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CITY NEWS

Misses Hall, Clay, Hyde and McCraven were ushers at St. Paul Sunday evening.

Mrs. Geo. Morton, who has been at the hospital for several weeks is improving.

Chester Wood has been guarding the stock of goods Seelye-Howe and Le Van Co this week while they were being packed for shipment to Omaha.

Rev. Horace S. Graves lectured in Oskaloosa Tuesday night in the A. M. E. church, on General Grant, to a packed house.

Mrs. Tracy Blagburn and children who have been spending the winter in Kansas City, Mo., returned home Tuesday.

The Colored Republican League will meet at the court house next Monday evening, all members are requested to be present.

Mrs. Sarah Curtley of E. Des Moines, is seriously sick. Her many friends will be sorry to hear of her illness, and hope for speedy recovery.

Mrs. L. E. Palmer, Grand Matron of the Grand Court of E. of J. of Iowa, will visit her Omaha Court on or about the 28th inst.—Omaha Enterprise.

Mrs. Frank Woodard has gone to Chicago. If she likes that city her husband will join her later and they will make that place their future home.

Mrs. Geo. Morgan had an operation performed at the Methodist hospital for a tumor this week. She is in a critical condition and the doctors fear she cannot recover, as we go to press she was resting well.

The widow of Rev. C. M. Williams, a former pastor of the East Side church has returned from Oberlin, O. Rev. Williams died a few weeks ago at Louisiana, Mo.

The second in the series of sermons will be delivered Sunday evening at St. Paul—"The Glory of a Young Man." Mrs. Lucy Blagburn will sing a solo and Mr. Douglas Miller and Prof. Holt will sing a duet.

Mr. J. H. Rogers will spend Sunday in Kansas City the guest of Miss Grace Simpson, he may remain for the Grand ball that will be given there on Monday night.

The Misses Alice and Nettie Williams entertained a dancing party Friday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams of Chicago and Messrs. Ed. Williams and Lawrence Morgan who returned recently from the windy city.

Mr. Howard Williams has returned to Chicago after a brief visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Williams. Mrs. Williams will spend the summer here.

Des Moines has another new colored lawyer, young S. Joe Brown, formerly of Albia where he has been practicing for several months in partnership with Geo. H. Woodson. They will still remain partners—Woodson remaining in Muchakinoe. Brown has opened his office in the New Century building, where he will be delighted to meet both clients and friends.

The entertainment given by the ladies of the Christian Working club and the Sewing Circle on Thursday, April 17 was a grand success. Mrs. L. Courtney and Mrs. John Blakey were chairman of the two committees respectively. The program was in charge of Mr. Fred Stanton. Everything for the tables was given, and the neat sum of \$33.10 cleared, which was donated to Rev. T. L. Griffith to assist in moving his family.

The E. B. S. met with Mrs. Jackson. A large membership was present. Quotations from Douglas. A very nice program was rendered. Mesdames

Wassels and Blagburn officiating; spelling by the club; oracle, Mrs. Graves; oriole, Mrs. Holt. Program for May 1: Quotations from Toussaint L'Ouverture; reading, Mrs. Edwards; paper, Mrs. Hamilton; general discussion, Mrs. Jackson served lunch, assisted by Misses Beasie and Lulu Jackson. The Circle adjourned to meet with Mrs. Watkins.

One week from Sunday, which is the first Sunday in May, is grand rally day of the St. Paul A. M. E. Church. In the evening song services will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium. There will be no admission, but all who desire to attend this service must secure a ticket from the pastor. No doubt this will be the greatest musical feast this city has ever had by colored singers. It will be greek meeting, greek in the musical world. Governor Cummins and the State House people will be in attendance again—Mr. Wm. Coalsion, J. L. Thompson and H. Gould are managing the colossal service and there can be no failure with such experience church workers. Will print full program next week.

MRS CONNWAY ACQUITTED

(Special to the BYSTANDER) After two days of the preliminary hearing in the case of the State of Iowa against Nora Conway the colored woman charged with murder in the first degree in the killing of her divorced husband Frank Conway at Hilton a week ago last Sunday, Mayor W. K. Hardenbrook discharged the defendant yesterday on the ground that the killing was done in self defense. Mrs. Conway was defended by Woodson and Brown.

STATE ORGANIZATION.

The Household of Ruth met in the rooms of Odd Fellows Hall for the purpose of organizing a District Grand Household for the state of Iowa, representatives consisting of the following sisters: Mesdames Parker of Davenport; Mattie Tiggs, Burlington; Matilda Holmes, Mt. Pleasant; Mattie Thomas, Ft. Madison; Ella Newman, Chariton; Matilda Atkins, Mt. Pleasant; May Davis, Albia; Sady Brooks, Keokuk; Mesdames Barber, Evans and Pruitt, Oskaloosa. The following officers were elected, Mesdames Parker, District M. N. G.; Mattie Tigg, E. N. G. Sady Brooks, W. R.; Matilda Holmes, W. T.; Mattie Thomas, P. M. N. G.; Ella Newman, W. G.; Matilda Atkins, W. P.; Anna Green, W. S.; Alice Kebo, W. U.; Matilda Frazier, W. C. F. Madison is to be the place for holding the next meeting which will be held the third Tuesday in July. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Tigg of Burlington last Wednesday. The delegates were guest of honor at a reception given in the Odd Fellows' hall by Household of Ruth of Keokuk. There was a large attendance, and an excellent programme was rendered. Ex-district Grand Master W. A. Mills officiated as master of ceremonies and made introductory remarks followed by S. L. Tigg District Grand Master, the welcome address was delivered by Mrs. Myrtle Robbins of Keokuk. Friday evening was the banquet and installing of the Grand officers at Estes Hall by S. L. Tigg Grand Installing Master, W. A. S. Mills Assisting.

W. R. Frazier presided over a mass meeting of colored men held at the court house this week and S. James of Saylorville acted as secretary. The following resolutions were adopted: "Whereas, There has been a double murder committed in our community, the most atrocious in the history of Iowa; and, "Whereas, On Sunday night, April 13, 1902 while returning from church, Lena and Thomas Peterson were waylaid and beaten to death by one or more villains, unworthy of any leniency at the hands of justice; be it "Resolved, That we the Negroes assembled in a mass meeting, do hereby denounce and condemn the above mentioned crime as venomous, atrocious and unmitigating, and that we will do all in our power to apprehend, bring to justice the party or parties perpetrators of the crime."

The following contributions were made toward the fund for the apprehension of the murderers: I. M. Jones, \$1; Albert Moss, \$1; W. Caloway, \$1; R. N. Hyde, \$3; Geo. Howard, \$1.

DR. A. G. EDWARDS.

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Color Line Taken Up.

The Biennial Convention of the Federation of the Woman's Club will be held in Los Angeles, California in May.

The first week in May the American people will have their attention turned to Los Angeles, in the Golden state, for there will be held the sixth biennial session of General Federation of Woman's Club of America, which will be composed of nearly 2,000 delegates, representing every social section in the United States. In 1892 thirty-three individual clubs, representing thirteen different states, effected the General Federation, from which it has now grown till it has 2,800 clubs with many thousand members, with twelve of these clubs colored. The two most perplexing and momentous questions which will come before the session while in the fruit land of southern California is the color line and re-organization.

The future success of the Federation depends on the final settlement of this question. The question of admitting colored clubs will be the absorbing question. Several states have already spoken, among which are: Iowa protested against the color line with a resolution in Milwaukee, afterward tabled them, and have refused to take any action; Illinois has said nothing; Ohio favors equality of all clubs and sent greetings to colored Woman's Federation; South Dakota voted strongly against colored clubs; Wisconsin, Michigan and Colorado has taken no stand yet; Delaware asks for no change in the constitution, and that the color question be not mentioned. Nebraska has two colored clubs as members of her federation. Minnesota has an application for membership of a colored club but is holding its decision till after the Los Angeles convention. Maine and New Hampshire strongly protest against the color line. Massachusetts has besides the New Era Club, of which Mrs. Ruffin represented at Milwaukee but was refused, several other colored clubs as members of the state federation.

While there will be some able and strong discussions of this question, yet we hope that there will be sufficient material with good judgment and loyal hearted and broad-minded ladies enough to do the only right and just duty, that of admitting all honest true and good society, and let not color debar them. While many of our good colored ladies' clubs will not force themselves, or seek association with an association that do not care or want them, they are independent. But the idea of prohibiting a club or denying it membership simply because of color is so little and narrow for intelligent ladies to consider.

THE BLACK CAT CLUB

This is the name of a new book just written by Rev. James D. Corrothers in the Negro dialect. The object can be briefly and best stated by quoting the author's preface in part. "This book is intended as a series of character studies of the Negro life as it may be observed in the great cities of the North. The scene has been laid in Chicago because there—more than any where else in the North—may be found every type of the American Negro and nearly every phase of his social life. Believing that for the world needs smiles instead of tears, it has been my desire to present the humorous side of Negro life, as I have observed it." We have just received a copy of the book but as yet have not given it a thorough study, yet it is well printed and cartooned and for its class we bespeak success for it. One can procure a copy by writing to Funk & Wagnalls, New York City, for \$1.00.

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COLOR PREJUDICE GIVEN A BLOW BY THE NEW MAYOR.

Last week our newly elected Mayor, Hon. J. M. Brenton took the lady manager of Home for Friendless Children to task. The management of the home for orphans and friendless children have been in the habit of refusing to take any children of color. The new Mayor ordered the child sent there not thinking about color they would not take it, he immediately sent for the Matron and gave them his orders which was so long, as they took \$1,000 annually from the city treasurer to aid the institution no color line would be drawn while he was Mayor. That is good Mr. Mayor your heart is right, keep on striking this monstrous color prejudice and gross injustice that is being heaped upon our race.

BASS THE GREAT HORSE EDUCATOR HERE.

Last week Mr. Thomas Bass of Mexico, Mo., who is perhaps the best horse trainer in America and who is the owner of that famous educated horse known to the horse show of the United States "Columbus" arrived in our city to the surprise of many who thought Mr. Bass was killed as the newspaper stated last fall just after attending the horse show at the Semi Om Sed. He was seriously hurt permanently and may die at any time as he can scarcely talk above a whisper. He brought several of his horses up here to attend the horse sale and he sold all six of the horses that he brought. He is an honest just and fair man to deal with and well liked by all who know him.

SAYLOR ITEMS.

The wedding bells are ringing again in Saylor. The First Baptist church has secured Rev. W. T. Nickerson to preach at the church, he is an able minister and the people are well pleased with his work. There has been three added to the church. Mr. A. H. Corbett left for Oklahoma on the 15th.

Mrs. Francis Young is on the sick list. Mrs. Addie Jenkins, Messrs James Holland and Lee Garrett are preparing to visit their sisters in Kansas and Missouri. Mrs. Corbett received the sad news of the death of her grandmother who lives in Virginia. "Saylor Wonders" are out for the season and willing to play at any time on any agreement, players are as follows: A. Campbell, pitcher; W. M. Pritchard, catcher; W. M. Oston, second-base; S. Blain first-base; G. Neal, short-stop; J. Francis, center-field; J. Steal, right-field; L. Brauch, third-base; C. Barefield, left-field; C. C. Riee, manager.

CLINTON ITEMS.

Wm. Giles an employ of the C. and N. W. railway dining car service spent Sunday in Clinton with his wife and friends. A union rally was held at the second Baptist church on Sunday afternoon the collection on that occasion amounting to \$25.00. The candy kitchen is about to be placed in the hands of painters and decorators for a general remodeling. Faed no doubt will endeavor to excel all previous efforts in beautifying his popular resort. The Ladies Aid and Industrial Society of the Second Baptist church met with Mrs. Parks on last Thursday afternoon a pleasant afternoon was spent. Quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday May the 4th. Rev. Malone will not

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ROCK ISLAND.

Special to Bystander. Installation services of Rev. James A. Biggsman as pastor of the McKinlay Baptist Chapel Sunday April 20th. Rev. Biggsman was installed as pastor of the McKinlay Baptist church. There was a large attendance and since the Reverend has been in charge the church has recovered the debt, he has also gained an extensive acquaintance since coming to Rock Island all whom are extending a helping hand to him in his work.

ALBIA NOTES.

Rev. Ed. G. Jackson and Mrs. Butler attended the memorial services at Hilton Sunday. The young people tendered a surprise party on Miss Fanele Parker Wednesday evening of this week. The Masons initiated some new members into their lodge on Saturday evening. About thirty were present from Buxton. The A. M. E. church gave a social at the hall Saturday evening. Quite a education was created at Hilton on last Saturday. Mr. Frank Conway was shot and instantly killed by his wife. Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Reed spent a few days of this week in Albia at the parental home.

HOMESEKERS 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.

MUCHAKINOCK NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jones entertained a number of friends Monday evening. About twenty were present a luncheon of five-courses was served by the hostess. The evening was spent in music and what, after which all departed for their respective homes. Messrs. C. and M. Foster were in Albia Saturday. A number of young men attended a dance at Clon Saturday night and all reported a good time. The yellow flags are all about down and the excitement is over. Mr. Will Williams has recovered from his recent illness. He was released from his happy home Saturday and is yet shouting with joy. Mr. John Graham was released Saturday. Mr. G. Clark entertained a number of friends Sunday. Mrs. Harriet Graham and Mrs. John D. Reed were in town Saturday. Teachers' meeting met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lewis Friday evening. Luncheon was served. All present report a pleasant evening. Miss Lela Shuff of Washington, D. C., guest of Hon. Geo. H. Woodson, will spend a few days in Albia this week. Mrs. Matilda Williams spent a few hours in Oskaloosa Saturday. Mr. I. Woodford, J. Blakey and B. Blakey returned to Buxton Friday. Mr. Clayton Foster, Miss Sarsiana Jones and Miss Sadie Jones were Oskaloosa visitors Saturday. Mr. Romeo Jones has returned from Arkansas. Mr. Davis Carter will make his future home in Buxton. Mr. Julius Weleh and Mr. Walker were up to the E. E. League Friday evening in Oskaloosa.

There will be a low rate excursion to Texas points via M. K. & T. Ry., May 30th 1902. Just a little more than half rate. Tickets bear favorable limit and stopover privileges. The M. K. & T. Ry. is the best line and official route to the new colony at Geraldine, Archer county, Texas. Show this to the nearest railroad agent and tell him that's the way you want to go. 5-20

An Old Superstition.

Superstition connected with the seventh child of a seventh child is commemorated by a farmhouse in a village churchyard near Bridgewater, Somerset, says the London Chronicle. This inscription runs: "Sacred to the memory of doctress Anne Pounsberry, 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 pebble and mortar. Place the powder in a bag around the neck of the sufferer."

Plan for Reducing Flesh.

The newest plan for reducing the flesh exacts no particular self-denial. Those who are anxious to try its effects need renounce only water with their meals. But they are required to make up for the water they avoid at meals by the amount to be drunk during the day. Not less than two quarts of water is the daily allowance. The results are soon noticed and are said to be as lasting as those of any other method of reduction.

be with us on that date but will be present the day following. Wednesday is the date set for the lecture by the Hon. Geo. H. Woodson of Muchakinoe at the A. M. E. church. Miss Anna Cooper is visiting friends in Dixon, Ill. Mrs. Martha Washington a long time resident of this city but for several years past a resident of Minneapolis is the guest of Mrs. F. E. McNeil. The entertainment given by the ladies club having under consideration the carpeting of the A. M. E. church was a decided success a neat sum being realized the event taking place on last Wednesday evening. Jesse Mitchell of Fulton was shaking hands with Clinton friends Sunday.

TUSKEGEE NOTES.

The girls new bath house is now being rapidly pushed, also the boys bath house, these buildings will supply a long felt want and are to cost respectively \$5,500 and \$6,500. The work upon the new office building has begun in earnest. A large force of men are at work laying the foundation, before the school year closes it is hoped to have this building mostly finished. New machinery for the brick yard has just been installed, the capacity of the old machine is 20,000 per day and the new machinery is a duplicate of it. We shall in short be turning out bricks at the rate of \$40,000 a day very soon.

NEWS FROM BUXTON.

Buxton is to have a beautiful park. The work of beautifying this park is now going on. The work is under the direction of the Buxton Cornet Band is managed by the band's business manager, Mr. William Resby, who has special personal supervision of the work. Superintendent B. C. Buxton is heartily in the park scheme and is building a grand band stand. The park as yet has not been named, but it will be named in due time. The park will be opened on May 30 with some strong attraction. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wesley died last Friday and was buried Saturday. The little one has been sick for a long time. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley's many friends deeply sympathize with them in this sad hour of death and parting. Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Palmer a fine baby girl. Miss Bessie L. Owaes, one of our city teachers, was elected delegate to the district Sunday School convention which meets in Ottumwa May 29. Mr. E. A. London was a visitor in Buxton the first of the week. Mr. London has resigned his position with W. A. Wells & Co. and has gone to Chicago where he will accept a position. Quite a number of our Masonic brethren were in Albia Saturday conducting an initiation ceremony. Mrs. Francis Brown was an Albia visitor Saturday. Last Tuesday the ladies' court was visited by the Grand Matron. She was accompanied from Muchakinoe where she last visited, by Mrs. Maud Jackson

SIoux CITY ITEMS.

Elder J. W. Malone held quarterly meeting Sunday at the A. M. E. church. He preached morning and evening to a large crowd. The Ladies' Improvement society met with Mrs. J. W. Norris Thursday afternoon. Miss Frankie Bankston of Cherokee, Ia., have come to reside in our city. Mrs. Margerite Smith is dangerously ill at her home with pneumonia. Miss Agnes Lashly and Mr. Champion, two of our promising young people of the city, were quietly married Wednesday evening at the home of her parents in the presence of relatives and a few friends. Rev. W. A. Magott officiated. We wish them much happiness through life. Mas Fannie Pinkard of Cedar Rapids arrived in our city last week for a short visit with her aunt, Mrs. Mary Corbin. Mr. J. H. Johnson will give a lecture at the A. M. E. church Wednesday evening, April 23. Those on the sick list are Mr. Edward Askew and Mrs. Mattie Watkins. Mr. Bruce Payne entertained Rev. and Mrs. Speese of dinner Saturday afternoon. Rev. W. A. Magott pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist church went to Sioux Falls, S. D. Tuesday in interest of the church. Mr. P. B. Brown entertained a company of his friends Sunday afternoon. The Misses Meredith of Worthington Minn., have come to our city to open up a dressmaking shop. We wish them good success.

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CUBAN RECIPROCITY.

Senate Republicans Friendly to Differential on Refined Sugar.

Washington, April 23.—The question of reciprocity with Cuba formed the subject of an important preliminary conference on the part of a majority of the republican senators yesterday.

In the main the senators invited to participate were those friendly to reciprocity legislation, but some of the opposition republican members were present.

The result of the meeting may be summed up as follows: There will be an early meeting of the senate committee on relations with Cuba to take up the question on the basis of the house bill, which is now before the committee. The republican members of the committee will act together in formulating a substitute for the house bill and none of them are to cooperate with the democratic members of the committee; the bill thus agreed upon by the republican members will be submitted to a republican caucus of the senate and made a party measure.

With the exception of Senator Spooner all the republican members of the Cuban committee attended today's meeting and it is understood, tacitly or openly gave their adherence to the program. The leaders of the movement express confidence that it will be possible to report a bill out of the committee and say their confidence also extends to the point of the passage of the bill by the senate.

The consensus of opinion seemed to be that a bill granting not to exceed 25 per cent reduction should be reported by the committee and there was general unanimity as to the advisability of eliminating the house provision striking out the differential duty on refined sugar.

MANY HURT AT PATERSON.

Striking Dye Helpers in Conflict With Authorities.

Paterson, N. J., April 24.—Striking dye helpers yesterday stormed the establishments that were still running and by force compelled a complete suspension of business in their trade. They engaged in a series of running fights with the police and plant managers and in one of the severest clashes exchanged a volley of pistol shots with them.

Many persons on either side were severely injured during the rioting. It was believed for a time that it would be necessary to ask the state for troops to restore order and insure protection to life and property, but the police expressed confidence in their ability to handle the situation, and no request for outside aid was made.

Judge Dixon called the grand jury and charged them to indict the persons guilty of rioting. It is expected that any attempt on the part of employers to resume business without dealing with the strikers will be desperately resisted. When the strikers completed their campaign today against the plants in operation the number of men out was found to be nearly 4,000.

FIVE HUNDRED DEAD.

Entire Republic of Guatemala Was Shaken by an Earthquake.

New York, April 23.—Late dispatches from Guatemala are to the effect that the whole republic was shaken by an earthquake on 8:30 o'clock on Friday night up to 8 o'clock Sunday night, with only short intervals between shocks, says a Panama dispatch.

The dispatch Saturday concerning the disaster in Quesaltenango are confirmed. It is estimated that five hundred persons were killed and millions of dollars worth of property destroyed there. Fires which followed the earlier shocks added to the loss and many heartrending stories of sufferings are received. The whole country is in panic stricken. The towns of Patzún and Mazatenango, the latter in the great coffee district, were destroyed. The visitation was spectacular in character. The first shocks were accompanied by terrific thunderstorms. The lightning was followed by a deluge of rain.

DATTOS ARE MORE HUMBLE.

White Banners Taking Place of Red Flags.

Manila, April 25.—Lieutenant Colonel Hank D. Baldwin, who is operating against the Moros on the island of Mindanao, telegraphs that the capture of Sultan Pualo's fort has had a most salutary effect. The dattos are submitting. White flags are taking the place of the red battle flags. The sultan of Amudak urges that time be given him in which to give up the assassins of the American soldiers and says that the advance of the Americans will mean "bristling cannon and impassable barriers, with God judging the right." Colonel Baldwin has received orders to suspend operations against the dattos.

FRANK STOCKTON DIES.

Well Known Novelist Passes Away While on a Visit in Washington.

Washington, April 22.—Frank E. Stockton, one of the best known American writers, died suddenly here at 11 o'clock Sunday. The cause of death was paralysis resulting from hemorrhage in the brain. Mr. Stockton was a guest at the banquet held Wednesday night of the National Academy of Sciences, when he was taken suddenly and mysteriously ill. The ailment did not at that time seem to be serious, and for a while the sufferer was thought to be improving, but a change for the worse came yesterday morning, resulting quickly in death.

General Wood Pardons Reeves.

Havana, April 23.—Governor General Wood has issued an order pardoning W. H. Reeves, who was recently sentenced to ten years imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$35,516 for complicity in the Cuban postal frauds. Reeves was liberated at once. General Wood says he pardoned Reeves because he was a witness for the state.

Foreigners Offer Criticism.

Vienna, April 21.—The newspapers here are publishing dispatches referring to the charges made against the conduct of American soldiers in the Philippines. The Viennese says: "The American action appears to be doubly horrible when it is remembered that American troops, with Spain in the name of

IMPURE BAKING POWDER SEIZED

The New York Board of Health Has Seized Alum and Rock, Declared It Dangerous to Health and Dumped It Into the River.

The New York papers report that the Health Department of that city has seized as dangerous to health nearly two tons of cheap mixtures sold for baking powder and dumped them into the offal sewer to be destroyed. More of the powder was found in a Sixth ave. department store. The report of the analysis of the Health Department stated that it was "an alum baking powder" containing alum and pulverized rock.

The different Health Authorities seem to have different ways of repressing the sale of bad baking powders. In England they have prosecuted the grocers under the general law, the sale of alum baking powder is actually prohibited by law. In New York they seize the unwholesome stuff and cast it into the river without any discussion. The latter way is certainly effective.

The alum baking powders are usually offered at a low price, ten to twenty cents a pound, or with some prize, as a temptation to the housewife. Consumers can protect themselves by buying only high-grade baking powder of established name and reputation. Do not be tempted by the grocer to take something else as "just as good" or "our own brand," for the trials show that the grocer himself is often deceived by unscrupulous makers, and is selling an alum powder without knowing it.

WORTHY OF CORPORATION LAWYER

Speculation That Caused a Thrifty Crowd to Rejoice.

Four or five good fellows, in the same line of business, recently "swore off." They had never tripped to excess, but they took a notion that it would be a good thing to quit, and accordingly quit for a period of thirty days. The agreement was drawn up in writing and signed by each. The third day after some of the parties to the agreement began to chafe under the restraint. They had never before felt the need of a drink quite as badly as after the ink used in drawing up the agreement had become dry. One of them, at last, dropped in on one of the others, and, of course, the swearing off proposition was immediately brought up.

"I'd like awful well to have a nip," said the caller.

"Same here," was the response.

"But I don't see how we can get around that agreement."

"I see a gleam of hope," was the reply. "Let's read this agreement over carefully." They did so, and it was discovered that the agreement did not call for thirty consecutive days, but merely for thirty days. The man that hit upon this bright idea was hailed as a born lawyer, who was wasting his time in the railroad business. There was an immediate adjournment to a popular West Superior street third cure.—Duluth News-Tribune.

MCKINLEY MADE THE JOKE GOOD.

Circumstances Under Which a Great Speech Was Delivered.

"Speaking of McKinley," said a member of the New York Ohio society, to a correspondent, "reminds me of one of the few jokes he ever cracked from a public platform."

"It was at our dinner of 1900, given in his honor just before the opening of his second presidential campaign. The president had promised to attend, but with the strict understanding that he was not to be asked to speak."

"The evening program was well under way when President Southard arose, looked at McKinley, with the air of a man who was about to take a plunge, and said: 'I have promised President McKinley that I will not ask him to speak. I shall keep that promise, but I have made no agreement, gentlemen, that will prevent your calling upon him.'"

"The house took the hint. There was a roar and the demand was emphatic and insistent."

"The President arose. He looked reproachfully at Southard and appealingly at the guests. Then he said: 'I had the solemn promise of your officers, gentlemen, that I should not be called upon to speak. I have, therefore, come carefully prepared.'"

At Swords' Points;

OR,
A SOLDIER OF THE RHINE.

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CHAPTER IX.—(Continued.)

She was no ordinary woman, this Parisian countess. He remembered that he had heard it said she was a born diplomat and that Louis Napoleon would sooner trust any desperate foreign mission to her than to most of his representatives.

Why, then, was she in Germany? Her appearance on the scene was like a blight to Paul. The conditions had really been bad enough before, but now they were rendered doubly serious.

When Hildegard and her companion arose to leave the garden, he saw the countess also make a move.

He held his breath when he saw her brush up against the German beauty, throw back her veil a moment and speak rapidly to her, at the same time pressing a note into the hand of the fairly surprised Hildegard.

Paul noticed that the countess dropped her veil again the moment she left Hildegard's side.

What was the reason of this scrupulous care? Did she wish to avoid recognition by Paul? He had never cared for her, though dazzled for a time by her beauty and the scintillating brilliancy of her intellect. Now he positively hated the dashing charmer, and could even see evil befall her with grim complacency.

Hence, it was with renewed interest and not a little satisfaction that he discovered a certain fact.

The countess had a shadow. In her turn, she was being watched, and something about the appearance of the man who kept her under constant surveillance gave him the impression that he belonged to the secret police of Berlin.

Then her mission to Baden was no such dead secret as she might suppose, and if she gave her enemies good and sufficient cause for an arrest, the beautiful Frenchwoman who dared to take such risks in order to gain the inside favor of Napoleon might see the inside of a German bastille sooner than she dreamed, even in her most sanguine moments.

Paul had much to consider while walking to his lodgings. Being possessed of means, Paul had a very luxurious establishment, which Karl shared with him of late.

The old woman who took care of the several flats usually waited up, though Paul could always enter with his key, and this he did on the present occasion.

To his surprise, the lights were turned up. Karl must have reached home ahead of him.

With a smile on his lips he abruptly entered the sitting-room to see the figure of a woman rise from a chair by the table where she had been reading and to feel a cold hand laid upon his heart as he recognized in his late visitor the charming enchantress and shrewd female diplomat, Countess Alme!

CHAPTER X.

A Stormy Interview.

Paul knew he was in for a siege as soon as his eyes fell upon his visitor, and it required all the fortitude of which he was possessed to brace himself for the encounter.

He took her hand in a perfunctory way, and would have immediately released it only she refused to let him go so easily.

"Ah! you men forget so easily. It is the poor, weak, loving women who have to suffer," she said, with such exquisite pain in her voice that Paul might well have been inclined to pity, only that he knew her so well.

"Countess," he said, steadily, with a stern face, that betrayed his design, "your remembrance of me is very kind, but surely the present time and conditions are hardly suitable for a lady's visit. Had you informed me of your presence here, I should have been pleased to have paid my respects to you at your hotel."

"Ah! that was what I did not wish, I am not stopping at a hotel, and they do not know me here as the Countess Alme. Besides—it was my desire to surprise you."

"You certainly accomplished that."

"I thought, I believed, you would be overjoyed to see me, and I had looked forward with such eagerness to this meeting. Since you left Paris I have had the blues and have grown actually thin."

She said this so boldly that it had no effect, for he knew it was false. If anything, she was more plump than ever, and, as to her moping, he had no doubt she had been through a constant round of gaiety, breaking new hearts every week, and accepting generous presents from her ardent admirers.

"That is too bad, countess, but you should not allow cares of state to worry you so," he said.

"Ah! you are blind; you will not see. You want me to tell you openly it is the torment of that little god Love that has harassed me. You have no pity upon a poor woman who, reigning a queen for years, suddenly finds herself the weakest slave."

"I am sorry to hear you say that, countess," Paul remarked, coldly. "Sorry!"

The hands fell from the bewitching face, now pale with sudden anger, and her sleek-black orbs flashed incipient lightning as the realization dawned upon her that her scheming had, after all, been in vain.

phisticated Hildegard with the political plots that kept the pot boiling and seething. Long ere you left the garden a paper I sent to her was in the hands of the secret officials of Bismarck.

Paul started as if shot.

He began to understand the villainy of that bold and unscrupulous woman might be guilty.

"What did that paper contain? I demand that you answer me!" he cried, showing signs of excitement at last.

"Apparently a cipher which could be easily read, and which Hildegard was instructed to pass on to the next agent, who would carry it swiftly over the border to Paris."

"And the cipher—what was it about?" savagely.

"Oh! a simple recapitulation of the number of men available whom Germany could place on the border, and some hints as to the best line of march a French army could take on the road to Berlin."

Paul hated her at that moment worse than he had hated any one in all his life.

She read his thoughts. "You mean to betray me to the authorities?"

"It would only be fair. In that way I might save your intended victim."

"Ah! you do not dream what a hornet's nest you would bring down about your ears if you attempted that. And do you think they would believe you, whose name was signed to the note I gave Hildegard? At this very moment agents are watching this house, believing I have come here to have a secret conference with you about political matters."

"I am lost!" he groaned.

"Wait. There is a chance of escape."

"You mean you have terms to propose."

"Fly with me. I can outwit even Bismarck's bloodhounds. We can reach Russia, where we will be safe. Only promise that you will be faithful to me while life lasts. It is all I ask—all I care for. With that I can well say good-by to the world."

Eagerly she waited for his answer. It came speedily enough.

Paul folded his arms, he drew himself up to his full height, and looked her sternly in the eyes.

"Before I would reward such base treachery I would thrust my hand into the fire and let it burn to the stump."

His words completed her demoralization, and she threw aside the mask.

"You cast the offer of my love away like a tattered glove. Well, I shall live for revenge, Monsieur Paul. You will curse the stupidity of this hour. I shall find means to wring your proud, cold heart. No man ever treated me as you have done, and it has aroused all the devil in my nature. I shall have a terrible revenge, do you hear me, a revenge best suited to such an insult. And now I will relieve you of my hateful presence, but you can depend upon it, you are already a marked man among the King's soldiers, and a guard will remain to watch your future actions. Mine were, and no other shall possess what fortune has denied to me, and, with flashing eyes, in which he saw murder rampant, the adventures glided from the room and was escorted by him to the lower door of the house.

CHAPTER XI.

Led by Destiny.

It may be safely assumed that Rhine-lander, after that stormy interview with the countess, did not feel much like sleep.

Long he tramped up and down the rooms, for Karl had not yet arrived. At length he retired, and when Karl came in he seemed to be sleeping; yet, through the remaining watches of the night, the American lay there and arranged plans, just as when a child he had built houses out of cards, to knock them down the next capricious moment.

Another day dawned.

Paul remembered his promise to his sister.

It must be kept, painful though the interview might be. Beatrix should know that at least she had a father with an unsullied name, and that there was a brother ready to love and protect her, in whose arms she could weep.

Accordingly he hastened to the address he had received on the previous night.

He had already noticed as a queer coincidence that it was in the same strasse as the house where Hildegard resided. This did not appear to be the only resemblance, since the building itself had a familiar look.

Passing upstairs and asking to see the young lady, he handed his card to the attendant.

Through the doorway came a vision in white, and Paul's nerveless arms fell flat to his sides.

For, strange to say, it was not Sister Beatrix who floated in through the doorway, but Hildegard herself.

And, like a flash, it came upon poor Paul that, in some clumsy manner, he had succeeded in mixing the numbers, and thus made a mess of it.

Hildegard was evidently struggling under a variety of emotions; but she had been taught how to keep her feelings under fair control, and, besides, the German maidens are so very modest they never wear their hearts upon their sleeves for daws to peck at.

She inclined her head, as though unwilling to trust her voice as yet. Now he was ready to make the plunge.

"It is my duty to warn you against some one you saw last night at the garden; a woman, who has taken an intense dislike toward you, founded on a senseless fabric, but who wishes you ill."

"A woman, you say—and last night?"

Hildegard put this question hastily, while her manner betrayed more or less excitement.

She did not forget, she could not forget, that she had seen Paul bending over a sweet girl, holding her two hands in his own, and beaming upon her with what appeared to be the most devoted attention.

No wonder her curiosity was aroused and she hung upon his words with eagerness.

"This woman has conceived a sudden dislike toward you. She has no scruples about working you injury, and has arranged a miserable plan whereby you may seem to be implicated with her in treachery toward the Kaiser."

The girl's face grew white. To a patriotic daughter of the Rhine, there could be no greater evil befall one than to be accused of such a crime.

"Impossible! Who would believe such a thing?" she murmured.

"In these troublous times men are ready to believe the strangest stories. Spies there are in the heart of Germany. One was discovered only a few days ago within forty miles of a woman who had been trusted almost implicitly."

She is now shut up in a fortress. Let me try to explain."

"Proceed, my dear."

(To be Continued.)

HER PAGAN CHILD.

Modern Mother's Unique Thought as to Her Ancestors.

"There, the task is done, the baby's asleep," said a woman friend the other evening as she entered the sitting-room and piled on the table what appeared to be a very considerable portion of a toyshop's stock. There was a little rubber Lord Fauntleroy with its mouth agape and the end of his nose worn through; a little doll, red-gowned and belted and with a tin jewel at her throat, called Betty; a still smaller object in human form, one leg gone and a hole in the top of the head, called Johnny; a white sawdust stuffed dog with one eye missing and tail in a state of collapse from frequent pulling, called Flip, and a rubber cow known as Moo.

"I believe that some of my ancestors must have been Chinamen," continued the mother, "and that their dispositions, long hidden through successive generations, are reappearing in my child."

One would not suspect it to look at the child. The little girl of the fairest complexion and most cherubic expressions, to make whose eyes the sky was robbed of a tiny bit of its finest blue, and whose hair was as if it had been spun from the sunshine.

"But you see," said the mother, "when a Chinaman dies and is buried they put in the grave with him clothing and food, and perfumes, red torches and horses to be at his convenience in the other land. Well, my baby must have at her side as she goes to sleep all the toys with which she is wont most to play with during the day so that she may have them with her in the land of dreams."

CLOCKS OF PAST AGES.

How the Present Magnificent Timepieces Originated.

The word clock, derived from the French cloche, German glocke, signifies bell, and up to the fourteenth century it was only used to designate a bell which was struck at certain periods of time indicated by the hour glass.

Sundials or "gnomons" were the first instruments used in measuring time, and there is but little doubt that the long granite pillars which we call obelisks were used by the Egyptians if not as actual sundial hands, at least for some astronomical observations of the movement of the sun.

Clepsydras or water clocks and sand clocks came next in order. The flow of sand through a small orifice is an accurate method of measuring time, for the exit of the sand is always regular; but water is influenced by the laws of hydrostatics; when the vase is full the water runs out faster than when it is nearly empty.

Candle clocks, or tapers on which were colored bands indicating how much was consumed in a certain time, were also used, and their invention is attributed to Alfred the Great; but this method is even more susceptible of error than the previous ones.

In most large cities a public record of the flight of time seems to have been kept by some method or other. In 1286 St. Paul's in London paid a salary to an orologioario, who kept a record of time; and in 1371 we find one employed at Westminster palace to attend to the clock. The first portable clocks are attributed to a German named De Souable, and are supposed to have been made in 1300; but it is not till 1480 that we find mention of a clock made so that "the might carry it with him to every place whither he might go."—Jewelers' Review.

Lost the Lord's Nickel.

A little boy who goes to Sunday school every Sunday always receives a nickel from his father to place in the collection plate. Last Sunday his father gave him two nickels, saying, "One is for the Lord and the other is for yourself." As it was too early to start for Sunday school the little boy sat on the porch steps in the warm sunshine playing with the two nickels. After a while he dropped one of them and it disappeared down a crack. Without a moment's hesitation and still clutching the remaining coin in his clenched fist, he looked up at his father, exclaiming, "Oh, pop! There goes the Lord's nickel!"

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RACE ECHOES.

John S. Durham, Ex Minister to San Domingo, has a love story in this month's issue of Lippincott's magazine, entitled "Diane, or the High Priestess of Hayti."

Mr. John L. Slaughter, a colored citizen of Milwaukee, has opened "The Turf," a newly constructed twenty-one room hotel.

E. A. Johnson, the well known writer of school books and other Negro literature, has been appointed U. S. District Attorney in North Carolina.

"Major" Taylor, the crack bicyclist, and Miss Daisy Morris, were recently married at Ansonia, Conn. The "Major" has started for Paris where he will contest with expert French riders.

Frankford, Ky.—Judge Cantrell, of the state fiscal court, on Monday afternoon sustained the injunction case of adjoining property owners against the First African Baptist church of Frankford to restrain it from building a church adjacent to the governor's mansion. Governor Beckham, among other white citizens, protested against building the church, and the trustees employed ex Chief Justice Hazelrigg and other eminent counsel to defend the case, which has been warmly contested since the trustees paid \$4,000 for the lot and removed buildings from the property preparatory to laying the foundations in November, 1901. In rendering the decision Judge Cantrell holds the church to be a nuisance. The case will be appealed to the court of appeals, and lawyers say the case may be taken to the United States supreme court if the lower court is sustained. This is the greatest outrage of the age and all the result of racial prejudice.

Mr. George W. Carver, the director of the Agricultural Department of Tuskegee, some weeks ago while in Montgomery inspecting a heard of fine cows, discovered a clay of very great value, some of which he took to Tuskegee and experimented with it in his laboratory. He found the clay to be a collection of oxides which when reduced, yields blue, green, yellow and a number of intermediate colors. It has been proved by paint experts that the major color, which seems to be a rich Prussian blue, is quite superior to anything now on the market. It is claimed that the paint when developed will sell for not less than \$2.80 per pound. The land on which the clay is found is near Montgomery, Ala., and could have been bought for a small sum, but since Mr. Carver's experiments cannot be bought at any price.

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King Solomon Commandery, No. 6—Meets Second and Fourth Thursday in each month at Masonic Hall. Fred Jackson, M. C.; G. H. Claggett, Sec.
Naomi Court, No. 3—Meets Second Monday in each month at Masonic Hall. Mrs. J. H. Shepard, matron; Mrs. Fred Jackson, Sec.
Mt. Olive Court, No. 4—Meets First Thursday of each month at Masonic Hall. Mrs. R. A. Wilcox, matron; Mrs. Georgia Midgott, secretary.
Cleary Lodge, No. 2192, G. U. O. of O. F.—Meets First, Second and Third Tuesday each month at Odd Fellows hall on West Sixth and Walnut streets. D. Burns, N. G.; F. Burns, P. S.
H. H. of H. No. 339 of G. U. O. of O. F.—Convenes the second and fourth Thursday in each month, promptly at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Blakely, M. N. G.; Mrs. G. L. Williams, W. R. Knights and Ladies of Honor of the World No. 178 Victoria Lodge—meets every Monday evening at Webster's Hall, corner of Tenth Center streets. Mrs. E. A. Wood, Proctor. Mrs. Rosa Johnson, Secretary.

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First African Baptist Church—Corner School and Fourth streets. Rev. F. Lonnack pastor. Preaching 10:30 a. m., Sunday school 3:30 p. m., Mr. M. E. Houston, Superintendent. Young People's meeting 7 p. m., preaching 8:00 p. m.
Bern's M. E.—East Second and Des Moines street.—Sunday services, preaching at 11:30 a. m. and 4 p. m., Sunday school at 12:30 p. m., Prayer and Class meeting, Wednesday 8 p. m. All are welcome. Rev. G. W. Holmes, pastor, 220 Des Moines street.
Mount Nebo Baptist Church—E. Second street, between Locust and Grand avenue.—Sunday service, preaching at 11 a. m.; Sunday School 12:30 p. m., Superintendent, Rose Johnson. Preaching at 8 p. m., Rev. J. H. Bell, pastor.
Tabernacle Baptist Church—Situated over 906 East Locust street. Preaching 11 a. m., Sunday School 9:00 a. m., preaching at 8 p. m., Rev. J. R. Wintush, pastor.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.
Notice is hereby given that at a special meeting of the stockholders of the McClean Arms Co., held at Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, on the 22d day of March, A. D. 1902, pursuant to call duly made, the Articles of Incorporation of the association were amended so as to increase the preferred capital stock of the corporation One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), and the first section of Article 3 as amended shall read as follows:
"The capital stock of this corporation shall be Three Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$300,000.00), preferred stock, and One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) common stock, and shall be divided into four thousand shares of One hundred Dollars (\$100.00) each, and when issued shall be fully paid and nonassessable."
In testimony whereof, I, W. G. Montgomery, as President of said McClean Arms Co., pursuant to a vote of the stockholders of said corporation, on the 23d day of March, A. D. 1902, at Des Moines, Iowa, have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said corporation, and acknowledged the same for and in behalf of the said corporation.
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