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CITY NEWS

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Mr. Jewett DeGroff is reported as having the small-pox to-day.

Mr. J. H. Shepard is beautifying his home by building a new porch and it looks very nice.

Mrs. Geo. Poindexter is quite sick this week, she is unable to attend to her work.

Dr. J. M. Wilson our marvelous healer is still meeting with much success our race should patronize him.

Mrs. G. H. Cleggett spent Friday and Saturday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. David Barner of Grimes.

Mrs. C. H. Richardson does not seem to improve very much at present, her daughter Miss Zoe is called out home again.

G. H. Cleggett and W. P. Lewis have opened a barber shop at 312 W. Eighth street. They also sell cigars and to...

Mr J. T. Blagburn is making some ...provements on his house, a new ...h adds mudh to the ap... his home.

... attend the minstrel show ...orium the 9th inst you will ...hest jokes, the best music ...t songs.

...rtainment given by class ... of the A. M. E. church ... socially and financially, ... over quite a nice sum to ...est department.

...rice Hicklin was call to St. ... morning by the serious ill... mother. Miss Hicklin was ...yment of the Electric Fan ...Dusting Works, of this city, ...per.

...nghouse and company has ... Saturday a cigar, stobacco, ... and bath tubs at 319 depot ...re he invites the public Mr. ... is assisting.

...yman Milligan, 510 Third ...reported as having the small... being quarantined at home; ...rison Gould who was taken ...he hospital.

...rmer King's daughters and ...requested to meet with Mrs. ...ott on Ninth street Monday ... business of importance by ... the President, Mrs. Geo.

...ose who have the small-pox ard ...ut at the Detention Hospital are ...ted by the city physician as doing ... It is stated that the Watkins' ... the worst. Mr. Porter is said ... a bad condition.

... Christian Endeavors are invited ...me out early next Sunday as it is ...eration meeting, and every mem... name will be called also the dele... to the District Conference will ...ort to the meeting. Please come ... early at 6:50 P. M. by order of the ...sident J. L. Thompson.

When the soldier boys get after any...ing, it is a sure thing they will get ... Companies A and H are going ...ter the people May the 9th with a ...rnt cork show at the Auditorium. ...instrels are always "catching" but in ... case everybody will get the min... fever. The show is for the B of ... Convention entertainment fund. ...eserved seats at 420 W. Walnut.

Telephone 255 Center street, for coal.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Perry has opened a first class bath parlors on 222 W. Grand Avenue where they solicit the patronage of all people. Mr. C. J. Perry has resigned his position as engineer for the Younker Brothers large store and is now with Des Moines Saddlery company.

The First African Baptist church has been working very hard to pay off the indeptedness of the church, last Sunday was their general rally day and those who had been soliciting to report. They took in $123.00 which was a great help to the church and the members and the pastor Rev. F. Lomack are jubilant over their success.

Dr. A. M. Molock, singing Evangelist of Denver, Colo., will preach morning and evening at Mt. Nebo Baptist church on East 2nd street between Locust and Grand Sunday May 6th 11:00 A. M. subject Diamond Drops evening 7:30 Pure Gold. All are cordially invited.

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

Center Coal Mining Company, 1007 Center street is the best place to buy coal.

James M. Benton, Ralph Hale, W. P. Guiberson and others will assist the boys of company A and H in their minstrel show at the Auditorium May 9th. Mr. Brenton made the hit of his life in the Elks show last week. There will be lots of good songs, dancing, impersonations and tableaux. The proceeds of this show will be given to the entertainment commttee of the B of L F to be used when the 1200 firemen delegates get here next September for the Inter-National Convention.

Mr. Isaac Curtley, one of our young and esteem business men who has been foreman of the Kirkwood barber-shop for the past nine years, has severed his connection with that shop and has opened a beautiful six chair shop with the latest modern improvements at number 300 West Walnut street where he solicits the patronage of his old customers and friends. Mr. Curtley was raised in this city and by his business push and energetic efforts has made a success in his profession which alone merits the support of all the business men, he has his regular crew of men with him which are Wm. Williams, Wm. Mash, Geo. Hodges, J. E. Gilliam, the proprietors are Isaac Curtley and A. Pierson.

MRS. SIM'S DEATH.

Special to the Bystander.

Mrs. Laura C. Sims, the wife of John Sims, after a long illness departed this life Saturday April 28th at 10:05 P. M. at their residence 18, 5th street N. E. Mr. Sims, daughter and son left the city with the remains at 3:30 P. M. today (Monday) over tne Pa. R. R. for Oskaloosa, Ia., where the funeral will take place Thursday at 11:00 o'clock A. M. The family will return the same afternoon to Washington.

Mayor Hartenbower has appointed two colored policemen to go on regular Mr, Geo. Taylor and I. M. Jones both from East Des Moines, they are good men and well fitted as Mr. Taylor was on the force a few years ago and Mr. Jones was on during MacVicar's term. The appointment is good but we on the West Side will expect at least two places and are anxiously waiting and hoping to receive them soon.

Hon. Geo. E. Taylor was the only colored delegate to the State Democratic Convention, while here he called at our office.

Mr. Daniel Oliver of Colfax passed through our city Friday enroute to Saylor, while in the city he made the Bystander office a call

Orange Free State Flag.

The Orange Free State flag is a simple rectangle of vivid orange. An orange tree in full fruit is the most distinctive feature of the arms of the Orange Free State. Beneath the tree are on one side a lion and on the other a number of oxen. An ox-wagon similar to that on the Transvaal arms and three suspended horns complete the whole. "Spes Bona"—good hope—is written underneath the arms of Cape Colony, the chief feature of which is a lion rampant. A figure of Hope surmounts the shield, the "supporters of which are a couple of native animals."

Booker T. Washington Speaks.

Editor Iowa State Bystander:—Through your paper I wish to call the attention of our race as far as possible to the fact that the Census Bureau is planning to make a special effort during the taking of the Census in June to find out the exact amount of property of every description that is owned by the Negro race. This means a great deal to us as a people and we will be very largely judged by the world by the result. It is of the utmost importance that each individual member of the race in every part of the country begin at once to make a careful list of the amount and value of the property that he owns so as to be ready to give it at once to the census taker. It is also important that as far as possible ministers and teachers call the attention of the yeople to this matter as far in advance as may be thought best.

Yours Truly,
Booker T. Washington.

Republican Primaries.

Last Saturday afternoon the county republican primaries were held. The weather was beautiful, all that could be expected, although a very light vote was polled on account of no contest for county office. The contest for justice of peace was interesting in both Lee and Des Moines township. In the latter township two colored candidates were out, one J. L. Thompson for justice of peace and Horace H. Lewis for constable. They were defeated. Their defeat shnws two things, one is that the white man does not want a colored man in office and his promises to his colored workers are falsehoods, but sooner or later it will react upon him with greater vengence. Second that the majority of our colored voters do not care to see their race elevated or receive their just merits. Yet you meet them and talk with them and they will stand on the street corner and say they are not treated fair or get their just dues. Last Saturday they had a chance to go to the polls and show that they really mean what they talk. In one precinct there are 80 colored voters and only 14 voted; in another 96 and only 23 voted, and several others in that proportion. In several of those precincts if the full colored vote was out with the light white vote and it scattered as it was for different candidates Mr. Lewis and Thompson would have received instruction from several precincts. Therefore those who did not vote ought never complain about race recognization.

DAVENPORT REPORT.

Mr. C. F. Wright went to Sterling Ill. Saturday to visit his wife and returned Monday afternoon, he expects to move up here in a few days.

The Ladies Sewing Circle of the Third Baptist church gave a musical entertainment May first in the band hall. Those who rendered the programme were Miss Ella Baker, Mrs. Bell, Rev. Burton, Mr. Anderson and Miss Mollie Woods of Ft. Madison who sang a beautiful solo and was highly applauded.

On Saturday last a hay rack party was gotten up in honor of Miss Mollie Woods and a nice trip was made across the Mississippi river to Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor in South Rock Island, where a very pleasant time was had. the trip was in charge of Mrs. E. J. Sauders, speeches were made by Mrs. Sauders, Mrs. Taylor Miss Woods and Mrs. Francis Baker Mr. M, B. Anderson and J. T. Mabry.

The Third Baptist Sunday School will elect delegates Sunday to represent it at the convention at Des Moines in June.

The Odd Fellows Thanksgiving sermon will be preached Sunday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. M. J. Burton at the Bethel A. M. E. church, they extend a cordial invitation to all to be present.

Rev. Christy pastor of the A. M. E. church was absent from the city Sunday.

Miss McClelland of Ft. Madison is in the city visiting her sister Mrs. E. H Hoskins and will probably spend the summer here.

Mrs. Hattie Hoskins who left here sometime ago to go home to Ft. Madison for her health has returned looking very much improved, her many friends were glad to welcome her back again.

While out bicycle riding last Friday night the front rim of J. T. Mabry's wheel broke, while going very farst, he came in contact with the brick povement and has a very bad torn up knee from it, while the wheel is being repaired for future use.

SIOUX CITY ITEMS.

Mr. Thomas Woodford left for his home at Sioux Falls, South Dakota last Monday

Mrs. M. Cobin has been quite sick since our last meeting we are glad to be able to announce that she is much better, Mrs. Cobin has been suffering with heart trouble.

Wm. Robinson is down from Yankton, S. D. he is the guest of Mr. Joseph Baker.

Miss Mattie Baker has been elected Secretary of the Sunday School.

The delegates to the Sunday School Convention to be held at Keokuk in June are Mrs. Jas. Washington is delegate and Miss Josephine Proteau alternate.

Quite a neat little sum was realized from the entertainment given at the church on last Monday evening.

Mr. Jas. Washington is up and around again after a slight attact of the pneumonia, Mrs. Washington was taken quite ill on Sunday afternoon of LaGrippe making two patients in their home at once.

The Donkey Social is moving on towards completion and promises to be quite a treat.

Rev. T. A. Clark will preach a sermon for the Odd Fellows next Sunday evening

Rev. Hickman filled the pulpit last Sunday morning, and Rev. Snyder preached in the evening.

The Young Men's meeting was not as well attended last Sunday afternoon as it might have been.

MARSHALLTOWN ITEMS.

Mr. I. L. Brown spent Sunday visiting with the Cedar Grove Lodge number 18 A F. and A. M. at Muchakinock.

We are having our regular gathering of summer visitors, but when snow flies they are all gone.

Next Tuesday evening is the regular lecture with the Eureka lodge number 20, A. F. A. M. visitors are welcome.

Mrs. I. L. Brown was a Sunday visitor at Toledo where her sister Miss Bertha Green is quite ill, returning Monday morning and brought her sister with her. who has been very sick.

Mr. E. W. Williamson the porter on the Hawkeye of the Iowa Central, after his return from a six weeks trip to California has again left for another two weeks trip in the East.

Mr. J. L. Wallace who was sick abont three or four days is out again.

Mrs. Ella Cottomas is convalescent.

Mrs. Rose Hughlett has returned home from a visit with Miss Bertha Green of Toledo.

Mr. G. W. Green has got his new barber-shop fitted up nice and wishes to see all his old customers in line again.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland are still at the old stand, boarding and lodging on reasonable terms.

There are quite a number of our citizens preparing for the Grand Lodge of Masons which meets the second Tuesday in July at Ottumwa.

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ALBIA NEWS.

Madam Grayson and Bowman with their children were Hocking visitors Sunday.

Mr. E. Butler and Mrs. E. F Butler drove to Hiteman Sunday.

The A. M. E. church people are preparing for a concert in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Jones were Hocking visitor Sunday.

Mrs. Ada Reed has been quite sick at the home of her patents for a few weeks.

Mrs. B. T. Lewis has been quite sick at her home for several weeks, but is better at this writing.

Mr. Wells and family left Albia for Illinois last Tuesday evening.

Miss Anna Thompson who has been visiting several weeks with her sister returned to her home last week.

The D. of F. gave a social at the home of Mrs. H. Snoddy on Saturday evening.

DUBUQUE NEWS.

The Stewardess gave a festivble last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Rober was visiting in Galena last week.

Mr. Will Glass has been removed to the hospital.

Mr. John Morgan was in Galena last week.

Quarterly meeting was held last Sunday

Mr. Cox and Miss Bowles were married last Monday evening at the home of the bride, Rev. Johnson officiating.

MARTIN—MARSHALL NUPTIALS.

Special to Bystander.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Martin on 332 Main street April 25th occured the marriage of their oldest daughter Miss Blanch to Mr. Harry Marshall of Belle Plain, Rev. Johnson officiating. The bride was handsomely gowned in pink silk under white lace, and wore the bridal veil and carried a boquet of roses. the groom wore a conventional black. After having wished the young couple a happy married life the guests retired to the dining room where an elaborate supper was served. The table was decorated in the most artistical manner with roses, carnations and smilax, while in the center stood a chandeler from which gaily lighted candles added more beauty to the already effective scene. The bride is a charming young lady of this city while the groom is a prominent baker of Belle Plain. The young couple will make their future home in Belle Plain.

FRASER.

Rev. J. Underwood, Mr. Mixon and Mr. Uriah Coleman went to Des Moines Thursday and returned Friday.

Mr. J. Madison took a trip to Marshalltown.

Mr. Grant Taylor arrived in our city last week and left Monday for Ohio.

Mr. Gus Foster of Saylorville arrived in the city Saturday.

Rev. Wright of Boone was here Monday.

Fraser was fumagated this week.

Mr. Mixon and Rev. J. Underwood were Boone visitor Monday.

The debate last Tuesday, Resolved that Coal Mines is of more use to the United States than Gold Mines. Affirmative L. Garrett, Negative, Rev. J. Underwood, Affirmative L. Garret won.

Many of the Fraser people were very much disappointed when they looked for Fraser items and found none, but it was under Evans. We hope the mistake will not occur again.

I consider it not only a pleasure but a duty I owe to my neighbors to tell about the wonderful cure effected in my case by the timely use of Chamberlain's Colic, cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I was taken very badly with flux and procured a bottle of this remedy. A few doses of it effected a permanent cure. I take pleasure in recommending it to others suffering from that dreadful disease.—J. W. LYNCH, Dorr, W. Va. This remedy is sold by all Druggists.

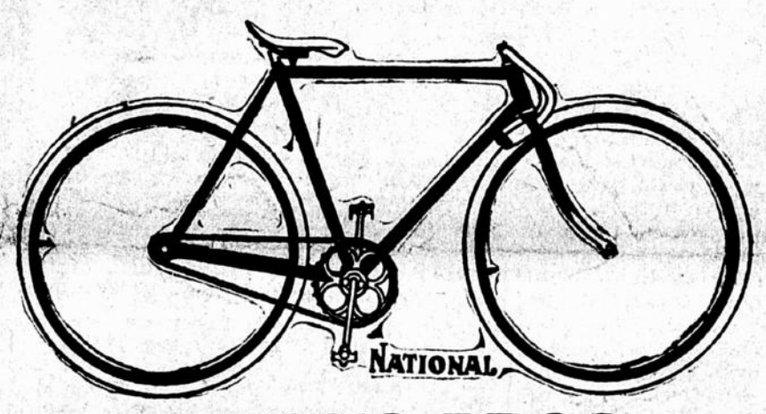
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The truth that occupies a nutshell finds some minds too narrow to give it room.

The almighty dollar resembles some men; it talks without saying anything.

Admiral Dewey will do well to keep his sea legs on if a Kentucky city has sent him twelve bottles of the blue grass product.

Even at the present time there is enough fighting in the Central American republics to justify the United States in fortifying the Nicaraguan canal.

John D. Rockefeller has offered to give Denison university $100,000 if the trustees will secure other subscriptions amounting to $125,000 before the close of the present term. What fun it must be for Mr. Rockefeller to see college trustees and presidents hustle.

Senator Vest recently sent a newspaper item to be read to the house. The secretary had the wrong side of the clipping, and instead of an editorial on the money question, began: "Ridiculous! We are giving away these goods at half price!" "The other side!" cried Mr. Vest.

Admiral Dewey recently appeared before the house pensions committee and eloquently advocated the passage of several bills granting pensions to the widows of officers who served with him in the battle of Manila Bay. The measure now pending provides for pensions for the widow of Captain Charles V. Gridley of the Olympia at the rate of $200 a month; the widow of Commander E. B. Wood of the Petrel, at $100 a month; the mother of Lieutenant Thomas M. Brumley, the Admiral's Flag Lieutenant, at $50 a month, and the widow of Captain Henry E. Nichols of the Monadnock at $100 a month.

The enlargement of a church at Quincy, Mich., and its recent rededication testify anew to the power one person may exert in a community. Thirty years ago Quincy was but a hamlet, and the Presbyterian church being reduced to a single member, the presbytery dissolved the church and sent a committee to get the minutes. Mrs. Patter refused either to give up the minutes or to be "dissolved." "What the presbytery should do," was her plucky answer, "is to send us a minister." Her advice was taken, and today the church is happy, hopeful and flourishing. It lived simply because one earnest Christian woman would not let it die.

In one of the statistical divisions of the Department of Agriculture in Washington may be seen a machine resembling a typewriter, which multiplies and divides with unerring accuracy and with great rapidity. Give its operator a multiplicand of six figures and a multiplier as large, and he will write them out as upon a typewriter; then he turns a handle a few times, and before the onlooker knows what is going on, the product is written out before him. The machine performs examples in division with equal ease. Does any one of our young readers fancy that he sees in this invention an emancipation of boys of the twentieth century from the vexation of the multiplication table? Alas! that is too much for him to hope.

Strike-the-Kettle is not a romantic name, but the old Indian who bore that appellation was a leader and a Christian king among his people. For many years Strike-the-Kettle was a scout, protecting the United States mail from hostile Indians. While on this duty he was wounded in a fight with his own people. A few years ago, when the Dakota prairies were on fire, the Indians of the Standing Rock Agency fought the flames for days. When at last it was feared the whole village would be swept away, a devoted missionary stood watching, with wagon packed, ready to flee at the last moment. In the darkness she saw some one standing by her gate. It was Strike-the-Kettle. "I can no longer fight the fire," said the wounded old scout, "but I will stay here, Winona. Go to sleep and I will rouse you in time." When the exhausted woman finally woke, all danger was over, but Strike-the-Kettle was still on guard. Is it strange that on Memorial days Winona lays a wreath on the grave of Strike-the-Kettle?

The arbitration tribunal of Swiss jurists, which has had under consideration for nearly ten years the claims of English and American citizens against Portugal for damages for her seizure of the Delagoa Bay railroad, condemns Portugal to pay a sum which, with interest, amounts to between $4,000,000 and $5,000,000. It had been anticipated that the sum would be so large that Portugal could not raise it without ceding some of her territory in South Africa. But Portugal can pay this moderate award without aid.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

FATALLY CLUBBED HIS MOTHER.

Terrible Act of an Insane Youth in Grundy County.

MASON CITY, May 1.—James S. Law, aged 19, son of Thomas Law, postmaster at Lincoln, and a prominent citizen, clubbed his mother over the head with a gun barrel so severely that she cannot live. Just after supper the insane idea took possession of him that he must kill his mother for an imaginary wrong. He went to where he kept his gun, separated the barrels from the stock and, seeing her in the yard, rushed to where she was, and, although she tried to fight him off, he struck her down. He gave himself up and was landed in jail. He was interviewed later and said he was glad he killed her. It is thought that he is insane. The doctors say there is no chance for the recovery of the victim.

SILKS STOLEN AT WATERLOO.

Large Dry Goods Store Robbed of $2,000 Worth of Silks.

WATERLOO, May 2.—Thieves entered Weishaar & Fasig Co.'s dry goods store and secured about $2,000 worth of silks. When the store was opened in the morning for work, a light was burning in the rear, the dust curtain was cut from the shelves of silk and the goods along the west side of the store, under the counter and on the shelves, had been thoroughly inspected and scattered. The silk counter, however, had been the center of operation. The thieves were evidently not amateurs either as judges or theives of silk. Nothing was taken but the best black and brown pure goods in complete bolts.

Killed by Her Husband.

ELDORA, May 3.—County Attorney Lundy has received a letter from Plainfield, Wis., setting forth that Levi W. and Hattie May Myhill, who have been living there for the past few months, had a family row and separated, and happening to meet on the road the next day Myhill fired three shots from a revolver at his wife. The first two missed and the third struck her in the head, killing her instantly. Myhill then thinking that life was not worth living without his wife, immediately sent a bullet into his own brain. Mrs. Myhill is the woman who stole a horse from a livery stable at Iowa Falls and, after much litigation and expense to the county, was finally cleared by Judge Porter, her attorney.

Killed by His Son.

LAKE CITY, May 2.—A terrible tragedy was enacted on the farm of A. J. Wilcox, south of Lake City. Wilcox was shot and killed by his son, the murder being committed while the son was trying to protect his mother from the abuse of the drunken father. He expresses deep regret for the terrible deed, but says his mother was in danger of her life and that the father's abuse had become unbearable. The coroner will hold an inquest and the matter will be thoroughly investigated. Sympathy is generally expressed for the son and mother.

Child Loses Three Toes.

CLINTON, May 4.—A sad accident befell the 2-year-old daughter of Joseph Noerpel, who lives near Bellevue. Mrs. Noerpel was in Bellevue doing some trading and the children were at home in the care of a son about 15 years old. A sister of the child, aged 4, was handling an ax and she accidentally let it fall upon the child's foot, severing three toes. The boy hitched up a team and was taking the little sufferer to town, when they met the mother returning home.

Hung on a Fence.

POCAHONTAS, May 3.—The 3-year-old daughter of Fred Bishop, while playing on a straw stack, fell off and in some manner he head was caught between the rails of a worm fence, where she hung until discovered by her father. A doctor was summoned, but all attempts to bring her back to life were unsuccessful.

Married Before Wife Was Buried.

SIOUX CITY, May 2.—Willis E. Mayne and Miss Eunice Arnson, both of Minnehaha county, South Dakota, were married while the body of his first wife, who had died the day before, was lying in the house awaiting burial and his five little children were looking to their grandmother for comfort.

Killed in a Pit By a Car.

FORT DODGE, May 3.—Doc Wofful, an employe of the Blandin Stucco mill, was run into by one of the company's cars and fatally injured. He was descending into the pit, when the car became loosened and crashed into him, crushing his arms, back and shoulders.

Runaway May Prove Fatal.

ROCK BRANCH, May 3.—Mark Mullinix, wife and baby, of Rock Branch, were returning from Pierson, when their team took fright at a corn sheller and ran away. All were thrown out. Mrs. Mullinix was injured internally and is in a critical condition.

Murderer Meyer's Wife Insane.

SIOUX CITX, May 1.—The wife of Ernest Meyer, who killed her brother while mad with drink, has become insane. Since the killing Meyer's wife has had a horror of him, and fears that he would be freed, return and kill her and her children, preyed upon her mind and finally became a mania. She is now wild and begs those about her to protect her from Meyer. Her husband expected to return to live with her. His mind shows indications of weakening, and both husband and wife may go to the asylum.

PEST IN RAILROAD CAMP.

Small Pox Breaks Out Among Laborers on Creston-Murray Line.

DES MOINES, May 4.—Small pox has broken out in the railroad camps along the double tracking between Creston and Murray now in course of construction. Several of the camps have been quarantined and it is feared railroad work in that vicinity will be seriously impeded. A number of cases are reported in one of the camps just east of Creston and it is under close quarantine. Arrangements are being made by the health officers to take the afflicted to fever hospitals as soon as symptoms of the disease manifest themselves. A representative of the "Q" construction department said to a reporter: "I do not think the disease will interfere with the work on the double tracking. The cases are of a mild form and do not seem to be so accutely contagious as is usual in the case of small pox. But one or two have been stricken with the plague so far, and it is thought that by rigid measures looking to sanitation the spread of the disease can be prevented."

Serious Fire at Turin.

CASTANA, May 4.—The entire business district of Turin, seven miles southwest of Castana, was destroyed by fire. The loss will exceed $10,000. The insurance is about $5,000. The fire, which originated in a mysterious manner in the general merchandise store of H. C. Chrisman, was well under way when discovered. The town has no fire protection, and the efforts of the citizens, who were quickly on the scene, were as impotent as they were energetic. The business houses of the place were practically all within the one block which was swept away.

Safe Blown Open.

CLINTON, May 4.—The postoffice safe at Mechanicsville was blown open by burglars and $200 stolen. The explosion failed to arouse any one and the robbers escaped, leaving no trace.

Young Girl Jumps Into Cistern.

BOONE, May 3.—Mary Olsen, aged 18, suicided by jumping into a cistern. She was demented by the recent death of her brother and the mysterious disappearance of her father.

BREVITIES.

Mayhew, on trial in Des Moines county for the murder of Lennie Fields with a penknife, was found not guilty. The charge was changed to manslaughter, under the evidence.

Mrs. Van Ostren, wife of a prominent farmer living four miles west of Belmond, fell into a boiler of scalding water a few days ago and was fatally scalded. She stumbled and fell head first into the boiler, which she was carrying.

Des Moines dispatch: Sixteen thousand dollars to local and national religious and charitable institutions form the bequests of the will of the late W. B. Bentley. The local Y. M. C. A. comes in for $5,000; Congregationalism in Iowa $1,000; foreign missions are richer by $5,000, and American missions receive $5,000 from the fortune of the man who was such an ardent worker and contributor to them while alive.

Des Moines dispatch: The Iowa board of railroad commissioners has returned from its trip to St. Louis, and the members pronounce the joint meeting of commissioners from Illinois, Missouri and Iowa a fiasco. The three boards met pursuant to request at the Southern hotel in St. Louis, and had been together not more than ten minutes when the Illinois commissioners admitted that the meeting was called at the instigation of certain Illinois railroad interests, just as the Iowa commission had been led to believe before the members took the trip to St. Louis. It also developed that the Missouri board knew no more about the real inwardness of the call than the Iowa board knew when it accepted the invitation, and with a rather disgusted feeling all around the three commissions declared themselves adjourned sine die.

Articles of incorporation of the Des Moines & Northern Iowa railroad have been filed with the county recorder at Des Moines recently. The incorporators are Arthur Reynolds, of the Des Moines National bank; Nathan Coffin, of Dudley & Coffin, attorneys; J. H. Blair, of the Iowa Loan and Trust Company; J. H. Phillips, a real estate man; and I. K. Wilson, a building and loan and real estate man. The capital stock is placed at $50,000. The articles state that the object of the company is to build and operate a railroad from a point on the southern boundary of the state through the city of Des Moines and thence in a northerly direction to a point on the north state line. Persons who were interested in the Duluth & New Orleans project are interested in this project and one of their number filed the articles.

Des Moines dispatch: The auditor of state has been in receipt of numerous requests from mutual insurance companies as to the plan by which they can legally carry on two distinct lines of business. Many of them want to conduct the fire and lightning insurance as one feature, and tornado and windstorm business as another. The question is whether this can be done, and if so, by what plan. The attorney general in his opinion holds that may be done, but only on a plan which will make the different classes of insurance pay their equitable proportions of the burden.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

State Convention Nominates Delegates to Kansas City.

DES MOINES, May 4.—The democratic state convention to elect delegates to the national convention in Kansas City was called to order in the auditorium by Chairman G. A. Hoffman, of the state central committee. The entire quota of delegates, 1,060, were in attendance and nearly every prominent democrat in the state was present. After invocation by Dr. H. O. Breeden, of Des Moines, J. B. Sullivan was introduced as temporary chairman. Mr. Sullivan delivered an exhaustive address which was greeted with applause by the convention, which was distinctly Bryan and free silver in its aspect. Mr. Sullivan greeted the convention as being the representative of a party that never faltered, congratulated them on past achievements and assured them these would continue in the future. He argued eloquently for the reaffirmation of the Chicago platform, with the silver issue as the leading issue. He denounced trusts and combinations and urged legislation against them. While discussing trusts, he quoted a large number of statistics, showing difference in prices under the different financial systems. He was confident democracy could handle the question. The speaker spoke against the policy of the administration of carrying on the war in the orient, denouncing it as imperialism. He said the flag should go to protect, but with it should go the constitution to insure. Mr. Sullivan advocated free trade and severely denounced the Porto Rican tariff bill and criticized congress and the president for enacting the law which made it possible. In closing the speaker paid a very high tribute to Bryan, urging that Iowa support him in the coming presidential election.

Mayor Douglas Deremore, of Waukon, was permanent chairman. He said:

"To be called upon to preside over a convention of the great democratic party of Iowa is indeed an honor for which I am truly grateful. Accept my sincere thanks for the preference shown me. I wish to speak of South Africa. Liberty is dear to the Boers. Worse than trusts and combinations is the combination in which the queen of England and the president of the United States are the chief conspirators. It is a combination that William Bryan will demolish. Bryan will never hobnob with royalty."

The following were chosen delegates at large: Cato Sells, Vinton; Chas. A. Walsh, Ottumwa; John S. Murphy, Dubuque; Geo. T. Baker, Davenport. The alternates at large: A. Van Wagenen, Sioux City; L. T. Genung, Hastings; E. B. Evans, Des Moines; D. P. Stubbs, Fairfield.

The following district delegates were chosen:

First, W. T. Keele, Lee, and H. L. Troop, Henny; Second, Alf Herst, Jackson, and J. G. VanLint, Muscatine; Third, A. M. Potter, Bremer, and J. H. Howell, Wright; Fourth, W. J. Reinke, Cerro Gordo, and A. J. Anders, Fayette; Fifth, Thos. Emmett, Grundy, and E. C. Holt, Jones; Sixth, Thomas Kelly, Keokuk, and Dr. Gurrell, Painesville; Seventh, A. L. Dabney, Madison, and J. S. Cunningham, Marion; Eighth, W. T. Davis, Fremont, and Walter Duvey, Lucas; Ninth, E. H. Bickford, Adair, and J. W. Kelly, Pottawattamie; Tenth, Chas. Bullock, Crawford, and E. J. Murtaah, Kossuth; Eleventh, J. M. Parsons, Lyon, and Wm. Mulvaney, Cherokee.

The platform is as follows:

The democracy of Iowa invite the co-operation of all friends of civil and personal liberty, and of equal rights, and who are in favor of the maintenance of constitutional government as founded by the fathers, and make the following declaration of principles in support thereof:

1.—We reaffirm our unqualified allegiance to the principles set forth in the democratic national platform adopted at Chicago in 1896, and recognizing William J. Bryan as the greatest living exponent of said principles we demand his nomination as the standard bearer of democracy.

2.—We are opposed to the single gold standard and denounce the action of congress in attempting to establish it, and in retiring the greenback currency in circulation and in surrendering the sovereign power of the government over to the money power of the country and the placing of this power in the hands of banking corporations.

3.—We denounce trusts and combinations in restraint of trade and the protective policy of the republican party upon which they are founded and demand legislation that will relieve the people from their burdens promptly, thoroughly and effectively.

4.—We deplore the adoption of the recent Porto Rican measure which the people and the press of all parties have branded as a violation of American pledges and of the constitution and as a stain upon American honor and we heartily commend the action of the house of representatives of the Twenty-eighth general assembly of the state of Iowa in adopting by unanimous vote a resolution opposing the Porto Rican tariff.

5.—We consider the imperialistic policy of this administration as fraught with danger to the best interests of our country and destructive to the principles of liberty guaranteed by the constitution and condemn its course toward the Philippine islands as un-American and contrary to the principles that our fathers maintained against the tyranny of Great Britain during the war of the revolution.

6.—We, as citizens of a republic, extend our sympathy to the citizens of the South African republics in the gallant fight they are making for the right of self-government, for life, liberty and home.

7.—We favor the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

The new state central committee is as follows: First district, N. C. Roberts, Lee county, new member; Second, C. G. Hipwell, Scott county, holdover; Third, E. M. Carr, Delaware county, re-elected; Fourth, D. A. Lyons, Howard county, new member; Fifth, A. E. Jackson, Tama county, holdover; Sixth, S. F. McConnell, Davis county, holdover; Seventh, G. A. Huffman, Polk county, re-elected; Eighth, W. R. Hart, Ringgold county; Ninth, E. H. Bickford, Adair county, holdover; Tenth, J. B. Romans, Crawford county, re-elected; Eleventh, F. T. Ward, Plymouth county, holdover.

The committee reorganized by electing George A. Huffman chairman to succeed himself; A. E. Jackson, of Tama, secretary; J. B. Romans, of Denison, treasurer.

Mason Wants Cuba Free.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Senator Mason has introduced a bill providing for the gradual withdrawal of the American soldiers in Cuba, and setting July 4, 1900, as the date for turning over the civil government to the people of the island.

British Subjects Ordered Out.

PRETORIA, May 1.—As a sequel to the Johannesburg explosion, the government has ordered British subjects, with a few exceptions, to leave the republic within forty-eight hours.

Quackery gives birth to nothing.

BOTHA IN COMMAND.

British Forces at Thaba N'Chu Opposed by Strong Force.

LONDON, May 2.—The war office has received the following from Lord Roberts:

"BLOEMFONTEIN, May 1.—Hamilton marched in a northern direction from Thaba N'Chu with a body of mounted infantry and Smith-Dorrien's brigade of Clement's division. At Hautney he found himself opposed by a strong force commanded by Botha. Reinforcements reached this force during the day. I directed French to join him during the night. In addition, Hamilton should be reinforced during the day by Broadwood's cavalry and Bruce-Hamilton's infantry brigade. Hamilton's casualties yesterday were about thirty. Maxwell's brigade yesterday occupied Blaksontors and Schauskraal, a row of kopjes, without meeting opposition. Mounted infantry was engaged for some hours."

TWO HUNDRED VICTIMS.

Explosion in a Mine Results in Appalling Loss of Life.

SALT LAKE, Utah, May 2.—A special to the Tribune from Scofield, Utah, says: "By an explosion in mine No. 4, of the Pleasant Valley Coal Company, certainly 200 men, probably more, have lost their lives. At this hour 137 bodies have been recovered and the work of rescue is still proceeding and will continue until all the bodies are brought to the surface. There are willing hands at work and as fast as bodies are reached they are brought down to the boarding houses and other company buildings, where they are dressed and prepared for the coroner's inquest. These buildings are numerous, and in each are from ten to thirty-five bodies. Many hundreds of men have volunteered their services, and as one set or force is tired or worn out others take their places. While the stench of smoke and powder is sickening, resembling much that of a dissecting room, there are brave hearted and brawny men of muscle who have been continually at work since the explosion

SALT LAKE, Utah, May 3.—The reports from Scofield up to 11 o'clock last night say it is now known that 178 are dead from the explosion and that the estimate of loss will increase rather than decrease.

W. C. Wilson was one of those fortunate ones on the lower level of number one who escaped. He tells a story as follows:

"There was a low, rumbling noise heard in the distance, followed by a sort of wave that can hardly be described, but that is known to all who have been in an explosion, and I have been in several. I said to my partner that if gas was known to exist in the mine, I should say an explosion had occurred. I advised that we run to the tunnel, and with me came six men working in that section. In the main tunnel we met a driver and asked him if he had noticed the strange occurrence. He replied that he had almost been knocked off the bar by the rush of air. I was then convinced that it was indeed an explosion, and advised my comrades to hasten with me to the mouth. We met two others further on, and they proceeded with us. We were none too soon, for the after damp reached us some three or four minutes before we reached the open air, almost suffocating us."

PLANNING FOR LONG WAR.

Boers Storing Provisions and Constructing Extensive Fortifications.

LONDON, May 4.—The Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of the Daily Mail says:

"A French steamer has arrived with 10,000 bags of coffee and 10,000 bags of sugar, consigned to a syndicate which is buying for the Pretoria government. Four more steamers with similar consignments are expected this month. It is evident that the Transvaal intends making a long resistance.

"The Boers have begun constructing fortifications at Lydenburg, where they continue to store provisions. There is also evidence of an intention to connect the disused Selati railway, running northwest from Komatipoort, with Lydenburg, to destroy the Netherlands railway as a last resort, and to hold the Drakensburg range as an eastern barrier, with Lydenburg as headquarters. If this plan should be adopted the campaign would become very difficult.

"The Portuguese authorities here objected to her majesty's steamship Forte using her searchlights, and they next objected to night patrols. Consequently the cruiser now steams outside the harbor nightly to avoid a possible repetition of the Maine disaster."

POWELL WILL HOLD OUT.

Commander at Mafeking Says He Can Wait a Month.

LONDON, May 2.—A dispatch from Mafeking, dated April 20, says:

"The Boers have been busy several days blowing up the railway southwards. There has been little firing during the past week. The town will respond cheerfully to Roberts's request of holding out for another month. Fever is rife, but otherwise the health of the garrison is good."

COMING TO UNITED STATES.

Boer Peace Commissioners to Start at Once.

THE HAGUE, May 1.—The members of the Boer peace commission will sail for the United States next Thursday. Dr. Leyds and Dr. Mueller will accompany the delegates. The delegates visited Amsterdam yesterday.

Allen is Made Governor.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, May 2.—The inauguration of Charles Herbert Allen, formerly assistant secretary of the United States navy, as first American civil governor of the island of Porto Rico, took place here yesterday. The ceremony was most impressive.

Negotiations Are Broken Off.

LONDON, May 3.—The negotiations between Denmark and the United States relative to the purchase of the Danish West Indies, according to the Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail, have been definitely broken off.

CONGRESS.

SENATE.

Washington, April 27.—The senate to-day voted upon the resolution declaring Nathan B. Scott to be entitled to his seat from West Virginia. The number of votes in the negative was only three. The Alaskan and cotton claims bills took up the rest of the day.

HOUSE.

The house broke all records today by passing ninety-one private pension bills. Among them was one to pension the widow of Colonel John M. Stoltzenberg, late colonel of the First Nebraska U. V. I., at the rate of $40 a month.

SENATE.

Washington, April 28.—Pettigrew called up his resolution expressing sympathy with the Boers and asked for its immediate consideration. As no committee had reported the resolution to the senate, Lodge moved that it be referred to the committee on foreign affairs, and the motion carried, 31 to 11. As the vote showed the lack of a quorum the resolution remains its place subject to call at any time.

HOUSE.

The senate bill to create a commission to adjudicate the claims of citizens of the United States against Spain assumed by this country by the treaty of Paris was taken up. The bill developed considerable opposition and was finally recommitted to the committee on war claims with instructions to report back a bill to refer the claims to the court of claims. Bills conferring gold and silver medals upon the officers and men of the revenue cutter Hudson, which rescued the torpedo boat Winslow at Cardenas, Cuba, was passed.

SENATE.

Washington, April 30.—Again today the question of expressing sympathy for the Boers was thrust upon the attention of the senate. This time it came up on a motion to proceed to the consideration of the resolution introduced by Pettigrew of South Dakota, which was before the senate last Saturday. The motion was defeated, 29 to 20.

HOUSE.

The house to-day passed the Lacey bill to enlarge the powers of the department of agriculture and to prohibit interstate commerce in game killed in violation of local laws. It authorizes the secretary of agriculture to provide for the introduction and restoration of game, song and insect destroying wild birds. It gives him the power to prevent the introduction of undesirable foreign birds and animals and prevent the killing of game in violation of state laws for concealed shipment to states where it can be sold in the open markets.

SENATE.

Washington, May 1.—After having been under consideration more than two months, the Alaskan civil code bill was passed by the senate to-day. Carter withdrew the amendment regarding alien location of mining claims and all other points in dispute. The army appropriation bill carrying supplies for the military establishment of more than $14,000,000 was taken up. The bill had not been completed when the senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

The house today took up the Nicaragua canal bill. The entire day was spent in debate, and a vote will be taken tomorrow before adjournment.

SENATE

Washington, May 2.—Gallinger, in an address declared the criticism by the United Veteran's Union of the government's pension policy to be unjust. An effort to bring up the Clark case failed. Mason made an address on his pure food bill. Consideration of the army appropriation bill was resumed. Pettigrew bitterly denounced the government for keeping the volunteers in service after their time had expired.

HOUSE.

The house to-day at the conclusion of the most stormy debate of the present session of congress, passed the Nicaragua canal bill by the overwhelming vote of 225 to 35. All attempts to retain in the bill the language of the original bill for the fortification of the canal and still further strengthen the language on that line were balked and the victory of Mr. Hepburn and the committee was complete. During the debate Cannon said that Hepburn's name had been mentioned as among the men who were promoting this bill in order to delay the canal. Hepburn declared if Cannon fathered the rumor he lied. Cannon declared Hepburn was trying to muddy the waters and escape, but Hepburn declared he was responsible for his utterances.

HEAVY FIGHTING IMMINENT.

Botha Must Be Beaten Back by Roberts's Force.

LONDON, May 1.—Fighting, heavier than any since Ladysmith, seems to be imminent near Thaba N'Chu. The dispatches of Lord Roberts dated Monday and Tuesday show that the Boer rear guard, stubbornly resisting his advance, forced the British on Saturday and Sunday to act chiefly on the defensive. General French, who is directing the operations, has at least 15,000 men. Some estimates give him 20,000. The Boers are estimated to be at least 6,000 strong, and possibly 10,000. According to a dispatch from Pretoria dated April 28, they were expecting to have battle and have numerous artillery. So long as the Boers engage the attention of half of Lord Roberts's force at Thaba N'Chu, his advance toward Pretoria will be delayed. No one here, however, considers that General Botha will be able to stand longer than a few days. The feeling is that he must be beaten off by the masses of Lord Roberts.

CALL DOWN FOR CHADWICK.

He Receives a Severe Reprimand From Secretary Long.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Secretary Long has made public the correspondence which has taken place between the navy department and Captain Chadwick respecting the published interview in which the captain is reported as severely reflecting upon Rear Admiral Schley. The secretary's letter was written and forwarded only after the secretary had had a conference on the subject with the president. The department's action in the case is a severe reprimand, and it is noteworthy that its letter has been made public, a fact which in itself adds to the weight of the punishment administered.

FILIPINOS WIN AGAIN.

Kill Four and Wound Sixteen Americans at the Island of Panay.

MANILA, May 4.—A dispatch from Iloilo reports that a desperate fight took place at Leanbano, in the center of the island of Panay. It appears a reconnoitering party of the twenty-sixth infantry were surrounded and four Americans killed and sixteen wounded and left on the field. The remainder of the soldiers had a narrow escape. Reinforcements were sent to Iloilo as soon as the news of the affair was received, whereupon the Filipinos retreated to their mountain stronghold.

RUNDLE IS AT THABA N'CHU.

Joins French and Hamilton After an Uneventful March From DeWet's Dorp.

THABA N'CHU, April 29.—General Rundle's division has arrived here. The march from DeWet's Dorp was uneventful. Generals French and Hamilton are also here. The Boers are reported ten miles to the eastward. The mounted force came in contact with them and had a slight skirmish. The result of the junction of General French and General Rundle is the clearance of the country of Boers at this point.

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...Republican Talks of the Tre... ...s and Lasting Consequence of ...stitutional Question Involved— ...Lincoln and Webster.

... Henry C. Payne of Ohio, the ...onsin member of the Republican ...al committee, has been in Los ...les where he was interviewed by ...Los Angeles Times, of which Gen. ...rison Gray Otis is president and ...ral manager. Speaking of the ...rto Rican question, Mr. Payne ...:

...t is a momentous question, but the ...t body of the people has confi... ...e, I find, in the ability and good ...h of the administration and is ...ing confident in the belief that the ...ident and the Republican majority ...congress will do what is right by ...erto Rico. President McKinley's ...claration in his message that it was ...r plain duty to have free and un...ited trade with Puerto Rico was an ...tractive program and met with a ...mpathetic response. But it is the ...esident's duty to change his mind, ...st as it is any other mans, when he ...es, after a careful study of a ques...n, that another policy is demanded ... wisdom and justice. The fact is ...at the president and nearly all his ...visers in Washington, a great ma...rity of the Republican senators and ...presentatives, arrived at the con...usion that the first legislation with ...gard to our insular possessions, if ...e may call them such, should be in ...e line of setting forth a principle, ...nd that principle should be that these ...ew possessions shall not hold the ...ame relations to the country as do ...he territories that have become in...orporated and are incipient states. ...think the more thoughtful people of ...he country are opposed to any plan ...o bring these islands in as integral ...arts of the nation. Call it what you ...lease, we must come down to colonial ...olicy of some form. There is great ...nxiety on the part of the administra...ion to get started right in this mat...er. Certain newspapers declared that ...he president's change of front was ...ue to the pressure of the tobacco and ...ugar interests. That charge seems to ...e ridiculous in view of the fact that ...hese interests want absolute free ...rade with Puerto Rico. I was born ...nd brought up in Massachusetts, and ... always believed in Daniel Webster's ...nterpretation of the constitution, in...tead of that of Mr. Calhoun. Some ...Republican newspapers seem inclined ...o line up with Mr. Calhoun and the ...Dred Scot decision, in considering this ...uerto Rican matter, shouting that ...he constitution follows the flag'; but ... believe the country can more safely ...ollow the teachings of Abraham Lin...oln and Daniel Webster. Underneath ...e trifling tariff charges proposed, ...re lies this old constitutional ques..., which is of tremendous and last... consequence. You remember that ... C. Calhoun and the champions ...avery maintained that the consti... went with the flag into all ter... acquired by the United States, ... therefore the slaveholder had the ...t to carry his slaves and keep ...m in any territory. This view was ...intained by the infamous Dred ...t decision of the United States ...preme court, to the effect that the ...ited States can acquire territory ...ly for the purpose of forming states, ...d that all acquisitions must be treat... as integral parts of the union. ...ebster and Lincoln took the opposite ...w that new territory, acquired in ...e way or another, is not an inte...al part of the union till it has been ...ly incorporated, and until then the ...overnment has constitutional power ... regulate its affairs. Here is the real ...ue involved in all this Puerto Rican ...iscussion, and I firmly believe the ...hinking people of this country, after ...areful consideration, will prefer to ...llow Lincoln and Webster, whom ...istory has vindicated, rather than ...Douglas and Calhoun. This little ...urry about Puerto Rico will soon be ...er. It will not affect the result of ...he presidential election. The admin...tration stands well with the people. ...t has fulfilled its pledges to them, and ...more, too. On the money question it ...as done better than it promised. It ...as builded better than the Republican ...platform. It has restored confidence ...and has revived business to the ex...tent that we have more prosperity ...even than we had in 1892, which was ...high tide. I cannot doubt that such ...an administration will be sustained."

TRADE EXPANSION TO CHINA.

Successful Termination of the Negotiations Undertaken by President McKinley with Foreign Countries.

The correspondence between the United States and foreign governments that led to pledges from the powers of Europe to maintain the "open door" in China shows in detail the steps that were taken on the part of this government. The language of the initial notes indicates that each was framed to fit the supposed attitude of the power addressed, and that the negotiations were skillfully planned and executed is proven by the tenor of the replies and by the successful outcome.

The correspondence extended from September 6 last to the 20th of March, the last date marking the successful completion of the undertaking. The nations addressed by the United States were Great Britain, Germany, Russia, Italy and Japan. The object was to obtain from each of the various powers claiming "spheres of interest" in China a declaration substantially to the following effect:

"(1) That it shall in nowise interfere with any treaty port or any vested interest within any so-called 'sphere of interest' or leased territory it may have in China.

"(2) That the Chinese treaty tariff of the time being shall apply to all merchandise landed or shipped to all such ports as are within such 'spheres of interest' (unless they be 'free ports'), no matter to what nationality it may belong, and that duties so leviable shall be collected by the Chinese government.

"(3) That it will levy no higher harbor dues on vessels of another nationality frequenting any port in such 'sphere' than shall be levied on vessels of its own nationality, and no higher railroad charges over lines built, controlled or operated within its 'sphere' on merchandise belonging to citizens or subjects of other nationalities transported through such 'sphere' than shall be levied on similar merchandise belonging to its own nationality transported over equal distances."

On Nov. 30, 1899, a month after the date of the note, a formal answer was received from the British government, addressed to United States Minister Choate in the following language:

"I have much pleasure in informing your excellency that her majesty's government will be prepared to make a declaration in the sense desired by your government in regard to the leased territory of Wei-hai-Wei, and all territory in China which may hereafter be acquired by Great Britain, by lease or otherwise, and all 'spheres of interest' now held or that may hereafter be held by her in China, provided that similar declaration is made by other powers concerned."

Some opposition was feared from Germany, but after some preliminary correspondence, on Feb. 19 the following most satisfactory answer was received from that government:

"I have the honor to inform your excellency, repeating the statements already made verbally, as follows: As recognized by the government of the United States of Amercia, according to your excellency's note referred to above, the imperial government has, from the beginning, not only asserted, but also practically carried out to the fullest extent, in its Chinese possessions, absolute equality of treatment of all nations with regard to trade, navigation and commerce. The imperial government entertains no thought of departing in the future from this principle, which at once excludes any prejudicial or disadvantageous commercial treatment of the citizens of the United States of America, so long as it is not forced to do so, on account of considerations of reciprocity, by a divergence from it by other governments. If, therefore, the other powers interested in the industrial development of the Chinese empire are willing to recognize the same principles, this can only be desired by the imperial government, which in this case upon being requested will gladly be ready to participate with the United States of America and the other powers in an agreement made upon these lines, by which the same rights are reciprocally secured."

The answer from Russia recited the fact that the settlement of the collection of customs belonged to China herself, and that the Russian government had no intention of claiming privileges for its subjects that were denied to foreigners—this, however, being on the understanding that other powers would make a similar declaration. The Russian note closed as follows:

"With the conviction that this reply is such as to satisfy the inquiry made in the aforementioned note, the imperial government is happy to have complied with the wishes of the American government, especially as it attaches the highest value to anything that may strengthen and consolidate the traditional relations of friendship existing between the two countries."

The French note was exceedingly brief. It was received Dec. 16 last from M. Delcasse, the minister for foreign affairs, by Ambassador Porter, and is as follows:

"The declarations which I made in the chamber on the 24th of November last, and which I have had occasion to recall to you since then, show clearly the sentiments of the government of the republic.

"It desires throughout the whole of China, and, with the quite natural reservation that all the powers interested give an assurance of their willingness to act likewise, is ready to apply in the territories which are leased to it, equal treatment to the citizens and subjects of all nations, especially in the matter of custom duties and navigation dues, as well as transportation tariffs on railways."

The Labor Delegate.

The labor strike is comparatively a new thing in the south. But the walking delegate follows prosperity and the strike on the Southern railway is indicative of his progress in that section.

Poor Missionary Work.

Those persons who are in doubt concerning Mr. Bryan's missionary work in the west should recall the fact that Mr. Bryan swung through the states of Ohio and Kentucky last year.

South Dakota's Honor.

It will be quite a heroic thing for one state to do, but South Dakota thinks enough of the honor of the country to keep Mr. Pettigrew right at home the year around.

On the Suspect List.

Ex-Gov. Stone of Missouri is the man who engineered the conspiracy against Silver Dick Bland in 1896 and he occupies a place on Mr. Bryan's suspect list this year.

TROOP TRANSPORTS.

British-Boer War Shows Need of Merchant Ships.

The Boer-British war has demonstrated to every nation the necessity of merchant ships for transport service, making each nation feel keenly that to the extent it lacks in merchant shipping it lacks in an essential of national defense. They will certainly apply themselves as a consequence to the creation and maintenance of a home-built and manned shipping, first for the national defense, and second, for commercial advancement.

The total population of the two South African republics does not exceed 300,000, and yet 750,000 tons of British shipping have been and still are employed in transporting 250,000 British soldiers, their accoutrements and supplies of all kinds to the seat of war. Great Britain alone is capable of producing a merchant shipping equal to such an emergency. The great powers are saying to themselves, "If this be so when pitted against only 300,000 people, what will be the case when the number is greater?"

The Philippine islands contain nearly 8,000,000 people. Cuba contains 1,573,000. With a general revolt in any of them, our need of merchant ships for transport and other service auxiliary to naval and military operations would several times over exceed our present supply. Were we to engage 750,000 tons of our merchant shipping for such purposes not a ton would be left in its present employment. It is impossible for this country to do what Great Britain has done, simply because we have permitted foreigners—chiefly Britons—to absorb the bulk of our ocean carrying, so that her withdrawal of that shipping has least affected her maritime interests. The cost of ocean transportation has risen, however, 30 per cent as a consequence. Since this country pays $200,000,000 a year in ocean transportation, that increase if continued for only one year means that the British-Boer war will cost the United States $60,000,000 in extra ocean transportation charges, the bulk of which goes to British shipowners. It is easily possible that the increase in ocean transportation charges levied upon the commerce of other nations, will reimburse Great Britain, through her shipowners, for the entire cost of the British-Boer war.

Our war with Spain has caused this country to create a fleet of magnificent transports. But they would be entirely inadequate for our needs in any great war, while we have nothing upon which to fall back—nothing commensurate with our needs. Moreover, it is but one year in ten, at most, that we are at war; during that time our merchant ships should be employed in carrying merchandise, rather than in being in immediate readiness for transport service. But to have the ships available we must encourage their construction by effective legislation, and congress has not begun the broad consideration of this subject one moment too soon.

Our foreign trade is increasing wonderfully. The increase in our exports, and in the exports the increase is wholly in manufactures. When our great trade was in raw products which furnished employment in manufacturing to Europeans, they were content. But now, when we rival them in the world's markets in manufactures then our real serious danger threatens. The nations of Europe will not stand idly by and see themselves denuded of their foreign markets. They will commercially combat our progress until they see how futile such opposition is; and then, we may be sure, resort will be had to less peaceful methods to stifle our growing trade. Without merchant ships of our own we are at the mercy of our great commercial rivals. This robs our progress of stability. We cannot permit this condition to exist a moment longer than is necessary to secure the adoption of such legislation as will inaugurate a new departure. We must have an American-built merchant marine. It must be owned and manned by Americans. That shipping must be adequate to all our commercial needs. Only then shall we be commercially independent and properly re-enforced in a naval sense.

Possessing of ourselves the means for our commercial development, we also become possessed of an essential element in its proper defense. Development is uncertain, lacking the proper defense. A merchant shipping is essential to our proper commercial expansion. Its production and maintenance is possible if congress does its duty. The knowledge that this country is paying out $200,000,000 in ocean freight charges to foreign ships each year, when the money could as easily be paid to our own shipowners, properly protected by our government, is humiliating and galling. We are not lacking in anything necessary for the construction, ownership and operation of a merchant marine equal to all of our national needs. We are only lacking in congressional legislation that will cause the creation of such a marine.

The people are beginning to realize their maritime dependence upon other nations, and to understand that progressive commercial development so dependent is impossible. There are many indications that congress is awakening to the situation. But it should not only understand what is needed—it should supply it. Nor should political considerations prevent such legislation at this session. It can be done at this session, and it should be.

The Senate Knows.

The Hon. Grover Cleveland always was much given to lecturing.

MAY RELIEVE MAFEKING.

Carrington About to Move in That Direction.

CATTLE DRIVERS SHOT DOWN

While Attempting to Take Cattle Into Town—Rations Reduced—Boers Claim the Capture of 2,000 Soldiers,—British Subjects Ordered to Move.

London, May 4.—General Carrington has arrived at Inarandellas, and it is expected his movement for the relief of Mafeking will begin immediately.

There is no official confirmation yet as to the advance from the south to help Baden-Powell. Colonel Plumer, it is reported, will make another attempt to reach the besieged town. He recently tried to get some cattle into Mafeking, but the attempt failed, the animals being shot down and the native cattle drivers killed. The wounded, one report says, were afterwards butchered by the Boers. One message from Mafeking, dated as late as April 20, states that all are well, but another says rations have again been reduced.

The Boers claim a great victory at Warrenton, which included the capture of 2,000 British, but none of the British reports has made any mention of such an engagement.

Douglas Story wires the Daily Mail from Pretoria that all British subjects except those especially recommended by local committees, have been ordered to leave the republic within thirty-six hours.

PUT THE BOERS TO ROUT.

Hamilton's Troops to Force Their Way North from Thabanchu.

Thabanchu, May 3 (afternoon).—Gen. Hamilton's division was engaged yesterday and today in forcing a passage northward. At Houtney the Boer front held a line of hills commanding the sides of the nek. The Canadians and Gordons attacked the hill to the left, and the Shropshires and Marshall's horse, supported by a battery, also made an attack on the enemy, who finally fled, leaving many wounded, and the passage was cleared. The Boers on the mountain are now shelling the outlying camp, necessitating removal to a safer place. The Boers have three guns on the hill to the eastward of this place, outside the range of the British artillery. The Boer shelling is not doing any damage. The enemy retain their positions, and the British are not attempting to dislodge them. Gen. Hamilton, by reaching Houtney, after a full day's fighting, secured the Thabanchu-Bloemfontein road.

London, May 3 (4 a. m.).—Fighting, heavier than any since Ladysmith, seems to be imminent near Thabanchu. The dispatches of Lord Roberts dated Monday and Tuesday show that the Boer rear guard, stubbornly resisting his advance, forced the British on Saturday and Sunday to act chiefly on the defensive. Gen. French, who is directing the operations, has at least 15,000 men. Some estimates give him 30,000. The Boers are estimated to be at least 6,000 strong and possibly 10,000. According to a dispatch from Pretoria dated April 28 they were expecting to give battle and have numerous artillery. So long as the Boers engage the attendtion of half of Lord Roberts' force at Thabanchu his advance toward Pretoria will be delayed. No one here, however, considers that Gen. Botha will be able to stand longer than a few days. The feeling is that he must be beaten off by the masses of Lord Roberts. A dispatch, dated Ladysmith, May 1, says: "There is renewed activity among the Boers on this side of the Drakensberg mountains. Preparations here to check an advance are complete."

The Boers attacked the British outposts at Boshof, the headquarters of Lord Methuen, on April 28, but without result. The British guns at Warrenton shelled the Boers out of their half-constructed trenches Sunday. A British reconnoitering party fell into the hands of the Boers near Windsorton, A native runner got through from Mafeking to Ootsi, sixty-one miles north, on April 22, with dispatches for nearly all the London dailies. That to the Morning Post says: "We can stick it out for two months or more. Nobody minds." Col. Plumer, who appears to have been reinforced lately by more Rhodesians, seems to be advancing again. A dispatch to the Times from Mafeking, dated April 20, says: "A side light is thrown upon the hungry condition of the garrison by the fact that the united efforts of the white and natives have recently been devoted to catching a swarm of locusts which passed over the town."

CALLS ON SALISBURY.

Korean Ambassador to America Desires Son Placed in British Navy.

London, May 3.—The Korean ambassador to the United States, who is at present in London, on his way to Paris, Vienna and St. Petersburg, called on Lord Salisbury today. It is said that his excellency is anxious to get his younger son into the navy. Admiral Dewey, it is understood, promised to take the young man into the United States naval service, but he expressed a preference to be identified with the British navy. Exceptions to the rule that only British subjects are admitted to the imperial navy are rarely made, therefore it is doubtful if the lad's desire will be gratified. The admiralty sanctioned the last exception of this kind in favor of the brother of the king of Siam.

WILL TEST THE FAIR BRIDGES

This Precaution Decided On by Paris Exposition Officials.

Paris, May 2.—One result of Sunday's accident is that all bridges in the exposition grounds are to be tested tonight. After the gates have been closed they will be subjected to double the maximum weight to which they may be exposed at any time.

There must be several hundreds of bridges of different kinds throughout the exposition. They are constructed for the most part of wood and iron, but in some cases they are only stucco with iron supports.

The exposition grounds, being situated in the heart of the city, extend across many streets where traffic cannot be interfered with. Thus wooden bridges have been erected on each side of the river at frequent intervals.

These structures look strong enough to bear any weight. The same can be said of the iron bridges, especially of that which crosses the Seine from "Old Paris" to the Transportation building. In fact, every bridge for which the exposition authorities are directly responsible may be said to be perfectly safe. In the "Midway" part of the exposition this is possibly not so true. Light and airy bridges of plaster, staff and stucco, are to be seen everywhere, and though no doubt equally safe, the exposition authorities are worried, lest there should be another accident. The architect of the exposition said this morning: "To-night's test is meant mainly to reassure and calm the public mind. The only bridge that was not absolutely safe was that which collapsed Sunday.

TO BE BURIED IN BUDAPEST

Munkacsy to Sleep at Hungary's Ancient Capital.

Bonn, May 3.—Michael Munkacsy, the celebrated painter, will be buried at Budapest.

The real name of the great painter was Michael Lieb. This he changed to Michael von Munkacsy, from the little Hungarian village of Munkacs, where he was born on October 10, 1846.

Munkacsy was a carpenter before he became a painter. His parents were very poor, and the artist had to work with all his soul to attain anything like prominence. His pictures are not what is described as fine art by the best critics, but they are known widely and the masses in many lands and climes have seen them and admired them. Munkacsy has been universally known as a painter for twenty-five years. In 1870 he exhibited in the Paris Salon the first painting he felt was worthy of his genius. It was the now celebrated picture, "The Last Day of a Condemned Prisoner." Although severely condemned by the critics of all countries and of every city, the Magyar carpenter made the world talk about him and his work. His reason was detroned a few years ago.

NO RISING FEARED IN CUBA.

Officials Report That the People Are Friendly to the Government.

Havana, May 3.—Col. Carlos Cespedes says there is no fear of a rising in the eastern provinces. Nevertheless, the labor problem will have to be solved there, for now that the crops are gathered many will be out of work. He thinks that most of the Cubans in Santjago province support the programme of the national party, trusting to the honor of the United States for the establishment of an independent government. "The best way of dealing with both honest men and scoundrels," he says, "is to put them on their honor."

Col. Francisco Valiente, former chief of the rural mounted police of Santiago province, says: "Most of the people of the province are overwhelmingly in favor of the union democratic party. They do not desire to force the hand of the United States. They do not consider that Cuba is yet in a condition where the United States should leave her to herself."

German Colonists in Brazil.

Berlin, May 3.—The Frankfurter Zietung, commenting on an article that appeared recently in the Gaceta de noticias of Rio Janeiro, charging Germany with colonizing designs in Brazil, says that in Rio Janeiro every one believes that Germany's enterprises are certain to help Brazil. It is now asserted that the author of the article in the Gaceta de noticias is Dr. J. F. de Assis, the Brazilian minister at Washington. The article is said to have been written for the purpose of rendering unpopular Senor Julio de Castilhos, the former president of the province of Rio Grande de Sul.

Help for Ottawa Sufferers.

Melbourne, May 3.—Sir G. Turner, premier of Victoria, cabled today to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, prime minister of Canada, expressing the sympathy of the people of Victoria with the Canadians for the disastrous fire at Ottawa. It is proposed that the various governments of the Australian colonies open a joint subscription for the relief of the sufferers from the fire.

Twenty Killed by Rebels.

Manila, May 3.—The American garrison of Catubig, island of Samar consisting of thirty men belonging to the Forty-third regiment, has been attacked by rebels.

Twenty of the Americans were killed. The remainder were rescued.

Archbishop Morawski Is Dead.

Cracow, May 3.—Archbishop Morawski, the Catholic archbishop of Lemberg, died here today. The deceased prelate was distinguished for his useful life and great learning. He was the author of many excellent theological works.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon is going to start in his church at Topeka a "church brotherhood," having the features of the average fraternal order, with insurance.

British Aristocracy Blamed.

Many people attribute their recent reverses to degeneracy. The life of luxury does not produce vigor. Indigestible suppers, constant nerve strain and lack of exercise upset the stomach. The blood that makes heroes must come from healthy stomachs. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters purifies the blood and strengthens the stomach. It cures constipation, indigestion and dyspepsia.

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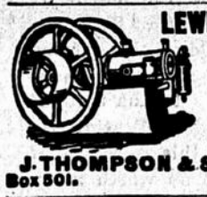
According to a French newspaper, American ladies are making pets of Japanese mice, which cost $100 apiece.

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Japanese school boys are taken into the forests by their teachers, one day in the autumn, to engage in rabbit hunting.

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CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

The Sunday School Board will meet this week at the church to arrange for the election of a delegate to the Sunday School convention, which convenes in Keokuk in June.

Be sure and attend the "Baby Show" at the A. M. E. church, Thursday evening May 10. Admission five cents. A neat programme will be rendered.

A surprise party was given on Messrs Claude and William Morgan by several young people Thursday evening at the residence of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan. There were about 18 present and a most enjoyable time was had. Lunch was served at a late hour by Misses Myrtle Cooper and Emma Oliphant.

Miss Artie Price entertained a few friends at lunch Wednesday evening. The evening was interspersed with vocal and string music and every one seemed to have a pleasant time.

Miss Ella Martin sang several solos at a declamatory contest given by the W. R. C. at the High School auditorium Friday evening April 27. and received many compliments. Ella has a sweet voice and we feel proud to see our young girls aspiring for the highest attainments possible. She is a member of class 1901.

Cedar Rapids has several new colored families, but they will not come out so we can meet their acquaintances,

The Dixie Concert concert company has been making a successful tour through Nebraska. They compose a company of exceedingly intelligent young ladies and gentlemen.

Luther Lowey met with quite a painful yet not serious accident last week, while at his work at the Pullman hotel in some manner he fell and sprained his knee causing him to remain at home a few days.

Mrs. Harry Martin returned home last week from Bedford.

Harry Marshall and bride was a guest in the city over Sunday enroute from Dubuque to Bell Plaine while here they visited Mr. and Mrs. R. Lewis.

Misses Emma Oliphant and Myrtle Cooper entertained a few friends on last Thursday afternoon and evening.

Our City has been entertaining the Iowa Grocers Convention and Pure Food Show at the new Auditorium just completed. It is the finest building of its kind in the State.

The ancients believed that rheumatism was the work of a demon within a man. Any one who has had an attack of sciatic or inflammatory rheumatism will agree that the infliction is demoniac enough to warrant the belief. It has never been claimed that Chamberlain's Pain Balm would cast out demons but it will cure rheumatism, and hundreds bear testimony to the truth of this statement. One application relieves the pain, and this quick relief which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. For sale by all Druggists.

INDEPENDENCE, MO. NEWS.

Rev. Youcam pastor of the A. M. E. church is dangerously ill at this writing.

Riley Connor, and old and prominent citizen of Independence, died Saturday and his funeral was conducted at the A. M. E. church.

Mr. Ben Williams controls a unique restaurant and lunch counter, when in Independence pay him a call.

A concert will be given to-night at the A. M. E. church for the benefit of the pastor.

Dr. W. H. Lawrie, Independence's new and prominent physician late of St. Joseph is neatly located in the Clinton block and is doing a prosperous business. M. D, Lawrie the taylor a brother to the Doctor is also located in the Clinton block. He is an up-to date taylor and solicits the patronage of all who desire work of his kind.

Mrs. Lincoln of Kansas City was a visitor over Sunday.

COALFIELD NEWS.

T. W. White special agent for the National Protective Society went to Hockin interest of said society, also J. H. Lang general agent of the National Protective Society went to Keb.

The mine here was idle from April the 26th to May 2nd and Mr. C. A. Hoover, manager, claim that they could not get the cars, and the United Mine-worker's Union are being organized in this camp.

Rev. I. M. Haggard filled the pulpit in Keb Sunday and quite a few of his members from here went to hear him.

While in town on Sunday call on Mr. G. W. Stewart for ice cream on High St.

T. W. White filled the pulpit Sunday night and made an excellent talk.

D. H. Diggs who has been quite sick is better at this writing.

R. H. Bell who left here for Albia returned home with his wife Saturday.

An Epidemic of Whooping Cough.

Last winter during an epidemic of whooping cough my children contracted the disease, having severe coughing spells. We had used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy very successfully for croup and naturally turned to it at that time and found it relieved the cough and effected a complete cure.—JOHN E. CLIFFORD, Proprietor Norwood House, Norwood, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by all Druggists.

DECEIVED THE BRITISHERS.

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

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

HEAVY GUNS DESTROY EARS.

Why So Many Artillerymen Suffer From Defective Hearing.

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

The Flight of Empress Eugenie.

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

An Encounter with a Mad Bull.

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

Nathan Hale's Schoolhouse.

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

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 dizzied 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 piles 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—all 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, 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 fleeing 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 underworld, 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.

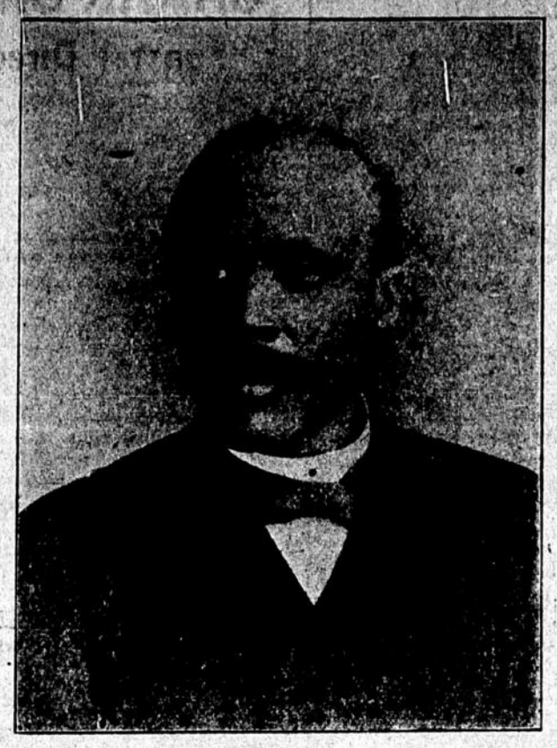
A rat and mouse trap which has been patented in all the countries throughout the civilized world issuing patents, the invention of Heinrich Benseler, of Beinrode, Germany, is really an ingenious arrangement, as the animal never gets a chance even to nibble at the bait, and when it once gets into the 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 fail 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.



The above is a cut of Mr. Joseph H. Shepard one of our best known and highly esteemed citizens of Des Moines, who will leave Saturday for Columbus, Ohio to attend the Twenty-first General Conference of the A. Mr. E. church. Mr. Shepard is the only lay delegate from Iowa and Rev Reeves of Keokuk is the ministeral delegate. Mr. Shepard is one of the best posted layman in church affairs in Iowa, as he has been a member of the church for 21 years and an officer for the past 15 years and at present Sunday School Superintendent. In secret society he is well up a 32nd Degree Mason, Past Grand Master of the Iowa Lodge and was Court Bailiff of Polk County District Court for the past eight years. He is an honest, earnest christian worker and a race man, and by his sound judgment and good decision with his kindly disposition, he has won a host a of friends and the more and longer you know him the better you will admire him, but few if any state will send a more faithful and honest lay delegate then proud Iowa.

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BURLINGTON BRIEFLETS.

Quarterly meeting at St. John's A. M. E. church was largely attended Sunday. Presiding Elder Bundy was present and preached morning and evening. There were two accessions to the church and in the evening the ordiance of baptism was administered to eleven.

Mr. Rufus Wilson son of Mrs. Kansas Wilson who recently came home from St. Joseph Mo., very sick is still confined to his bed at his mother's home.

Mrs. Julia Holden is still at the Mercy Hospital where she underwent a successful operation and is improving at this writing. She has professed a hope in Christ.

The Christian Endeavor will have a sacred Concert next Sunday evening May 6th beginning at 8:00 o'clock.

The Odd Fellows' sermon will be preached at St. John's A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

Presiding Elder Jason Bundy was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Reed.

The Canadian Jubilee Singers will not be heard in America for sometime as they are enroute to the Paris Exposition. They will be at the First Methodist church May 11th. Tickets on sale at Gnaun's book store on Jefferson street.

The new Weisbach burners last Sunday showed up the ladies with their new dresses and hats.

Rev. White of Olivet Baptist church will be at home this week and will be at his church Sunday.

Mr. Simmon and old citizen of Burlington died last Thursday evening at his residence on 15th street. The funeral took place Saturday morning from his late residence, conducted by Rev. J. W. Smith, the friends extend their heart-felt sympathy to Mrs. Simmons and family.

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 rigs 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 have done.

Proposed Highway for Bicycles.

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Liszt'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.

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Quarterly meeting was held last Sunday, in the absence of Presiding Elder Bundy Rev. Christy of Davenport was in attendance.

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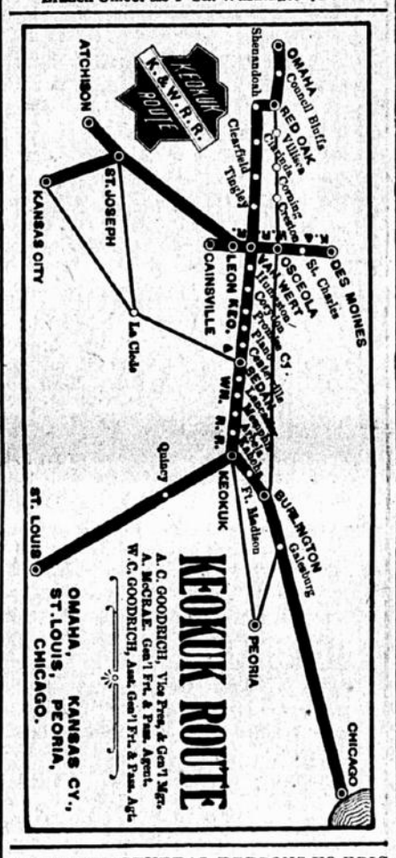
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WHERE AM I? AND THE HIGHER LAWS.

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Philosphers may speculate, as to where we have come from and Theologians may discuss the question as to where we are going to but between the two I am content to know that "I am." There is no doubt about a future but as yet, no one can definitely describe it as to where I came from may be a matter of considerable speculation. Between the two extremes the fact that "I am" is what pricipally concerns me. The great problem confronting us is, "Where am I"? and when we are able to answer that we can adjust ourselves to circumstances. In visiting the various climates where the active life one has heretofore lead does not agree with the general surroundings and may in time cause sickness and general break-down; one should at once change his diet and re organize his habits and simply adjust himself to the new conditions and thereby note the changes. If I can answer the question, Where am I? I am a fool if I do not adapt myself. This is a period of evolution and there must be a continuous adaption to new circumstances and conditions. A distinguished orator once stated "That all evil was due to one of two causes, either ignorance of the law or a violation of the law." A great many of the so-called mysteries of providence are due to ignorance or violation of law. There is a difference between believing in law and believing in the operation of law. We should believe not only in law but in its operation and adjust. We should study law for our own good, not simply the laws of the land, such a tangled mess as this world presents, but the higher law. And in trading the loveliest places that the feet of civilized man is permitted to trade, be it remembered that the highest object attained in life is to be a man. This not wholly for another existence, but to assist the progress of the world toward light. All are equipped for that Study those higher laws and harmonize yourself with them.

Correspondent.

MUSCATINE NEWS.

Mrs. Gordon spent a few days visiting friends in Davenport last week.

Mrs. Rosetta Watson are visiting in Rock Island.

The debate last Thursday evening Resolved that Labor is More against itself than Capital, was wone by the negative I. P. Jonnson and Samuel A. Barnes.

Mrs. Alice Maxie departed for Moline Wednesday morning.

A party of friends chartered a wagonette Monday evening and went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Carr in West Butterville, in honor of Miss Cora Thomas of Albia with whom she has been visiting for the past three months. The evening was spent in music and games. Refreshments were served and the guests left at a late hour and an enjoyable time was had by all. Miss Thomas left for her home wednesday morning, we regret to loose her as he has made many friends during her stay in the city.

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IOWA CITY BRIEFLETS.

It is strange but true, Iowa City has received no Bystander for two weeks.

Rev. E. D. Wilson, pastor of the Second Baptist church of Rock Island, Ill. preached an interesting sermon to an appreciative audience Sunday night.

Miss Blanche Kelley is visiting her mother in Rock Island this week.

Mrs. Pearl Singleton was in West Liberty last week.

H. R. Wright was in West Liberty last week.

The young ladies of the A. M. E. church

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CEDAR RAPIDS SUBSTRATUM.

The Sunday School Board will meet this week at the church to arrange for the election of a delegate to the Sunday School convention, which convenes in Keokuk in June.

Be sure and attend the "Baby Show" at the A. M. E. church, Thursday evening May 10. Admission five cents. A neat programme will be rendered.

A surprise party was given on Messrs Claude and William Morgan by several young people Thursday evening at the residence of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan. There were about 18 present and a most enjoyable time was had. Lunch was served at a late hour by Misses Myrtle Cooper and Emma Oliphant.

Miss Artie Price entertained a few friends at lunch Wednesday evening. The evening was interspersed with vocal and string music and every one seemed to have a pleasant time.

Miss Ella Martin sang several solos at a declamatory contest given by the W. R. C. at the High School auditorium Friday evening April 27. and received many compliments. Ella has a sweet voice and we feel proud to see our young girls aspiring for the highest attainments possible. She is a member of class 1901.

Cedar Rapids has several new colored families, but they will not come out so we can meet their acquaintances.

The Dixie Concert concert company has been making a successful tour through Nebraska. They compose a company of exceedingly intelligent young ladies and gentlemen.

Luther Lowey met with quite a painful yet not serious accident last week, while at his work at the Pullman hotel in some manner he fell and sprained his knee causing him to remain at home a few days.

Mrs. Harry Martin returned home last week from Bedford.

Harry Marshall and bride was a guest in the city over Sunday enroute from Dubuque to Bell Plaine while here they visited Mr. and Mrs. R. Lewis.

Misses Emma Oliphant and Myrtle Cooper entertained a few friends on last Thursday afternoon and evening.

Our City has been entertaining the Iowa Grocers Convention and Pure Food Show at the new Auditorium just completed. It is the finest building of its kind in the State.

The ancients believed that rheumatism was the work of a demon within a man. Any one who has had an attack of sciatic or inflammatory rheumatism will agree that the infliction is demoniac enough to warrant the belief. It has never been claimed that Chamberlain's Pain Balm would cast out demons but it will cure rheumatism, and hundreds bear testimony to the truth of this statement. One application relieves the pain, and this quick relief which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. For sale by all Druggists.

INDEPENDENCE, MO. NEWS.

Rev. Youcam pastor of the A. M. E. church is dangerously ill at this writing.

Riley Connor, and old and prominent citizen of Independence, died Saturday and his funeral was conducted at the A. M. E. church.

Mr. Ben Williams controls a unique restaurant and lunch counter, when in Independence pay him a call.

A concert will be given to-night at the A. M. E. church for the benefit of the pastor.

Dr. W. H. Lawrie, Independence's new and prominent physician late of St. Joseph is neatly located in the Clinton block and is doing a prosperous business. M. D, Lawrie the taylor a brother to the Doctor is also located in the Clinton block. He is an up-to date taylor and solicits the patronage of all who desire work of his kind.

Mrs. Lincoln of Kansas City was a visitor over Sunday.

COALFIELD NEWS.

T. W. White special agent for the National Protective Society went to Hockin interest of said society, also J. H. Lang general agent of the National Protective Society went to Keb.

The mine here was idle from April the 26th to May 2nd and Mr. C. A. Hoover, manager, claim that they could not get the cars, and the United Mine-worker's Union are being organized in this camp.

Rev. I. M. Haggard filled the pulpit in Keb Sunday and quite a few of his members from here went to hear him.

While in town on Sunday call on Mr. G. W. Stewart for ice cream on High St.

T. W. White filled the pulpit Sunday night and made an excellent talk.

D. H. Diggs who has been quite sick is better at this writing.

R. H. Bell who left here for Albia returned home with his wife Saturday.

An Epidemic of Whooping Cough.

Last winter during an epidemic of whooping cough my children contracted the disease, having severe coughing spells. We had used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy very successfully for croup and naturally turned to it at that time and found it relieved the cough and effected a complete cure.—JOHN E. CLIFFORD, Proprietor Norwood House, Norwood, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by all Druggists.

DECEIVED THE BRITISHERS.

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

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

HEAVY GUNS DESTROY EARS.

Why So Many Artillerymen Suffer From Defective Hearing.

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

The Flight of Empress Eugenie.

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

An Encounter with a Mad Bull.

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

Nathan Hale's Schoolhouse.

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

TIDAL WAVE IN A RIVER.

Something Held the Spectator Fascinated on 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 piles 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—all 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, 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 fleeing 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 underworld, 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 Benseler, 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 fail 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.



The above is a cut of Mr. Joseph H. Shepard one of our best known and highly esteemed citizens of Des Moines, who will leave Saturday for Columbus, Ohio to attend the Twenty-first General Conference of the A. Mr. E. church. Mr. Shepard is the only lay delegate from Iowa and Rev Reeves of Keokuk is the ministeral delegate. Mr. Shepard is one of the best posted layman in church affairs in Iowa, as he has been a member of the church for 21 years and an officer for the past 15 years and at present Sunday School Superintendent. In secret society he is well up a 32nd Degree Mason, Past Grand Master of the Iowa Lodge and was Court Bailiff of Polk County District Court for the past eight years. He is an honest, earnest christian worker and a race man, and by his sound judgment and good decision with his kindly disposition, he has won a host a of friends and the more and longer you know him the better you will admire him, but few if any state will send a more faithful and honest lay delegate then proud Iowa.

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BURLINGTON BRIEFLETS.

Quarterly meeting at St. John's A. M. E. church was largely attended Sunday. Presiding Elder Bundy was present and preached morning and evening. There were two accessions to the church and in the evening the ordiance of baptism was administered to eleven.

Mr. Rufus Wilson son of Mrs. Kansas Wilson who recently came home from St. Joseph Mo., very sick is still confined to his bed at his mother's home.

Mrs. Julia Holden is still at the Mercy Hospital where she underwent a successful operation and is improving at this writing. She has professed a hope in Christ.

The Christian Endeavor will have a sacred Concert next Sunday evening May 6th beginning at 8:00 o'clock.

The Odd Fellows' sermon will be preached at St. John's A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

Presiding Elder Jason Bundy was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Reed.

The Canadian Jubilee Singers will not be heard in America for sometime as they are enroute to the Paris Exposition. They will be at the First Methodist church May 11th. Tickets on sale at Gnaun's book store on Jefferson street.

The new Welsbach burners last Sunday showed up the ladies with their new dresses and hats.

Rev. White of Olivet Baptist church will be at home this week and will be at his church Sunday.

Mr. Simmon and old citizen of Burlington died last Thursday evening at his residence on 15th street. The funeral took place Saturday morning from his late residence, conducted by Rev. J. W. Smith, the friends extend their heart-felt sympathy to Mrs. Simmons and family.

SOME WONDERFUL WOUNDS.

Seen at the Front in the South African War.

From Mooi 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 rigs 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 the 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 have 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.

Liszt'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 mesdames 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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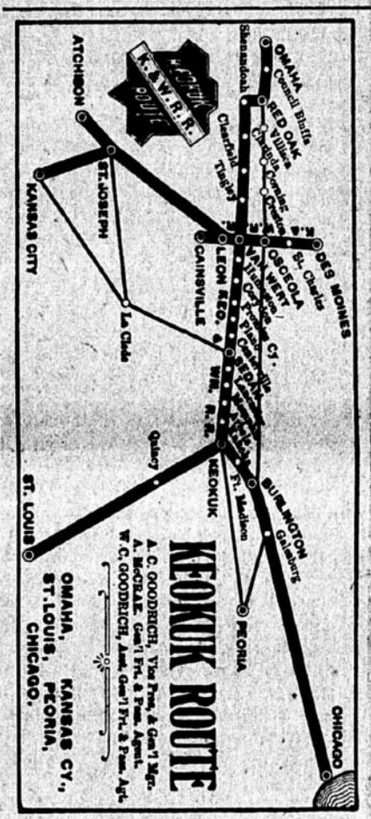
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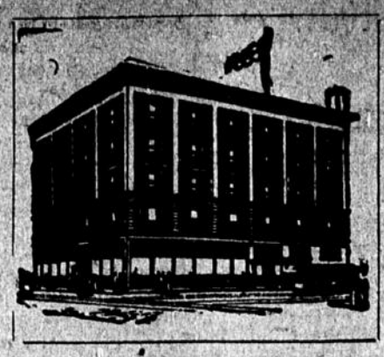
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Correspondent.

MUSCATINE NEWS.

Mrs. Gordon spent a few days visiting friends in Davenport last week.

Mrs. Rosetta Watson are visiting in Rock Island.

The debate last Thursday evening Resolved that Labor is More against itself than Capital, was wone by the negative I. P. Joonson and Samuel A. Barnes.

Mrs. Alice Maxie departed for Moline Wednesday morning.

A party of friends chartered a wagonette Monday evening and went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Carr in West Butterville, in honor of Miss Cora Thomas of Albia with whom she has been visiting for the past three months. The evening was spent in music and games. Refreshments were served and the guests left at a late hour and an enjoyable time was had by all. Miss Thomas left for her home wednesday morning, we regret to lose her as he has made many friends during her stay in the city.

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IOWA CITY BRIEFLETS.

It is strange but true, Iowa City has received no Bystander for two weeks.

Rev. E. D. Wilson, pastor of the Second Baptist church of Rock Island, Ill. preached an interesting sermon to an appreciative audience Sunday night.

Miss Blanche Kelley is visiting her mother in Rock Island this week.

Mrs. Pearl Singleton was in West Liberty last week.

H. R. Wright was in West Liberty last week.

The young ladies of the A. M. E. church are drilling for a waiter drill under the direction of Rev. E. D. Wilson.

Mrs. Ben Berry and family will leave for their new home in Ottumwa next Tuesday.

We noticed a number of strangers on our streets last week

Mr. H. L. Davis of Cedar Rapids was in the city Friday.

What is the matter with Ottumwa that we do not here from there any more. Wake up and be in the ring.

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Jas. Williams and wife who have been residing in Peoria for the past two years have returned to Clinton to reside, fully convinced that Clinton is good enough after all.

Rev. P. P. Taylor is visiting his family this week.

Quarterly meeting was held last Sunday, in the absence of Presiding Elder Bundy Rev. Christy of Davenport was in attendance.

Mrs F. E. McNiel arrived home Monday from Savannah, Ga., where she has been visiting for several weeks past, the guest of her parent and friends,

The Stewardess will entertain at a social Friday night May 4.

Aunt Lizzie Fairfax is home again after paying her annual visit to Chicago the guest of her daughter Mrs. Wm. Smith.

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Rob Cleverdale's Adventure.

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CHAPTER XIII.—(Continued.)

"Drunk! Not a bit of it. Did you ever see Torrevo drunk? I did not. I tell you it was a put up job. Torrevo knew you always looked at the invoices and tally, and he played this little game for you to see how well the boy wrote. He knew your anxiety to get the work done well would do the rest. But what's the use standing here talking? He's gone, and getting farther away every minute."

"We must follow—but in which direction?"

"In which direction? Why, in what direction would he go but toward his ally, Torrevo, the traitor? He has gone back to the 'Black Cat.'"

"He may have gone toward Buenos Ayres."

"Not he. What could he do there? I tell you, the bargain included the safety of Torrevo. The boy has gone back to join Torrevo, and the 'Black Cat' will sail for Buenos Ayres with these two precious fellows on board."

"I will order horses. We can reach the 'Black Cat' before morning. They will not sail till then. We may even overtake the boy."

Now that his stupor was over, Elvin could think and act quickly. He realized the danger in which he and his son stood as long as this intrepid and intelligent young American was alive and at large. He ordered horses to be saddled, and, after a drink to brace their nerves, father and son sat out on their errand—two men, to run down and kill a boy.

There was a moon, and the way was easily made. The horses were put to their utmost, and mile after mile was covered, but no Rob was seen.

Suddenly Starne drew up and called to Elvin.

"But you told me," said Elvin, choking with rage, and [illegible] by Torrevo's coolness; "you told me that he was your own nephew."

"Certainly—and so he is."

Both Elvin and Starne stood aghast at this. This was the most monumental cheek they had ever seen.

"He is Horton's nephew and mine also," said Torrevo, as if it was a matter of no importance. "You see, captain, Horton's sister married my brother."

"Liar!" shouted Starne. "Horton had but one sister. She is now in New York, and her name is Cleverdale."

"That is true, also," said Torrevo, with an imperturbability that was amazing. "She married Senor Cleverdale after my brother died."

"But this boy's name is Cleverdale."

"Yes, they gave him that. He was only a year old when my brother died."

"But you sent him to me to spy, and report all to Horton."

"Captain, you are mistaken. I did not send him to you at all. You saw his handwriting and took him. Did I say for you to take him?"

"Enough of this talk!" exclaimed Starne. "You have told us a pack of lies. I know that Horton's sister was never married but once, and that time it was to Cleverdale. Torrevo, you are a traitor and you must pay the penalty. Where is that boy?"

"That is what I was going to ask you. You took him. I want him back. He is very valuable to me on the schooner."

"You will never see the schooner again!" shouted Starne.

Torrevo's quick eye saw the gleam of a pistol. He had none himself, but in the twinkling of an eye he had produced a long knife, and sprang upon Starne. Starne was still in the saddle, and all Torrevo could do was to slash at his legs. Starne aimed and sent a bullet into Torrevo's heart."

"One traitor less," he said, calmly, as Torrevo fell on the ground dead. "What a glorious liar that fellow was. He would have been worth something if he could have been trusted."

"But we are in a fine fix!" said Elvin. "The 'Black Cat' was due at Montevideo in two days to bring over General Quesada. Now we have no one to take command. We must have Quesada."

"I'll bring Quesada. The crew of the 'Black Cat' know me, and will obey me. I shall be missed in Buenos Ayres, but that won't matter. We will be masters there in less than a week. I will take the 'Black Cat' after Quesada. You lead my horse back. But you must find that boy."

"He must have gone toward Buenos Ayres."

"No, he will try to find the 'Black Cat.' Torrevo's anxiety proves that there was an agreement between them whereby the boy was to return. Torrevo's own safety depended on his keeping the boy with him and sharing the glory when we were all captured."

"It looks so. Well, I will have men out after him in the morning. He may even now be on the 'Black Cat.' If so, you will know what to do with him."

"Will I not!" replied Starne, with an evil laugh. "I'll kill him with his eyes open and looking at me."

The two men parted, Starne going on foot toward Black Cat Bay, and Elvin returning to his headquarters, leading Lemuel's horse.

But where was Rob Cleverdale, while Elvin, Starne and Torrevo were looking for him in vain?

He was on his way to the "Black Cat," as Starne suspected, but, being ignorant of the road, he had gone a little out of his way, and thus missed Torrevo.

Early in the evening, when Elvin thought he had gone to bed, the courageous young American had slipped out of the window, which was not more than five feet from the ground, and had fortunately chosen a moment when there was no one around to see him. Finding all clear, he had shaped his course, as well as he knew how, for Black Cat Bay, and started off on a run. He kept up this gait for some time and then rested. There was no sight of pursuers, so he trudged on again, keeping the direction, as he thought, straight to the river. But he did not travel as straight as he thought he did. He made quite a detour to the north, thus missing Torrevo [illegible] morning [illegible] the river a short distance above the bay. There was an island, quite a mountain, out in the river, which could be seen from the entrance to Black Cat Bay, and Rob could see it from the point where he met the river. From its position he knew he was too high up, and went down toward the anchorage.

(To be continued.)



"BY JOVE, THAT'S TERREVO!"

"Hist!" he said. "There is a man coming this way on foot."

Elvin reined in his horse and sat looking in the direction indicated by Starne.

"By Jove!" he exclaimed. "That's Torrevo!"

And Torrevo it was, making his way on foot from the "Black Cat" to Elvin's headquarters.

CHAPTER XIV.

Elvin and Starne rode toward him slowly.

"Be ready for treachery," said Starne. "Have your pistol in your hand. This fellow must be up to mischief."

Torrevo saw them coming, but walked on as if he feared nothing. Even had he stood in fear of his life there was no place to hide.

"Well," said Elvin, maintaining an outward coolness he did not feel. "What are you doing here? I thought you were to go to Montevideo."

"True, Captain Elvin. I am going. But I thought perhaps my nephew would be done with his new duties by now, and, as he has become very valuable on board, I am taking a walk out to your place to get him."

"Your nephew! Ha! That's good. And have you not seen that dear nephew of yours tonight?"

"I have not, captain. Else why would I be walking out to see him now. I have not been near your place this night."

"No! And neither has he! Look here, Torrevo, what is this game you are playing?"

"Game? What game? What do you mean?"

Torrevo's black eyes glistened with suspicion as he looked from one to the other. He readily saw that something unusual had happened, and from their words he believed they had discovered Rob's identity and his own duplicity.

"You know well enough what I mean. You are a traitor."

"That is what the judge said when I was convicted. That was five years ago."

"Yes, you were a traitor to your friends then, and you are a traitor to your friends now. Did you think you could hoodwink us? I knew that boy was Horton's nephew."

"So [illegible]" said Torrevo, stolidly.

The Tiger Got Out.

No circus menagerie is ever without its man-eater, you know," said the old wagon driver as reminiscences were in order. "We had ours when I was with Dan Rice, and the papers gave him such an awful reputation for ferocity that people dared not to come within ten feet of his cage. Of course I used to get off a lecture on him. According to my story he had killed and maimed thirteen different men, five horses, two camels and a rhinoceros. One day, after I had delivered the old stereotyped thing, that tiger pushed open the door of his cage and jumped out. Some one's carelessness, you know. There was a wild rush of people for the entrance, a general alarm outside the tents, and for a minute I was so scared that I couldn't even fall down. The tiger was looking around to see what he could tackle, when a mongrel dog not more than a third of his size came rushing up and sailed into him. True as you live, that dog humped that tiger three times around the tent, snapping at his heels all the time, and the Bengal got away from him only by leaping back into his cage. The affair got into the papers, and of course we got the grand guy all the rest of the season. It paid us, however. People who wouldn't think of going into the circus used to buy tickets to see that 'ferocious maneater,' and he therefore brought us in more patrons than any other ten animals combined."

The Greatest Bicycle Town.

Denver, Col., enjoys the distinction of having more bicycles in proportion to population than any other city in the United States. Though Denver numbers only 160,000 souls within her city limits, she boasts of not less than 40,000 bicycles. Morning and evening alike thousands of bicycles may be seen on the streets of Denver mounted by men, women and children in every walk of life. Bicycles literally overrun things and they are used in every line of business, and street car companies say they have lost $1,000,000 annually in traffic since bicycles have become the rage. In fact, one company went into the hands of a receiver two years ago, alleging that the universal wheel had impaired its earning to such an extent that it could not meet its interest demands. The open weather and fine natural roads are largely responsible for the popularity of the wheel, as it is conceded that ordinary riders can use their wheels daily for 50 weeks out of 52 and not suffer any annoyance from mud or snow. Add to this the fact that neither lights, brakes nor bells are required and the agility required of the non-rider in taking care of himself can be appreciated. Denver is said to be the only city in the country where the bicycle vote controls elections on municipal issues.

Banana Is a Prolific Plant.

A banana stalk yields but one bunch of fruit, and would die if it were not cut down when the fruit ripens or matures. One mat will produce from one to three bunches a year, growing continuously, as fast as one stalk is cut another taking its place. A remarkable thing about this plant is that if you cut into a half-grown stalk near the root, or any part of the stalk, a small blossom, or bunch of bananas, fully formed will soon shoot through the cut, but if allowed to grow will never reach any market value. Many people affirm that the banana and the plantain are the same fruit, but this is incorrect; although they grow like the banana an experienced person can readily distinguish the difference by the color as well as by the size of the small ribs in the leaf. The plantain grows in a bunch, but with only two or three hands to the bunch, and each finger or individual plantain is as large again as the banana and is more of a crescent shape. They are never eaten raw. The natives cook both the plantain and the banana, but prefer plantain.—National Magazine.

"Wow!"

Mrs. Nobbs—"What a funny name that nurse of the young Archduke of Austria has."

Nobbs—"What is it?"

Mrs. Nobbs—"Her name is Wowse."

Nobbs—"Well, every nursery is full of 'wows' at times, isn't it?"—Baltimore American.

As a Rival Looks at It.

"So he regards himself as a senatorial possibility," said one politician.

"Undoubtedly," answered the other.

"On what theory."

"I don't know, unless it's the theory that the unexpected always happens."—Washington Star.

God and right must conquer. No great reform is born and grows to full stature in a night. Morals are subject to the laws of growth.—Rev. G. Lee V. Roberts.

THE CANAL BILL IS PASSED.

House Decides in Favor of the Nicaragua Route.

DEBATE BITTEREST OF SEASON

Mr. Cannon and Mr. Hepburn Take Part in It—Sundry Bill Carries $61,586,715—Indian Territory's Name May Be Changed.

Washington, May 4.—By the decisive vote of 225 to 35 the house Wednesday passed the Nicaragua canal bill, after the stormiest debate of this session of the fifty-sixth congress.

CLOSING THE CANAL DEBATE.

Party Lines Seem to Be to an Extent Obliterated in the Discussion.

Washington, D. C., May 3.—Immediately after the consideration of the morning business the consideration of the Hepburn Nicaragua canal bill was resumed by the house in committee of the whole, and Congressman Mann of Chicago was the first speaker. He favored absolute government control and fortifications.

Mr. Hepburn offered the amendments of the committee substituting the word "protect" for defend and the words "provision for defense" instead of fortifications for defense.

Mr. Hepburn, opening the debate, said it was now almost exactly fifty-four years since the project of an interoceanic canal was first broached, but this was the first day a bill to carry such a project into effect had received the attention of the house of representatives. He reviewed the whole history of the canal project, and said the reports were practically unanimous in favor of the Nicaraguan route.

Speaking of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, he declared amid a general outburst of applause that the interests of the Americans in the canal had become so great that they would refuse to be bound with a barrier imposed by another generation half a century ago.

"I want," said he, "and I think the American people want an American canal, which can if necessary discriminate in favor of our own people, giving our commerce the advantage over the commerce of other countries. (Applause.) We are entering upon the most intense contest in the history of time, and it is the intention of the American people that they shall have their full share of the world's commerce. (Renewed applause.)

"I want the canal, when completed, under our control. I do not want our hands tied before we enter the contest.

"And," he went on, "if the house of representatives by an overwhelming vote declares the policy of the American people to be for an American canal, untrammeled by entangling alliances, no one in the United States will dare say nay. (Applause.)

"I do not think there is a disposition by the administration to thwart the will of the American people." (Applause.)

"If it is not the intention to press the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, why is it not withdrawn?" asked Mr. Clark.

"We must not stop now for fear of something in the future," replied Mr. Hepburn.

"If you will put that word 'fortify' back in the bill it will have the unanimous vote of this side," said Mr. Clark.

"I do not think the changes the committee consented to make in the interests of harmony, as we supposed, make any radical difference in the bill," responded Mr. Hepburn.

"Do you think the Clayton-Bulwer treaty can be abrogated by an act of congress?" asked Mr. Dolliver.

"No doubt it would be better were the abrogation to be arranged through the state department, but I entertain no doubt of our power to abrogate it by legislation inconsistent with its continuance," said Mr. Hepburn.

Mr. Shackleford, who made the minority report in favor of an additional section providing that the canal should not be built if the Hay-Pauncefote treaty were ratified, said no ex- from the Monroe doctrine.

igency should compel us to depart

Mr. Lovering and Mr. Ransdell argued for the immediate construction of a canal, and were followed by Mr. Fletcher in opposition.

Mr. Corliss insisted that it should be strictly an American canal, and that there was no occasion for delay.

Mr. Hitt opposed the bill on account of the provision for the construction of the canal after obtaining from Nicaragua and Costa Rica full control over the territory through which it passed. The provision, he said, was in contravention of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, which he maintained was in force.

Fundry Bill Carries $61,586,715.

Washington, May 4.—The sundry civil appropriation bill, the most important of the general supply bills, and the last on the list, was completed by the committee on appropriations and reported by Chairman Cannon to the house. It carries $61,586,715, being $8,485,992 less than the estimates, and $9,709,146 more than the appropriations for the current fiscal year. In addition to the amounts carried by the bill, contracts are authorized amounting to $4,437,500, including $3,275,000 for public buildings. Among the items incorporated in the sundry civil bill reported by Chairman Cannon are the following: For continuing the construction of the Illinois and Mississippi canal, $1,000,000; for the Chicago public building, $130,000; continuing the improvement of the Chicago river, $62,000; for machine shop and other improvements at the Rock Island arsenal, $509,000. Congressman Moon of Tennessee has introduced a bill providing a territorial form of government for Indian territory under the name of Jefferson territory.

WEDNESDAY'S BALL SCORES.

National League.

At Boston—

Boston	1	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	2	—10
Brooklyn	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	— 5

Attendance 2,100.

At Philadelphia—

Philadelphia	0	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	—7
New York	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	—5

Attendance 3,000.

At Pittsburg—

Pittsburg	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	—6
St. Louis	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	—5

At Chicago—Rain.

American League.

At Minneapolis—

Chicago	1	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	4	—12
Minneapolis	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	— 2

Attendance 800.

Buffalo	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	3	*	—10
Indianapolis	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	— 4

Attendanec 700.

At Detroit—

Detroit	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	—6
Cleveland	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	—5

Attendance 1,300.

At Milwaukee—

Kansas City	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	—9
Milwaukee	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	—5

Attendance 300.

Leaps from Brooklyn Bridge.

New York, May 4.—Another leap from the Brooklyn bridge, into the East river and perhaps to death, was made here by Edward M. Bryant. He did it at the behest of a newspaper in Park row, which published the full details simultaneously with the daring descent. Bryant was a conductor in the employ of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company, but lost his position. He braved the air with a parachute for a money consideration, it is said, to give the paper the story. The parachute failed to work, and Bryant, though rescued, is not expected to live.

Platte River Still Rising.

Denver, Colo., May 4.—Only a single Platte river bridge is reported passable between Denver and Fort Morgan by Water Commissioner Armstrong. Bridges have been washed out and are cut off along the entire course of the stream below Denver. Those at Harding and Julesburg are washed out. Others are unfit for use because the approaches have been washed out. The railroad bridge at Harding has gone out into the river. The bridges at Orchard and Snyder are impassable.

Pilgrims Flocking to Rome.

Strasburg, May 3.—Three trains conveying 1,800 pilgrims from all parts of Germany left Freiburg in the Grand duchy of Baden today. The pilgrims who are bound for Rome, where they intend to take part in the jubilee celebration, met at Freiburg, where they were organized by Count Droste zu Vischering and Dr. Werthmann, the leaders of the party. The pope has promised to receive the pilgrims in special audience.

Woman Defies a Train Crew.

Wabash, Ind., May 4.—Two box cars in a Big Four train left the rails at Niles and crashed through a one-story frame building. When the wrecking crew from this city reached Niles to place the cars on the track the men were confronted by a woman, who with a revolver demanded damages for the loss of her house before she would permit the cars to be moved. She was officially assured of payment.

Ore-Laden Schooner Sinks.

Marquette, Mich., May 4.—Off Stannard rock, about twenty miles west, the schooner Halloran, ore-laden, sprung a leak and went down Wednesday, but its crew of eight men was taken off by the steamer Drake, which had the Halloran in tow. The vessel was owned by Corrigan, McKinney & Co. of Cleveland and was bound from Two Harbors to Conneaut.

Train Kills Four Out of Five.

Baltimore, Md., May 4.—The Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore express, due here at 9 o'clock, struck a wagon containing five persons at Orangeville, in this county, and killed four, the fifth being seriously hurt. The party consisted of Alex Slaysman and his three children and Henry L. Kline. Kline and the children were killed.

Reach Agreement at Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 4.—A. M. Waitt, superintendent of motive power of the New York Central railway, and the executive committee of the strikers have reached an amicable adjustment. Mutual concessions were made, and Superintendent Waitt says it is probable the men will return to work within forty-eight hours.

Prof. Sheridan Cox Dead.

Kokomo, Ind., May 4.—Prof. Sheridan Cox, for twenty years superintendent of the Kokomo schools, died here, aged 68. Before coming here he was for seventeen years superintendent of the Logansport schools. Five years ago he became the head of the Maplewood Classical school, this city.

James Brown Potter Sues.

Newport, R. I., May 4.—Contradictory rumors have been set at rest by the positive announcement that James Brown Potter had begun suit for divorce. The case is now pending in this state. Desertion is given as the cause for action. Mrs. Potter is an actress.

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CONSUMPTION

FROM THE CAPITAL

DES MOINES, May 4, 1900.

...estion of paying the Iowa ...t national guard rates, during ...iod of their service in the ...States army, has been brought ...the state auditor, and is now in ...on which demands a ruling. ...long time some of the discharged ...s have been claiming that they ...e entitled to national guard pay in ...dition to the United States army pay ...eived from the government. A ...ch of claims have been filed with ... auditor setting forth these claims ... behalf of several members of Com... M, of the Forty-ninth Iowa. ...he claims are filed by Elza C. John..., of Maquoketa, as attorney for the ...aimants. The names of the claim...nts are Arthur Larkey, John Nims, William L. Foster, Frank VanEmburg, ...ames D. VanEmburg, George Hopius ...nd Elza C. Johnson. Mr. Johnson ...as captain of Company M, Mr. Foster ...as quarter master sergeant, Mr. ...arkey was a private and Mr. Nims a ...rivate and artificer.

Information of a definite character ...as been received in Des Moines to the ...effect that Smith McPherson, appointed to succeed Judge Woolson on ...he federal bench, has announced that ...he will appoint Senator W. C. McArthur of Burlington to be clerk of the district and circuit courts for the ...ourthern district to succeed E. R. Mason of Des Moines, clerk of the circuit court, and J. J. Steadman of Council Bluffs, clerk of the district court. Mr. McArthur has been advised of the fact that he has been appointed and is making his arrangements to remove to Des Moines. He has advertised his Burlington property for sale and has already disposed of some of his property there. Mr. McArthur will follow the precedent set by Judge Woolson of centralizing the business of the judiciary department of the district in Des Moines and will remove to this city. He will appoint deputies in Keokuk and Council Bluffs and will make the offices of Clerk Mason his principal office. It is understood that Judge McPherson will also remove to Des Moines as soon as he takes up his new duties.

The city council, sitting as a board of review, refused to grant a reduction in the assessment against the personal property of H. Hutsonpiller, a capitalist and retired banker of East Des Moines. Mr. Hutsonpiller, by his attorney, A. K. Stewart, filed a protest with the board on the ground that he had been assessed for $20,000 worth of United States government bonds, which is against the federal and state laws. The members of the board, backing up the action of Deputy Assessor Jacob Beck, acknowledged that the assessment of bonds as personal property is illegal, but announced their intention of compelling Mr. Hutsonpiller to prove that the bonds were actually his own, and that the transaction by which he came into possession of them was a business one purely, and not simply an attempt to evade the payment of taxes that justly belong to the city and county.

Gov. Shaw has signed the new building and loan law, which becomes effective in July. Under its provisions ...ilding and loan associatio ...s now ...siness in Iowa must amend ...icles by July 15 to agree with ...isions of the new law, or go ...siness.

...executive council finds that the ...oines Building & Construction ...ny submitted the lowest bid for ...ompletion of the historical build... Its figure was $3,496. The other ... bids were respectively $4,000 and $4,100. The contract covers the ...pletion of the third story, the ...ilding of sidewalks, curbing, etc. ...he work will be begun at once and ... soon as completed the contracts will ...e let for furnishing the building. ...wenty-one thousand dollars was appropriated by the legislature for this.

The executive council has issued orders that copies of the new building and loan law shall be printed immediately, so that companies may be informed as to its details.

The governor has received from the federal government drafts aggregating $27,250, representing the government's contribution to the maintenance of the Marshalltown Soldiers' Home, for the three quarters ending December 31 last.

The executive council during its recent session considered the assessment of telegraph, telephone and express companies, under the Cheshire and Blanchard laws. The Cheshire measure applies only to express companies, while the Blanchard measure includes both telegraph and telephone companies. There is some question as to the date on which the council must take up the matter of assessing under the Blanchard bill. The council will have a further examination made of the law to determine exactly what is intended by it; and, meantime, steps were taken for immediate compliance with the law. The council is required to assess all properties of these companies and to certify the results, so far as they affect each county, to the respective auditors.

FILIPINOS KILL TWENTY.

American Garrison at Catubig, Island of Samar, Attacked.

MANILA, May 3.—The American garrison at Catubig, island of Samar, consisting of thirty men, belonging to the Forty-third regiment, was attacked by rebels. Twenty Americans were killed. The remainder were rescued.

The Wily Old Sultan.

LONDON, April 28.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Daily Mail says:

"In addition to rebuilding the American structures at Kharput, the sultan has found a way of paying the indemnity by ordering a cruiser built in the United States, the cost to include the $,000 claimed. By this adroit move he hopes to shelve the question of principle and avoid giving the powers a right for pressing their claims

There are thirty millionaires in Mr. Carnegie's new steel company.

Forty is the age of youth—50 is the youth of old age.—Victor Hugo.

Don't be too keenly critical. The worm has a habit of turning when you least expect it.

The American corn kitchen of Paris will be in charge of a colored woman, trained as a cook in Maryland.

At Bosco Reale, on the slopes of Vesuvius, near Pompeii, excavations have brought up the most remarkable paintings of the Roman period yet discovered. In the grounds of the Del Priso villa a great peristle and four large rooms have been unearthed, the walls of which are covered by twenty large frescoes of rich coloring and careful execution. The figures are life size.

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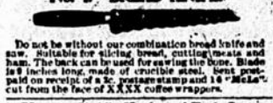
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Ebony or rosewood handle; steel lined; highly polished; pen and spear blade. Sent postpaid on receipt of a 2c. postage stamp and 45 "McLa" cut from face of XXXX coffee wrappers.

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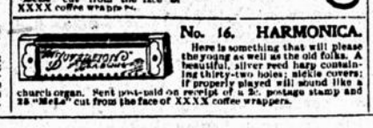
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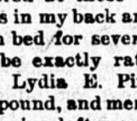
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These are very stylish pins, set with gems very brilliant and showy; will not bend or break; the plus is set and a very useful addition to any lady's head dress. Sent post-paid on receipt of a 2c. postage stamp and 10 "McLa" cut from the face of XXXX coffee wrappers.

No. 24. Neck-Tie Pins.



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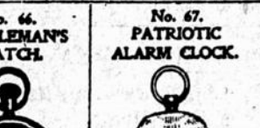
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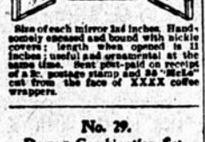
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No. 27. ALGERIAN TABLE SPREAD.



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Fine handkerchiefs with colored borders. Size 12x13 inches. Sent post-paid on receipt of a 2c. postage stamp and 50 "McLa" cut from the face of XXXX coffee wrappers.

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Fancy dressed dolls with movable arms and legs. Sent post-paid on receipt of a 2c. postage stamp and 50 "McLa" cut from the face of XXXX coffee wrappers.

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40. My Baby Lie.
41. My Gal is a High Born Lady.
42. Just One Girl.
43. Mister Johnson turn No Loose
44. All Coons Look Alike to Me.
45. I Love You in the Same Old Way.
46. Because.
47. Johnny, My Old Friend John.
48. Wedding of the Lily and the Rose.
49. The Picture That is Turned Toward the Wall.
50. Her Eyes Don't Shine Like Diamonds.
51. Honey You's My Lady Love.
52. Just as the Sun Went Down.
53. Think Once More Before We Part.
54. Simply Friends.
55. Wanna My Darling.
56. Rock Among the Old Folks Once Again.
57. Mammy, Mammy Come Tell Me that You Love Me.
58. Mammy's Little Pumpkin Colored Coons.
59. Darktown is out To-Night.
60. When You aint got no Money You Needn't Come Around.
61. Who's Dat Say Chicken in dis Crowd?
62. Honey that I Love to Well.
63. Sing Me Dem Song.
64. You Got To Play Ragtime.

No. 65. GOLD FACED CLOCK.



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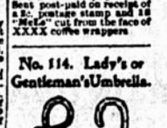
Made of fine linen stock, highly finished and of the size of regular 2 13-16x2 15-16 inches. They are peculiarly adapted to Palmer or any game where the space within which to play is limited, and on the other hand are large enough to be used for any game at home. Sent post-paid on receipt of a 2c. postage stamp and 50 "McLa" cut from the face of XXXX coffee wrappers.

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RACE ECHOES.

A first class dry goods store with millinery and dressmaking departments, opened in Clarksville, Ky., recently.

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About forty colored men and women are at present employed in the Census office. More will be given places as the demands of business increase.

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In 1896 George Washington Jones, of Hill City, was elected Co Atty. by a fusion of democrats and populist. In 1898 he was re-elected by an increased majority. The strangest thing about it all is that Jones is a Negro. He has made a splended record and has won the title of "whitest Negro in Kansas."

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The most gifted Negro artist. Mr. Henry O Tanner, has succeeded in capturing a most enviable prize at Philadelphia. This is the Walter Lippincott prize of $300 for the best figure painting exhibited by an American artist in the Pennsylvania Academy of fine art

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Colored farm hands are leaving Georgia by the hundreds, and the planters have become alarmed and are trying prvent the exodus.

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The H· M. Turner Grocery and Provision Company is a new venture just launched in Chicago The corporated company consists entirely of colored men.

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John F. Dorsey of Washington D. C. copyrighted his patent a system for burglar alarms. He has been in the employ of an electrical company for years and is up on the work of electricity. It is his hope that this patent may be a part of the Negro exhibit in Paris, France.

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Within the last three years the Knights of Pythias of Ohio have divided over $12,000 among widows and orphans of deceased members in the state. Last year $4,000 was expended in this way and already this year $3,000 has been disbursed with a surplus of $1,700 remaining in the treasury.

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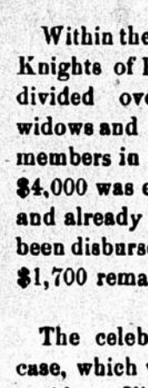
The celebrated colored school case, which was decided by a jury at Alton, Ill., April 1st, excluding colored children from the white schools, makes the third tial, each time a decission in favor of the Negro haters. An appeal will be taken to the supreme court. All honor to the brave Afro-Americans of Alton.

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July 4th, 5th and sixth The Negro National Democratic League will convene at Kansas City, Mo., for the purpose of formulating plans to futher the cause of Democracy among the Negro voters of the United States during the coming presidential campaign and for the further purpose of electing new officers, and for the transaction of other busine ss.—The Standard.

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Explosives Confined and Unconfined.

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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 Spirtualists 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 the audience with pleasure, and after a few more congratulatory raps Mr. Valentine's spirit and its companions rapped "Adieu."—Hammanton (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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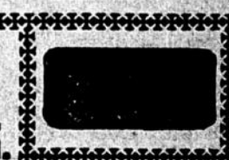
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The most gifted Negro artist. Mr. Henry O Tanner, has succeeded in capturing a most enviable prize at Philadelphia. This is the Walter Lippincott prize of $300 for the best figure painting exhibited by an American artist in the Pennsylvania Academy of fine art

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Colored farm hands are leaving Georgia by the hundreds, and the planters have become alarmed and are trying prvent the exodus.

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The H· M. Turner Grocery and Provision Company is a new venture just launched in Chicago The corporated company consists entirely of colored men.

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John F. Dorsey of Washington D. C. copyrighted his patent a system for burglar alarms. He has been in the employ of an electrical company for years and is up on the work of electricity. It is his hope that this patent may be a part of the Negro exhibit in Paris, France.

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Within the last three years the Knights of Pythias of Ohio have divided over $12,000 among widows and orphans of deceased members in the state. Last year $4,000 was expended in this way and already this year $3,000 has been disbursed with a surplus of $1,700 remaining in the treasury.

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The celebrated colored school case, which was decided by a jury at Alton, Ill., April 1st, excluding colored children from the white schools, makes the third tial, each time a decission in favor of the Negro haters. An appeal will be taken to the supreme court. All honor to the brave Afro-Americans of Alton.

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July 4th, 5th and sixth The Negro National Democratic League will convene at Kansas City, Mo., for the purpose of formulating plans to futher the cause of Democracy among the Negro voters of the United States during the coming presidential campaign and for the further purpose of electing new officers, and for the transaction of other busine ss.—The Standard.

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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.

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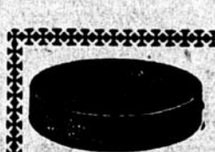
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