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CITY NEWS

Monday was all fool's day.

Easter Bonnets Ready—Mason's.

Miss Ethel Wells has been quite sick this week.

Chas. West has been quite sick this week, but is convalescing.

Mesdames Cleggett and Palmer made the quarterly review last Sunday at the A. M. E. Sunday School.

J. H. Mixon, Jeweler, No. 316 West Third street. Tunes Pianos and repairs organs.

Will Hicks of Des Moines, Ia. spent Saturday and Sunday in Omaha. He left Monday for Rock Springs.—Omaha Enterprise.

WE WANT colored organizers for the best thing on earth for colored people. African Monarchs of America, Sioux City, Iowa.

Miss Sarah Porter was in the city last Friday on her way to Muchakinoek from Greenfield, where she had been to attend the funeral of her mother.

Easter Hats are ripe—Mason's.

The Colored Union Hod Carriers will give a ball at Painter's hall Tuesday evening, April 16. It is the first ball this organization has ever given and a large crowd is anticipated.

Owing to crowded work this week we are unable to print the write up of Dr. Heaton and Frank Morris, also the Brotherhood Band.

Prof. H. Prampin and wife of New York are visiting in the city. Mr. Prampin is one of the leading cornetists of the race. His wife is also a cornet player. They expect to remain here several weeks.

The appointment of Ira Miller on the police force, under the additional policemen which were added, is a good selection, as Mr. Miller was on the force at one time he will easily understand his work, and we trust will be successful.

NOTICE—Members of Naomi Court No. 3 are requested to meet April 8, at 8 o'clock, Monday evening at Masonic hall. All members are requested to be present, business of importance and oblige Mrs. J. H. Shepard, M. A. M.

LOST—A pink and white pearl stone on a small gold chain and a gold padlock attached, in Webster's hall last Monday night. Finder return to BYSTANDER office and receive reward.

The Annie Murray Aid Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Callenders Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, April 12. All members will please take notice. By order of the president, Mrs. C. S. Stewart.

Easter services at the A. M. E. church; sunrise service, preaching by the pastor, at 10:30 sermon by the Rev. Mrs. Phillips, Sunday School at 2:30, at 3:30 a sermon to the Knight Templars by the pastor, preaching at 7:30. The public is invited to attend these services.

CHAS. F. WEST, (Formerly with Dr. Rood) HAS OPENED A Billiard and Pool Room 304 W. Grand Ave. Choice line of CIGARS AND TOBACCOS. Your Patronage is Solicited.

Lowest prices—Mason's.

WRITE The African Monarchs of America. They have something to tell you. Sioux City, Iowa.

Mr. James Shackelford, a student at Simpson College, Indianola, was an over Sunday visitor last week during the college vacation. Mr. Shackelford is a very promising young man, one in whom the race will have a strong and able representative. He was raised on his father's farm in Taylor county, and is taking a scientific course in the Sophomore year at Simpson. We wish him success.

Dr. Phil A. Hubert, who has been in our city in the interest of Wilberforce University, has been preaching at several of the leading white churches, and last Wednesday was invited to address the students of Drake University by Chancellor Craig at the chapel hour. He delighted the students and was invited to appear again.

Rev. J. B. Lucus and wife of Grinnell passed through the city this week enroute from Omaha and Glenwood. While here they were the guests of Mrs. Annie Hall and Mrs. J. H. Shepard. Rev. and Mrs. Lucus will be remembered as the parents of the little triplet daughters in Poweshiek county.

Mrs. Wilburn of East Fourteenth and Lyon street was hostess of the H. B. S. R. C. yesterday afternoon. After the transaction of business it was agreed upon to entertain Dr. Hubert and Rev. Phillips and wife. The Circle will meet with Mrs. Dennis at 2 o'clock sharp. The Circle is very anxious to help strengthen the idea of a state organization. We will decide however in the near future.

Charity Lodge No. 2192, G. U. O. of O. F. on Tuesday March 26, elected the following officers for the ensuing quarter: J. H. Heath, P. N. F.; C. H. Heart, N. F.; J. B. Rush, P. N. G.; Henry Wright, N. G.; J. H. Brown, V. G.; James Rhodes, E. S.; Godfrey Williams and H. Gater, supporters to N. G.; John Long and C. M. Brown, supporters to V. G.; John Gater, Warden Henry Soward, Rear Guard.

Best Milliners on Earth—Mason's.

The Christian Working Club met at the home of Mrs. Pettigrew 775 Ninth street. Owing to the delay of our president, Mrs. Nelson, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. L. Courtney, open reading 106 Psalm, Mrs. R. Battle, song by Mrs. E. Allen, prayer. The minutes of the preceding meeting was read by Mrs. A. C. Fisher. The following named officers were elected for the next three months: President, Mrs. L. Courtney; Vice President, Mrs. John Allen; Secretary, Mrs. L. Pierce; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. A. C. Fisher; Treasurer, Mrs. Maggie Strange. This club meets every Thursday at 2 o'clock and all Christians that want to become united ought to attend and join this Christian Working Club. Free to all.

The Enterprise Cafe.

314 West Third.

EASTER.

SUNDAY DINNER. 25c.

From 1 to 6 p. m.

SOUP

Cream of Corn

Turkey with Cranberry Sauce

Veal Roast

Cream Potatoes

Sweet Peas

Cream Slaughter

Radishes and Pickles

Cream Apple and Pie

Ice Cream and Cake

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A handsomely illustrated book, just issued, containing 115 pages, of interesting historical data, relating to the settlement of the great northwest with fine half tone engravings of Black Hawk, Sitting Bull, Red Cloud and other noted chiefs; Custer's battle ground and ten colored map plates, showing location of the various tribes dating back to 1600. Price 59 cents per copy. On sale at ticket office, Chicago & Northwestern Railway, 401 Walnut st.

It will not take much of a weather prophet to predict that this will be a rainy month.

Editor Bryan is using his paper to thrash David B. Hill. It looks as if the editor's time will be taken up trouncing the members of his own party, so he will have but little time for his enemy.

MCKAY FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

Mr. John McKay, Sr., of this city, the present incumbent, is a candidate for renomination for County Treasurer for his second term. But few men have arisen so rapidly in the public estimation and maintained the highest esteem as has Mr. John McKay, Sr., who only 4 years ago was practically unknown but on being elected to the City Council during the stormy period of the MacVicar reign, he took such an honest fair stand for the people and what he thought to be right, rather than to be dictated by any person or corporation, that the people called him higher to safely hold and guard the county money. He has made an excellent Treasurer, and one thing above all which should appeal to all colored voters is that he had the courage and honest manhood to appoint a colored man as one of his deputy treasurers, the first and only colored man to be thus appointed in Iowa. He has set a precedence and let us remain loyal to him.

WHICH WAY ARE WE DRIFTING.

Are we becoming a race of gamblers and are our society women setting the proper example when they introduce cards and other games of chance into their social gatherings. The Rev. Huntington of Grace church New York City, uttered some very pointed remarks on this subject before the New England society a few days ago, in contrasting the Puritans and their descendants. Of course the women do not call it gambling, because that name associate their amusement with the most disreputable people that can be found, but it is a fact that card playing for prizes is as much gambling as playing for money. Those same women admits that if the prizes are not valuable there is but little, if any interest taken in the game. We would like to think that we are becoming more moral and more refined than our ancestors, but if our leading women will play cards in their homes and spend their leisure time in the club over the card table, we need not wonder why we are not progressing as we should. Nothing is more alluring or destructive the morals than gambling, nothing corrupts society more than does the card table. There is nothing in the gamut of passion which has brought more misery to the race than the love for the piece of painted cardboard which was first used to amuse a mad King. Will our noble women of the twentieth century drive this evil from their homes, clubs and societies.

The Oklahoma Opportunity

is a book descriptive of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Reservations in Oklahoma to be opened this summer, with 2,000,000 acres available for public settlement. This publication contains complete information as to soil and climate, a sectioned map of the district, conditions of entry and the Act of Congress opening the Reservation. The Great Rock Island Route is the only line running to and through the reservation. The Oklahoma Opportunity and the Western Trail, giving more facts of interest to Homeseekers will be sent free by JOHN SEBASTIAN, G. P. A. Chicago.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty God in His divine wisdom to take from the home the devoted wife of Mr. Porter, and the mother of our esteemed friend and faithful member and co-worker of the H. B. S. R. C., Mrs. Warnick, words fail to convey the feeling of sorrow in this circle on the receipt of the intelligence of her death. Be it,

Resolved, That we, the members of this circle, do sympathize with the family in this hour of almost unbearable sorrow. Be it

Resolved, That we commend them to Him who is amply able to heal the wound which is still bleeding under the sad affliction. May they be able to say "Thy will and not mine, Oh Lord, be done." Be it

Resolved, Whereas the husband has lost an untiring helper and conscientious adviser through adversities and disappointments, and the children an unselfish and self-sacrificing mother, whose teaching has not been in vain, and whose love knows no bounds, and who their consoling thought be when life's dark days are over they can go to her who is watching and waiting for them, and may God sustain them under this heavy affliction. Be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to our friend, Mr. Warwick, a copy to the husband and family, a copy to the Iowa State Bystander, and spread upon the face of the H. B. S. R. C. minutes. Signed by the committee.

Mrs. E. T. Banks, Chairman.

Mrs. L. R. Palmer.

Mrs. A. O. Smith.

Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 23, 1901.—"Testimonial to Hon. Geo. H. White, at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, Friday evening, March 22, 1901."

Surely those who witnessed the testimonial to Hon. George H. White, member 56th congress, Second congressional district of North Carolina, on the above date, went away from the meeting filled with more moral courage, and manhood than ever before.

This testimonial was given by the "National Memorial Home Association" and the "Citizens of the District of Columbia."

The spacious auditorium was filled with an appreciative audience.

Dr. A. P. Miller presided and made a few remarks in the opening of the exercises.

A fitting invocation was made by Rev. I. B. Smith of South Carolina.

Musical selections were rendered during the evening by the choir of the church, under the leadership of Prof. J. T. Layton and by the Aeolian Mandolin and Guitar Club.

Several testimonial letters were read by Miss Ottilie M. Brooks. Many of them were from senators and government officers.

Dr. J. Albert Johnson, pastor of Metropolitan A. M. E. church, was then introduced to make a few remarks on testimonials. He said:

"Miss Brooks has covered the ground so fully on said subject that there is nothing left for me to say." His remarks were timely and full of sound sense; speaking particularly of the moral courage that it must have required for the Hon. Geo. H. White to present a plea for a race that has been proscribed against for so many years.

Prof. Kelly Miller spoke for Howard University, and with great pride he pointed to Mr. White as a product of Howard University. Prof. Miller's favorite passage of scripture that he quoted throughout his address was, "Shall these dry bones live again?"

"Yes, these dry bones shall live again and shall be clothed with flesh."

Prof. Jessie Lawson made a brief speech, also Rev. W. H. Brooks, D. D., pastor of Nineteenth Baptist church.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, president of the National Association of Colored Women, spoke on "Our Women." It was logical and mixed with humor.

The next speaker introduced was Hon. John P. Green, superintendent United States Stamp Agency. His speech captivated the house. One of the former speakers said in the course of his remarks that "this is a white man's country." Mr. Green seized this clause and riddled it to pieces. He said that the white and black man worked side by side and made this country what it is today.

The black man tilled the ground, planted cotton, gathered it, and all the work that has been done in the United States, has been accomplished by the white man and the black man. No other race phase so important a part, outside of the white man, in the affairs of state, as the black man. The Chinaman is not counted, the Indian is not counted, but the struggle is between the white man and the black man. He took his seat amid the waving of handkerchiefs, loud cheering and great applause by both colored and white.

Dr. W. S. Montgomery, superintendent of Colored Schools, spoke for the "Public School."

Dr. W. J. Howard, pastor of Zion Baptist church, spoke on "A Word."

Mr. John W. Pope, of Rich Square, N. C., delivered a presentation address in behalf of the "Constituents of the Second Congressional District of North Carolina." The present was a silver berry set.

Miss Ella M. Boston, superintendent of the "National Memorial Home Association," delivered a presentation address in behalf of said association.

ation. Their gift was a handsome silver tea set.

Last, but not least, the Hon. George H. White of North Carolina, and member of the 56th congress, was introduced to make the closing remarks. At first he was so full of emotion that he could scarcely express himself. He soon regained himself, however, and delivered a speech that filled the house with enthusiasm.

I would say of him, in short, that he is a man of simple honesty of purpose, founded on a just estimate of himself and a steady obedience to the rule he knows and feels to be right. Men, like nations, are purified and strengthened by trials. The Hon. George H. White is a man of character; for character's noblest embodiment exemplifies human nature in its highest forms, because it exhibits man at his best.

T. E. B.

ENGLISH DEVELOPS STRENGTH.

The candidacy of Emory English of Valley Junction for representative, has rapidly assumed formidable proportions, and many are predicting his nomination on the first ballot in the republican convention. The Bystander has regarded Mr. English as one of the strongest candidates, and the success he is meeting with is gratifying. He possesses qualifications for service in that capacity more acceptable to all of Polk county's interests that make him most available for the nomination. He is conversant with all the public matters in Polk county, and his long residence in the country towns of Altoona and Valley Junction as an editor of a country newspaper, has brought him in close touch and relationship with country people, including the farmers, many of whom are according him cordial support.

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CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

Mrs. Chas. Searey has returned from an extended visit in Virginia. She reports a pleasant visit, notwithstanding the fact that she was indisposed during most of her stay.

Mr. and Mrs. John Forrester were again called to mourn the loss of their infant daughter last Sunday afternoon, the little one being stricken with pneumonia. The funeral occurred Monday afternoon from the house, conducted by Rev. Bass.

Geo. H. Wade left Friday morning for Keokuk to join T. W. Stepp in the art business. They have established a firm known as the "Amplifier Portrait Co.," and will make an extensive travel through important cities, introducing their line of work, which ranks among the best in the market. We trust they may make a success at the business.

Mrs. Flora Roberts is entertaining the la grippe at this writing.

We failed to see our items appear in last week's issue; we do not know why, as they were sent in time.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Terry, of Boone, arrived in our city last week with the intention of making the "Rapids" their future home. We certainly welcome them in our midst and hope they may like it well enough to remain, as we are in need of several intelligent families, such as Mr. and Mrs. Terry. They are at present stopping with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Martin, 1000 Tenth street.

We see several strange young men on the street, but have never learned their names. Cedar Rapids is very scarce of young men, so much so that the girls are lonesome and say they will leave town. Now young men, come out and get acquainted. Let them know of your arrival.

Two white ministers who were in attendance at the Evangelical Conference, preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday morning and evening. They were full of the Holy Ghost thereby, making the meetings quite interesting. Rev. Wood preached in the morning, and Rev. Force at night. The choir sang most excellently Sunday evening.

At the choir practice Monday evening G. H. Wade resigned his position as leader of the choir owing to his departure from the city, and John Van Camp was appointed in his stead. The choir is in excellent condition and harmony reigns supreme among its members. We trust it may continue so.

Mrs. G. H. Wade is anticipating a visit from Mrs. T. W. Stepp of Clinton in the near future.

The stewardess will give a unique entertainment some time soon.

We were informed that Archie Price will leave Saturday morning for Macomb, Ill., on very important business (?).

W. H. Lavell is progressing nicely with his mandolin lessons. We predict in the near future. Have you diet that he will be an expert musician his latest?

What has become of Muchakinoek? Have they all moved over to Buxton, or are they dead? Let us hear from you.

Will our beloved editor make his annual visit this spring?

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GO TO CALIFORNIA.

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tana, Oregon and British Columbia at unheard of low rates. For full particulars call on Iowa Central ticket agents, or address, Geo. S. Batty, G. P. & T. A., Marshalltown, Iowa.

SAYLOR ITEMS.

We are having very bad weather. The snow is still on the ground.

All the coal miners held a parade the 1st of April and everything was grand. They did look grand marching through the streets. The papers boomed it to be a grand thing. Coal mining is all right, and after all, it don't come last. Saturday is money day out here.

We are glad to say that Mrs. Emiline Bryant is fast improving.

Mr. Joe Francis is on the sick list this week.

Many of our ladies of Saylor were in the city the 1st of April to see their husbands marching through the streets.

Miss Sadie Bratton is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Bass and Mrs. Jackson.

Listen for the Saylor boys Saturday to flush their money. We will say for the Vinon restaurants to prepare a good dinner for the Saylor boys Saturday.

Mrs. Francis Young is on the sick list; also Mrs. Addie Jenkins and J. S. Madison.

We are preparing a good program for Easter Sunday. Rev. Haggard will preach an Easter sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Rev. Haggard returned from Carbondale last Sunday, where they were carrying on revival meetings last week. He reports a grand success.

Mrs. Ella Strider and Mrs. Maggie Barfield were in the city shopping Monday.

Mrs. Cora Bryant and child returned yesterday.

There is talk of the weddings bells soon. We will not call his name, but we hope we will call it in the next issue.

A. L. Bradley left for Marshalltown Sunday.

Mr. Morton, of Des Moines, will start a hack line tomorrow from Highland Park to the Saylor coal mines.

Mrs. Minnie Martin has returned for a visit to the mines after a six months stay in Oklahoma.

Hello, Frazier, what is the matter with your reporter, that they never mention the Sunday school? Mr. Garrett thinks they sleep all day Sunday.

AMONG THE RAILWAYS

Rock Island Will Run Cheap Excursions to Colorado.

The Chicago Rock Island and Pacific railway, which made a phenomenal success of cheap excursion rates to Colorado last season, has again asked its competitors in the Western and Southwestern Passenger associations to agree upon a series of cheap excursions to and from Denver, Colorado Springs, and Pueblo for the approaching season, on the following basis:

Tickets to be sold from Chicago and all Territory up to Missouri river. June 18, 25, July 10, 23, and 30, Aug. 6, 13, 20 and 27, at rate of one fare plus \$3, or 31.50 for the round trip.

On July 9 and 9 and Sept. 3 and 10 a rate of \$25 is to be made from Chicago, and \$15 from Missouri river points for the round trip. Intermediate territory will have proportionate rates. Tickets are to be sold from Missouri river points one day later than the dates given above in each case. Proportionate rates will be made to and from Glenwood Springs, Salt Lake City, and Ogden.

A series of East bound excursions is also proposed, tickets to be sold from Colorado common points every Thursday, commencing with June 20 up to and including Sept. 12, at a rate of one fare plus \$2 for the round trip. All tickets will be limited for return passage to Oct. 31. These rates will be tendered connecting lines for basing purposes, which will probably insure a very low basis of rates throughout the United States for these excursions.

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific will unquestionably make these rates and arrangements effective, regardless of the action of its competitors, and will run special trains, only one night out to and from Colorado, on the dates named.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Miss Gracie Johnson after a few months' visit in Chicago, returned home and reported a good time.

Caught a Dreadful Cold.

Marion Kooke, manager for T. M. Thompson, a large importer of fine millinery at 1658 Milwaukee avenue, Chicago, says: "During the late severe weather I caught a severe cold which kept me awake at night and made me unfit to attend my work during the day. One of my milliners was taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a severe cold at that time, which seemed to relieve her so quickly that I bought some for myself. It acted like magic and I began to improve at once. I am now entirely well and feel very pleased to acknowledge its merits." For sale by all Druggists.

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BY BYSTANDER PUB. CO. DES MOINES, IOWA.

The Mexican army of more than 25,000 men is supported upon a trifle more than 1,000,000 Mexican dollars a month. The Mexican congress does not cost \$1,000,000 a year.

Captain Richard P. Leary, U. S. N., who, as governor of the Island of Guam, won laurels which have not yet had time to fade, is hobbling around on crutches. His leg was injured a few weeks ago in a fall at the League Island navy yard.

Mr. Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, said in a recent address that he who calls a mob into being cannot be pronounced wholly guiltless of that which the mob may do. The remark is both reasonable and full of sound sense.

Army recruits are scarce in England as well as in this country. In order to stimulate the laggard military spirit among British yokels a genius of the war office in London has devised what he calls a "recruitment graph." This is a moving picture machine which shows all sorts of attractive views of army life.

During harvest last year Edward Fallas of Maysville, Kan., was caught in a machine and terribly injured. While he was still laid up his wife deserted him. In October he secured a divorce, which under the state law did not become final until the expiration of six months. He died before that time and now his divorced wife claims his estate.

Mexico knows nothing of the dilatory court methods so common in this country. A California prospector had a case involving some mining property in Sinaloa. It came up first in February, 1900, and went against him. It has since been appealed three times, all four decisions having been secured in eleven months. Three of the courts favored the American.

It is estimated that if Mr. Carnegie continued to give away money at the rate at which he has been distributing it for the past fifty days his entire fortune would be gone in the course of the year 1903. But as he is in good health and has a reasonable expectation of life of at least twenty years he will probably so arrange his benefactions as not to deprive himself of the pleasure of passing them around at such an early date.

Former Chief Justice Logan E. Bleckley of Georgia, greatly to the surprise of his friends, has matriculated at the state university for a special course in mathematics. The judge is now seventy-six years old. He is writing a book in which he treats of mathematics, but finds that he is somewhat rusty on the subject. It is for the purpose of "brushing up," as he says, that he is attending college.

An enormous quantity of fruit is going to waste in southern California, for lack of cars to convey it east. The crop was the greatest on record, being estimated at from 22,000 to 25,000 carloads. There are from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 boxes of oranges there just now, worth under favorable conditions about \$5,000,000, but owing to delay in shipment it is questionable whether it represents much value. No remedy is in sight.

The chancellor of the exchequer in England has asked the speaker of the house of commons to publish the London Times for printing official secrets by excluding its representatives from the house. The Times is something of a national institution itself, although it has been badly treated by its editors, and it is just about as essential to parliament as parliament is to it. A good many English public men might as well not talk at all as not to have their speeches reported in the Times.

A complete list of the things named in honor of Queen Victoria would not only show the esteem in which she was held, but would also suggest how much of the world's progress had taken place during the period covered by her reign. The great Australian state bearing her name recalls the history-making developments in that quarter of the globe; the Victorian triumphs of exploration are typified by the discovery of great lakes in Central Africa, one of which commemorates her name. The famous bridge at Montreal, the beautiful park on the Canadian side of Niagara Falls, and some at least of the sixteen Victorias in the United States are among the interesting North American memorials. It is a good advantage for a sovereign to possess a name not identified with anybody else, for then things named in her honor will indicate to all the future about the time in the history when they came into being.

Under the national bankruptcy law many curiosities in litigation have appeared, but Frank R. Wessa of Cincinnati, takes the prize. He owes \$100 for rent, provisions and medical attendance; assets, nil. He drew up a paper himself, thus saving a lawyer's fee, and included the United States among his creditors, entering the country as entitled to the \$25 fee for making him a bankrupt, although Uncle Sam must go empty-handed with the others. The court clerk refused to file the petition without the \$25 fee and Wessa filed it himself.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

The coal oil discovered at Greenville recently was first noticed in a small ravine oozing out of the ground on a lot of the town site company. It is claimed to have been known by some for three weeks, but kept quiet. S. A. Outcalt, agent of the town site company, took a bottle to Minneapolis for examination. Interest is intense and it is believed that coal will also be found.

Frank Jones committed suicide at the Stovell House at Kingsley by shooting himself through the heart. Jones was traveling agent for the Beyer Portrait company at Kansas City, Mo. He has a brother residing at Kingsley. No motive for the act is given. He left a note to his brother asking that he be buried by the Christian people of Kingsley. The note also stated that he had a little money due him from the company and some money in the Jefferson bank.

Charles McFarland, a young man of Lisbon, died a few days ago as the result of being accidentally stabbed. McFarland and a friend, Will Albright, were scuffling in the blacksmith shop of the latter's brother, the former with a pair of pliers and the latter with a large knife in his hand. In the scuffle McFarland made a lunge at Albright, catching the knife squarely in the left side. The left lung was punctured. McFarland was carried to a physician's office and later taken home. He grew worse steadily until death resulted. McFarland was about 22 years of age. He was married five years ago to Miss Aona Graver of Lisbon. They have one child.

Frank Roesch, a traveling salesman for a Burlington liquor house, has been found guilty at Washington under the law passed by the last general assembly of selling orders for intoxicants, and was fined \$50 and costs. This is the first conviction in a district court in Iowa under the new law. In this instance the liquor was shipped from Burlington, and no appeal will be taken from the decision. The attorney for the liquor house announces, however, that another salesman will be sent into the county and that his orders will be filled from Dallas Center, Ill., and under those circumstances he expects to appeal a case to the supreme court and have the law declared unconstitutional on the ground that it is in restraint of interstate commerce.

A Dubuque special says: P. O. Heide of Prairie du Chien has been here the past week. He is buying pearls for the New York jeweler and has already paid out nearly \$25,000. He has stopped at all the places along the river between Dubuque and Prairie du Chien where clam fishing is done and has secured many valuable gems. He showed one stone as large as a marble, saying it was worth \$1,500. He had smaller ones whose value varied from \$100 to \$150. Mr. Heide says he is on his way down the river and will make stops at the clam fishing camps and towns between Dubuque and Keokuk. He is not the only purchaser of pearls that is making a trip along the river, and a great deal more money than he has paid out has found its way into the pockets of the clam fishers along the river, showing that the industry brings many thousands of dollars to the west from the east.

Nine women and a man cleaned out two joints in Centerville a few days ago and were instrumental in securing the destruction of liquors contained in one of them. They were repulsed at a third place and made two druggists promise they would sell no more liquors. At 9 o'clock Messdames Wininger, Adams, Stevenson, Charles Bryant, Elizabeth Charlton, John Dailey and McDaniel, all of that place, gathered at the home of Mrs. Salter, south of the square. Headed by John Dailey, a prominent grocer of the city, they left the house and proceeded to the south part of the town, where there had been much drunkenness for the past week. They proceeded to the place kept by D. Johnson, entered and in a short time left it in a wreck. They smashed the bottles, glasses, mirrors and ended by demolishing the plate glass window. They next hurried to the joint kept by Buck Roberts and repeated the performance, smashing everything breakable in sight, leaving the place in a condition much like it would appear after a cyclone struck it. Their appetite whetted for more joints to conquer, the little band of determined women repaired to the place kept by Blachey Kinder. Kinder saw them coming and bolted the doors, making a desperate attempt to remove his stock by the rear door. The crusaders saw his move and promptly checked it by making a detour. In desperation Kinder knocked in the heads of his kegs, broke the bottles and allowed his enemies to enter. They saw what he had done, and left, after warning him to desist selling liquors. "Slippy" Holden, the keeper of another joint, heard of what the women had been doing and marshaled his friends in force. When the band appeared "Slippy" was ready for them. The crusaders saw that they were outnumbered and retired, repairing to the H. & H. drug store, and the Scandinavian drug store, where they frightened the proprietors into promising they would sell no liquor, and then went up town, where they were met by the police and dispersed.

Archbishop Keane at vespers recently delivered a most scathing sermon again the traffic in liquor. He denounced it as one of the greatest evils of the age, and said that no self-respecting man would ever engage in it. He deprecated the large number of Catholics engaged in the business. He said: "I have been told, and was ashamed to hear it, that the liquor traffic controlled the city government of Dubuque. If I thought the people of Dubuque were in sympathy with the saloons in their damnable business of destroying men's souls, I would send in my resignation to Rome immediately, and leave Dubuque on the double quick."

STATE REVENUE THIS YEAR

General Taxes Should Bring in Over \$1,400,000. Des Moines, April 5.—From the returns certified to the auditor of state by the county auditors it is computed the amount of state tax authorized to be raised for the general revenue fund by the levy made in 1900 and collectible this year is \$1,404,828.37. This will be the proceeds from a levy of 2.6 mills on the total assessed valuation of the counties, not considering taxes that are delinquent.

In the enactment regarding the general levy for state purposes, the legislature in 1900 fixed the amount to be raised for general state purposes at \$1,400,000. While the executive council fixed on the levy necessary to raise this sum, it was figured out in the revenue department of the auditor's office what the levy should be. The reports from the auditor show that the rate was determined with unusual accuracy, a levy of 2.6 mills coming within but \$1,285.37 of raising the exact amount required.

While the total of the assessed county treasurers to collect is \$1,404,828.37, it is to be borne in mind that not all of this will be collected. From experience it is learned the state expects on an average of over ninety-eight per cent of the amount of the levy, the delinquent list being less than two per cent. On the other hand, the uncollected tax will be offset by the amount of the collections of the tax ferrets. Hence it is computed the state will receive this year almost an even \$1,390,000.

In addition to the amount to be raised for general state purposes, there is a levy of one-tenth of a mill for the state university and one-tenth of a mill for the agricultural college. These levies will raise \$51,931.91 for each institution.

In a short time the matter of computing the levy to be fixed by the executive council this year, the proceeds from which will be collected in 1902, will be taken up. On or before the third Monday in June the county auditors are required to transmit to the state auditor abstracts of the assessment in their respective counties. The second Monday in July the executive council will meet as a board of equalization and equalize the assessments between the counties. Before the first Monday in August the results will have to be certified back to the county auditors. The executive council can then fix the rate of the levy. The amount to be levied for general state purposes this year and collected in 1902 is \$1,500,000, or \$100,000 more than the amount to be raised by the tax collections of the year 1901.

This year a real estate assessment is required by law. It is expected there will be a large increase in the valuation of real and other property, and although the state will levy \$100,000 more general revenue, yet it is believed a rate of 2.6 mills, the same as the rule now in force, will be sufficient. In the revenue department of Auditor Merriam's office, it is calculated it will not be necessary to raise the levy from the present rate in order to get \$1,500,000 on the increased valuation of property. In 1899 the rate of the levy was 2.9 mills.

Harry Lee, alias Featherstone, alleged to be a noted crook wanted in Chicago, was arrested at Oelwein. He is a desperate character and put up a fight when arrested, requiring three officers to land him in jail.

George Struble of Montezuma, employed as brakeman on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railway, while working on the switch, was thrown from a car, the wheels passing over a portion of his body. The extent of his injuries are not yet known. It is probable he will lose one arm.

Rose P. Duffey, assistant postmaster at Parnell, was held in bonds of \$1,000 to await the action of the federal grand jury on the charge of embezzlement. There is a shortage in the office of \$1,000. It is a very complicated case and there is the greatest excitement at Parnell, where it is believed that Miss Duffey, who is a popular girl of 19, is innocent of the charge. Her friends claim that others in the postoffice are responsible for the shortage.

Miss Clara Stauchfield of Creston, who has been in San Francisco for several weeks awaiting the arrival of her affianced, Captain Warren Iekis of the Thirty-sixth United States army, will sail April 9 for Manila to become his bride. Captain Iekis having decided to remain in the islands, where he is government title examiner. Miss Stauchfield goes at the request of Captain Iekis. Their engagement has existed since the war with Spain. Captain Iekis expected to return to America when the Thirty-sixth was mustered out and soon after his arrival in Creston the wedding was to have been solemnized. Miss Stauchfield is a beautiful girl and talented.

Winfield Scott, an Indian, committed suicide at the land reservation near Toledo by shooting himself with a shotgun. He was 19 years of age, married to a squaw of 17, and from writings he left it is supposed that domestic infidelity was the cause. Joseph Tesson, the interpreter, says this is the fifth case of suicide among his people since they located in Iowa about forty years ago. The deed was done in the house, not a tepee, but a pretty fair little house of one of the Indian police. Scott, who was alone and had no light, sat upon his blanket which was spread upon the floor, put the butt of the gun against the foot of the cook stove, pointed the muzzle at his breast, kicked the trigger with his toe and fell over dead.

Hon. William E. Fuller of West Union has gone to Washington, D. C., where he will investigate the duties of the office of assistant attorney general of the United States, to which he was recently appointed. If he can make certain arrangements he will accept the appointment. It is probable that the arrangements will be made so he can accept it.

Levy Durk, a very old peddler, of La Hoyt, was found dead on a bench in his store. It is supposed that he died from an attack of heart disease, which had been troubling him for years. Mr. Durk was a well known business man and had lived in Henry county for many years.

NOTICE SERVED ON RUSSIA

China Formally Refuses to Sign the Manchurian Treaty. Peking, April 4.—The Chinese government has formally notified Russia that China, owing to the attitude of the powers is not able to sign the Manchurian convention. "It is China's desire," says the formal notification, "to keep on friendly terms with all nations. At present she is going through a period which is the most perilous in the empire's history, and it is necessary that she have the friendship of all."

"However much she might be willing to grant any special privilege to one power, when others object, it is impossible that, for the sake of making one nation friendly, she should alienate the sympathies of all others."

Li Hung Chang says this letter settles the matter definitely and that Russia was informally notified to the same effect March 29. Prince Ching asserts that every Chinaman except Li Hung Chang was against signing the convention. As soon as the generals of the powers notify the ministers as to what disposition is desired of the articles 8 and 9 of the protocol, everything will be practically concluded except the indemnities, the only claims not ready being the British, German and Japanese. The Germans say they can be ready in two days and the Japanese assert that they can be ready at a moment's warning. Private claims, however, can be filed until May 11.

A majority of the ministers are in favor of making a general claim as soon as the German claims are in, making allowances for a few thousand for possible future claims, although it is believed that all private claims are now filed. Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching have sent to the court for a private list of names presented by the ministers of the powers for punishment. The death list has been reduced to four names for degradation and to ninety-one for loss of office. No objection is anticipated, as the men are only prominent in local communities.

HARRISON AGAIN ELECTED.

Democrats Carry Chicago Election by a Large Majority. Chicago, April 3.—Carter H. Harrison has been re-elected mayor of Chicago for the second time, and next week will commence his third term as the chief executive of the city. His total plurality over Judge Hancock, the republican nominee, is 28,257 votes. The total vote of the city is: Harrison 128,952, Hancock 128,695, Harrison's plurality is 28,257.

Out of the thirty-five wards of the city, Harrison carried twenty-six and Hancock nine. The vote was badly split, some of the strongest republican parts of the city giving only a small plurality for the party nominee, and some of them going for Harrison, who, however, suffered in some of the democratic strongholds. The city wards were re-districted after the presidential election, and the regular majorities in some of the wards were turned squarely around from what they have always been.

One of the features of the campaign was the aldermanic contest in the Twenty-first ward, where Honore Palmer, son of Mrs. Potter Palmer, was a candidate for election on the democratic ticket, it being his first essay in politics. His opponent was S. H. Helm, republican, who has been alderman from the ward for two years. Palmer was elected by a majority of about 1,200.

\$355,000 MORE FOR THE KING.

Committee Recommends a Big Increase in the Civil List. London, April 5.—The report of the committee appointed to consider changes in the civil list recommends that the new civil list be fixed at about 470,000 pounds as follows:

Privy purse, 110,000 pounds; salaries of household and retired allowances, 125,000 pounds; expenses of household, 100,000 pounds; works, 20,000 pounds; royal bounty, 15,000 pounds; and special services, 15,000 pounds, and studies, 5,000 pounds. The report recommends an annuity of 20,000 pounds to the Duke of Cornwall and York, 10,000 pounds to the Duchess of Cornwall and York, and 6,000 pounds to each of the king's daughters. The queen's annuity in the event of her surviving the king is increased to 70,000 pounds, and an annuity of 30,000 pounds is provided for the Duchess of Cornwall and York in the event of her surviving the duke. The proposals for the civil list show a net increase of 67,000 pounds. Mr. Labouchere, the sole signatory of the minority report, thinks that no increase is necessary.

JAPAN BACKS UP CHINA.

New York, April 4.—A dispatch to the Herald from Peking says: Despite statements to the effect that China has not rejected the Manchurian convention, it is thought here that she will probably do so. Japan has given to China written assurances that she will share the consequences of China's refusal to sign the Russian treaty if these consequences include war. The peace negotiations are at a standstill.

British Capture Guns.

London, April 3.—Londre date of Pretoria, April 1, Lord Kitchener reports to the war office as follows: "Plumer has occupied Nylstroom and Erech has captured three guns on the lower Pongola. Thirty-one prisoners have been captured in the Orange River colony. There were no casualties."

Boers Want Injunction.

New Orleans, April 3.—Proceedings were brought in the United States court here yesterday by representatives of the Boers to prevent the sailing of the steamship Anglo-Australian, loaded with mules consigned to the British in South Africa. Judge Parlange, after reading the petition issued an order requiring the defendants in the case to show cause on April 6 why a preliminary injunction should not be granted.

Turnip tops are invaluable when young and tender. Watercresses are excellent tonic, stomachic and cooling.

RUSSIA RECEIVES A REBUKE.

China Refuses to Sign the Manchurian Treaty Even if Modified. London, April 2.—"The Chinese emperor, I am officially informed, has instructed the Chinese plenipotentiaries," says the Peking correspondent of the Daily Mail, "not to sign the Manchurian convention, even in a modified form."

Dr. Morrison, writing to the Times from Peking March 28, says: "The Yang Tse viceroys have carried the day. Li Hung Chang, who wired Tuesday urging Emperor Kwang Su to reconsider his decision, received an answer that the throne's decision, in the presence of the unanimous advice of the chief provincial officials was irrevocable and that the Manchurian convention convention could not be signed."

"In spite of her threats Russia seems disinclined to slam the door. Negotiations between Li Hung Chang and M. de Giers were certainly proceeding yesterday when M. de Giers agreed to several formal amendments of the text, Russia's cynical and bold diplomacy seems for once to have over-reached itself."

SCANDAL HITS MANILA.

Big Frauds Found in the Commissary Department.

Manila, April 2.—Interest in the capture and fate of Aguinaldo is well nigh overshadowed in Manila by sensational developments, present and prospective, of big frauds in the commissary department. A large number of arrests have been made, and more will follow. Captain Frederick J. Barrows of the Thirtieth volunteer infantry, and formerly of the Thirty-fifth, quartermaster of the department of southern Luzon, together with seven commissary sergeants and a large number of others, has been arrested. The frauds are said to have amounted to not less than \$100,000 a month. Besides the quartermaster's officials arrested several civilian clerks, a prominent government contractor, the manager of the Hotel Oriente, the proprietors of the largest bakeries in Manila, are already in custody. The investigation so far has shown that flour, bacon and other goods, all bearing the government brands, have been sold to unauthorized persons. It is said that the contractor who figures most conspicuously in the affair has done a business amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars a month and has spent large sums of money in entertaining army officers. A prominent commissary officer is accused of leading a scandalously immoral life. It is asserted that large quantities of stores have been lost or stolen in transit, and also that there is a shortage in the commissary depot. New scandals are developed daily. Illicit transactions have been traced back to June, 1900, and it is possible that there are others of earlier date. The exorbitant tariff on provisions makes the surreptitious sale of commissary supplies immensely profitable.

FUNSTON GIVEN REWARD.

The President Makes Him a Brigadier General.

Washington, April 1.—The following army appointments were announced at the white house Saturday.

To be major-general in the United States army: Brigadier General Lloyd Wheaton, vice Miles, promoted lieutenant general.

To be brigadier general in the regular army: Col. Jacob H. Smith, Seventeenth United States infantry, brigadier volunteers, vice Daggett, retired; Brigadier General Frederick Funston, United States volunteers vice Wheaton, promoted. The announcement of these appointments was made in a conference between the president, Secretary Root and Adjutant General Corbin, and at the same time the long expected list of appointments of majors and captains in the paymasters', quartermasters' and commissary departments and of chaplains was made known. The list included two majors and twenty-five captains in the paymasters' departments; twenty-one captains in the commissary department; thirty-seven captains in the quartermasters' department and seventeen chaplains. All of these appointments are in the regular army, under the recent act of Congress enlarging and re-organizing the army, and without exception the staff appointments are from volunteer officers.

The chief interest, however, centered in the three high appointments of a major general and two brigadier generals and more particularly in the selection of General Funston after his gallant exploit in capturing Aguinaldo. Following are the announcements General Corbin sent to General MacArthur: Washington, March 30.—MacArthur, Manila: The following appointments made: Wheaton, major general; Smith and Funston brigadier general; Secretary joins me in congratulations to all. (Signed) Corbin.

PEACE PLANS REJECTED.

New York, April 4.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Important proposals relative to the surrender of all the insurgents in the Philippines have been made by Aguinaldo through General MacArthur to the United States.

The proposals were brought before the cabinet meeting and at its conclusion instructions in reply to them were sent by Secretary Root. The president will not bargain with Aguinaldo, but if the prisoner will use his influence the United States will welcome his aid and will consider his conduct when determining the future of the prisoner.

DeWet and Botha Combine.

London, April 4.—Dispatches from Cape Town indicate that General Botha and General DeWet may join in gathering a force of 15,000 men for operations against General French in the Transvaal. Two hundred Boers have reappeared near Richmond, Cape Colony, and the town guard has been called out to defend the place.

London, April 2.—A dispatch to the Morning Leader from Kiev says it is reported that an officer of the household attempted to assassinate the czar. He fired at his majesty, but missed. He then shot and killed himself.

AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

Des Moines, April 4, 1901. William McMillan of Des Moines has loaned to the state historical collection a large number of rare guns, running from a blunderbuss of the fifteenth century down to modern rifles. A relic in the shape of an oak, ten inches thick and four feet long, in which are imbedded three grape shot, a solid shot six inches in diameter and innumerable pieces of shells is in the collection. This came from Chickamauga. The iron is ingrown in the wood, evidently having been impotent to kill the tree. A soldier's button, in which is a minute ball imbedded by its force like the setting of a ring, accompanies the collection.

The board of control has received the report from the warden of the state penitentiary at Anamosa giving the information which had been asked regarding the valuation of the state property there and a statement of losses which had been sustained by fire. The report shows the state has suffered a loss of \$17,000 in the last five years. In 1896 a fire occurred in what was then the dining hall at the penitentiary. Fire protection was inadequate and the loss on the building was \$5,000 and on personal property \$12,000. The valuation of the buildings will be estimated at a later date.

Over three million dollars in improvements will be made in the cities and towns of Iowa during the coming season. Nearly three million represents the assured outlay in forty of the leading centers of the state, the figures being based upon statistics gathered through numerous Iowa correspondents. The exact amount, figured in round numbers, that will be expended in the forty cities and towns referred to is \$2,700,000. The improvements contemplated, many of which are now in process or have just been completed, embrace a large variety. Many of the cities and towns are erecting new public buildings, including churches and school houses in many instances, some are improving the business portions of the towns, while nearly all are being honey-combed with new and modern residences.

Secretary Wesley Greene of the State Horticultural society has received and tabulated reports from twenty counties in various parts of the state, on the condition of the fruit trees. These show the trees in good condition. The circular sent out asked for reports on the present condition of fruit trees and "the indication of an average condition in which 100 represents the normal condition." The tabulated returns thus far make the following showing:

Apples, 85; peaches, 86; Plums - American, 87; European, 80; Japan, 81; cherries, 85; peaches, 82; grapes, uncollected, 82; Raspberries—red, 75; black, 74; blackberries, 85; strawberries, 84. "This showing is very good, considering all the conditions," said Mr. Greene. "There has been some little injury to cherries, the trees starting to grow last fall because of the long warm weather. There has been a good deal of damage to blue and red raspberries, many of the canes having been killed. Peach buds are promising. The prospects for a large fruit crop are not quite as good as last year, the trees not being set so full of buds as they were a year ago. However, there is an ample number of buds for a good crop and it does not necessarily follow that the thickest set of buds will be followed by the most fruit. I think the reports thus far in show pretty accurately the conditions, though there may be slight changes when the reports are in from all the counties."

There is no prospect of any attempt to insure the state buildings, according to John Cowan, of the board of control. Mr. Cowan, in speaking of the question, said the losses were too light to warrant the board in taking out policies and paying premiums. "It has been shown," said Mr. Cowan, "that thirty per cent of the premiums paid into a fire insurance company is sufficient to cover the losses, the other seventy per cent going to the company. If any such percentage holds true as to the losses on the state buildings, the state certainly would make money to carry its own insurance." Mr. Cowan is satisfied the insurance companies will not consent to issue blanket policies taking risks on all the institutions under the board without exacting a stiff premium. In his opinion the legislature would be pursuing a poor financial policy if it directed that the state buildings should be insured, in view of the losses sustained.

Judge Silveira, as the result of a test case tried before him, in which the defendant was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and costs, announced that the Sunday closing law must and will be enforced. He declared that any storekeeper brought before him in the future on the charge of violating this law will be fined as high as \$100 and costs, that he was determined the rights of the clerks shall be protected. The clerks' unions are organized to make a determined fight.

Japanese Press Belligerent.

London, April 4.—"The Japanese press continues very belligerent," says the Yokohama correspondent of the Daily Mail, writing yesterday. "Count Okuma (formerly premier and now leader of the opposition) declares that Japan must assert herself or the in the course of an incisive article, work of thirty years will be lost. Korea, he says, is not a Russian chattel, and Russia's action is a direct challenge to Japan."

BIG OFFICIAL TENSION IN JAPAN.

London, March 31.—The Yokohama correspondent of the Daily Mail writes: "There is great tension in official circles. 'The foreign office is open day and night. Frequent conferences are held between the generals. The emperor has been present thereat, and has made frequent inquiries as to the condition of the service. Three staff officers have been despatched to Korea to make investigations. 'The possibilities of war are freely discussed.'"

A PRETTY COMPANION

By Louise Bedford.

CHAPTER IV.

Janetta only stayed long enough to listen to a few polite inquiries as to whether she had suffered any inconvenience from the accident, then rose and asked leave to retire for the night. "You can go if you wish," said Clarice; "but please don't imagine that Harry and I always need to be left together. I am generally down in the drawing room in the evening. To-night was an exception, Good-night. Tell me if you are not comfortable."

Janetta bethought herself that it would only be courteous to return down-stairs and wish Mrs. Mortimer good-night. She found her seated before the fire, reading a novel. "The interview was a long one, and therefore I conclude successful," she said, laying down the volume.

"Miss Seymour is quite delightful, and kinder than words can say," answered Janetta eagerly. "And you feel the world beneath your feet? So it may be for a time. You will be the reigning favorite, just because you happen to be blessed with a handsome face and figure. Prize them whilst you have them; when you lose them the world will pass you by."

"The world, perhaps; but not those whose love one has won already. I shall think poorly of myself if I have not made a single friend."

It was the second effort Janetta had made in their brief acquaintance to reach Mrs. Mortimer's sympathy; apparently it failed.

"Shall you like it when you see another step into your shoes?" Janetta rose. I am very tired. Will you think it rude of me if I go to bed?" she said, not answering the question.

Mrs. Mortimer's attitude towards her did not greatly disturb her. She had a bright, wholesome nature, and felt it possible to outlive the lady's unspoken jealousy.

Besides, the days that followed were so full of delightful and exciting experiences that she had no time to trouble her head with what Mrs. Mortimer thought about her.

Clarice Seymour had taken an impulsive liking for her new companion, and poured tokens of her favor upon her. The very difference of character between the girls possibly made them greater friends.

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"How old are you?" asked Clarice suddenly, when Janetta had been with her for about a week. "I believe you are years younger than I am, and yet you have a kind of motherly way with me when I'm wicked and cross, as I am today."

"I'm two-and-twenty," said Janetta, with a laugh. "And I am four years your senior, and yet I feel as if I were a child and you a woman; you are so tall and strong, and you make me feel comfortable even when you are sitting in the room. You are making me a monster of selfishness. Do you know you've scarcely been out of the house since you came?"

"I don't want to go out. I'm never dull with you." "I've told Harry it must not go on," said Clarice. "I've sent him off to hire a bicycle for you, and he'll take you out; it will cheer you both up. I wonder sometimes if Harry will get tired of waiting for me—do you?"

"I think the very fact that you are delicate, and need so much petting and love, would make me love you all the more," said Janetta.

"Ah! that's a woman's view. I wonder if it's Harry's. I often want to ask him, and I'm such a coward I dare not. If he wants his freedom he must ask for it; I will not give it him."

"I think," Janetta said, rising to rearrange Clarice's cushions, "if you fret yourself over imaginary ills you won't be down tonight."

"I shall if you leave me quiet!" cried Clarice, who had not ceased talking for the past hour. "You'll promise that you'll go out with Harry?"

"Oh, yes; I'll go if you like," said Janetta, who was learning that the simplest way of managing Clarice was to humor her whims.

She looked such a picture of grace and strength when she came down ready equipped for her ride, in a neatly-made coat and skirt of some dark material, relieved only by a bright-colored ribbon in her sailor hat, that Captain Merivale gave her an involuntary glance of admiration.

"My mistress's orders are that I'm to take you for a good long ride," he said, wheeling round Clarice's bicycle. "She says she has kept you too tightly tied to her sofa."

"It is the place where I like best to be," Janetta answered, with perfect sincerity. "The swift ride through the bright sunshine of the February afternoon was real enjoyment, and the companionship of a clever, cultivated man

my true position; but I must remember my own, and respect its conditions. It does not seem fitting to take your gifts and call you by your name when I am really your paid companion. We are not on equal terms."

"It seems to be as if we were on very equal terms; both of us are orphans—at least, I think you told me that you had neither father nor mother living."

"Yes, they are both dead," said Janetta shortly. "And because I happen to have more money than you, why should you mind if now and then it pleases me to give you things? I have not many pleasures."

"You don't really know me, you see. In your generous, impulsive fashion, you've invested me with various qualities which, as you know me better you'll find I do not possess."

"You think my friendship is like Jonah's gourd—that it will wither in a day or so," said Clarice patulantly. Whatever topic of conversation might be started, Janetta noticed that it always veered round to one or two subjects—either Captain Merivale, or the likelihood of Clarice's recovery.

With a heart at leisure from itself she grew day by day more painfully interested in what the future might hold in store for the two whose love-story was being enacted before her eyes.

Sometimes she suspected that the passion of devotion must always have been more on her side than his. His manner to her was gracefully affectionate; but for herself she felt that she would have demanded something warmer from the man she was going to marry.

"I shall go to India with a much easier mind now that I know Clarice has some one with her who will make her life so bright," said Captain Merivale one afternoon, as they were returning from a walk by the sea.

"It is good of you to say that," Janetta answered. "I need not assure you that I'll do everything I can to make Miss Seymour happy. She's the kindest friend I ever had, and I'm glad I've got to know you so well. I like to think that, when she gets better and you marry, I shall feel that I may keep you both as friends."

Captain Merivale did not answer for a minute, and Janetta glanced up at him a little uneasily, and saw that he had turned rather white.

"Yes," he said carelessly, "we've been capital friends ever since we met in that curious way on the railway, and I pulled you through the window."

Janetta felt puzzled and hurt by his manner. His tone was studiously indifferent, and he referred pointedly to what had been, rather than to what might be in the future. She thought, with bitter mortification, that in her eager sympathy with him and Clarice she had proffered friendship which had evidently been regarded as an impertinence.

"With all my boasted independence, I've forgotten my position," she said to herself reddening with vexation; but her resolve was taken at the risk of vexing Clarice, she would have no more walks or talks with Captain Merivale.

She did not make her way as usual to Clarice's room that afternoon when she came in from her walk. She felt as in her inward annoyance might find expression in her face. She was considerably surprised as she entered her bedroom to hear the quick shutting of a drawer, and Mason, with some appearance of confusion, began to close the window and draw the blind.

Janetta was certainly not suspicious by nature, but the girl's manner made her feel certain that she had been tampering with her things.

(To be Continued.)

MARQUIS OF LANSDOWNE.

The Only Man in the British Cabinet Who Could Speak French.

When the Marquis of Lansdowne was governor-general of Canada he had to make a speech to the French-Canadians, says M. A. P. With all its loyalty to the English connection, this little bit of transported France adheres very rigidly to many things French, and especially to the purity of the French tongue—at least as it was spoken in the eighteenth century. Few viceroys have ever ventured accordingly to leave the safe security of the English tongue, and it was with some trepidation that the French-Canadians heard that Lord Lansdowne was going to deliver a speech to them in their own language. But he had scarcely uttered the word "messieurs" when the whole audience burst into cheers; they recognized at once the accent of the true French tongue, the accent only possible to a man of French blood, and one who had spoken French as his mother tongue. It is perhaps this accomplishment which had something to do with Lord Lansdowne's latest appointment. When some one remonstrated with Lord Salisbury for retaining the two offices of prime minister and foreign secretary, his reply was that he could not help himself, there was but one member of his cabinet who could speak French, and that was Lord Lansdowne. And now Lord Lansdowne will receive the foreign ambassadors every Wednesday afternoon, and whatever else may be found fault with, his French will be faultless. Lord Lansdowne's mother was a daughter of Gen. Flahault, one of Bonaparte's officers.—Toronto Star.

Book Made of Money.

A devout Spanish lady, who was an enthusiastic admirer of the Pope, recently sent him a present of a book. It consists of 250 leaves, elegantly bound. Each leaf is a duplicate of its brother and is simply a thousand-peseta note.



The customs, traditions and superstitions connected with Easter are almost innumerable. Their origins are in many cases impossible to determine, because they evidently took place at a time when the season was still pagan in its character. Others, again, are directly connected with the Christian observance of the festival. The early Christians in many countries used to greet one another on Easter morning with the salutation: "Christ is risen."

The reply to this was: "Christ is risen, indeed, and hath appeared to Simon."

"This custom, it is said, is still observed in the Greek church."

The giving of eggs at Easter, or the spring festival, is one of the most widely known, as it is also one of the oldest, of the customs. From the remotest times the egg has stood to the Eastern nations as the symbol of the universe, and its breaking at that time has represented the opening of the new life of the year. When the custom was carried over into Christian practice the Easter eggs were usually sent to the priests to be blessed and sprinkled with holy water. In later times the coloring and decorating of the eggs was introduced, and in a royal

year at this season testifying to the ingenuity expended in devising new and attractive objects in which the idea of the Easter egg shall be preserved. In Paris these Easter presents are generally given on the first day of Passion Week. All are emblematic of eggs, and are known as "oeufs des Paques," or "Paschal eggs."

In went billy's hand, and out it came in a second, with a loud "Ow!" "It's horns or yellow-jackets or something!" he screamed. "Fetch the barn lantern, Kit, and I'll knock 'em out!"

Kitty brought the lantern, and then ran to the other side of the barn, for fear of the yellow jackets. Billy held the lantern over his head and peeped in.

What did he see? Not horns, but pins. He had run his hand into Egypt's own little "hidy-hole," where the sly little rogue had laid away a whole pile of his favorite treasures. No wonder they pricked like horns. But what the queer old bird was saving them for I never knew.

Nature's Easter Girl.
The glad some Easter-tide comes on,
The season of spring;
When birds begin to tune the voice,
A summer's praise to sing.

The leaves upon the trees bud forth,
The daffodils unfold;
All nature opens like a bud,
The sun floods earth with gold.

No more in this, our better age,
Do maidens seek in dress
And costly bonnets to express
Their Easter happiness.

The modern maid, with brimming health
Gives locks a stately curl;
Brings forth her bike and natty suit—
She's Nature's Easter girl.

Origin of Easter Hats
To neglect the putting on of some entirely new article of dress on Easter Sunday was regarded by the English of olden times as sure to bring bad luck, and certainly this is one of the practices which has lost nothing with the increase of years. Only now it has been slightly altered, so that to have no new clothes to exhibit at the Easter parade is considered sufficiently bad luck in itself, without the fear of any further misfortunes that may result from it. After donning their new Easter garments the English country people dined off tansy pudding and bacon or tansy pudding and "good red herring," the tansy being the symbol of the bitter herbs commanded to be eaten at the Paschal feast.

OUT IT CAME WITH A LOUD "OW!"
But I rather think he knew as much about the nests as they did. Egypt was a sly old fellow. He liked buttons and pennies, but he had the greatest fancy for pins. He would pull them out of every pin cushion in the house when he could get a chance, so you might search through room after room, and not come across a single pin. Nobody knew what he did with them all. He was fond of eggs, too, and I am afraid this was the reason that the children had such a long hunt for them, and found so few.

At last they climbed up the long ladder into the mow. The hay was piled almost to the roof and covered the windows. It was so dark that Nanny and Kitty were a little bit afraid, but Billy went first, floundering along in the hay, just as you wade through a snow drift.

"Guess there are nests on this beam," said Billy, "but it's so dark I can't see. I'll feel."

**Homeless are yet He knew the darkened tomb,
Homeless henceforth no more, in each glad heart His home.
Wake! every flower of spring,
And swell the Easter song,
And every bird awing
The praise prolong!**

**Through the long night of darkness and gloom
We follow Thee into the opened tomb,
And, standing by its side,
Behold life glorified,
Know immortality,
Because of Thee.**

**Through the bright morning still we follow Thee,
Our fears forgot, our faintest doubts shall flee,
Let praises linger long,
For death is conquered,
Lo! the farthest skies
Are filled with song!**

**O heart, rejoice! Art blinded at the door
Of thy safe tent? Thy Pilot went before,
He leads thee in; then sing,
"Ours is the victory,
O suffering One,
Because of Thee!"**

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Homeless henceforth no more, in each glad heart His home.
Wake! every flower of spring,
And swell the Easter song,
And every bird awing
The praise prolong!**



Through the long night of darkness and gloom we follow Thee into the opened tomb, and, standing by its side, behold life glorified, know immortality, because of Thee.

Through the bright morning still we follow Thee, our fears forgot, our faintest doubts shall flee, let praises linger long, for death is conquered, lo! the farthest skies are filled with song!

O heart, rejoice! Art blinded at the door of thy safe tent? Thy Pilot went before, he leads thee in; then sing, "Ours is the victory, O suffering One, because of Thee!"

Homeless are yet He knew the darkened tomb, homeless henceforth no more, in each glad heart His home. Wake! every flower of spring, and swell the Easter song, and every bird awing the praise prolong!

THE BUCKET-SHOPS PROBLEM

This Federal Law Hard to Enforce.

SEEKING LIGHT ON SUBJECT.

Bucket-Shops Are Prohibited by Law in Four States—Officials in Washington Will Work Hard in Hand with Collector Hertz at Chicago.

Washington, April 5.—Collector Hertz of Chicago has a troublesome problem to solve in the new bucket-shop law. He is receiving the assistance of the commissioner of internal revenue, and the entire force of that bureau, all making strenuous efforts to discover a method by which it can be successfully enforced. In four states—Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and New York—bucket-shops are prohibited by law. The attempts that have been made in Chicago to enforce the state law have met with indifferent success. A conviction was secured through a confession, but the efforts of the Chicago Board of Trade have not been fruitful, because of an inability to prove to the satisfaction of the courts that the concerns are bucket-shops as alleged.

Seek Interpretation of Law.

An interpretation of the new federal law by the commissioner of internal revenue has already been sought. A large firm, with headquarters in Kansas City, recently in the courts at Chicago, through an effort of the Board of Trade to remove its ticker service and prohibit the display of bulletins, appeared before the commissioner with voluminous briefs and a prominent lawyer, and made an argument in support of the contention that it came within section 2 of the law, which reads: "Upon each sale, agreement of sale or agreement to sell any products or merchandise at any exchange, or board of trade, or other similar place, either for present or future delivery, for each \$100 of value in said sale or agreement of sale or agreement to sell, 1 cent, and for each additional \$100 or fractional part thereof in excess of \$100, 1 cent, etc." The members of the firm explained in detail their method of conducting business, produced books and extracts to show that their transactions daily were more than half as large as those of the Chicago board of trade, and contended that their settlements were on the same basis. They have constructed warehouses where they store products and merchandise for delivery should it be demanded, and have placed themselves, they assert, in a position where they are entitled to classification under the head "or other similar places."

Is Left to the Courts.

They are not bucket shops within the definition given in section three, they claim, and sought of the commissioner a ruling which would protect them against the imposition of the special taxes of that section. The commissioner refused to classify them under section two, preferring that the merits of their claims should be passed upon by the courts. This is a fair sample of the fight which Collector Hertz must enter. The burden of proof is upon the government.

BOTHA TRYING TO MEET DEWET

Boer Generals Trying to Secure a Conference.—British Plans.

Standerton, April 5.—Dewet is reported in the vicinity of Vrede. Botha has not passed here, as stated, to meet Dewet. It is believed Botha wants a conference with Dewet, who will try to join him by crossing the line near Plattland. The British are trying to frustrate a meeting of Dewet and Botha, and an excellent system of native scouts has been organized, which keeps the intelligence department well supplied with information about the plans and movements of the Boers.

May Have Sain Peace Envoy.

London, April 5.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post asserts that the Boers have tried for treason and executed Mr. De Kock, the peace envoy who took the message from General Smith-Dorrien to Commandant General Louis Botha Feb. 12.

DAILY MARKET REPORT.

Chicago Board of Trade.					
	Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
April	...	73½	73¾	71	71¾
May	...	73¾	73¾	71½	72¾
July	...	73¾	73¾	72½	73
Corn—					
April	...	42½	43	40¾	41½
May	...	43	43¾	41½	42
July	...	42½	43¾	42¼	42½
Oats—					
April	...	25¼	25½	24½	24¾
May	...	25¼	25½	24½	24¾
July	...	25¼	25½	24½	24¾
Pork—					
April	...	15.60	15.65	15.40	15.45
May	...	15.30	15.35	15.17½	15.25
July	...	15.30	15.35	15.17½	15.25
Lard—					
April	...	8.60	8.60	8.37½	8.47½
May	...	8.37½	8.60	8.37½	8.47½
July	...	8.25	8.27½	8.25	8.27½
Sept.	...	8.22½	8.30	8.22½	8.27½
S. ribs—					
April	...	8.20	8.30	8.20	8.25
May	...	8.12½	8.17½	8.10	8.15¼
July	...	8.10	8.15	8.10	8.12½

To Ship a Million in Bars. New York, April 4.—Lazard Bros. have engaged \$1,000,000 in gold bars at the assay office for shipment to Paris by to-morrow's steamer.

DAVENPORT.

There was a surprise party given in honor of Mr. James Christenia's birthday at their new residence, corner of Henry street and Arlington avenue, March 21. A very large crowd was present, and his wife handled the guests in a very pleasant way, assisted by her mother and Mr. Christenia's mother and sister. Mr. Christenia received many presents. At 1 a. m. the crowd left the house for their several homes, but the agent did not learn as to how many summers he has seen.

There is to be an excursion to Peoria, Ill., Easter Sunday. The fare is \$3.00 for the round trip. There will probably be a good crowd gathered from the tri-cities.

The Married Ladies Violet Club was entertained by Mrs. Sarah Allen at her residence, 2101 Main street, Wednesday, March 20. A very pleasant time was reported.

Mr. James Thomas has resigned his position as porter for the Reed Temple of Music, and has accepted a position with the Davenport Carpet and Furniture company, at the same job he held when the company was burned out a few months ago. We wish him success in his returning back home again.

Mrs. Anna Fox, who spent a few weeks in our city visiting her friends, Mrs. M. L. Hedden, has left for Des Moines. We have since heard that she has changed her name. Whether it is true or not we can't say.

Mrs. M. L. Hedden went to Chicago the 25th. From there she goes to Evanston, Ill., to visit her sister. She expects to be absent from the city for three weeks.

Mr. George Holoway is the father. Mother and child are said to be doing well.

Keokuk Tiddewinks seems to have it in for Mr. Claude Harris, Mr. Chas. Williams and Mr. Wm. Martin. You should take them one at a time, Keokuk.

We notice from the Saylor items that they have organized a base ball team, and expect to sweep the country. Davenport wants to tell them have quite a job on hand, as the country isn't very clean just now.

We are glad to learn that Saylor Sunday school is getting along nicely, but you should not create strife by calling the Des Moines superintendents high-toned because they don't visit you. It may be impossible just now.

The Silver Autumn Leaf club was entertained Thursday afternoon, March 21, from 2 to 6, by Mrs. B. Warnick, at her residence, 712 Harrison street. The club has a membership of twenty, and twelve of them were present, and several friends of the club were invited to partake of one of the grandest receptions, which was their annual reception, ever tendered the club since its organization. Mr. Warnick is known as the popular Harrison street barber, and his shop was closed and turned over to the club and their friends in order that they might have plenty of room. The menu consisted of the following: Salmon and tomato salad, and deviled tongue sandwiches; Saratoga chips, macaroni and cheese; fruit jelly and whipped cream; roast turkey and escalloped oysters; French bread steaks and coffee; port and sherry wine; strawberry fruit and ice cream; cake and lemon sherbet. One of the greatest attractions was a lovely jar filled with American Beauty Roses. Those who attended said it was the grandest reception ever given in this city. Mrs. Ida Woods and Miss Mable Allen assisted Mrs. Warnick in serving the guests. Outsiders say that those who attended were dressed as they never saw them before. Mrs. A. D. Corbin is president of the club, Mrs. Ruth Richardson vice president, Mrs. H. McGaw treasurer, Mrs. Hughes editor, and Mrs. L. Foy critic.

Mr. Lyman Shepard is at home on a fifteen-day vacation, and on the 21st of March another one was added to his family; it is a girl and mother and babe are doing well.

KEOKUK SIPS.

Regardless of the Bystander ink-dealer's suggestion to the ladies to buy sunbonnets, they purchased Easter bonnets by the box loads.

To Buffalo C. A. Harris—We heard that she said, "I don't care if you never come back." Now, then send us eleven cents, and we'll make you—"Wheel about and turn about And do just so.

And every time you wheel about You'll jump Jim Crow."

Mrs. Effie Collins, who has been visiting Mrs. Emma Theban, leaves Monday for Iowa City, to be gone several weeks.

Mrs. M. J. Dove, who has been spending several months in Chicago visiting friends and relatives, returned to her home last Tuesday.

Mr. David Cross, the captain of Co. D., has a big surprise inside his coat pocket, which he is going to make public in a few days. He says his "big time" will be May 21st. Watch his movements.

Mr. Fairfax, of Hamilton, Ill., spent Saturday and Sunday in the Gate City.

Mrs. Belle Smith passed to her eternal reward at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening. She had been a long sufferer from sickness, but patiently awaited the end. The sympathy of a host of friends goes to the husband and his little family.

Mr. Lee Bland's hair has assumed its usual shape and smoothness since his little adventure last week.

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A Testimonial from Old England.

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A MILE A MINUTE.

High Speed by a Trolley Car in Philadelphia.

In whatever other respects Philadelphia may be slow she has a trolley car which sweeps through the city in the gray hours of dawn and which, taken day by day, is swifter than anything else of its kind or class in the world, says the New York Sun. It starts from the heart of the city just after the newspapers are out of press and tears away through the silent streets in a northerly and westerly direction, up and down hill and along valleys, with occasional stops to throw out bundles until twenty-seven minutes later it rests on the northern summit of Chestnut hill, fourteen and three-quarter miles away. This is at the average rate of thirty-five miles an hour, including at least one stop every three-fourths of a mile. Sometimes on its route it has run a mile in a minute and an eighth and it has made the distance in twenty-five minutes, including the stops, which is just the schedule time of the steam express trains for practically the same distance between the same places, though on neither the Reading nor the Pennsylvania railroads do the trains make any stops. Sometimes, as on market day, there are interruptions, when sleepy teams get on the lines of metals, and occasionally another trolley car gets behind time and doesn't give it the right of way promptly, but despite the occasional delays, for two years, in all conditions of weather, facing rain or snow, with mechanical incidents adverse to its career, it has made on an average thirty-five trips out of thirty-five on time and only once has it been longer than forty-five minutes in covering the distance. On that occasion the wreck of a hay wagon was on the road and for this the Eagle Flight trolley was not responsible. From the fact that this car carries the morning newspapers for distribution it might be thought to be a journalistic enterprise in Philadelphia, but this is not the case. It is an experiment by the Union Traction company to test the maintenance of high speed and the evenness of schedule time under conditions peculiarly favorable for securing exact factors for all the problems it is sought to solve. Every trip is observed by electrical experts, the induction is estimated, the power measured, the state of the metal, the thermometrical and barometrical conditions noted as well as the humidity and fog at the different elevations along the line, and when 1,000 trips have been made the data thus gathered will be considered, with a view of formulating a result to be applied in such directions of economy and accelerated speeds as may be opened up.

Explosives Confined and Unconfined.

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

The Ages of Men.

A great man does not always attain a ripe old age; in fact, hardly half of the greatest men of modern and ancient times have reached the limit of age set by the Bible. Among statesmen: Mirabeau was 42; Pitt, 47; Caesar, 65; Richelieu, 57; Cromwell, 59; Frederick the Great, 74; Disraeli, 75; Bismarck, 83; Talleyrand, 84. Of great conquerors: Alexander the Great died at 32; Napoleon at 51, Hanibal at 53, Mariborough at 72, Blucher at 76, Wellington at 83, Xenophon at 85, Moltke at 91. The age of the deities of philosophers was: Spinoza, 44; Descartes, 53; Aristotle, 62; Socrates, 68; Linnaeus, 70; Copernicus, 70; Galileo, 78; Kant, 79; Plato, 82; Newton, 84; Humboldt, 89. The longevity of great writers, poets, varies from Byron, 36, to Sophocles, 90. The painters death came at ages varying from Raphael at 37, to Titian at 93.

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Des Moines, Iowa, March 1st, 1901. Whereas, The American Fire Insurance Company, located at Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania has filed in this office a sworn statement of its condition on the thirty-first day of December, 1900, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4, Title 9, of the code of Iowa, relating to Insurance Companies; and whereas, said statement shows that the said Insurance Company has complied with the laws of this State relating to insurance.

Therefore, In pursuance of law, I, Frank F. Merriam, Auditor of State, do hereby certify that said Insurance Company is authorized to transact the business of Fire Insurance in the State, by Agents properly appointed, as required by law, until the first day of March, A. D. 1902.

I further certify that the statement shows—

- 1st. The actual amount of paid-up Capital of said company, Dec. 31, 1900 to be..... \$ 500000.00
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 - 5th. The aggregate expenditures of said Company for the year 1900, to be.... \$ 1600216.07
- In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of my office the day and date above written.

FRANK F. MERRIAM, Auditor of State.

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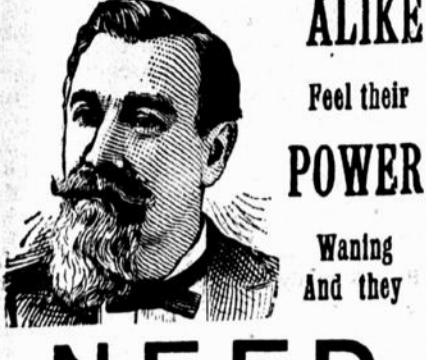
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What an absurd thing it is to pass over the valuable parts of a man, and fix our attentions on his infirmities.

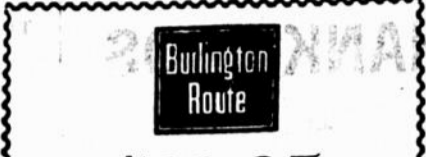
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KNOXVILLE NOTES.

Mrs. Geo. H. Hackney, of Evans, will visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bird Easter Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, of Ottumwa, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bird, when they were moving to Des Moines, where they expect to farm.

ANNOUNCEMENT CARDS.

Please announce my name as a candidate for one of the members of the House of Representatives from Polk county, subject to the decision of the republican convention.

SECRET ORDERS.

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DOGGS WEAR SHOES.

In Alaska shoes for dogs have been introduced. The use of shoes for animals in the far north country is not merely out of kindness to the dogs. It is a matter of necessity, for one of the greatest dangers to travelers in Alaska is that the dogs which draw sledges or transport goods freeze their feet by contact with the ice.

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New Service for Homeseek and Settlers.

Tourist Car service for persons enroute to the South, South-west and California is inaugurated by the M. K. & T. Ry. from Kansas City. Tourist car leaves Kansas City every Tuesday at 9:05 p. m. on M. K. & T. train No. 11 running through to San Francisco via the Waco Flatonia Route.

FRILLS OF FASHION.

Variations in children's gowns blossom out from time to time, even though they are very slight, and small girls rival their mothers in their ambition to keep up to date.

FRASER ITEMS.

Mrs. J. Phillips and children left Thursday for her home in Alabama. Mr. Phillips will follow soon. Mrs. Lulu Floyd left for her home, Springfield, Ill., on Thursday.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mr. Ben Grayson has been sick for the past few weeks. Mrs. Delia Martin, of Garden Grove, is visiting for a few days this week at the parental home.

DES MOINES PASSENGER TRAINS

Table with columns for train names, destinations, and departure times. Includes sections for 'GOING EAST', 'GOING WEST', 'WINTERSET BRANCH', 'PASSENGER TRAINS LEAVE STATION', and 'WABASH RAILWAY'.

PRACTICAL ADVICE.

A stitch in time saves nine. Never let a child sob itself to sleep. An egg beaten up in milk is a good pick-me-up. Sponge black silk with spirits to revive it.

TRICK OF VOICE.

How One Lawyer Keeps the Judge From Sleeping. There is said to be a lawyer in Philadelphia who possesses a trick of the voice to which a certain measure of his success in United States Supreme court practice is due.

DOCTORY OURSEL.

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CHURCH AND CLERGY.

The Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman is to write the life of D. L. Moody. Bishop Edsall has just completed a highly successful mission at Jamestown, N. D.

CALIFORNIA.

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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.

SIoux CITY.

The series of entertainments given on last Tuesday and Wednesday evenings by the ladies of the A. M. E. church for the benefit of remodeling the church, proved quite a success both financially and socially.

HUMAN NATURE EXPLAINED.

An Atchison father who has a very worthless son sent him to bed Saturday at noon, saying he never wanted to see him again. The young man's mother carried on in a pitiful way, but the father was inexorable, the young man must get out and shift for himself.

CALIFORNIA AND THE NORTHWEST

On every Tuesday in February, March and April the Iowa Central Railway will sell one way Settlers' and Colonists' excursion tickets to points in California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho and British Columbia at very low rates—lower than ever before.

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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.

LOCK HAVEN (PENN.) SPE. PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER.

Lock Haven (Penn.) Spe. Philadelphia Inquirer: Mrs. Joseph Ross, of Pleasant Gap, met with a most peculiar accident. When she went into the barnyard to do the milking a cow switched its tail, which caught in the handle of the milk bucket.

THE DEATH ROLL IN THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The death roll in the Congregational ministry in Great Britain was unusually heavy during the year 1899. A congress of the history of religions will be held at Paris, France during the first part of September next year. The receipts of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, for the year make a total of \$38,000, of which \$17,000 is from pew rents.

WIT & HUMOR

SAN SALVADOR EARTHQUAKE.
 "I was in San Salvador, staying with an American friend," said the returned tourist, "when one summer's night, as I sat in a chair on the veranda and he reclined in a hammock, there came a rumbling and a quaking. I instinctively knew it for an earthquake, but I said to my friend: 'Jim, aren't we in for a calamity of some sort?'"

"Oh, I guess not," was the lazy reply.
 "But that was a shock, wasn't it?"
 "I guess it was."
 "How's the house?"
 "Pretty solid. No need of worrying."


"There came a second shock, after a minute, and that veranda wobbled around under it till my head swam. I heard the servants running and yelling, and I was pretty thoroughly scared as I said to Jim:
 "Don't you think we'd better get out into the garden, where all is clear?"
 "Not yet. The ground out there might open and swallow us."
 "But another such shock will bring the house down over us."

"Hardly. That's only the second shock. The third won't be much worse, but the fourth will be a buster. If there is one we'll have to walk in time."
 "The third shock did make things rattle. The house seemed to be picked up and shaken like a rat. I was not only seasick, but frightened to death as I said:
 "Don't you think it's time to move, Jim?"

"Not yet; may not be another shock and we must keep our dignity before the natives. Just listen for a far-off roaring."
 "In about two minutes we caught it and left the veranda for the garden, and we were only clear of the house when it collapsed with every other building on the place. The earth heaved up as if rolling in waves, and as I was flung down I seized the grass and held on. The shock was over in a minute, and as I sat up I called out:
 "For God's sake, Jim, is this the East?"

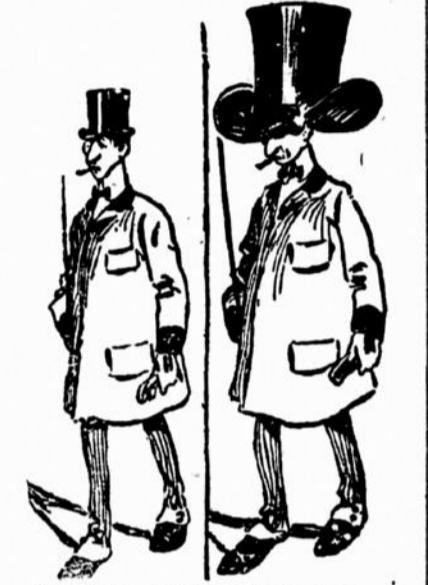
"Sure, Mike!" he laughed. "We never have to exceed four shocks at once."
 "And the house is destroyed?"
 "Totally busted, as you see."
 "And what—what—?"
 "Oh, nothing," he interrupted. "It's a damned nuisance, of course, but I've got to go to work and build up again. It's the seventh time and enough to bore a man, but let's look for the whiskey and then find a bush to sleep under. Ho—hum! Why can't things get a feller alone when he's dog tired and half asleep?"

KNEW HIM BY HIS DUCKS.
 The custom of knowing a man by his fruits is exemplified in the case of an artist of considerable reputation, who has been in the habit of spending his summers in cultivating a farm in New England. As there is a large pond on the place, he has found it amusing and profitable to fill it with as many ducks as it would float.
 One day a New York friend went into the country to visit the artist—whom we shall call Smith. He met a countryman and a conversation along these lines followed:
 "I want to go to the farm of Mr. Smith, the artist."
 "Don't know him."
 "Why you must know him. He's a man with a national reputation. Comes from New York."
 The countryman pondered a minute.
 "You say his name is Smith?"
 "That's what I said."
 "Not A. B. Smith?"
 "The same."
 "Why in thunder didn't you say so? He ain't no artist! He raises ducks!"

ILLUSTRATED DEFINITION.

 An Ice Gorge.
A SUDDEN HOP.
 "Yes, Judge," said the colored brother who was arraigned for disturbing the peace. "I reckon I'm guilty of what you say. Yes, sah, I had a row wid Elder Bebee of de church, an' maybe I frowed him down a leetle too hard, but I had de biggest kind of a provocation. Do you know what dat pusion did, sah?"
 "I do not, but you may relate."
 "Well, sah, I was in my pew in church, an' I was blessin' de Lowd fur his goodness an' about to pray fur rain an' ask dat my lottery ticket hit a thousand dollar prize when de Elder comes along mighty sudden an' hops on to me."
 "How hopped?" asked his honor.
 "Jest told me dat he'd dun figgered up an' found I owed thirty-seven hundred dollars pew rent an' wanted de wall of it right down in a hunk to buy

tar to stop up de cracks in de floah. I owe dat pew rent, Jedge—I owe it, an' I ain't gwine to deny de same—but de suddenness of dat hop jes' took my bref away, an' de fust think I knowed I had de Elder on his back out doahs an' wasn't carin' two cents whether de Lawd sent lots of rain or let all de watermillions shrivel up on de vines."

MADAGASCAR HEDGEHOGS.
 At the Regent's park menagerie in London several living specimens of the "tenrec," the hedgehog of Madagascar, were recently received. It is said that stuffed specimens in museums give no adequate idea of the form of these strange animals. Their resemblance to hedgehogs rests only upon their possession of a spiny covering. The shape of their bodies resembles that of an inflated globesh. They are insectivorous, and are said to be restricted to the island of Madagascar. The specimens in London, at any rate are remarkable for their habit of yawning.



TWO VIEWS.
 Howard's new plug hat as it really is, and as it seems to Howard.

THE OTHER EYE.
 James Albery, the dramatist, was one day descending in a great hurry the steps fronting the Savage Club, London, when a stranger, in a state of mind which defied punctuation, addressed him thus:
 "I beg your pardon, but is there a gentleman in this club with one eye by the name of X?"
 Albery answered the question eagerly with another: "Stop a moment; what's the name of his other eye?"

LITTLE LAUGHS.
The Coming Danger.
 Melton—"Hello, Tankerton, what are you doing out in the woodshed at this hour?"
 Tankerton—"Sh! I'm hiding the batchet. My wife has been reading the story of the Kansas crusade and you can't tell what minute she may follow in Mrs. Nation's footsteps."
Short Glasses.
 "My husband came home very late last night."
 "What was his excuse, dear?"
 "I think he must have gone to a horse auction."
 "Indeed?"
 "Yes, he said he tried a few 'ponies.'"
Not a Volunteer.
 Bill—"My dear lady, I got this scar at Gettysburg."
 The lady—"How did you come to get it, poor man?"
 Bill—"Just my luck to be hangin' aroun' town when the vaccine physicians made der roun'."

Large Extremities.
 Pearl—"I wonder why that merchant is rolling the grinding stone under the counter?"
 Ruby—"Why, that shoplifter will take anything she can cover with her hands and she is from St. Louis."
Inexhaustible Nonsense.
 "Is there anything more nonsensical than your poetry?" asked the very candid friend.
 "Oh, yes," responded the great magazine editor; "we are going to publish love letters of famous men."

In and Out.
 Ida—"Ever since Harry asked for your hand he has been drinking heavily. Aren't you worried about his outcome?"
 May—"Yes; but I am more worried about his income."
Not Alarmed.
 "Uncle Sam says if you don't settle up he'll send over a man-o'-war."
 The sultan grinned.
 "And it seems that even Uncle Sam is stuffing Turkey with chestnuts these days."
Progress.
 Stubb—"Is Nibbs making any progress in the literary world?"
 Penn—"I suppose so. He has raked up an ugly mighty name and calls his hall-room a 'den.'"

The gain in population made by Vienna in ten years is 293,710, making the present population of the Austrian capital about 1,635,647.

REBEL CHIEF MAY COME TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES.

McKinley Said to Have Invited Aguinaldo
Reported in Manila That He May Sail on April 15—Believed That a Proclamation of Peace Will Be Issued by Next June.

Manila, April 5.—It is reported here that President McKinley has invited Aguinaldo to visit the United States, and that the former insurgent leader may sail from Manila on April 15. General MacArthur, when questioned regarding the rumor, said he had absolutely nothing to communicate.
 Not Denied in Washington.
 Washington, D. C., April 5.—The report from Manila that the President has invited Aguinaldo to visit the United States, and that he will sail from Manila on April 15, cannot be verified here, but the fact that the report is not received with surprise or positively denied justifies the impression given that the suggestion is one originating in Manila, and that it may have been urged upon the War department and the President for early acceptance. Attention is directed by the War department to the fact that great confidence has been placed upon the recommendations of the military authorities, and the Philippine commission is dealing with problems as they have arisen, and if General MacArthur has asked that Aguinaldo be allowed to come to Washington to see the President, it is not denied that there may be great probabilities that the recommendation will be carried out.

May Proclaim Peace in June.
 Manila, April 5.—A proclamation of peace is expected in June, but the matter is being kept a secret by the authorities, who are waiting for the developments expected to follow Aguinaldo's action in taking the oath of allegiance. Aguinaldo is preparing a manifesto in which he will declare that the war is over and call upon all insurgent still remaining in the field to lay down their arms and accept the sovereignty of the United States. Aguinaldo is ignorant of American institutions and American history, but he seems to be reasonably open to conviction. He is desirous that the insurgents' funds in possession of the United States be devoted to the education of the native youth, as has been suggested.
MacArthur Reports Surrender.
 Washington, D. C., April 5.—The following cablegram has been received at the War department from General MacArthur at Manila: "Brigadier General Robert P. Hughes reports surrender at Banga, northwest Panay, on March 31, thirty officers, 185 men, 105 rifles. General Kobbe reports twenty-one men and twenty-one guns surrendered on March 31, northern Mindanao. Commissary frauds being investigated; not sufficient gravity to cause concern; apparently due irregularity sales savings. Press reports incorrect and misleading."

FLAMES SWEEP FARMS.
Prairie Fire Devastates District and Causes Heavy Loss.
 Huron, S. D., April 5.—A prairie fire swept over a stretch of country east of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, starting a few miles southeast of Virgil and traveling north ten or twelve miles. The burned district is two miles wide. Several farmers suffered heavy losses. Frank Wood lost his house, barn, and a supply of hay and corn; Arthur Thompson lost a barn, and the immense sheep-sheds on the J. H. Cone ranch, four miles north of Virgil, were destroyed. Thousands of tons of hay were burned. The flames were driven by a gale blowing forty miles an hour.
Thurston at Head of Fair.
 Washington, April 5.—Ex-Senator John M. Thurston of Nebraska has been designated as chairman of the St. Louis fair commissioners by President McKinley. Mr. Thurston called at the white house with four members of the commission, ex-Senators Lindsay and McBride, ex-Representatives John Allen and John F. Miller of Indiana, and had a brief conference with the president regarding their work. Mr. McKinley announced his selection of Thurston as chairman, and the commissioners then visited the state department, where the oath of office was administered to them in the presence of Secretary Hay.

Duel in a Courtroom.
 Cincinnati, O., April 5.—A Times-Star special from Chattanooga says: A sensational shooting occurred in a session of the court. Sam A. Brazeale and James J. Littleton, prominent attorneys, fired six shots each at each other. Both were hit, but not seriously hurt. The men are leading Republican politicians in the Second congressional district. The quarrel arose over a speech which Littleton made against Brazeale, who is running for mayor of Kingston. Both men are under arrest.
Death of Harry Budworth.
 New York, April 5.—Harry Budworth, the old-time minstrel and vaudeville performer, died last night of hemorrhage of the lungs at the home of a friend in this city. Mr. Budworth was over 50, and at one time was one of the most popular members of Haverly's minstrel troupe. Recently he played the vaudeville houses with his wife, Nellie Budworth.

Among the Railways.
Rock Island Will Run Cheap Excursions to Colorado.
 The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway, which made a phenomenal success of cheap excursion rates to Colorado last season, has again asked its competitors in the Western and Southwestern Passenger associations to agree upon a series of cheap excursions to and from Denver, Colorado Springs, and Pueblo, for the approaching season, on the following basis: Tickets to be sold from Chicago and all territory up to Missouri river, June 15, 25, July 15, 25 and 30, Aug. 5, 15, 20 and 27, at rate of one fare plus \$2, or \$31.50 for the round trip.
 On July 2 and 9 and Sept. 3 and 10 a rate of \$25 is to be made from Chicago, and \$15 from Missouri river points for the round trip. Intermediate territory will have proportionate rates. Tickets are to be sold from Missouri river points one day later than the dates given above in each case. Proportionate rates will be made to and from Glenwood Springs, Salt Lake City and Ogden.
 A series of east-bound excursions is also proposed, tickets to be sold from Colorado common points every Thursday, commencing with June 20 up to and including Sept. 12, at a rate of one fare plus \$2 for the round trip. All tickets will be limited for return passage to Oct. 31. These rates will be tendered connecting lines for basing purposes, which will probably insure a very low basis of rates throughout the United States for these excursions.
 The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific will unquestionably make these rates and arrangements effective, regardless of the action of its competitors, and will run special trains, only one night out to and from Colorado, on the dates named—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Probably its many feet enable a man to run up so rapidly.

PANAMA CANAL OFFER.

Colombia Willing to Lease Territory in the United States.
 New York, April 4.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Specific official denials greeted the published report that J. Pierpont Morgan, having discovered a gold mine on the Panama canal route, would head a syndicate to build the canal, and had secured President McKinley's cooperation and the aid of Colombia. Denials came from the White House, the state department, the Colombian legation and the French embassy. Most of those who denied the report declared that it was started to make difficult the negotiation of canal treaties by the United States. The new development in the canal situation is that Minister Silva, who is also Colombian minister of foreign affairs, in his memorandum to Secretary Hay has formally agreed on behalf of his government to grant the United States a long lease of the territory through which the canal passes. He states emphatically, however, that his government would not be willing to cede sovereignty. The lease is to be granted on these terms: The United States shall pay to Colombia in half-yearly installments during the first twenty-five years after the opening of the canal to the public service a share amounting to 5 per cent of its gross income; during a second period of twenty-five years 6 per cent; during a third 7 per cent, and during a fourth 8 per cent. This is on the basis of a ninety-nine-year lease. The United States guarantees that this share shall be no case less than \$250,000 annually. In case of the issuance of stock, Colombia is to receive a share, based upon that given it by the Panama Canal company, amounting to one-thirteenth of the number of shares issued. Colombia is to receive \$250,000 annually for the use of the railroad, Colombian mails, troops and effects belonging to the republic, and emigrants to the country up to the number of 2,000 must receive railroad transportation free of charge. Colombian vessels are to be allowed freely to use the canal. Finally, Colombia binds herself to grant permission to the French Canal company to negotiate with the United States for the sale of its concession. The concession absolutely forbids the company "to cede or mortgage its rights under any consideration whatever to another nation or foreign government under penalty or forfeiture." Senator Hanna's attention was called to the report that J. Pierpont Morgan had formed a syndicate to buy the rights of the French Panama Canal company and that in conversation with the president and Senator Hanna Mr. Morgan had advocated the abandonment of the Nicaraguan route. "Yes, I have already seen that report," he said, "and you may say for me that there is not a word of truth in it. Personally, I have never expressed a preference for any route, but as for this story, I have never heard of such a thing. If Mr. Morgan is going into the canal business, I am not in his confidence."

BULL FIGHTS AT BUFFALO FAIR
Will Be Realistic Exhibitions, with Cruelty Left Out.
 New York, April 4.—H. F. McGarvie, president of the Pan-American Concessionaires' association, has just returned from Mexico. He said last night at the Hotel Bartholdi that President Diaz is in first rate health. He said there will be bull fighting at the Pan-American exposition, with the blood and cruelty left out.
 "The Mexican government is sending up a fine exhibit to the streets of Mexico, one of the features of the exposition," said Mr. McGarvie. "There will be representatives of all the military organizations of the republic, including the mountain police, who will have brand new uniforms. There will be a squad of the most expert bull fighters and fighting bulls in Mexico. The bulls are the fiercest and quickest that can be found. There will be given realistic exhibitions of bull fighting, with the cruelty left out. The bulls will have full swing, and the toradors will give exhibitions of horsemanship and dodging in keeping clear of their sharp horns. Instead of running a blade into the bull at the point of the contest when the animal usually is killed, the fighter will place a rosette on his hide on the spot where he would naturally strike the bull."

Sagasta Has Influenza.
 Madrid, April 4.—Premier Sagasta has been confined to his bed for twelve days with a serious and prolonged attack of influenza. His doctors have prohibited him from attending to state affairs and from receiving visitors. They promise unhesitatingly, however, that the venerable chief of the Spanish government, despite his 73 years, will shortly recover his health if he follows their instructions.
 The queen regent displays deep concern and inquires daily regarding his condition.

Thinks Settlement Likely.
 Liverpool, April 4.—The White Star line steamer Majestic, which sailed from here to-day for New York, has among her passengers E. P. Morris, the Newfoundland delegate on the French shore question. Mr. Morris said that, while a settlement had not actually been reached, he was hopeful that they were nearing the end of the difficulty.

D'Oyley Carte Is Dead.
 London, April 4.—D'Oyley Carte, the theatrical manager and impresario, died this morning at Tunbridge Wells, counties of Kent and Surrey.

The 80,000 barmaids of England work fourteen hours a day. Their wages are \$2.50 a week and free beer. It has been estimated that 1,000,000 of brand new five dollar bills, or bills of any other denomination will weigh 2,175 2-3 pounds avoirdupois.
 "George, dear, you and I would get on better if there were a little more give and take between us." "Humph! A little more give on my part and a little more take on yours, I suppose."
 Senator Pettus, who is 80 years old, says his age is telling against him. "I can't keep up with the procession," he says. "I only stagger along." On the other hand, Senator Morgan, who is 77, is remarkably active and vigorous.
 George B. Cortelyou, the president's secretary, has entire charge of the proposed 13,100 mile journey of President McKinley around the United States. He makes all the arrangements as to trains and hotels and is said to have the time tables at his fingers' ends.
 The Niagara Falls Power company now generates 50,000 horse power of electricity and is doubling its capacity. Grants have been made on the other side of the river which will involve the production of as much more. Now a third company is seeking incorporation, which plans to secure 100,000 horse power from the river below the falls. It would appear the development of electrical power at Niagara Falls is only in its infancy.

INDIAN MISSIONARY'S STORY.
Years of Toilsome Ministry Among the Choctaws.
 Little York, Ind., April 1.—(Special).—Twenty-five years ago the Rev. C. H. Thompson left Indiana. For a time he preached in Arkansas, afterwards entering on the regular missionary work among the Choctaw Indians.
 For five years he lived and labored among the full bloods of the western prairies, until on April 5th, 1885, having lost his wife, he left the circuit on which he had preached so long, and commenced traveling missionary work among the Indians of the various tribes scattered in the west.
 This irregular work involved a great deal of travel over the prairies. The drinking of so much alkali water, brought on kidney troubles which terminated in Diabetes.
 Finally, while laboring among the Creek Indians at Wagoner, Indian Territory, this noble man was stricken down completely. A Chicago specialist was summoned, and after a careful examination declared that there was not the slightest chance of his recovery. Besides the prescriptions of the doctors he tried many other medicines, but all to no avail. He says:
 "I had concluded that my days were drawing to a close, when I picked up an almanac telling of the cures of Diabetes by the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I sent for two boxes. I gained strength and spirits from the time I commenced to use them, and so I sent for more. I am now completely cured, and have not the slightest symptom of my old trouble."
 "I am 68 years of age. I tell everybody of the wonders Dodd's Kidney Pills have done for me. I can certainly endorse them heartily, and vouch that they are all that is claimed for them. They have certainly been a God-send to me!"
 Dodd's Kidney Pills are the only Remedy that has ever cured Bright's Disease, Diabetes or Dropsy and they never fail.

The widowed Queen Margherita of Italy keeps the bullet that killed her husband, King Humbert, in a beautifully jeweled reliquary of crystal and silver gilt, and it occupies a conspicuous place just above the prie dieu in her bed chamber.
 See that vanish? What was it? Mull's Lightning Pain Killer after some throat. Knocked it instantly. 2c at druggists.
 It isn't necessary to cultivate fools. They grow of their own accord.
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 Onions are good for chest ailments and colds, but do not agree with all.

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IF YOU TAKE UP YOUR HOME IN WESTERN CANADA, the land of plenty. Illustrated pamphlets, giving experiences of farmers who have become wealthy in growing wheat, reports of geologists, and full information as to reduced railway rates can be had on application to the Superintendent of Immigration, Department of Interior, Ottawa, Canada, or to St. Bartholomew, 306 Fifth St., Des Moines, Iowa. Special excursion rates to Western Canada during March and April.

A PRIZE Picture Puzzle



above picture contains four faces—a father and three daughters. Any one who can find the faces of the three young ladies. If, however, he is unable to do so, he may win a prize by receiving an offer of a reward which may be as high as Five Hundred Dollars in cash. The puzzle is to find the three young ladies who are hidden in the picture. If able to do so, the puzzle solver will be offered to those who answer quickly. The puzzle is to find the three young ladies who are hidden in the picture. If able to do so, the puzzle solver will be offered to those who answer quickly. The puzzle is to find the three young ladies who are hidden in the picture. If able to do so, the puzzle solver will be offered to those who answer quickly.

A telephone will be one of the equipments of every public school in Cincinnati.

What Do the Children Drink?
Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing, and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. GRAIN-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee, but costs about 1/4 as much. All grocers sell it. 15c and 25c.

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

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AGUINALDO TAKES OATH

But He Will Be Held a Prisoner for an Indefinite Period.

Washington, April 3.—Secretary Root has just made public the following cablegram:

"Manila.—Adjutant General, Washington: Since arrival at Manila Aguinaldo has been in Malacanang investigating conditions in the archipelago. He has relied almost entirely upon the instructive advice of Chief Justice Arellano. As a result today he subscribed and swore to the declaration on page 11 of my annual report.

"The oath referred to is as follows: 'I hereby renounce all allegiance to any and all so-called revolutionary governments in the Philippine Islands and recognize and accept the supreme authority of the United States of America therein; I do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to that government; that I will at all times conduct myself as a faithful and law-abiding citizen of the said islands, and will not either directly or indirectly hold correspondence with or give intelligence to an enemy of the United States, nor will I act, harbor or protect such enemy; that I impose upon myself these voluntary obligations without any mental reservations for purpose or evasion, so help me God.'

Four asterisks in the cablegram mark a passage withheld from publication, about which the officials will say nothing.

Washington, April 3.—Notwithstanding the taking of the oath by Aguinaldo he still will be held as a prisoner by General MacArthur. It is possible he may be granted more liberty of action but will not be afforded complete freedom for the present. The action of Aguinaldo in taking the oath, it is believed at the war department, will have a far-reaching effect in the pacification of the islands.

RUSSIA IS THREATENING.
Declares Her Intention to Leave Concert of Powers.

London, April 3.—"The Italian minister at Peking telegraphs," says the Daily Mail, "that M. de Giers has threatened that Russia will leave the concert if the powers continue to oppose the Manchurian convention."

The Reuter Telegram company has received the following dispatch from Peking, dated April 1:

"China's rejection of the Manchurian convention appears to be of a rather temporizing nature, leaving the matter still open to future discussion."

"By the end of May," says the Moscow correspondent of the Daily Graphic, "the Russian army in Manchuria will number 300,000 men. It is understood that the Russian minister of war (General Kouratkin) reckons upon the possibility of having to dispatch an army corps south into Korea."

The Daily Chronicle publishes the following dispatch from Berlin:

"Count von Waldersee has sent an urgent telegram to Emperor William imploring him to endeavor to hasten the negotiations for the withdrawal of the allied troops, on the ground that it is impossible to prevent quarrels between soldiers of the different nationalities which might at any moment lead to serious trouble."

LI HUNG CHANG LEAVES PEKING.
Believed That the Emperor Is Displeased With His Conduct.

Washington, April 4.—Although no official notice has reached here of the reported departure of Prince Li Hung Chang from Peking for Shanghai, the officials are inclined to believe it is true and that Li Hung Chang is really leaving Peking for good and because the emperor is displeased with his conduct of the negotiations. It was known here that when Li Hung Chang was made one of the peace envoys that he was pro-Russian in sentiment, but there was no cause for complaint on that score until the Manchurian agreement came up for consideration. Now it is believed by officials here that Li has proved so earnest an advocate of the Russian cause and has so strenuously worked for the signature of the agreement that his own government has felt obliged to deprive him of power to further that agreement. If this understanding is correct it is believed that an official check has been administered to Russia in her designs upon Manchuria, for it is thought the emperor of China would scarcely have acted in this summary fashion had he not received assurances of support from some of the other powers.

PHILLIPS PAYS \$440,000.
Takes That Much to Cover His Losses in the Chicago Wheat Pit.

Chicago, April 4.—George H. Phillips, whose daring operations in grain have made him the cynosure of all speculative eyes interested in the cereal markets, passed a crisis in his career on the board of trade yesterday. He was driven from the wheat pit, the weakest of his defenses, but stood firm behind the breastworks of corn and oats he has thrown up during the past few weeks.

Monday a call for additional margins was made and the young speculator put up \$220,000. Tuesday it was reported that an additional call would be made yesterday and that tremendous onslaught, calculated to force him to the wall, would be made by big operators. At the top of the opening gong yesterday the attack came. Phillips produced \$300,000 additional margin money in response to the second call. Severely pressed, he retreated from the wheat pit, after selling 1,500,000 bushels of May wheat at a loss which will probably average 1 1/2 cents per bushel.

Dietrich Will Hold His Job.

Lincoln, Neb., March 30.—Senator-elect Dietrich announced definitely last night that he would not resign as governor until late in the fall, probably not until after election, barring, of course, an extra session of congress, which he did not regard as probable. Governor Dietrich justified this action by saying he had outlined a plan of state administration which he was anxious to put in effect, and in this he is upheld by Lieutenant Governor Savage.

When a fool parts with his money the chances are that some other fool gets part of it.

No matter what a man does, some women can prove it is a sign of guilty conscience.

A Month's Test Free.
If you have Dyspepsia, write Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis., Box 143, for six bottles of Dr. Shoop's Restorative, express paid. Send no money. Try \$3.50 if cured.

Happy is the wife who imagines her husband is the best man on earth.

All diseased conditions of the blood and skin are benefited by the well known remedy, Garfield Tea; it purifies the blood and clears the complexion.

The tenor of some male voices is not always bass.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!
Ask your Grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich, real brown of Mocha or Java, but that rich real brown of Mocha, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 1/4 the price of coffee. 15c and 25c per package. Sold by all grocers.

If life was all smiles some leagues would be only miles.

The bluest blue makes the whitest white, that's Jims' Bleaching Blue. Refuse fraudulent imitations. Sold by all grocers.

Unless people swallow flattery it is apt to make them sick.

Coughing Leads to Consumption.
Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist today and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

Men were gay deceivers ever.—Shakespeare.

Did you suffer? Bet your life. Had plenty, doctors said no hope. Mull's Lightning Pain Killer cured it. 25c.

The world loses faith when a doctor gets sick.

Don't Lame Your Back
By scrubbing clothes. Use Maple City Self-Washing Soap. It makes washing day a pleasure. All grocers.

Singular is the lad who does not play marbles.

FITS Permanently cured. No fits or convulsions after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$3.00 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. J. H. Kline, Ltd., 211 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Blue bonnets and all other kinds have the right of way in Texas.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. Thos. Robbins, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

Few children like to wait to eat at the second table.

Russ' Bleaching Blue makes clothes whiter than snow, whitens the laundry. All grocers sell it in 5 and 10-cent packages.

It is a strange boy who does not love a dog.

Happiness cannot be bought, but one of the great hindrances to its attainment can be removed by Adams' Pepsin (Tutti Frutti).

A man is not sick unless a doctor visits him twice a day.

Carter's best for school, home and office. It costs no more than poor ink. Always suit for Carter's.

But for prejudice more opinions would become universal.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES do not spot, streak or give your goods an uneven dye appearance.

The man who is afraid to think for himself should acquire a wife.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on the box. 50c.

Man is the great wonder.—Hermes Trismegistus.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Man is a sample of the universe.—Theophrastus.

"Gonorrhea" Tablets are guaranteed by the Kidd Drug Co. Eight pills, to cure all diseases and inflammations of the urinary system, bladder, etc. Internal with injection. Per mail \$3. or 2 for \$5. Retail and wholesale of J. B. Harburt Co., Des Moines, Iowa, who carry a full line of syringes, hot water bags, etc.

Too many men like to stand around and grunt while some other man lifts.

"I Followed Mrs. Pinkham's Advice and Now I am Well."



A woman is sick—some disease peculiar to her sex is fast developing in her system. She goes to her family physician and tells him a story, but not the whole story.

She holds back something, loses her head, becomes agitated, forgets what she wants to say, and finally conceals what she ought to have told, and this completely mystifies the doctor.

Is it a wonder, therefore, that the doctor fails to cure the disease? Still we cannot blame the woman, for it is very embarrassing to detail some of the symptoms of her suffering, even to her family physician. This is the reason why hundreds of thousands of women are now in correspondence with Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. To her they can give every symptom, so that when she is ready to advise them she is in possession of more facts from her correspondence with the patient than the physician can possibly obtain through a personal interview.

Following we publish a letter from a woman showing the result of a correspondence with Mrs. Pinkham. All such letters are considered absolutely confidential by Mrs. Pinkham, and are never published in any way or manner without the consent in writing of the patient; but hundreds of women are so grateful for the health which Mrs. Pinkham and her medicine have been able to restore to them that they not only consent to publishing their letters, but write asking that this be done in order that other women who suffer may be benefited by their experience.

Mrs. Ella Rice, Chelsea, Wis., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For two years I was troubled with falling and inflammation of the womb. I suffered very much with bearing-down pains, headache, backache, and was not able to do anything. What I endured no one knows but those who have suffered as I did. I could hardly drag myself across the floor. I doctored with the physicians of this town for three months and grew worse instead of better. My husband and friends wished me to write to you, but I had no faith in patent medicines. At last I became so bad that I concluded to ask your advice. I received an answer at once advising me to take your Vegetable Compound, and I did so. Before I had taken two bottles I felt better, and after I had taken five bottles there was no happier woman on earth, for I was well again. I know that your Vegetable Compound cured me, and I wish and advise every woman who suffers as I did to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Believe me always grateful for the recovery of my health."—MRS. ELLA RICE, Chelsea, Wis.

\$5000 REWARD Owing to the fact that some skeptical people have from time to time questioned the genuineness of the testimonial letters we are constantly publishing, we have deposited with the National City Bank of New York, Mass., \$5000, which will be paid to any person who will show that the above testimonial is not genuine, or was published before obtaining the writer's special permission.—LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO.

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More diseases originate in the stomach than anywhere else. Cure the ailments of the stomach and nearly all of the others will vanish. It is the source of health as well as disease. Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Bowel Troubles, Headache, Kidney and Liver Complaints, all spring more or less directly from the stomach. The Greatest Stomach Remedy in the World is **YABER'S PEPSIN COMPOUND**

It cleans out the fermenting matter from the stomach and bowels, sweetens the breath, keeps the bowels moving freely and naturally, stimulates the liver and kidneys to healthy action, tones up the whole system and brings renewed energy and eagerness for work. We know it will help you. Buy one bottle! If not satisfied, druggist will refund your money. Yaber's Pepsin Compound is for sale by druggists at 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sample bottle sent by mail free. Write Dr. J. A. YABER, MANUFACTURING CO., Peoria, Illinois.

EDUCATE YOUR BOWELS

Don't neglect the slightest sign of irregularity but see that you have at least one natural, easy movement a day. Pills, salts and black draughts are dangerous because they strain and weaken the bowels. What you want is a mild but sure tonic laxative, that tones and strengthens the bowels and stimulates their movements. Such a laxative is **CASCARETS**, and when you try them, you will find that it is the easiest thing in the world to make and keep your bowels clean and regular, strong and healthy. Sample box 10c. Month's treatment 50c. By keeping the bowels clean, all serious disorders are

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CURE all bowel troubles, appendicitis, biliousness, indigestion, bad blood, wind, flatulence, on the stomach, bloated bowels, foul mouth, headache, indigestion, pimples, pains after eating, liver trouble, sallow complexion and dizziness. When your bowels don't move regularly you are getting sick. Constipation kills more people than all other diseases together. It is a starter for the chronic ailments and long years of suffering that come afterwards. No matter what ailment you are suffering from, start taking **CASCARETS** to-day, for you will never get well and be well all the time until you put your bowels right. Take our advice! Start with **CASCARETS** to-day, under an absolute guarantee to cure or money refunded.

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RACE ECHOES.

James G. Brooks, private messenger of Omaha's mayor, inherits a fortune. Michael Ferrell, an Irishman, took a fancy to the boy for his bright and honest disposition, and legally adopted him.

Mr. Farrell owned a large ranch in Dakota, and while there last month attending to affairs he suddenly died. Small bequests were made to several Catholic institutions and a few friends, the remainder of his property and \$10,000 in cash being willed to his adopted son, James G. Brooks.

The great Russian pianist Ossip Gabrieliomitch, in a recent interview in the Chicago Chronicle, has the following good word for the musical genius of the Negro. He said:

"One thing that I cannot understand," he said, running his hands through his hair, "is the manner in which the America people regard the Negro. In my country, we had slavery long before it was introduced into the United States, but with its abolition all feelings of caste vanished and today the sons of former serfs are eligible, if they are fitted, to the positions of highest trust in the nation. And we are not regarded as a republic, either.

"Then, again, the colored man is really superior to the white man in one way. He is a born musician. I have found that music is nearly always the expression of the highest intellectuality, and the Negro is really one of the first musicians in the world. His ear is true and his songs are beautiful, appealing to the senses as perhaps but few compositions of other races do. His songs are not savage or barbaric, but some of them are really grand in their conception."

If troubled with rheumatism give Chamberlain's Pain-Balm a trial. It will not cost you a cent if it does no good. One application will relieve the pain. It also cures sprains and bruises in one-third the time required by any other treatment.

Are you going to entertain? If so you will need invitations, call and see our samples, our prices are the lowest.

CAUSES SURPRISE.

Connecticut Man Declares His Assessment Is Much Too Low. Robert M. Bruce, one of the millionaires of Greenwich, Conn., a former cotton broker and a friend of E. C. Benedict, has caused surprise by appearing before the board of assessors of the town and asking them to have his assessment raised 50 per cent, says the New York Sun.

NOTICE TO REDEEM FROM TAX SALE.

State of Iowa, Polk County, ss: To John T. M. Pierce: You are hereby notified that on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1892, the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa was sold for taxes for the year 1891 which real estate is described as follows, to-wit: Lot Twenty (20) Block Ten (10) Jack's Plat, Addition to, and now forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa.

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CARRIER PIGEONS.

Their Use on Land and Sea is Steadily Increasing. Here is a new word for you, columbophilism. It means raising and training messenger pigeons. Within the last few years this industry has grown wonderfully. The governments of Belgium, Germany, France and the United States are training these birds to serve as messengers from army stations. The United States makes use of them more especially from ships. Nearly every one of our big ships carries a coop of homing pigeons, as they are called, which are released as occasion demands, and almost without exception the birds go with unerring swiftness to their home on shore, carrying a tiny tube fastened to one leg, which contains a message written on the thinnest of paper. They can be depended upon to go a hundred miles at a speed of fifty miles an hour when they are three years old.

What a Girl Did.

A girl named Ackerman, aged 14, daughter of an English laborer, has just completed her education. She has never missed being present since the school was opened, and in completing her 3,451 attendances is said to have walked 6,000 miles. She has passed every standard successfully and in the three subjects on first grade drawing obtained "excellent" prizes in free-hand and model, as also in the three stages of the specific subjects, literature, domestic economy and animal physiology, and in one stage in physical geography.

Counting Years in Japan.

Mr. B. Maychatake, a young Japanese who has been studying in Chicago, gives an explanation of the method by which time is reckoned in the chrysanthemum land. The Japanese year begins on our January 1, but instead of counting from the birth of Christ a reckoning is made from the reign of Japan's first emperor, Zimu. Our 1901 is the year 2561 in Japan. When a ruler mounts the throne a distinctive name is given to his reign and a sort of petty calendar is kept of the years of his government, just as we keep track of the age of our republic, writing in legal documents: "Year of our Lord 1901, and of the independence of the United States the 125th." The name for the present mikado's rule, which began thirty-three years ago, is Meiji. This word is pronounced May-see. It means "peaceful government." Therefore, the current year in Japan is Meiji 34 as well as Zimu 2561.

SMOKELESS FUEL.

Test for the elimination of the smoke nuisance, and a revolution in method of combustion, are under way at the Fourteenth street power house of the Illinois Central railroad, says the Chicago News. Fed by automatic hoppers, a battery of boilers is being operated by the consumption of coal dust. Fires that burn with the fury of volcanoes rage under them, while from glass peepholes arranged at every point of vantage, combustion experts watch the developments. As though to complete the suggestion of a volcano, the fires produce no cinders. Streams of lava form in a small pool on the floor of the ash pit, and are removed in a solid mass from time to time. Apparatus that is under test is the property of the Schwartzkopf Coal Dust Firing company, a German concern. Schwartzkopf, a son of the famous Teutonic torpedo maker, made the first steps toward perfecting the system, which was completed by the discovery of Arthur C. Hesselmeier, an American attached to the German navy. The European concern immediately purchased Mr. Hesselmeier's ideas, and he is now in Chicago conducting the actual tests that are being made by Edward Trumbo at the railroad p. y. Illinois coal of a cheap price is reduced to a fine powder and by means of a draught is automatically fed into a combustion chamber. Only the faintest suggestion of smoke trails away from the tall chimney, and it is asserted that the customary pressure of steam being maintained, with a large saving of fuel.

FACTOR IN POLITICS.

New Federation of Australia Must Hereafter Be Considered. Australia is to Great Britain the most valuable of all her colonies, writes Hugh M. Lusk in the North American Review. The external influence of Australia in the south Pacific is bound to make itself felt before long. Those who know Australia best will have the least doubt that she will find means ere long to use that influence for purposes beneficial to herself. Her people were far from pleased with what was done in the case of Samoa; and it is safe to say that no such policy of concession will ever command the assent of united Australia. The sphere of her first interests will, for the present, be confined mainly to the Pacific and Indian oceans to the south of the equator. She will be interested in the Loyalty group, where France is established, and in the New Hebrides, where she is very anxious to establish herself. She will be solicitous about the Solomon islands, part of which are at present recognized as German territory, and she will take a very deep interest in the future of New Guinea, part of which belongs to Germany, and the rest, beyond the British section, is understood to form part of Holland's great but little used estate in the eastern archipelago. These will undoubtedly be Australia's first cares, but she will not be content with these for very long. Siam, French and southern China and Borneo are natural markets for her trade, which in the next ten years will be a rapidly increasing one, and, in relation to all these, she will expect to exercise large influence.

Immense Herring Traffic.

The annual North sea herring voyage, which begins off the Northumberland coast, has resulted, on the completion of the first stage, in a catch of over 10,000 crans of herrings, valued at about £70,000. A cran contains, according to size, from 600 to 1,000 fish. As the fish move southward, the big fleet of several hundred sail follows, and it is now making its headquarters at Grimsby, whence its operations will shortly be transferred to Yarmouth and Lowestoft, where the fishing continues until Christmas, and affords employment to many thousands of both men and women, says Tit-Bits. Last year at Yarmouth alone no fewer than 348,000 herrings were landed, and as this year steam fishing boats have largely replaced sailing vessels, it is expected this great total will be far exceeded, for in a single week 12,000 crans have been taken on the northern grounds, giving a return of over £14,000 to the fishermen.

Most Tongues Have No Bible.

The terms of the Arthington bequest, of a great sum of money to the various missionary societies has resulted in the disclosure of the fact that there are hundreds of tribes without a version of the Bible in their tongues, in spite of the splendid efforts that have been made. It is estimated that there are 2,000 languages and dialects in the world, and the British and Foreign Bible Society have had the Bible, the New Testament, and portions of the scriptures translated into a little over 400 of them. That leaves, roughly speaking, 1,600 different tribes and peoples who have not the word in their own language or dialect. Many of these tribes live in Central Africa, others in Siberia and "Holy" Russia.

Dentist's Sponge in Windpipe.

Sponges which are used in surgical operations once in a while are left in the wound, and then death is bound to ensue soon or later. A young English collier named Finney had eleven teeth extracted under ether by Dr. Griffiths, and when efforts were being made to restore him to consciousness he sprang from the chair, fell back and died. Sponges had been placed in his mouth to absorb blood from the gums, and one of them, which was left in his mouth by inadvertence after the extractions had been made, entered the windpipe and caused suffocation.—New York Press.

CAMPAIGN EXPENSES.

In National Contests the Heaviest Outlay is Near the Close. The most expensive work of a national campaign is done during the last three weeks before the election. Every doubtful state and city is closely watched by men prompt to discover every change in the political tide, and money is transmitted in large sums to the localities in which it is believed it will produce the best results. A few days before the election in 1888 West Virginia received \$44,000 from the democratic national committee and the Republicans sent \$50,000 to the same state. About the same time the Democrats sent \$100,000 into Indiana; and three nights before the election Chairman Quay of the Republican national committee sent \$300,000 from New York to trusted lieutenants in Fort Wayne, Ind. A fortnight before the election in 1896 the Republicans became doubtful about Iowa, says World's Work. Chairman Hanna at once resolved upon a personal canvass of every doubtful voter in the state. He proposed that every voter not classed on the polling lists either as a downright Democrat or a downright Republican should be visited by some zealous and tactful member of the Republican party. Before election day the thousands of such men in towns, in cities and in the country were sought out and appealed to by the Republicans most likely to win them; and this canvass is said to have cost the Republican national committee more than \$200,000. Reckoning all the expenses in all the states, it may be roughly estimated that a presidential campaign, including also congressional, gubernatorial and lesser campaigns, causes the total expenditure of perhaps \$20,000,000.

EARLY STEAMERS.

Incidents Concerning Beginning of a Line of Boats. The Collins line of American steamers was established in 1847. Two years later, on April 27, 1849, its first vessel, the steamer Atlantic, sailed from New York. The line was withdrawn in 1857, soon after the government had refused to renew the mail contract with it. The history of its steamers briefly told, is as follows: On September 27, 1854, the Arctic came into collision with the French steamer Vesta and was sunk, only a few of her passengers being saved; on January 23, 1856, the Pacific sailed from Liverpool with 240 persons on board, including the wife of Mr. Collins, and was never heard of afterward; the Atlantic was broken up in New York in 1879; the Adriatic, built at Greenpoint, N. Y., by Steers, was sold to the Galway company, and was afterward used as a coal hulk in England; the Baltic was in the government service during the civil war as a supply vessel, and was afterward sold at auction; her machinery being removed and sold as old iron, she was converted into a sailing ship and used as a grain carrying vessel between San Francisco and Great Britain until 1880, when she was broken up. When the civil war began the New York and Havre Steam Navigation company, to which the Fulton and Arago were chartered, was withdrawn; the Arago was then sold to the Peruvian government, while the Fulton became a United States transport vessel for awhile, but she soon became useless and was broken up.—New York Weekly.

Benjamin Harrison's Lunch.

Ex-President Benjamin Harrison, one of the ablest men who has figured in our public life, has always been handicapped by his unresponsive, cold manner. When he was in the senate, at Washington, D. C., in the early '80s, he always brought his luncheon to the committee room. He carried it in his coat pocket and would eat it while he went on with his work. One day when he got it out as usual from his pocket he looked it all over ruefully, for it did look rather flat and dubious. He finally remarked to those near by that he guessed he must have sat on it accidentally. One of his colleagues—one who had recently been ignored by Harrison—spoke up impulsively: "Well, by Jove, Harrison, if you've sat on it, I'll bet you a sixpence it is frozen solid," and of course a shout went up from the whole committee. Harrison took the joke kindly and joined in the laugh.

Shot an Exulting Englishman.

The British and the Boers at Pieters Hill were crouching behind bowlders scattered over a wide surface. The moment a man on either side emerged from his cover he was at once the target of the enemy's bullets. A Boer, partly, it seemed, in bravado, made a sudden sally to join a neighbor. An Englishman who had long watched the rock and was becoming sick with hope deferred, took aim and brought the daring one down. So delighted was he with his luck that he threw himself on his back behind the shallow shelter of his bowlder and kicked his heels into air. In his transport his heel rose above the rock, as he was instantly made aware by a bullet transfixing his fluttering ankle.—New York Tribune.

Diseased by Eating Dead Rats.

One whole family and two guests were the other day afflicted with trichinae poisoning from eating sausage, in Nicollet county, Minn. A microscopic examination of some of the muscular tissue from one of the bodies confirmed the diagnosis of trichinae poisoning. The hog whose raw flesh was used in the sausage, after being merely smoked, was raised and killed and is supposed to have contracted the disease by eating dead rats. It is said by the physicians that rats are almost always afflicted by the disease, and that cats often die of it after eating them.

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Ingenuity. The following ingenious mode of crossing a river was once displayed by a kaffir, who had for some time stood watching the vain attempts of a party of soldiers to cross the stream at a time when to ford it was attended by considerable danger. After smiling at their efforts with that sardonic expression remarkable among these savages, he quietly raised a heavy stone, placed it on his head and then walked, with perfect ease, through the torrent to the opposite side. Sober Second Thought. Tom—"Was it hard to tell Miss Autumnal you loved her?" Jack—"Not half so hard as it was to explain matters after I got sober."—Chicago News. If we could only look at our own troubles as philosophically as we do at those of others happiness would come easy. Votes Counted by Tickets. Under the Pennsylvania election law votes are not counted for the candidate, but for the ticket or tickets on which his name appears. In the Chester county election all parties agreed upon Joseph Hemphill for common pleas judge, and this is the way the official vote was declared: Joseph Hemphill, republican, 8,162 votes; Joseph Hemphill, democrat, 4,371 votes; Joseph Hemphill, fusion, 1,643 votes; Joseph Hemphill, scattering, 374 votes. BITS OF INFORMATION. Egypt exported last year 65,000 tons of sugar, 55,300 of which went to America. In Pennsylvania the trolley is carrying the mail and thus supplanting the star routes. The agricultural output of the state of Colorado for 1900 will approximate \$90,000,000 in value. It is estimated that 135,000 Americans who visited Europe last year spent there \$60,000,000. The IOWA STATE BYSTANDER will be on sale at A. F. Tervallon's cigar store, 826 State street, Chicago. Low Rates to California and Back this Summer. An illustrated book, which will be of much interest to all who are expecting to take advantage of the low rates to California this summer, at the time of the Epworth League Convention, to be held in San Francisco in July, has just been issued by the Chicago & North-Western Railway. Much valuable information is given relating to the state, variable route, etc. The rate via this line will only be \$50.00 for the round trip from Chicago, with corresponding low rates from other points. Copy of this book may be had free upon application to W. B. Knisker, 22 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Ill.