thus building up a fabric, like knitting a stocking. The coats were made over a wooden form, shaped like a man's torso, and were astonishingly light. After the war broke out a good many men bought them openly, as a legitimate protection, and for a while the old man had more business than he could attend to."

## A DEPARTED SPIRIT

Attends His Own Funeral and Thanks His Friends.

Of peculiar interest were the funeral services of Gerry Valentine. Mr. Valentine was one of the early settlers of this place, and was more than 80 years old. He was an ardent Spiritualist, and when he died he left directions for his funeral, which were intended to be a practical demonstration of his belief. The services were held in the Universalist church. The preacher was Samuel Wheeler, a noted Spiritualist of Philadelphia, and he chose "The Rainbow Bridge" as his subject. Then the meeting was given over into the hands of Mrs. Minnie Brown, a clairvoyant from Philadelphia. Immediately after Mrs. Brown had taken her position several raps were heard. "Our brother has a message for Cyrus F. Osgood," said the medium. "He wishes to thank Mr. Osgood and the others for their care in carrying out his wishes in regard to his funeral ceremonies." Mrs. Brown then gave the information that Mr. Valentine was not alone, but that J. O. Ransome, Mr. Parkhurst and Mr. Wyatt, former friends of the dead man, had accompanied him on his "little journey in the world." Several other shades of departed Spiritualists had come with them. They reported that they had made things homelike for Mr. Valentine, and gave messages to the friends of the latter which were intended to cheer and comfort them. The announcements were hailed by the many Spiritualists in attendance with pleasure, and after a few more congratulatory raps Mr. Valentine's spirit and its companions rapped "Adieu."—Hamman (N. J.) Special New York Herald.

## Grave Filling Device.

A device for use in constructing graves, the invention of Henry D. Cameron, of Burlington, Iowa, is designed to fill the grave with earth after the coffin has been lowered, and to conceal as far as possible the actual throwing of the dirt upon the coffin, the most trying termination of the grave ceremony to the bereaved mourners. It consists of a receptacle, with detachable sides and bottom, and a gate in the latter so arranged as to be capable of being opened to allow the contents to fall. The front is a flexible curtain, extending from the top to the gate, and designed to prevent the earth within from being seen. This receptacle is filled with earth previous to the ceremony and carried to a convenient point. When all is over and the grave is to be filled, the receptacle is placed over it, and the gates opened, thus gently closing the last sad scene in a much more fitting manner than the seemingly cold-hearted return of the earth with a spade.

## Preacher Wants No Discounts.

Rev. Mr. Arthur Creasy of Oswego, Kan., said in a recent sermon: "The world's need is Christian manliness. Knowing this I shall no longer ride on railroads for half fare; what is good enough for you is good enough for me. Please do not discount goods to me because I am a preacher. I ought to pay my taxes, and my church should not be exempt. Christ did not borrow, beg, beseech His bread; He bought it like other men. If I am His follower I will pay my way as He did. Dear friends, for four long years your hearty support and the prompt kindness of your treasurer have enabled me to do business on a cash basis. I fear none; but stand in the power of my manhood alone."

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