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CITY NEWS

Easter hats are ready.—MASON'S.

Mrs. McClinton is again on the sick list.

Frank Simmons is now at Siegel's Furniture Store.

Mrs. Effie Watkins is numbered among the sick this week.

Miss Nell of Montezuma is in our city to remain indefinitely.

Miss Rachel entertained a few of her friends last Friday evening.

Daniel Shortridge has accepted a position at the Grant club.

Bert Williams has been working at Valley Junction for several weeks.

Miss Nellie Lettridge has returned to the city after an absence of several months.

Mrs. C. B. Woods, who has been sick for so long, is better and will soon return to her home.

The A. M. E. Sunday School is preparing a special program for Easter service, March 30th.

Mr. Charles Richardson, who has been seriously ill for some time, was taken to the Iowa Sanitarium hospital Thursday.

Dr. A. G. Edwards is negotiating the purchase of a horse and a pneumatic tired buggy. The doctor says his practice is steadily increasing.

Sunday at St. Paul's A. M. E. church the subject for 10:30, "If God be for us who can be against us." At 7:30, "Reconciliation of the memory." Mr. Geo. I. Holt will sing a solo, other music by the choir.

Don't forget to give me a call Equal Rights Barber Shop and Bath Rooms, 320 West Third street. Bath rooms open until 12 on Sundays.
CHAS. J. ROY, Prop.

Best Milliners on earth.—MASON'S.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson gave a surprise birthday party Wednesday evening in honor of their daughter, Bessie's eighteenth anniversary. The evening was spent in games, dancing and merry making until twelve o'clock.

Geo. Bryan, band-master of Rusco & Holland Ministers No. 3, was in the city Monday, having spent Sunday with his parents at Osceola and to attend the funeral of his brother. He was returning to join the company.

The H. B. S. Reading Circle met with Mrs. Palmer Thursday afternoon entertained by Mrs. L. Denney. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. F. Jackson; Vice-president, Mrs. L. Denney; Secretary, Mrs. A. Wilburn; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. A. Newton; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Hamilton; Messengers Graves and Palmer, Editor. The club will meet next week with Mrs. Dr. Edwards.

Last Wednesday evening at the beautiful home of Mrs. J. T. Blagburn's the Trustees Aid Number One gave their first entertainment, serving supper from 6:30 to 10:30 P. M. to a very large crowd. The evening was spent in social conversation, music and singing. It was one of the most sociable and entertaining events given this season, much credit is due to Messames Cleggett, Blagburn, Graves, Elliott, Baker and Thompson.

Latest styles, lowest prices. Mason's

H. R. WRIGHT, Attorney at Law, room No. 212 Iowa Loan & Trust Bldg.

The Republican County Convention will be held tomorrow, (Saturday) at the Auditorium.

Rev. T. L. Griffith pastor of the Corinthian Baptist church spent last week visiting his wife and father-in-law in Albia, his wife is in possession of a baby both mother and child doing well.

Mrs. Chas. Birney, sister-in-law of Mr. W. H. Birney of Sioux Falls, S. D. was in our city on business a few days this week. She is very intelligent and conversant.

Among those who were at the Auditorium last Thursday night to greet Sousa's Band were: Misses Lena Gardner, Zoe Richardson, Mamie Mimms, Ora Schaffer, Lula Johnson, Messers. Claude Hawkins, E. W. Thompson, Marshall Swader, Edward Fossett.

The dancing party given at the Cyeing hall by Kenneth Hamilton Wednesday night of last week, was well patronized. Kromer's Orchestra furnished music.

The following program will be rendered by members of the Eureka club on the 19th inst: Quotations from Longfellow, Mrs. H. W. Hughes; Remarks, W. E. Fraizer; Recitation, Miss Ruth Lewis; Report of Critic.

J. H. Mixon, Jeweler, No. 312 West Third street, tunes pianos and repairs organs.

The Iroquois club met at the home of the Misses Allens on Park street. The club will meet next week with Miss Alice Morton and will take up the study of Paul Laurence Dunbar.

PRES. BESSIE JACKSON.
SECT'Y. LOUISE CLAY.

Lowest prices on earth.—MASON'S.

Mr. E. N. Hyde visited Ames college with members of the legislature Wednesday afternoon and evening, where they were royally entertained by the faculty and students. Mr. P. C. Parks of Orangeburg, South Carolina, made it very pleasant for Mr. Hyde while there.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Johnson passed through our city enroute to Albany, Mo. They were the guests of Mrs. J. L. Thompson while here. Mrs. Mollie Watson of the above named place also spent several days of this week with her sister Mrs. Thompson.

THE APRIL DELINEATOR.

A further generous supply of the Spring fashions, which have now taken definite shape, is given in the current Delineator. The modes of the season are graceful and becoming and in unusual harmony with the new goods and trimmings. The literary features make this number a notable one. Charles G. D. Roberts contributed a novelette The Chatelaine of Cheticamp, the scene of which is laid in Acadia, which the author pictures so delightfully; the action is rapid and full of interest. Dr. S. R. Elliott writes entertainingly of Kate Field, one of the cleverest and versatile of women, who entered so largely into the social life of Washington. A fine pictorial opportunity is grasped in an article on the Interpretation of Beauty, with text by N. Hudson Moore. The Religious Sentiment in Photography will appeal to camera lovers and is especially timely at this season. In the series on Athletics for Women, Regis, Senae, a well-known fencing master, writes of art, and special illustrations are given. The home interests are strongly represented in an article on draperies, the lessons in cookery, and the items on household science; while parents are directly appealed to in Dr. Murray's second paper on the training of children, for whom amusement is provided in more pastimes by Lina Beard and another Brownie story by Silas G. Pratt.

CHEAP COLONISTS RATES TO THE NORTHWEST.

To Oregon Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Northwest Wyoming the Burlington route will sell very cheap tickets every day during March and April from all stations.
If you want to get there in quick time, comfortably, yet with least expense, ask your ticket agent about our chair car and tourist sleeping car service, or write me for colonist folder which tells about it. F. S. Eustis, G. P. A., Chicago, Ill

DEATH OF MRS. FITCH.

On last Sunday night, about 10:30 o'clock Mrs. Rose Fitch, who had been a sufferer for more than six months, died at her home 1314 West Nineteenth street, of pulmonary tuberculosis, from which she had suffered or been confined the most of the time since last August. Mrs. Rose Fitch was the wife of Mr. Henry Fitch, an honest, highly respected and a hard working man. She was born in October, 1854 in Alabama, and married to Mr. Fitch twenty-seven years ago and they lived together struggling to make a way in this world, and by hard work they have succeeded well. She was a true wife, an industrious woman, assisting her husband in the management of their business. She was a faithful member of the A. M. E. church and a good member of the Household of Ruth, which had charge of her burial. The funeral services were held at the A. M. E. church, conducted by Rev. H. S. Graves who was assisted by Revs. T. L. Griffith, P. Irvin and Robt. Raikes. The floral tribute was nice. Loving hands done all in their power to relieve Mrs. Fitch from suffering while sick, yet we cannot stop God's will. Her remains were laid to rest in Woodland cemetery. She leaves three sisters, a husband and many friends to mourn her death.

CALL FOR A NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION OF COLORED MEN.

First: The object of the National Afro-American Republican League of the United States will be to educate and instruct the people in Republican politics an organize Republican clubs to distribute literature and to arouse an interest among the colored people and to work for the interests, advancement and success of the Republican party.

Second: The number to organize a subordinate Republican Club shall not be less than 15. Each Club shall consist of a President, first and second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and Executive Committee of five.

Third: Each Republican Club that has been permanently organized will be entitled to one delegate in the annual session in the National Afro-American Republican League of the United States.

Fourth: Each republican Club will send in a list of the officers and members of their club once a year to the President and General Secretary.

The next annual session of the National Afro-American Republican League of the United States will meet on the 15th of August, 1902, at Springfield, Ohio.

JOHN G. JONES, President,
3717 Armour Ave. Chicago.
W. CALVIN CHASE, Gen. Sec'y,
Washington, D. C.

RESULT OF PRIMARIES.

The republican primaries last Friday seem to have instructed or selected a Hull delegation on the face of the returns, although Judge Prouty received a majority of the popular vote; he having received 5,925, while Hull received 5,825; yet by impulsion, fraud and trickery Hull controls 133 delegates, while Prouty has 108. At this time we cannot say what will be the ultimate outcome, as there is several alleged frauds in different precincts. We prefer to wait and see what action the county convention will take tomorrow with those alleged frauds. For judicial honors are, Holmes, McVey, Howe and McHenry; Miller for county attorney and Mrs. Frank Dolson for county recorder; Coffin for county clerk and Fred Cope was re-nominated for county auditor.

In the city department James M. Brenton swept the city by an overwhelming majority. While many of the city offices will require the convention to nominate, yet those who now have enough to nominate are: Judge Silvaria,

Harry Gross treasurer; John B. Lucas auditor; Chas. Schramm assessor. For the office of city market master none has enough and it will take several ballots to nominate. Shortridge leads, next is Ratcliff, Keasley and Logan. The latter name is the only colored man that will have a standing in the convention, ranking the lowest in number of delegates. Mr. Ruff never carried a precinct. As our race will only present but one name at the convention the white delegates will have an opportunity to nominate Mr. Logan, which we hope that they will do, for it is wisdom for them to do it at this time.

WHITHER ARE THE WOMEN DRIFTING.

Not many weeks ago we were passing by a saloon and there standing directly in front of the main entrance, under the glare of the electric lights was a married woman who belongs to the church, a member of several clubs, who poses as a virtuous and true wife and mother, who comes from a good family, was absorbed in conversation with a "dusky hanger-on," who appeared to be about one-half intoxicated and is not fit to associate with reputable people. They were standing near each other and appeared to be talking in a very confidential manner. It has been said that the female in question will indulge in intoxicants and has been seen in such a stupor that she could hardly get on the car. Is such a person as that competent to be called a mother, wife or leading society woman?—Ex.

It pains us to say that our city is infested with such people.

A CIRCULAR LETTER.

The colored people of Louisiana are imbued with the principle of protection, and they would be very much disappointed should concessions be made with Cuba relative to the tariff.

The reduction of twenty-five per cent, or any reduction whatever, on Cuban sugar would bring untold misery upon the wage-earners of that state. It is they would suffer, because it is the colored men and women who are employed by the sugar producers to cultivate the staple. Therefore, the destruction of that industry would fall upon them. The honored principle of the Republican party has always been in the interest of American industries, every Republican National Convention since 1858 has stood for the protection of American wage-earners, and under the protection system our glorious Republic stands foremost among the powers of the world.

The embodiment of this letter represents ninety-five per cent of the sentiment of the colored people of Louisiana. They are voters, and have stood and will stand by the Republican party just so long as it stands by its principles.

THE BLACK MOVEMENT TO CENTRAL AFRICA.

To the colored people of the United States of America and other countries, of all orders, associations and societies:

The organizing committee on the movement hereby call you to assemble in mass meetings on the 3rd day of May, 1902 at 9 o'clock a. m., in every settlement, town and city in the land, to consider the necessity of emigrating in large colonies to Central Africa, where we shall unite and build up a government of our own. The same as other races have done. Send in the names of all men, women and children who wish to go, and take up collection for the purchase of supplies, and send to D. R. Thomas, organizing secretary at

Chattanooga, Tenn., so as to reach him by May 28, 1902, which date is fixed for the colored national convention. The Ethiopian uniform, flags and badges will be presented by the secretary of this convention, also the plans for moving the people.

C. B. MARTIN, Chairman.
J. D. BAKER, Ass't. Organizer
W. H. SWEENEY, "
H. M. TURNER, Publisher
D. R. THOMAS, O. S.

The Twentieth Century Literature Club will meet at the residence of Mrs. Brown, on Crocker street, Thursday afternoon, March 20th., and all members are earnestly requested to be present.

PRES. MRS. L. GOGGINS.
COR. SEC. MRS. L. CANNADAY.

HOMESEEKERS VIA WABASH.

On March 4th and 18th, April 1st and 15th, May 6th and 20th, the Wabash will sell Homeseekers tickets to 32 states and territories at the low rate of one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip. Any one looking for a home, or wishing to make a pleasure trip should write S. W. Flint, P. & T. A., Wabash, Des Moines, Iowa.

PUTTING DOWN THE GAMBLERS.

Simple Incident That Broke Up Meeting of Moral Citizens.

"These games of chance," said the distinguished gentleman who was addressing the representative citizens of the strictly moral town, "cannot be tolerated in our midst." (Cries of "Good! good!") "Shall we, because a social club finds it necessary to raise money, turn our backs and permit the operation of slot machines and other gambling devices?" (Loud shouts of "No! No!") Shall we permit our sons to be lured into the wicked belief that they can be risking a little win much?" (Cries of "Never!") "It's an outrage!" "Down with the gamblers!" "Shall we—"

At that instant one of the moral gentlemen happened to glance at the ticker, which had been temporarily set up under the stairway. With a blanched face he dashed in among his fellow-citizens and yelled: "Wheat's broke three-quarters and the bears have everybody on the run!" Four seconds later the meeting was over and the representative citizens of the highly moral town, who were sprinting toward the telegraph office, had forgotten that there ever was or ever might be such a thing as a social club or a slot machine or that gambling ought not to be allowed.

LOW RATES VIA C. M. & ST. P. RAILWAY.

Home Seekers Rate first and third Tuesday of each month to many points in West, Northwest and South. Settlers Rates every day in March and April to points in Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and California. Settlers rates to Minnesota and North Dakota March 10th, 11th, 13th, 25th, April 1st and 8th. Call at or address City Ticket office 410 Walnut street for all information.

A Filipino Beverage.

Tuba is the national drink of the Filipinos, and its factories are plentiful throughout the islands, says the New York Herald. The sole plant is a cocoanut palm. A native, armed with a short bolo, chops notches in the trunk and climbs to the top. Up among the great spreading leaves he cuts off the end of the young stem that bears the cocoanuts and ties in its place a hollow joint of bamboo to catch the dripping sap.

The next day our native makes his rounds again, carrying, quiverlike, a hollow section of bamboo over his shoulder, to hold the drink that kindly nature has distilled for him.

The juice is usually colored with bark, which adds a flavor desirable to Filipino palates. It makes a mildly fermented drink, not more intoxicating than sweet cider when fresh, but gathers power with age. They like it only when fresh, however, and a drunken native is rarely seen.

At the market stands the foaming beverage is ladled out of an earthenware jar with a bamboo dipper. For a copper ducko each patron receives his portion in a piece of cocoanut shell.

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AN OLD DOCTOR'S TIP.

A Simple Rule That Helped Him to Acquire a Lucrative Practice.

A physician of long standing in this city who has a practice that any of his colleagues might envy—and many in all probability do—recently gave this advice to a young doctor who was just starting out in his profession. The older man is a type of the kind of doctor that is said to be going out of style—the family physician. Whether he is destined to disappear or not, this kind of a physician followed a highly profitable kind of career while it lasted. Many young men used to regard this sort of practice as that to which they all aspired.

"I have always made it a rule," said this experienced man of medicine, "to close every visit to a patient with a question or a comment on his or her physical condition. It is all very well to discuss various questions with one's patients, talk about all kinds of subjects and interest them in any way possible. But the final remark must be connected with the patient's physical condition. Tell him not to forget to take a certain medicine regularly, or tell her that you have never had a case that was just like hers—but in all cases talk last about the illness of the person you have come to see. I learned that when I was a young man from the most popular physician of his time. I always felt indebted to him, for it was not long before I realized the truth of the theory that nothing leaves such a favorable impression on a patient as to emphasize the importance of his malady!"

An Old Superstition.

Superstition connected with the seventh child of a seventh child is commemorated by a tombstone in a village churchyard near Bridgewater, Somerset, says the London Chronicle. This inscription runs: "Sacred to the memory of Joctress Anne Pousberry, who departed this life December 11, 1813, aged 43 years. Stand and consider the wondrous works of God." "Doctress" was not merely an epithet, but a baptismal name, for she was a seventh daughter, and was, therefore, credited with powers of healing. She practiced in herbs and charms. For king's evil this was her prescription: "Take the legs of a toad. Bake and grind them to powder with pottle and mortar. Place the powder in a bag around the neck of the sufferer."

First Skates in England.

Blade skates were introduced into England from Holland about 1600 and were seen in London in 1662. John Evelyn, the diarist, under the date Dec. 1 of that year, describes how "divers gentlemen performed before their majesties on the new canal in St. James' park, with sheets, after the manner of the Hollanders." But in 1642 Edinburg had started a skating club and was soon famous for its elegant skaters. In 1772 the first English book on "The Art of Skating" was published by Robert Jones. Though roller skates were employed in Holland in 1770, their use was confined to that country until 1849, when they were introduced in a scene of Meyerbeer's "Prophete" at Paris.

How Filling Devices.

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

Watch Given by Walter Raleigh.

Among the bequests of the late Dr. Edmund Croker of Lisnabrin House, Tallow county, Waterford, Ireland, is a gold watch which Sir Walter Raleigh gave to the infant son of Richard Croker, the direct ancestor of Dr. Croker, in 1589. Sir Walter was sponsor to the infant son, who was named Walter, and to whom the watch was given. Until a few years ago the watch kept excellent time, although the case was worn to the thinness of silver paper.

Dog Farted the Fencer.

A friend, accompanied by his collier, recently called on M. Prevost at the artist's studio in Paris. After an hour's chat the men decided to fence a while. Scarcely had the bout begun when the dog, thinking his master attacked, flew at is host, knocking him down and out in short order. The fencing-master was all that saved the artist from an even worse injury, for the indignant collier was pulled from his victim with the greatest difficulty.

The Diamond Bracelet

By MRS. HENRY WOOD,
Author of East Lynne, Etc.

CHAPTER XVI

In an obscure room of a low and dilapidated lodging house, in a low and dilapidated neighborhood, there sat a man one evening in the coming twilight; a towering, gaunt skeleton, whose remarkably long arms and legs looked little more than skin and bone. The arms were fully exposed to view, since their owner, though he possessed and wore a waistcoat, dispensed with the use of a shirt. An article, once a coat, lay on the floor, to be donned at will—if it could be got into for the holes. The man sat on the floor in a corner, his head finding a resting place against the wall, and he had dropped into a light sleep, but if ever famine was depicted in a face, it was in his. Unwashed, unshaven, with matted hair and feverish lips; the cheeks were hollow, the nostrils white and pinched, and the skin around the mouth had a blue tinge. Some one tried and shook the door; it aroused him, and he started up, but only to cower in a bending attitude and listen.

"I hear you," cried a voice. "How are you tonight, Joe? Open the door." The voice was not one he knew; not one that might be responded to.

"Do you call this politeness, Joe Nichols? If you don't open the door, I shall take the liberty of opening it for myself, which will put you to the trouble of mending the fastenings afterwards."

"Who are you?" cried Nichols, reading determination in the voice. "I'm gone to bed, and can't admit folks tonight."

"Come to bed at 8 o'clock?"

"Yes, I'm ill."

"I will give you one minute, and then I come in. You will open it if you want to save trouble."

Nicholls yielded to his fate and opened the door.

The gentleman—he looked like one—cast his keen eyes around the room. There was not a vestige of furniture in it; nothing but the bare, dirty walls, from which the mortar crumbled, and the bare, dirty boards.

"What did you mean by saying you were gone to bed, eh?"

"So I was. I was asleep there," pointing to the corner, "and there's my bed. What do you want?" added Nichols, peering at the stranger's face in the gloom of the evening, but seeing it imperfectly, for his hat was drawn low over it.

"A little talk with you. The last sweepstake you got into—"

The man lifted his face and burst forth with such eagerness that the stranger could only arrest his own words and listen.

"It was a swindle from beginning to end. I had scraped together the ten shillings to put in it, and I drew the right horse and was shuffled out of the gains and I have never had my dues, not a farthing of 'em. Since then I have been ill, and I can't get about to better myself. Are you come, sir, to make it right?"

"Some"—the stranger coughed—"friends of mine were in it, also," said he; "and they lost their money."

"Everybody lost it; the getters-up bolted with all they had drawn into their fingers. Have they been took, do you know?"

"All in good time; they have left their trail. So you have been ill, have you?"

"Ill! Just take a sight of me! There's an arm for a big man."

He stretched out his naked arm for inspection; it appeared as if a touch would snap it. The stranger laid his hand upon its fingers, and his other hand appeared to be stealing furtively toward his own pocket.

"I should say this looks like starvation, Joe."

"Some'th'n agh akin to it."

A pause of unsuspicion and the handcuffs were clapped on the astonished man. He started up with an oath.

"No need to make a noise, Nichols," said the detective with a careless air. "I have got two men waiting outside."

"I swear I wasn't in the plate robbery," passionately uttered the man. "I knew of it, but I didn't join 'em, and I never had the worth of a salt spoon after it was melted down. And they call me a coward, and they leave me here to starve and die! I swear I wasn't in it."

"Well, we'll talk about the plate robbery another time," said the officer, as he raised his hat; "you have got those bracelets on, my man, for another sort of bracelet. A diamond one. Don't you remember me?"

The prisoner's mouth fell.

"I thought that was over and done with all this time—I don't know what you mean," he added, correcting himself.

"No," said the officer, "it's just beginning. The bracelet is found and has been traced to you. You were a clever fellow, and I had my doubts of you at the time; I thought you were too clever to go on long."

"I should be ashamed to play the sneak and catch a fellow in this way. Why couldn't you come openly in—our proper clothes? Not come playing the spy in the garb of a friendly civilian."

"My men are in their proper clothes," returned the equable officer, "and you will have the honor of their escort presently. I came because they did not know you, and I did."

"Three officers to a single man, and he a skeleton!" uttered Nichols, with a vast show of indignation.

"A! but you were powerful once and ferocious, too. The skeleton aspect is a recent one."

"And all for nothing. I don't know about any bracelets."

"Don't trouble yourself with inventions, Nichols. Your friend is safe in our hands, and has made a full confession."

"What friend?" asked Nichols, too eagerly.

"The lady you got to dispose of it for you to the Jew."

Nicholls was startled to incaution. "She hasn't split, has she?"

"Every particular she knew or guessed at. Split to save herself."

"Then there's no faith in woman."

"There never was yet," returned the officer. "If they are not at the top and bottom of every mischief, Joe, they are sure to be in the middle. Is this your coat?" touching it gingerly.

"She's a disgrace to the female sex," she said, raved Nichols, disregarding the question as to the coat. "But it's a relief now I'm took, it's a weight off my mind; I was always expecting it, and I shall get food in the Old Bailey at any rate."

"Ah," said the officer, "you were in good service as a respectable servant; you had better have stuck to your duties."

"The temptation was so great," observed the man, who had evidently abandoned all idea of denial; and now that he had done so, was ready to be voluble with remembrance and particulars.

"Don't say anything to me," said the officer. "It will be used against you."

"It came along of my long legs," cried Nichols, ignoring the friendly injunction, and proceeding to enlarge on the feat he had performed. "I have never had a happy hour since; I was second footman there, and a good place I had; and I had wished, thousands of times, that the bracelet had been in a sea of molten fire. Our folks had taken a house in the neighborhood of Ascot for the race week, and they had left me at home to take care of the kitchen maid, and another inferior or two, taking the rest of the servants with them. I had to clean the windows afore they returned, and I had driv off till the Thursday evening, and out I got on the balcony, to begin with the back drawing room."

"What did you say you got out on?"

"The balcony. The thing with the green rails around it, what encloses the windows. While I was leaning over the rails afore I begun, I heard something like click—click going on in the fellow room at the next door, which was Colonel Hope's. It was like as if something light was being laid on the table, and presently I heard two voices beginning to talk, a lady's and a gentleman's, and I listened—"

"No good ever comes of listening, Joe!" interrupted the officer.

"I didn't listen for the sake of listening, but it was awful hot, a standing outside there in the sun, and listening was better than working. I didn't want to hear neither, for I was thinking of my own concerns, and what a fool I was to have idled away my time all day till the sun came on to the back winders. Bit by bit I heard what they were talking about—that it was jewels they had got there, and that one was worth 200 guineas. Thinks I, if that was mine, I'd do no more work. After awhile I heard them go out of the room, and I thought I'd have a look at the rich things, and I stepped over slanting ways on to the little ledge running along the houses, holding on by our balcony, and then I passed my hands along the wall till I got hold of the balcony—but one with ordinary legs and arms couldn't have done it. You couldn't, sir!"

"Perhaps not," remarked the officer.

"There wasn't fur to fall if I had fell, only on to the kitchen leads under; but I didn't fall, and I raised myself on to their balcony, and looked in. My! what a show it was! stunning jewels, all laid out there; so close that if I had put my hand inside it must have struck all among 'em; and the fiend prompted me to take one. I didn't stop to look; I didn't stop to think; the one that twinkled the brightest, and had the most stones in it was the nearest to me, and I clutched it and slipped it into my footman's undress jacket, and stepped back again."

"And got safe into your own balcony."

"Yes; but I didn't clean the window that night. I was upset like by what I had done, and I think, if I could have put it back again, I should; but there was no opportunity. I wrapped it up in my winder leather, and then I put it up the chimney in one of the spare bedrooms. I was up the next morning afore 5, and I cleaned my winders; I'd no trouble to awake myself, for I had never slept. The same day towards evening you called sir, and asked me some questions—whether he had seen any one on the leads at the back, and such like. I said, as master would you be pleased to speak to him."

"Ah," again remarked the officer, "you were a clever fellow that day. But if my suspicions had not been strongly directed to another quarter, I might have looked you up more sharply."

"I kep' it by me for a month or two, and then I gave warning to leave. I thought I'd have my fling, and I became acquainted with her—that lady—"

and somehow she wormed out of me that I had got it, and let her dispose of it for me, for she said she knew how to do it without danger."

"What did you get for it?"

The skeleton shook his head. "Thirty-four pound, and I had counted on a hundred and fifty. She took an oath she had not helped herself to a sixpence."

"Oaths are plentiful with the genus," remarked the detective.

"She stood to it she hadn't, and she stopped and helped me to spend it. After that was done, she went over to somebody else who was in luck; and I have tried to go on, and I can't; honestly or dishonestly; it seems all one; nothing prospers, and I'm naked and famishing—and I wish I was dying."

"Evil courses never do prosper, Nichols," said the officer, as he called in the policeman, and consigned the prisoner to their care.

So Gerard was innocent!

"But how was it you skillful detectives could not be on this man's scent?" asked Colonel Hope of the officer, when he heard the tale.

"Colonel, I was thrown off. Your positive belief in your nephew's guilt infected me, and appearances were very strong against him. Miss Seaton also helped to throw me off; she said, if you remember, that she did not leave the room; but it now appears she did leave it when your nephew did, though only for a few moments. Those few moments sufficed to do the job."

"It's strange she could not tell the exact truth," growled the colonel.

"She probably thought she was exact enough since she only remained outside the door and could answer for it that no one had entered by it. She forgot the window. I thought of the window the instant the loss was mentioned to me, but Miss Seaton's assertion that she never had the window out of her view prevented my dwelling on it. I did go to the next door, and saw the very fellow who committed the robbery, but his manner was sufficiently satisfactory. He talked too freely; I did not like that; but I found he had been in the same service 15 months, and, as I must repeat, I laid the gull to another."

"It is a confoundedly unpleasant affair for me," cried the colonel; "I have published my nephew's disgrace and guilt all over London."

"It is more unpleasant for him, colonel," was the rejoinder of the officer.

"And I have kept him short of money, and suffered him to be sued for debt, and I have let him go and live amongst the runaway scamps over the water, and not hindered his engaging himself as a merchant's clerk; and, in short, I have played the very deuce with him."

"But reparation is, doubtless, in your heart and hands, colonel."

"I don't know that, sir," testily concluded the colonel.

(To be continued.)

Floating Button Factory.

Taking the factory to the raw material instead of bringing the material to the factory, is an innovation just put in operation on the Mississippi river by a button factory, and it is a plan that has many practical advantages.

This factory is about forty-two feet long and twelve feet wide, fitted with all the necessary machinery for the manufacture of buttons, and provided with a three-horse-power engine for its work.

The principal material used by this factory is mussel shells, which are found at nearly all points along the river, and one of the great expenses in conducting the business heretofore has been the cost of transporting the shells. Now the factory has reversed the operation and will go to the mussels.

When a bed of shells is found the boat will drop its anchor and go to work. When the bed is exhausted it will move on to a new location. In this fashion it will go from state to state, from Minnesota to Louisiana, passing along with the seasons, and always enjoying the most desirable weather of the Mississippi valley.

Automobile Poachers.

A Paris correspondent tells of some wholesale packages of automobilists, who used their "car" as a trap for the game and made off with enormous "bags" of plunder while the gamekeeper slept. The trick was so clever that, barring the feelings of the birds who failed of being "preserved" for the guns of sporting owners, the automobile poachers must be congratulated on accomplishing their purpose. They pretended to have broken down while driving along the high road, and told the peasants and the gamekeeper, with many lamentations, they would be forced to remain all night in the field adjacent. The gamekeeper, though he says it was against his will, aided the men in moving the car to a place of safety until certain repairs could be effected. These "repairs" were made in the dead of night by robbing the preserves of nearly every partridge and quail they contained and making off with the booty.

Nearness of Relationship.

A little miss of five, living in Washington, conspired with her brother, age four, to save enough pennies to buy papa and mamma presents. A friend of the family noticed that mamma's present was much finer and more expensive than papa's and was impelled by curiosity to inquire why, the bulk of the savings had been expended for the mother. The little miss replied: "Well, you see, papa is only related to we children by marriage, while mamma is our relative by birth."

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Bright Sayings and Merry Jest by Reckonized Funmakers.

"Business is frightfully dull today," said the junior partner of the tailoring firm.

"No wonder," said the senior partner, angrily. "Who wrote our 'ad' for the papers to-day?"

"I did. Why?"

"Because it says: 'Do you need an overcoat? Try our melton and frieze.'"

Some One Must Pay the Bills.

Anxious Groom—I thought you said something or other about a check; I don't see any.

Angry Father-in-Law—You blithering idiot, your wife is a regular check-book. Every time either of you want anything she writes me a note and I've got to cash it.

Only Waiting.

"Doesn't it make you the least bit envious to see what elegant furniture Mrs. Evesly is putting into her house next door?"

"Not a bit. My husband says it will be sold by the sheriff within six months—and I'll be there to buy."

Few Things in Stripes.

"Will you kindly show me what you have here?" asked the visitor to the pen.

"With pleasure," replied the warden, who had once worked in a dry goods store; "we have a few things in stripes that I think will interest you."

A Rare Brand.

"This," the salesman said, handing out another package, "is also an excellent substitute for coffee. It is very wholesome. It makes red blood."

"Haven't you something," asked the young woman with the earrings, "that makes blue blood?"

Already.

"That boy," remarked old Cerberus, drily, after the youthful hope and pride had been led off to the spanking department, "has the bump of litigation very strongly developed; he is already vigorously engaged in contesting the parental will."

A Sacrilegious Desire.

Mrs. Jones—What's become of that silk smoking jacket you gave your husband for his birthday?

Mrs. Smith—Oh, I had to make that over into a sofa pillow. He actually wanted to sit around and smoke in it.—Judge.

Nice Man.

Cadleigh—Won't you give me another dance?

Miss Wiggins—Really, Mr. Cadleigh, you've had nearly all so far, and—

Cadleigh—Yes, you know, it's just to spite Miss Pechis. We've had a quarrel.

Not Prepared.

Whyte—Bjenks calls himself a practical politician.

Black—A practical politician! Why, I asked him to change a \$10 bill for me on election day last year and he said he couldn't do it.

Winning His Way.

Nell—I have been assigned to read a paper on "The Ideal Woman" at the next meeting of the club.

Jack—Well, all you will need to do is to stand up on the platform and let them look at you.

A Recognized Trait.

"Her little boy has such a manly way about him."

"Yes; I noticed when I was there the other day that he found fault with what they had to eat."

A Stock-Market Dose.


"You look thin and haggard, Jim."

"Yep. I took too much of a debilitating mixture."


"What was it?"

"Sugar and copper."

A Difference.



"This is perfectly delightful!"



"But this is open to objections."

A Measure of Time.

The pupil—it seemed to me that I must have practiced all of two hours.

The professor—But I'm sure you didn't. If you had practiced two hours it would have seemed like six.—Puck.

An Obstacle.

"There is always room at the top," said the Good Adviser.

"Indeed, yes," answered the Unfor-

unate person, "but the elevator is not always running."

Owes Them All.

Towne—I didn't see Boroughs at the club smoker.

Browne—No, he doesn't attend those functions any more. I fancy it's because he's sure to meet somebody there he owes.

Towne—I beg pardon. Did you say somebody he 'knows,' or 'owes'?"


Browne—It doesn't matter. It's the same thing.

The Other View.

"It seems to me," said the lady with a severe glance, "that the newspapers print some dreadful things."

"Yes," answered the reporter; "it often makes me sad to think that people insist on doing shocking things and compelling us to write about them."

He Was Late.



"Here, waiter, gimme my hat."

"What kind of a hat was it, sir?"

"A new one."

"I beg pardon, sir, but the new ones have been all gone a half hour ago."

Sorry She Asked.

"Why, Bridget," said her mistress, who wished to rally her for the amusement of her company upon the fantastic ornamenting of a huge pile, "why, Bridget, did you do this?"

"Indade it was meself that did it," replied Bridget. "Isn't it pretty, mum. I did it with yer false teeth, mum."—Pearson's Weekly.

The Golfie.

"I had a terrible time last night. A crank called at my house and I had an awful time getting him to go away."

"Threatening, was he?"

"Yes; he threatened to tell me all about his exploits on the links."

Taking the Short Cut.

Mrs. Galey (musingly)—Suppose I should publish your love letters, dear?

Mr. Galey—Why not simply make a public acknowledgment that you married a fool?

Light Trifles.

"How queer!" exclaimed Miss Pertie Goodwin at the Wagner recital. "My foot has gone to sleep—and in all this noise, too!"—Chicago News.

It is a terrible thought that a man, after fighting Mother Hubbards while on earth, will have to wear one when he becomes an angel in heaven.—Acheson Globe.

Rusty—Where'd ye git de quarter?

Dusty—I struck up an acquaintance wid a trained dog wot was goin' to the bakery for two bits' worth of bread.—Indianapolis Sun.

Mr. Johnson: Don't you fink it am easier to coax a woman than to drive her?

Mr. Jackson—Dunno; but I find it am a derved sight safer.—Puck.

"A little quarrel now and then helps a love affair."

"Yes, the lover leaves off buying roses, and gets a chance to catch up with the tailor's bill."—Tit-Bits.

Paul—Percy, what is your idea of success?

Percy—My idea of success? Well, it is having people run after me who used to run away from me.—Detroit Free Press.

"What is an inventor?" asked the teacher.

"An inventor," replied the inventor's son promptly, "is something designed by nature for the use of a promoter."—Chicago Evening Post.

Mrs. Hilly—Is Mrs. Swagger at home?

Servant—No, ma'am, she went out to call on you.

Mrs. Hilly—How very fortunate for us both!—Boston Post.

"Dickie, when you divide those five caramels with your little sister did you give her three?"

"No, ma, I thought they wouldn't come out even, so I ate one fore I began to divide."—What to Eat.

"Why don't you go to work?" asked the well-meaning friend.

"I don't dare to," answered Willie Washington. "People would think my father had disinherited me, and it would ruin my credit."—Washington Star.

A trotting horse in Bloomfield, N. J., named Tattler, has made a record. While housed in Theodore T. Maxfield's stable, in Franklin street, he succeeded in getting his right hind hoof in his mouth. After an hour's hard work by Edward O'Neill, a blacksmith, the animal was relieved from his uncomfortable position.

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Church news and gambling terms are curiously commingled in the following item, which appears in the religious column of a paper in Hutchinson, Kan.: "The Baptist church at Leoti will lose its pastor because another church has raised the ante. The Leoti people refuse to call the raise, and will stay out and draw another pastor."

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Eastern capitalists connected with the Westinghouse Electric Company lately bought the splendid Water Power at Little Falls, Minn., and are now arranging to build trolley lines east and west to tap the adjoining country. The balance of the water power, transformed into electricity, will be utilized for large mills and factories in Little Falls, and for some time to come the eyes of the whole country will be turned towards this city because of the nature and vastness of these improvements.

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It costs less to agree with a pho- than to differ with him. All men owe much more to chance than they are willing to admit. Men who live the least to make munny, live the most to spend it. Old age is a perch whar all the shes, sorrows and tils of life cum to roost. Obstinaity mite be excusable in a wize man, but wize men are never obstinate. The best friend and the worst enemy than enny man has got is his cou- chence. Luv, which is simply the result of fear, will turn to hate the fust good chance it gits. There is nothing that God luvv more, and nothing that makes us all feel bet- ter, than thankfulness. The man who won't profit by the experiences of others, ain't a going to profit much by his own. Take all the folly and foolishness out of this world, and there would be but little excitement, and no fun at all in living in it. When the bottom does fall out of a simply comik fool, he all goes to pieces in such a way that he never can be mended agin. All human natur luvv to tak the chances. There is grata fun in seeing how near yu can go to a mule's heels without getting highest. I have no doubt there is a perfectly honest man in the world sunwhar, but I will travel 250 miles to see him, and give 10 dollars for the sight after I git there. To lie well a man must have a greasy tongue, a level face, and abuv a smart memory, so that he can tell the same lie at least twice alike out ev 3 times. A true kritick is like a bee; he luvv for hunny, and nothing else, wherever he lights.—Josh Billings in New York Weekly.

HOUSEWIFE SUGGESTIONS.

A few drops of turpentine in hot starch adds luster to ironed linen. Arrowroot tied in a thick cotton rag and boiled with limes and cottons im- parts an odor to them that is pleasing. English pottery with Dutch mottoes seems an anomaly and rather incon- gruous, but the effect is quaint and attractive. Candlesticks with strange birds and beasts appeal to the eye. Silk and linen are woven together to make the handsomest table damask. Sometimes the goods is brought out in mauve, gold and white and an especially pretty pattern was all in soft soey pink. A shelf supported by brackets and from which falls a curtain is a good scheme to conceal a radiator. Then the shelf may be embellished by a large brass or copper pot or a few pieces of bric-a-brac. To avoid wrinkling bodices and jack- ets they should be hung on frames such as men use for their coats, winding the frames first with cloth or silk, upon which, if desired, orris or other sachet powder may be sprinkled. Little used matting, as in spare chambers or upper summer rooms, should be swept very clean, then wiped with a cloth wrung out of sweet milk. Do this once a year—it keeps the straw live and to a degree pliant. If the milk wash is used in a living room or on a piazza, follow it by wiping with very clear water to keep the floor from drawing flies.—Chicago News.

PEOPLE'S QUEER WAYS.

In the extreme north and extreme south of England some remains can be traced of the old style of harvest home, which was usually celebrated during September. The emblem of it was the kern-baby, or, as it is called in the north, the kern-dolly, a tiny sheaf made of the best stalks of grain cut, tied with light ribbon and carried home by the harvest queue, to be at- tached hung on the wall of the great straw barn, while the harvesters feasted on boiled mutton and potatoes and home-brewed beer and then danced till morning. A party of Bedouin Arabs, with cam- els, horses and donkeys, which camped for some weeks at the zoological gar- dens in Vienna, took with them, when they left for Trieste, seven Viennese brides, to whom they will be married with Arabian rites upon reaching their destination. All the women had prop- erty. Thirty others who wanted to take up a desert life were rejected be- cause of their poverty. A traveler in Abyssinia writes: "We here found quite a new currency—thin bands of iron, 3 feet long, 1 inch wide, sixteen of which go to the Abyssinian dollar. They are called 'derma.'—Chicago News.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

South Dakota has more Indians (11,000) than any other state. Of the territories Indian Territory has 66,000 and Arizona 25,000. The common measure of road dis- tance in Greece is the pike, three- quarters of an English yard, 1,000 pikes being about 750 yards. The orange tree is very fruitful; a single tree will produce 20,000 or- anges fit for use. A good lemon tree will produce 8,000 lemons. By the advice of eminent oculists, the authorities of Munich have de- cided no longer to use gas or petrol- eum for lighting school rooms. A curious custom prevails in Korea. If a man meets his wife in the street he ignores her presence and passes her as if she were a stranger.

NEWS FROM BUXTON.

Several new comers have come to reside with us. Atty. S. Joe Brown of Alva was an over- Sunday visitor in Buxton. The ladies of the Willing Workers entertained at the ball Saturday night. Presiding Elder J. W. Malone has just closed his Quarterly Conference here. Reports show that the church is im- proving, spiritually and materially. Ex- cellent meetings were held on the Sabbath The elder was very much pleased with the church and its work. Rev. Ed. Jackson of Albia preached the afternoon sermon at St. John's A. M. church. Excellent meetings are reported at the B. Y. E. U. and the attendance is good. Mr. Aary Lewis who plays cornet in St. John's A. M. E. choir, is soon to be assisted by Mr. Addison Brooks with his clarinet.

OSCEOLA BUDGETARIAN.

Our little burg was very much shaken up, when on last Wednesday word reached us of the very sad and sudden death of Harry Bryant at New Hampton, his remains were brought home and buried from the A. M. E. church Saturday morning, conducted by Rev. Wade. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. Harry was born and reared in Osceola, loved by every one his friends being among both white and colored which was easily shown by the attendance at the funeral. The deceased leaves a father, mother and five brothers besides a host of relatives to mourn his demise.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bryant of Des Moines were called here to the funeral of their brother Harry.

Rev. Wade and wife returned Monday from Cleveland where they held services Sunday. The church was crowded in the evening. The sermon which he announced drew forth much comment it being, My Heart is Fixed. The people of Cleveland are preparing to build a union church far both Methodist and Baptist to worship in, they are at present holding services in the hall.

Geo. Bryant of the Nashville students was called home to attend the funeral of his brother, he returned to his company Monday.

Mrs. M. Shelton of Charlton attended the funeral of Harry Bryant.

Mrs. Amanda Williams is somewhat indisposed at this writing.

The concert given at Cleveland by the members and friends of the A. M. E. church was a grand success, about \$32.00 was realized. Much credit is given to Mrs. Wade and Mr. Oliver, with the assistance of the entire com- pany for the management and faithful efforts in pushing the concert through. Misses Anna Williams and Beatus Wade have been suffering with their arms, having been compelled to resort to vaccination to enter school. Mrs. J. Griffin continues quite poorly. Subscribe for the Bystander and be up to date.

TUSKEGEE NOTES.

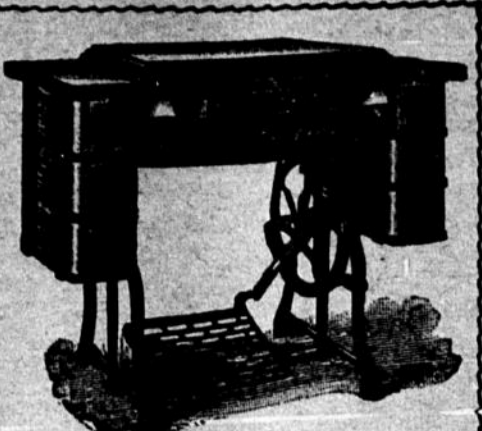
The average attendance of students so far this term is 1328 before the term shall have closed it is likely to be increased. A German professor of Dresden Ger- many was a visitor at Tuskegee a few days ago. He was here studying the educational and industrial conditions of the institution. He plans to return and further study our methods.

The finishing touches are now being done on the Carnegie library. In short it will be open to the public, that all might enjoy the benefits of Mr. Carnegies liberal purse.

Should Chinatown Be Burned? Chinatown, in San Francisco, ac- cording to the president of the board of health, should be burned. As it is at present, it cannot be rendered sani- tary except by total obliteration.

TRICK OF VOICE.

How One Lawyer Keeps the Judge From Sleeping. There is said to be a lawyer in Phil- adelphia who possesses a trick of the voice to which a certain measure of his success in United States Supreme court practice is due. The trick consists in making a judge. Whether it is a com- mon practice for the high dignitaries of the federal supreme bench to in- dulge in a nap in the course of a long and tedious argument, such happen- ings are not unknown, and it is well for an able logician of the bar to be prepared for it. The trick of making a sleepy judge would seem to be some- thing in the nature of slamming a law book under his nose or connecting his personality with the current of an electric battery. But the trick is ex- plained as purely a matter of sound involved in the skillful control of the voice. It is said that a barrister prac- ticed in the art and rhetoric of address- ing the bench can gather all the waves of sound from his throat into a focus and deposit it in the orifice of the judge's ear with the general effect of a bomb. The trick, however it is ac- complished, is said to have been worked repeatedly with success on the late Judge McKennan, whose habit of going to sleep on the bench was once a no- torious subject of comment in the liti- gation over the Berliner telephone pa- tents. This queer trick of the voice, while it is said to be the peculiar prop- erty of one celebrated lawyer, is prob- ably attempted often with varying suc- cess by others.—Philadelphia Record.



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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, litera- ture, domestic economy and animal physiology, and in one stage in phys- ical geography. She has also ob- tained 26 other prizes for good attend- ance, sculpture, spelling, etc.

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CLINTON ITEMS.

Richards and Pringles Minstrels held the boards last Tuesday night at the Economic theatre. The show while some parts was good, was not up to some of the performances given by this well known organization in the past, it was very largely patronized by our colored people.

Mrs. F. E. McNeil is on duty again at the candy kitchen after several days confinement in her room on account of illness.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Second Baptist church gave a donkey social Wednesday night.

Mrs. C. V. Bush and daughter Estella arrived home Friday night from Moline where the latter had been engaged to assist at a concert given on Thursday night by Messrs W. Turk and H. Robinson, they report the concert a success.

Jesse Mann a former Lyons boy after a two or three absence from the city has returned to locate once more, he and his estimable wife have taken up a residence in Lyons near the home of his father. Mann Jesse is busy fitting up cosy tonorial parlors on 7th., in this city.

MARSHALLTOWN ITEMS.

The members of the First Baptist church are making preparations to send their minister Rev. Wickerson to Saylor to attend the Ministers and Deacons' Union which is to be held in the near future.

Mrs. Melonia Grundy returned home Friday evening after spending a few days out of the city on business.

L. D. Lowery who has been employed as porter in Wright and Walker's barber shop received a telegram summoning him home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sutor were very pleasantly surprised Monday evening by their friends it being their wedding anniversary and Mr. Sutor's birthday.

Mrs. Geo. Young who has been ill is convalescent.

Grandma Young who has been quite sick is better at this writing.

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MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

The Baptist and Methodist Sunday School are preparing for Easter exercises.

Rev. Bowling was a west bound passenger last Monday.

Rev. John Smith of Council Bluffs who is home on a visit, preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday night.

The A. M. E. Sunday School elected the following officers last Sunday Superintendent, Mrs. Grandison; Assistant Superintendent, Miss Lydia Bartlett; Secretary Grace Taylor; Treasurer, Cora Taylor Librarian, Carrie McCracken; Organist, Myra Carter; Teacher, J. A. Carter and Misses Lydia Bartlett and Ione Mason.

Chas. McCracken is employed at the Harlow House.

Mr. Robert Hackley is organist at the A. M. E. church.

Mrs. Perry Greenup has returned to Fairfield.

Orange Clement who was called here by the illness of his sister Mr. Emerson Jones returned to his home last week.

The election of trustees of the A. M. E. church took place Wednesday evening.

Mr. Henry Hudson and daughter Bell moved to Kentucky last week.

The I. K. S. club met with the Misses Bartlett Thursday night. The study of German has been added to the work with Mrs. Grandison as instructor. At the meeting with the Misses McCracken two weeks ago, Miss Ione Mason was elected President; Nora Bartlett, Vice-President, Lydia Bartlett Secretary, Myra McCracken, Corresponding Secretary; Cora Taylor, Treasurer; Julia Bartlett, Critic; Carrie McCracken, Chaplain.

Mr. M. Watts and family have moved to East Henry street.

Mrs. Henry has moved into the house with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Coalsen.

The Disease Bori Bori.

Dr. Charles Hose, of Sarawak, after many experiments, has formed the theory that the disease bori bori arises in tropical regions from the consumption of moldy rice. Dr. Strangeways Pigg of Cambridge has expounded the theory in England.

He Collects Antique Statuary.

Stanford White is one of the largest collectors of antique statuary in America. Not only is his house in Gramercy park, New York, a veritable museum of Greek and Roman art, but the lawn is now filled to overflowing with other examples.

Odd Names in Virginia.

One county of West Virginia has among its political subdivisions the Slab Fork, the Marsh Fork, the Shady Spring, the Clear Fork and the Trap Hill districts. Another has the Pipe Stem and the Jumping Branch districts.

Queer Japanese Custom.

At the birth of a Japanese baby a tree is planted that must remain untouched until the marriage of the child. When the nuptial hour arrives the tree is cut down and the wood is transformed into furniture.

ALBIA NOTES.

Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Taylor came in Albia from Hilton Monday.

The members of the A. M. E. church gave a social at the Masonic hall Saturday evening.

Mr. John Thomas and his father came in home Friday from out near Chariton.

Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Grillich are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy at the parental home Mrs. C. Thom s.

Quarterly meeting was held at Baxton on Sunday and a number of people from Albia went over.

BURLINGTON, IOWA.

Miss Annie Black returned to her home in Missouri after an extended visit with her cousin Mr. J. J. Ivy of this city.

The colored voters of the city of Burlington never fail to take advantage of rights and privileges at the ballot box, as will be shown on all occasions of this kind.

Mrs. Warfield was a visitor in our city last week.

Mr. Jao. Ross and Mr. A. Hedge of Monmouth spent Friday in this city.

Mr. C. L. Washington of Cleveland, Ia. and Grand Chancellor R. P. of Iowa Jurisdiction, installed the officers of Hawkeye lodge No. 8. K. P. L. Martin, C. C.; J. J. Ivy, V. C.; J. H. Peeny, K. R. and S.; A. Graves, M. F.; S. Mitchell, M. E.; Jas. Dean, M. A.; S. W. Smith, Prelate. A. Woods, I. G.; Wm. Lesley, O. G.

Mr. Wm. Remy of South Fourth street is on the sick list.

The entertainment at St. John's A. M. E. church was quite a success.

The members of the Industrial club are making preparations for an entertainment to be given about April 1st.

SIoux CITY ITEMS.

The revival meeting at the A. M. E. church are still in progress. Rev. W. H. Speese is being ably assisted by the evangelist Rev. J. L. Warton, of Lake Forest, Ill. The meetings are good—five asking for pardon. Rev. J. L. Warton, as an evangelist, is successful in his work wherever he goes.

Mr. Isaac Watkins of Sioux Rapids, Ia. is in the city for a short visit with his children, Mrs. R. H. Early, Mr. C. Watkins and Miss E. Watkins.

Rev. W. A. Magott will preach his farewell sermon on the 23d of March.

The hard time social, under the auspices of Misses Jessie Morriweather and Kate Comely, given for the benefit of Rev. W. A. Magott, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Carr, proved one of the most successful events given in local colored circles. Twenty Dollars was realized which was presented to the pastor.

Miss Rheta Dodd left for her home in St. Paul, Minn. She will be missed by her young friends.

Mr. E. E. Lewis of the First Baptist church preached at Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday evening to a large and appreciative audience.

The Improvement society met with Mrs. F. A. Hackley Thursday afternoon.

The ladies pleasure club was royally entertained by Mrs. J. W. Norris. The ladies discussed the current events of Washington City, after which a three course luncheon was served. All report a good time.

Mr. Esther Wallden is dangerously ill and little hopes are entertained for her recovery.

The trip around the world was a grand affair which was given by the ladies of the A. M. E. church. We, on our journey started from New York, crossed the waters to Paris where we were served a luncheon, then we went to Venia, in going up the rugged passage our guide lost his way, but when day dawned we found ourselves in the city where we lunched, then made our way to Tokyo, Japan where we were served tea and rice. We turned our thoughts to America and found ourselves in Boston, Mass., where we were served boston baked beans and brown bread, from there we went to Washington City where we were highly entertained by the president. At a late hour we wondered home to have our journey as ode night's dream.

The Trustees of Mt. Zion Baptist church gave a banquet at Thompson's hall Wednesday evening. Music was furnished by Messrs. Holmes, Williams Cayon and Murry.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carter have the Measles.

Somebody has explained the significance of the editorial "we." It may have a variety of meanings, for example, when you read, "we have hog cholera in our midst," means that the person who read the Bystander and don't pay for it is ill. So please cure yourself by leaving your payment with the agent, 707 Panoah St.

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Wheat for Semi-Arid Districts.

Wheat-growing in the semi-arid districts of the west has been rendered less uncertain, it is thought, by the introduction of macaroni and several other varieties of wheat, which have already given promise.

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Doctors in Congress.

There is one physician in the present senate and four physicians in the present house of representatives. There is one clergyman in the present house of representatives.

Population's Rate of Increase.

Such has been the increase in population in civilized countries that the space occupied by one person a century ago must now contain three.

Filipinos Make Good Servants.

An army officer who recently returned from our Pacific possessions says: "The Filipinos, whatever may be their faults, make the best servants in the world, if you can cure them of petty thievery. Overcome that, and you have an ideal servant. At home here we are confronted everlastingly by the servant-girl proposition. Bring the Filipino men here and the servant girl will be a dead issue. The men are small, active and not afraid of work. They could be trained to do general housework, just as the Chinese do out on the Pacific coast."

A Fatherland Joke.

Charles F. Saacke returned from Germany on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse with the following Fatherland joke, upon which he was not required to pay duty. The translation is his own: "What is the difference between the Lord Almighty and Kaiser William?" "The Lord Almighty knows everything; the Kaiser knows better."

Rosetti Resented Intrusion.

Toward the latter part of Dante Gabriel Rossetti's life he rarely left his house and garden and preferred to see his friends and acquaintances by appointment. Woe betide the too intrusive stranger. It is said that one day an enterprising man called, duly armed with a letter of introduction, and the servant was nearly yielding to the impulsive stranger, whereupon the painter of "Dante's Dream" leaned over the banister and said, in a firm, mellifluous voice, "Tell the gentleman that I am not at home."

J. P. Morgan's Dream in Boyhood.

"The dream of my boyhood days," observed J. Pierpont Morgan to a friend recently, "was to be a farmer and have the finest stock in the world—the dolce far niente of the farmer's life was my fancy." "Well, you have your farm and your stock—to say nothing of stocks," retorted the friend. "Well, but I am the man of all work, and I haven't got the dolce far niente, and can't buy it either, big & price as I might be willing to pay for it."—New York Times.

Sailors Want to Keep Warm.

Crews of several big oil tankers now at Point Breeze have appealed to the consuls of their various countries for assistance to secure the electrical heating of the vessels, and have made threats to desert unless their condition is ameliorated. No fire of any kind is allowed on board of these vessels. Most of them have electric plants for lighting and the sailors argue that heating arrangements can be installed cheaply.

Gamblers Are Superstitious.

Habitual gamblers are perhaps the most superstitious persons in the world. They invariably carry little portable mascots in their pockets, and it would be impossible to persuade them to enter into a game of chance if by some inadvertence their mascots were not with them. Lumps of lead, coins, snake rattles, locks of hair, cauls, bits of bone, hairpins, are some of these charms.

Fairy Tales Becoming Realities.

The century is beginning with the great achievement of wireless telegraphy. With what it will end passes the imagination of man if progress into the secrets and resources of nature continue at the same rate. We have already realized in common business life some of the wonders of the ancient fairy tales.—Baltimore American.

The Partridge Detested in Turkey.

In Turkey the partridge is detested because once it betrayed the prophet to his enemies, and its legs are red because they were dipped in the blood of Hassan. If a man kills a panther he is imprisoned for twenty-four hours and then is handsomely rewarded. The crane is respected and it is a crime to kill it.

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JUDICIAL INDIGNATION.

A Judge's Verdict on the Conduct of Two Ungrateful Young Men.

Street Cleaning Commissioner Iglehart was in Philadelphia a few days ago on business connected with his department, and met a friend who offered him some whisky of an untold age and most nectarian flavor. Now, Col. Iglehart is a member of the South River Club, and it goes without saying that he is a judge of a few things besides the best way to clean streets. His description of that whisky is something to give the strongest blue-ribboner a pang of regret. He will not tell the name of the brand or where it is to be gotten, for he says if he did a large part of male Baltimore would move bodily to Philadelphia.

But Col. Iglehart's friend told him a little story in connection with that whisky. It seems that there is a club where it can be secured—or could be before it got so scarce. One day two young men entered and called for this brand. Each poured out a drink and each—horror of horrors!—poured water into it and tossed it off. The bar-keeper fell up against the wall and then quit work for the day. The board of governors held a meeting and suspended the two young men for a year.

Some time later this same friend of Col. Iglehart who tells the story fell in with Judge R., one of the eminent jurists of Philadelphia, at that time holding a place on the bench. He offered the Judge some of the famous whisky and told him the story of the two young men who had watered it. The Judge closed his eyes and allowed his head to fall back, while he enjoyed the entrancing liquid.

"Suspended them for a year?" he said at last. "Only that? I'd have hanged the — rascals if I'd had anything to do with it!"—Baltimore Sun.

MELTING OLD PLATES.

Tons of These Used for Printing Money to Serve as Ship Ballast.

This was "melting day" at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. All the plates, rolls and dies used in printing gold and silver certificates, postage and revenue stamps, bonds and postal cards during 1901 were loaded early this morning on two big trucks. Although the precaution had been taken to spoil the face of each plate with a file, four strapping employes of the Treasury Department rode on each truck. A Treasury committee rode in a carriage.

The procession went to the Navy-yard foundry, where the plates were unceremoniously dumped into one of the furnaces, to come out as pig steel and to be used for ballast for warships. There were twenty tons of plates, rolls and dies, from which were printed last year \$2,200,000,000 in gold and silver certificates of various denominations, and \$889,000,000 in postage stamps, besides hundreds of millions of bonds, revenue stamps and postal cards.

The engravers are now at work on the plates, rolls and dies for 1903. Those in use now will be destroyed next February.—New York World.

"Faithful" Service Rewarded.

The late Judge Smyth, so much better known as "the Recorder," used to have a reminiscence of another lawyer who now enjoys much distinction at the bar and for a time rejoiced in judicial honors, but who was at the time the managing clerk of a law office on the same corridor with that of the future recorder.

"I met him in the hall one day," said the old judge, "and he was evidently very much agitated. I inquired the nature of his trouble. Almost weeping, he answered: 'I have been discharged, discharged without a word of explanation, after five years of faithful service. It is very hard.' And then he quite gave way, and added, in tears: 'You know, Mr. Smyth, you know what affidavits I have made for that man.'"

Mr. Brown's Wild Ride on a Shovel.

C. Henry Brown, 60 years old, of Heitt, Ohio, was persuaded by friends to go coasting. The old man procured a scoop shovel and said he preferred to ride on that instead of a sled. He started down a steep incline and rode for half a mile. When the bottom of the hill was reached Brown ran into a stone wall. He was rendered unconscious and lay in the snow for six hours. He was finally picked up and taken to his home, where he is in a critical condition. The track Brown rode on is almost straight up and down, and composed of solid ice.

She Wanted a Change.

The latest argument against skyscrapers comes from the kitchen. A cook in a West Side top-floor flat gave warning the other day. "Shure an' it's no intertainmint I have," was her answer when asked her reason for leaving. "It's too high fur me to see anything of what's goin' on in the street down below. If," magnanimously, "yez will take a ground-floor flat somewhere I'd stay wid yez. Then I could look over the winder and see what's goin' on an' 'twould be more intertainin' fur me."—New York Evening Sun.

Gave Them a Rest.

"I don't see," she complained, "why they always set me alongside of some awfully wise professor or philosopher or writer or something of that kind whenever I'm invited out to dinner."

"I suppose," her friend answered, "that they do it for the benefit of the great men they set you next to. Most men who are engaged in intellectual pursuits like to relax at such affairs and net have to talk sense, you know."

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NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL

Des Moines, March 13, 1903. The house committee on horticulture voted to recommend for passage a substitute for the Secor forest reserve bill.

The senate committee on appropriations passed a resolution to the effect that it was the sense of the committee that not more than \$75,000 should be appropriated for an exhibit at the St. Exposition in 1903.

Members of the legislature who watched the campaign in Polk county are of the opinion that the result will be an increase in the sentiment in favor of the primary election bill now pending in both houses.

Among the bills acted on by the house committee on agriculture last week was one by Caldwell intended to give each farmer institute the right to send a delegate to the annual state convention.

HILLARD IS FOUND GUILTY.

Supervisor Convicted of Misappropriation of County Bridge Funds. Council Bluffs, March 10.—The case of the state vs. Charles Hillard, a member of the Harrison county board of supervisors, which has been on trial in the district court at Logan for the past two weeks, came to a close, when the jury, after being out but a few minutes, returned a verdict of guilty as charged.

Mrs. Anna Ratliff of Salem has just reached her eighty-fifth milestone. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren met at her home in honor of the occasion and with well filled baskets and friendly greetings spent the day to the satisfaction of all present.

Mayor Berg of Dubuque has issued an order to the saloons to close at 11 o'clock p. m. The order goes into effect at once. All wine rooms will be abolished and on Sunday all saloons remain closed till 2 p. m.

Maude—"When you refused him my hand, papa, did he get down on his knees?" Pater—"No, I didn't notice just where he hit!"

EX-GOV. ALTGELD DEAD.

Death Said to Be Due to Cerebral Hemorrhage.

Joliet, Ill., March 13.—Former Governor John P. Altgeld died in Room 58, Hotel Monroe, yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock. He had been unconscious since midnight.

Mr. Altgeld was the principal speaker at a pro-Boer meeting Tuesday night in the Joliet theater. Just at the close of his speech, a sudden dizziness seized him and he was assisted from the stage. The meeting proceeded, the audience not realizing what had happened.

Physicians were instantly summoned and Mr. Altgeld was carried to the hotel across the street. He retained consciousness and urged the newspaper editor to keep the affair quiet for fear of alarming his wife.

He remained in this condition until death. At 3:41 in the morning it was thought he had died, but he revived and from that time until shortly before the end showed wonderful vitality, although he made no move.

The medical men here had a banquet that night at which Dr. J. B. Herrick of the Rush Medical college of Chicago delivered a lecture on heart disease.

John Peter Altgeld, ex-governor of Illinois, was born in Germany in December, 1847. He was brought to the United States when three years old, settling with his parents at Mansfield, Ohio. He was educated in the public schools and was still attending when the war broke out.

NO WAIT FOR PANAMA BILL.

Senate Committee Satisfied With Nicaragua Canal Route.

Washington, March 13.—The senate committee on isthmian canals yesterday decided by a vote of 7 to 4 to report the Hepburn bill providing for the construction of an isthmian canal via the Nicaraguan route.

Washington, March 13.—Contrary to published reports, it was authoritatively stated that the president had not appointed any one to negotiate for the sale of the friar lands in the Philippines to the United States.

Washington, March 12.—The officials of the department of justice will make every effort to secure the extradition from Canada of Gaynor and Green, who are charged with complicity in the Savannah frauds for which Captain Oberlin M. Carter was sent to the penitentiary.

London, March 5.—A dispatch from Harrisburgh, Orange River Colony, says that Boer prisoners report that Gen. De Wet was shot in the arm during the recent attempt to break through the blockhouse line held by the New Zealanders, in the vicinity of Harrisburgh.

What is your policy? inquired the inquisitive individual of a great railroad lawyer. "Our policy," replied the railroad lawyer, "is millions for defense, but not a cent for damages."

CONGRESS.

Washington, March 8.—The house today closed the general debate upon the bill to classify the rural free delivery service and place the carriers under the contract system.

Washington, March 10.—Senate.—For nearly two hours today Vest, of Missouri, addressed the senate in opposition to the pending ship subsidy bill. No member of the body has been accorded more flattering close attention than he received.

House.—The bill to classify the rural free delivery service and place the carriers under the contract system, which has been debated in the house for over a week, was passed today, but in a form that completely changed the purpose for which it was framed.

Washington, March 11.—Senate.—For several hours today the senate had the ship subsidy bill under consideration. Mallory, of Florida, made an extended speech in opposition to the measure.

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White House, Washington, March 10, 1902.—Dear Mr. Secretary: It is with very sincere regret that I accept your resignation. I shall always account it a privilege not only to have served with you during the last six months, but to have served with you at the outset of President McKinley's administration.

Washington, March 12.—Senate.—Again today the ship subsidy bill occupied practically the entire time of the senate. McCumber presented a carefully prepared argument, in which, as a representative of an agricultural state, he favored the bill on the ground of its protective features.

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discussed rural free delivery; Jackson, of Kansas, the government ownership of telegraphs, and Greene, of Pennsylvania, the Philippine situation. The latter argued that if we would proclaim our purpose to grant independence to the Filipinos the insurrection would cease instantly.

Washington, March 13.—Senate.—After the passage of a considerable number of unobjectionable bills today the senate resumed consideration of the ship subsidy measure.

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REVOLUTIONISTS WIN.

Are in Absolute Control Outside Two Big Towns. New York, March 14.—The revolutionists now hold all interior provinces of the isthmus outside of Panama and Colon, cables the correspondent of the Herald.

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ANOTHER GRAND REPORT.

From His Majesty's Dockyard, Portsmouth, England.

Some time ago the Portsmouth Times and Naval Gazette published a most thrilling and remarkable experience of the wife of Mr. Frederick Payne, himself connected with the Portsmouth dockyard for many years.

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She has taken two bottles of Vogeler's Curative Compound, and one would now hardly take her for the same child. Her skin has such a nice healthy color after the sallow look she has always had.

"I shall never cease to be thankful for the immense benefit we have derived from these two great remedies of yours. I think it a duty to recommend these medicines now I have proved their value.

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Some newspapers are so modest they can hardly show their type face.

Judge Craig Biddle was escorting a visitor to Philadelphia over the city, and as they passed the penitentiary the visitor inquired blandly: "Judge, is that a new distillery?" "Not exactly," answered the judge, "but it is a rectifying plant."

"You say O'Hannagan leaves the orphans home a large legacy?" "Bedad, it's purty large." How much?" "Twelve children an' a goat, begorra."

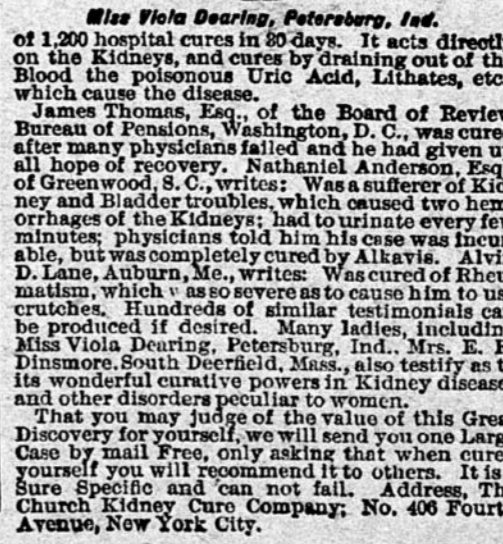
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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON XII, MARCH 23; EPHESIANS 5:11-21—TEMPERANCE LESSON.

Golden Text—"He Not Drunk with Wine, Wherein Is Excess"—Ephesians 5:18—Two Great Moral Kingdoms Contending for Supremacy in Our Hearts.

"Foolish talking." "This means more than mere random talk; it is that talk of fools which is folly and incoherence."—Alford. "Jesting." Profligate, unclean jokes, which bring a blush to the cheek of innocence. "Foolish talking is the coarse talk of fools; jesting, the more refined half-suggestive or vice or profanity in the conversation or writing of a witty man of the world."—Cook.

"Unfruitful works of darkness." "Vices fitted with themselves and perish; they vices put together do not grow in darkness. Good fruit cannot grow in darkness. But that which should bear forth good fruit in the light, when placed in insects, death." "Reprove them" by word and by example.

"Walk circumspectly." With accuracy, strictness, looking on every side to see that the right path is taken. "No man is running into temptations and dangers, with bad companions and places of evil, going far astray, but just to fall into the edge of the maelstrom of sin, to see how looks. Such are fools. "But as we keep in the right way; avoiding temptations; looking out for the ways that lead to the right end."

"Redeeming the time." Redeem means to buy up, to get possession of; time here means opportunity, the right or fitting time. The words therefore mean, improve every opportunity; make every opportunity yield its utmost of good. "Because days are evil." Because there are many temptations and dangers, hidden currents, secret pitfalls, enemies on every side. These "evil days," all largely connected with intemperance and its accompaniments.

"Submitting yourselves one to another." Not seeking to rule, but to help each other. We seek to lose our own life in the larger life of the church, the society, the organization. Still it must be the "fear of God," only in those things which are right.

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." First: The Kingdom of Intemperance. The proverb is found in Luke 15:13, where the prodigal is described as wasting his substance in riotous living. The nature of all intoxicating drinks is to lead to excess; the average of wine increases; it excites all passions, all the feelings, and leads to actions which would not otherwise be performed. Riot, dissoluteness, anger, hate, intemperance, vice, murder, all lie in the bottom of the wine cup.

Illustration. "A story is current in the Orient of a wise old sheik, who gave to a young Arab prince, from whom he was about to part, a list of crimes, and bade him choose the one which seemed least hateful. The young prince turned in horror from murder, theft, and loss of virtue, and told the patriarch he would choose intemperance. 'You have chosen that,' said the wise old man, 'which will bring you all.'

"Waste of Wealth." In the Strand Magazine is a series of illustrations, the object of which is to show in a most vivid and surprising way the waste of wealth in the United Kingdom during a period of sixty-three years from last June, from 1840 to 1903. The sum practically, would be true of the United States.

If the national drink bill had remained unpaid during that time, and assuming that no interest was charged on the unpaid millions, the drinkers of the United Kingdom would have had a gold currency of \$33,200,000,000. This would absorb one-tenth of the whole world's wealth. In fact, it would practically be necessary to mortgage the United Kingdom itself to pay the bill. And all this gold currency is the whole world would pay only one-ninth of the bill. All gold and silver together would pay only one-third. It would take the output of all the gold and silver mines in the world, ninety-five years, to pay the rest of the bill.

The latest suspension bridge over Niagara, 800 feet long, is entirely built of steel, of which 3,668 1/2 cubic feet were used. If a bridge was erected on similar lines out of the precious metal provided by our "drink gold," before the last ounce was used the bridge would be spanning an abyss 22,072 feet wide. The Niagara bridge weighed a ton for each foot of its span; therefore, to balance 34,368 tons of gold, the bridge on the same plan would have to be constructed, having a length of almost eleven miles; that is to say, if one end rested on the heights of Highgate, one could promenade bridge and one arrived at the gates of the Crystal Palace.

Second: The Way of Escape—Be Filled with the Spirit. The Holy Spirit of God and thus with all the pure and holy feelings, acts, tastes, and love that belong to the Kingdom of Heaven.

1. If one is filled with the Spirit, there will not be room for the spirit of evil. 2. He will have no taste for the things that find their inspiration in intemperance. He will be opposed to them as contrary to his nature.

Religious life, expressed in religious worship, is one of the greatest of all aids to a temperate life. Let this fill the life before intemperance has a chance to assail it. Social religious life guards against the social temptations of strong drink. So thankfulness to God for the good will strengthen us against the ingratitude of doing what he hates and forbids.

Learn by Heart. Each scholar should learn by heart some texts of Scripture on the subject of temperance. Each one should sign the temperance pledge.

Sometimes people object to having boys sign a temperance pledge or promise not to use intoxicating beverages. Mr. John B. Gough, the popular temperance lecturer, who had been intemperate, but afterward reformed, said: "If the pledge had been offered me when I was a boy in Sabbath school I should have been spared those seven dreadful years."

Aim of Musical Instruction. Frank Damrosch, superintendent of music in New York's public schools, says the aim of the schools should be to make the children not musicians, but simply lovers of music.

Whaling Fleet Decreasing. Since 1890 the number of ships in the American whaling fleet has decreased from ninety-seven to forty. There is a steady falling off in the production of both sperm oil and whalebone.

Thought Inspired by a Kiss. "Well, how does it seem to be engaged to such a wealthy girl?" "Fine! Every time I kiss her I feel as if I were taking the coupon of a government bond."—Life.



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THEY CONTROL THE COUNTRY.

How the Railroad Kings Have the Land Parcelled Out Among Them.
Here, then, is a vast continent belted and banded and criss-crossed with 200,000 miles of railroads. Many of the roads are great independent lines, and some are systems controlled by groups of men outside the five large syndicates. But practically half the stupendous network, affecting in one way or another every inhabitant in the country, is in possession of five little bodies of men with headquarters in New York.

A strip of land hundreds of miles wide, beginning at the Washington ports in the northwest and sweeping east of the lakes, is practically an industrial field of Mr. Hill and Mr. Morgan. In Mr. Harriman's hands, in some measure is the prosperity of California and the southwestern states, as well as of a broad strip up the Mississippi valley, a fertile band through the prairie states, and all the habitable land reaching west from the Rockies to the coast. The central Atlantic states live to the rhythm of the New York Central and the Pennsylvania railroad.

It is true that one can go from Boston to San Francisco, from the gulf to St. Paul and travel not a mile on the roads of the railroad giants, but only through a very narrow pathway and for the most part within view of competing syndicate lines on either side. And who that travels on railroads or sends his products by railroads within our borders does not do so over some railroad line controlled by that syndicate?
When it is remembered, furthermore, says M. G. Cunniff in the World's Work, that Morgan men are directors in Vanderbilt roads, Hill men in Pennsylvania roads, Gould men in Harriman roads, and that every other possible interweaving of common control exists throughout the great groups, the lines of demarcation melt away and we see dimly outlined a condition of affairs which may possibly take the hue of monopoly.

A PIGEON RANCH.

Eighty Acres Devoted to the Rearing of the Birds.
What is said to be the only pigeon ranch in the world is near Los Angeles, Cal. It covers about eight acres of sandy, gravelly ground in the bed of the Los Angeles river, where there is an abundance of water. Here stands an enormous ark-shaped loft, or pigeon house, whose rudiments of architecture are concealed by the thousands of pigeons upon the roof. Fifteen thousand birds fairly cover the ground and loft, so that at times from a distance it appears as though some of the snow from the neighboring Sierras had been dropped upon the roof. The increase of this gigantic flock is enormous. If the market should fall the owner would be utterly unable to feed his birds, as in less than two years he would by calculation have a million birds on his hands. Fortunately the demand is better than the supply and the pigeon ranch sends about 40,000 squabs a year to the market.

The statistics of this unique ranch are interesting. The estimated output for the month is 3,000, the gross income being about \$9,000 a year. The average price per dozen for the birds is about \$3, sometimes ranging up to \$10. The expense of maintaining such an enormous flock is considerable. The birds are fed three times a day, each meal costing approximately for all \$5, so the annual food bill is about \$5,500. The food consists mainly of wheat, screenings, boiled meal and stale bread. The daily consumption is about twelve sacks of screenings, eight sacks of wheat and many gallons of boiled meal. The bread is an additional fattener given during the week.

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Foreign Locomotives in France. The arrival of a number of locomotives in France constructed at Munich has naturally had a very ill effect upon Gallic public opinion, which is becoming irritated at the importation of so many foreign locomotives when the home concern are said to be crying aloud for orders. That the state should purchase American locomotives, and other companies should give out contracts to a Vienna firm, may be excusable under the circumstances, but the purchasing of locomotives from Germany, which may eventually be at war with France, and is supplying what is classified as war material, is intolerable to the Gaul.—The Engineer.

Never Discard Uniform. The Russian emperor and all members of the imperial family, being officers of the army, are always dressed in uniform, with their trousers inside their top-boots.

"Th' mon thot Ol matty must be a hero." "A hero, is ut darlint? Thin lit me till yez that there wor a toime when Ol stood phere th' shots wor thickest." "Awn whin wor that, Paddy?" "Whin Ol wurked in th' shot tower."

Farmer Prym (in city theatre)—"Better take off your hat, Sary; all the other wimmin folks has their off!" His Wife—"Let them, the brazen things! Nobody'll ever have a chance to say that I'd do anything in a show-place that I wouldn't do in church."

If we continue our policy of expansion, a Kentucky colonel thinks that the United States of America will soon be bounded on the north by the aurora borealis, on the south by the procession of the equinoxes, on the east by primeval chaos, and on the west by the day of judgment.

Just after her husband had arrived at the hospital his wife gained consciousness. "Did she get it?" the wife asked feebly. "Get what, dear?" he answered, bending over her. "Why that last yard of ribbon marked down from ten cents; I saw it first, and made up my mind the other woman should not have it without a struggle."

For Her Sister's Sake.
Stendal, Ind., Mar. 10th.—Mrs. Sarah A. Shrode of this place says:

"I suffered much as many other women do with Kidney and Bladder Troubles. I tried many medicines but got no relief until I used **Dodd's Kidney Pills**.

"Nine boxes of this remedy cured me completely and I feel it my duty to my fellow women to make this statement.

"I can heartily recommend them to any woman suffering with Kidney and Bladder Ailments."

The words of Mrs. Shrode will be good news to many of her suffering sisters. Dodd's Kidney Pills have proven themselves to be sick women's best friend for they are as effectual in all cases of Female Weakness as in Bladder and Kidney Disease.

The Western Union Telegraph company consumes 100,000,000 envelopes a year.

Many School Children Are Sickly. Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders and Destroy Worms. At all druggists, 25c. Sample mailed free. Address **Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.**

There is no end to the hill some of us would fain climb.
I do not believe **Piso's Cure** for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—**John F. Boyer, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.**

It is easier to buy the good opinion of the world than to merit it.
How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by **Hall's Catarrh Cure**.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known **F. J. Cheney** for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

West & Trux, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.; Wading, Kinnon & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio. **Hall's Catarrh Cure** is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Remedies sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. **Hall's Family Pills** are the best.

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Medical Book Free.

Know Thyself Manual, a book for men only, sent Free, postpaid, sealed, to every male reader mentioning this paper; 6c. for postage. "The Science of Life, or Self-preservation" the **Gold Medal Prize Treatise**, the best Medical Book of this or any age, 30c. pp., with engravings and prescriptions. Elegant Little Edition, Full gilt. **ONLY 4c.** Paper covers, inferior abridged edition, 25c. **GET THE BEST.** Address the **Peabody Medical Institute, 4, Bainbridge st., opp. Bay State House, Boston, Mass., the oldest and best in this country.** Write today for these books; keys to health and happiness. Consultation, in person or by letter, 2 to 6, Sunday, 10 to 1.

The Peabody Medical Institute has many limitations, but no equals.—Boston Herald.

CONGRESSMAN HOWARD.

Of National Reputation Are the Men Who Recommend Pe-ru-na to Fellow Sufferers.

A Remarkable Case Reported From the State of New York.



CONGRESSMAN HOWARD, OF ALABAMA.

House of Representatives, Washington, Feb. 4, 1899.
The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio:
Gentlemen:—I have taken **Peruna** now for two weeks, and find I am very much relieved. I feel that my cure will be permanent. I have also taken it for the grippe, and I take pleasure in recommending **Peruna** as an excellent remedy to all fellow sufferers.

M. W. HOWARD.
Congressman Howard's home address is **Fort Payne, Ala.**

Most people think catarrh is a disease confined to the head and nose. Nothing is farther from the truth. It may be that the nose and throat is the oftener affected by catarrh, but this is so it is so only because these parts are more exposed to the vicissitudes of the climate than the other parts of the body.

Every organ, every duct, every cavity of the human body is liable to catarrh. A multitude of ailments depend on catarrh. This is true winter and summer. Catarrh causes many cases of chronic disease, where the victim has not the slightest suspicion that catarrh has anything to do with it.

The following letter which gives the experience of **Mr. A. C. Lockhart** is a case in point:
Mr. A. C. Lockhart, corner Cottage St. and Thurston Road, Rochester, N. Y., in a letter written to **Dr. Hartman,** says the following of **Peruna**:

"About fifteen years ago I commenced to be ailing, and consulted a physician. He pronounced my trouble a species of dyspepsia and advised me, after he had treated me about six months, to get a leave of absence from my business and go into the country. I did so and got temporary relief. I went back to work again, but was taken with very distressing pains in my stomach."

"I seldom had a passage of the bowels naturally. I consulted another physician with no better results. The disease kept growing on me until I had exhausted the ability of sixteen of Rochester's best physicians. The last physician advised me to give up my work and go south after he had treated me for one year."

"I was given a thorough examination with the X-ray. They would not even determine what my trouble was. Some of my testimonials in the Rochester papers proved to be worthy of consideration, and I made up my mind to try a bottle of **Peruna**. Before the bottle was gone I noticed a change for the better. I am now on the fifth bottle with catarrhal dyspepsia and am now a well-man, better in fact than I have been for many months. My bowels move regularly every day, and I have taken on eight pounds of flesh. I have recommended **Peruna** to a great many and they recommend it very highly. I have told several people that if they would take a bottle of **Peruna**, they would find it as good a remedy as they could get, and I would pay for the medicine."

A. C. LOCKHART.
Send for a free catarrh book. Address **The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.**

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W. N. U., Des Moines, Mo., 11—1902.

SAZLER'S New 20th Century OATS
CLEAR THE TRACK!
Here is the best yielding variety anywhere. Sazler's New 20th Century Oat takes the cake, carries first prizes at the highest yielder every where. The fact is, Sazler's oats are bred to produce. The U. S. Department of Agriculture claims that out of over 600 samples and kinds tested, Sazler's were the best. How do you like that?

Mr. Farmer? Our new 20th Century Oat is bound to completely revolutionize oat growing and we expect dozens of farmers to report yields in 1902 ranging from 800 to 900 bushels per acre. Price is dirt cheap. Be in the swim and buy this variety this spring to sell to your neighbors the coming fall for seed. It will surely pay you.

Sazler's Marvel Wheat—42 bus. per Acre
The only spring wheat on earth that will yield a paying crop north, east, south and west and in every state in the Union. We also have the celebrated March wheat, yielding on our farm 61 bushels per acre.

SPLETZ
The most marvelous cereal and hay food on earth, producing from 60 to 80 bushels of grain and 4 tons of rich hay per acre.

VEGETABLE SEEDS
We are the largest growers and our stock of earliest Peas, Beans, Sweet corn and all money making vegetables is enormous. Prices are very low. Oat seed 60 cents and up a bushel. Catalogue free.

For 10c—Worth \$10
Our great catalogue full descriptions of our Seedless Barley, yielding 100 bushels; our Triple Income Corn, giving 600 bushels; our potatoes, yielding 50 bushels per acre; our grass and clover mixtures, producing 8 tons of magnificent hay; our Peas, Oats, with 12 1/2 tons of hay; and 10 bushels with 80 tons of green fodder per acre. Sazler's great catalogue, worth \$100 to any wife brave gardener or farmer, sent free by mail. Sazler's great catalogue, worth \$100 to get a start—its mailed you on receipt of 10c, postage.

JOHN A. SALZER SEED CO., LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN.

ROCK ISLAND AND TRI-CITY.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Foy of Moline a pair of twin babies.

Prof. Hayes Robinson of Moline gave a very interesting musical at Narr hall, Thursday evening.

Mrs. Bush of Clinton after remaining in Moline four days accompanied her daughter to Clinton Friday morning.

We were glad to see the Editor of the Bystander take the stump which he did in the political fight against Captain Hull.

James Tolver is to be commended for the excellent programme he had prepared for the Mason's entertainment two weeks ago.

Mrs. G. G. Green who has been suffering with rheumatism for several weeks is now able to be out.

TRAIN TOOK ITS OWN PHOTOGRAPH.

A large, handsome engraving, 18x28 inches, has been made of "The Burlington's Number One" while going at 60 miles an hour between Chicago and Denver.

LITERARY NOTES.

Mr. Nesbit's new story, which will be published in the autumn, will have the queer title, "The Woudbegoods."

S. R. Crockett's new book, "Love Idylls," will be published soon.

Maurice Thompson's "Alfie of Old Vincennes" is to be published in Great Britain, as is also "The Story of Eva," the Chicago novel by Will Payne.

Few persons are aware, even in England, that a privately printed collection of unpublished writings from the pen of Robert Louis Stevenson is about to be issued.

In Dr. Minot J. Savage's new book, "The Passing and the Permanent in Religion," the author tries to make clear the great positive elements of religion which cannot pass away.

Henry James was recently told that Sarah Grand, the novelist, says she was 14 years old before she ever learned to read or write.

A new book on "Modern Strategy," which is said to be a work of importance, will be published soon.

In size, not counting colonies, the European powers stand in this order: Russia, Austria, Germany, France, United Kingdom, Italy.

THE MEMORY OF HER BOY.

Touching Incident Related Concerning Empress Eugenie.

An American woman, a noted reader and elocutionist, relates a touching incident in which she had a part during her stay in England.

"After lunch, and during the idle hour before tea was served," says the elocutionist, "the princess asked me if I would recite something.

"When the poem ended the empress rose, and, coming up to me, folded me to her heart, and, with a voice trembling with emotion, said: 'God bless you, my child! You have made me feel as I have never felt since my poor boy was killed—God bless you! I shall never forget this day!'"

THEIR TONGUES BETRAY THEM.

Character Reading by a New Method Now Popular in Paris.

And still they come. Linguistics is the last craze in Paris. If one prefers to call it glossemancy, well and good.

That a tongue may tell the character of the owner is a safe proposition. A tongue may even, to expert eyes, tell the condition of the owner's liver and from such data many conclusions may be reached.

One on James J. Hill.

"Speaking of James J. Hill," said a St. Paul man, the other evening, "I can tell you a story of him.

"It was away back in the 80s, when the late lamented Harry Ives was Mr. Hill's private secretary, and Mr. Hill was giving away pigs of purest breed to the farmers of the northwest.

Maine's Lobsters.

As a lobster-catching state Maine stands pretty nearly at the top, and Knox county leads all the other counties that have a rocky seacoast in the total number trapped last year.

How He Got Inspiration.

The Burmese Soung.

The Burmese soung is a harp, the body being modeled like a boat, with a long, high prow.

FORECAST OF FASHIONS.

A feign effect of Hamburg is pretty on a wash frock.

Lawn collars with colored borders are the latest fad.

Very long waisted effects are now the fashion for small children.

Black grenadines, both plain and figured, are offered in great varieties.

A popular style of trimming for the street and everyday hat is the draped silk scarf.

Gainsborough and Duchess of Devonshire hats appear among the high-priced millinery.

Rich, dull black is exceedingly becoming to golden-haired, fair-complexioned women.

Embroidered pongees appear beautiful in the excellence of their fiber and needwork design.

Costly netted fringes add greatly to the grace of the sweeping, clinging gowns of soft fabrics.

Long, unlined sleeves are again the mode of evening gowns. They are made long over the hands.

Entire gowns of crepe for either the street or the house are exceedingly handsome, and always becoming.

Plated and founced skirts will be worn the entire summer season for morning, afternoon and evening.

French chalis and sheer nun's veiling are two very favorite materials in the preparing of the summer outfit.

Black and white is perhaps the most favored combination of the season, and some lovely effects are to be seen in simple materials.

All waists have a becoming fullness at the front and skirts are extra full at the bottom. Puff effects are also noticeable on the sleeves.

Striking-looking parasols are those made of silk of broad pronounced stripes, running around the upper part of the parasol, while the lower part is of chiffon and silk.

Mercedized satens, which very closely resemble satin foulard, and soft silk and linen mixtures in dainty colorings, striped, dotted, and plain of surface, are among the favored materials for shirt waists for morning wear this spring.

HAPPY TIT-BITS.

"Poor Matie, her marriage was a disappointment." "Was it?" "Oh, yes; she didn't get half the nice presents she counted on."

"You are not addicted to any kind of athletics, are you?" "Athletics?" "Gracious man, I earn a good living for a family of seven."

"The doctor says I must go away for a change of climate," said Mrs. Dukane. "If that's all you need," replied Dukane, "stay right here, and the change of climate will come to you."

"Wait a minute," she said to the young man. Now, the young man, being a wise party, immediately went to the telephone and told his friends he would possibly be with them in two hours.

Mistress—Bridget I am tired of your carelessness. Only look at all that dust lying about on the furniture; it is six months old at the very least. Maid (very dignified)—Then it is no fault of mine. You knows, very well, mum, that I have been with you only three months.

WHAT THE LAW DECIDES.

A loan made to a married woman on her credit, although she gave notes therefor payable to her husband, which are void, is held in National bank vs. Tyndale (Mass.), 51 L. R. A. 447, to sustain an action at law against her estate upon the common counts for money lent or money had and received.

Bona-fide residence of the plaintiff in a suit for divorce is held, in Bell vs. Pell, U. S. Adv. Sheets 551, to be necessary to give jurisdiction of a suit for a divorce against a resident of another state, and a recital of facts necessary to give jurisdiction is held not to be conclusive on the courts of another state.

Actual notice of proceedings for divorce in a court of the state which has always been the domicile is held, in Atherton vs. Atherton, U. S. Adv. Sheets 544, not to be necessary to bind a non-resident defendant if reasonable efforts to give her actual notice are required by the state statutes and are actually made.

ODDS AND ENDS.

There are now fifty-eight factories, with 250,000 horse-power in the French Alps.

The number of Japanese at present living in the United States is estimated at 35,000.

The population of the German empire includes 3,000,000 who use the Polish language.

The Neodesha (Kas.) Register has a report of a shale bed that shows the prints of horses' feet, shod.

In New Hampshire the state government pays a bounty on dead grasshoppers at the rate of \$1 a bushel.

"Tartar" morocco is the leather of which the new card cases and purses are made. The colors are delicate and artistic.

Although the letter carriers have been ordered to wear shirt waists, they are not forbidden to deliver mail in wrappers.

Had Seen Enough of Show.

An Oklahoma paper tells of a farmer who went to town and thought he would treat himself by attending an opera. He went up to the ticket window and planked down a \$5 gold piece and asked for a good seat.

A Patrick Henry in Congress.

For a number of years Mississippi has sent a Patrick Henry to congress. He does not claim, as many Patrick Henrys do, to be the only and sole lineal descendant of the immortal patriot, but he comes from that famous branch of the family just the same.

The Teacher Failed.

In a school for colored children there was a little boy who would persist in saying "have went." The teacher kept him in one night and said: "Now, while I am out of the room you may write 'have gone' fifty times." When the teacher came back he looked at the boy's paper and found the task completed. Fifty times had the little darkey written the words "have gone."

Faith and Works.

One day recently a Berkeley student in one of Professor L. Dupont Syle's classes came into the recitation room so late that the English teacher made a mild remonstrance at the extreme tardiness of the young man.

Talented Princess.

The most interesting member of the Danish Court is the Princess Waldemar. She is an artist, her special line being scenes from animal life, and judges declare that, if she had been stimulated by necessity, she might have rivaled Rosa Bonheur.

Reading for the Blind.

Representative Dayton of West Virginia recently introduced a bill in the House providing that books, pamphlets and other matters in raised characters for the use of the blind shall be transmitted through the mails to blind readers and returned to depositories free of charge.

Californians Scorn Pennies.

They haven't any use for pennies in California. In Los Angeles they circulate a little, owing to the fact that many Eastern people have made that town their adopted home.

Arizona's Application for Statehood.

The application of Arizona for admission to the rights of statehood is based less upon its growth in population than in wealth and manufactures.

"Uncle Sam's" Marine Hospitals.

The government owns and operates twenty-one marine hospitals and operates two additional hospitals in leased buildings (New York and Dutch harbor, Alaska). There are besides 115 relief stations, where patients receive hospital or dispensary treatment.

Swedish Dynamite Gun.

A Swedish officer named Elmelin has invented a dynamite gun, which is said to be capable of piercing double the thickness of steel penetrable by any other known gun.

Classified as to Church Attendance.

Justice Phillimore of England, the other day declared that modern church-goers are "oncurs," not "twicurs," while non-church-goers are either "has-beeners" or "never-wasers."

Persian Ladies Dress Like English.

The British consul-general at Meshed reports that the Persian ladies are adopting the English style of dress, and that all articles of ladies' clothing are in great demand there.

Saved Half His Wages.

One of the large dry goods stores in Montgomery, Ala., is owned by a colored man who began life as a porter and made it a rule never to save less than half his wages.

Possibly Green or White.

A Kansas City man's full dress suit was stolen one night recently and the detective who was sent to investigate the case asked, "What color was it?"



Clean Up! Spring is coming and it will pay you to begin at once to beautify your home.

Subscription advertisement for the Iowa State Bystander, THE OLDEST COLORED JOURNAL IN IOWA, and the leading paper in the North-west.

Advertisement for the GREAT ROCK ISLAND ROUTE, offering Round Trip Rates from Chicago to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo.

Advertisement for Frills of Fashion, featuring variations in children's gowns and soft wool materials.

AS TRUE AS GOSPEL. There is always compensation. On angels go out that our archangels may come in.