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CITY NEWS

Mr. Clifford Hawkins is visiting in Kansas City this week.

Edward Morton left this week for Minneapolis to stay awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ruff entertained a few friends at dinner Sunday.

J. O. Williams is confined to his home this week with rheumatism.

Miss Ora Brown of Iowa City was in the city Wednesday to attend the field meet.

Mr. A. Birney accidentally took hold of a live electric wire and received a very severe injury in his hand.

Benevolent club will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Carlson, 2018 Center street, Wednesday, June 4.

The young Misses Fields, Haworth, Allen and Bowmer acted as ushers last Sunday night at the A. M. E. church.

Mrs. H. S. Graves left Wednesday morning to attend the Sunday School convention in Ottumwa.

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

Mr. Henry Fitch has rented his home to E. Tracy Blagburn, and he will rest this summer, visiting out of the city.

Leo Welker a junior of the Iowa College was in town Wednesday he was protested and could not enter the bicycles races at the meet.

Mr. Joseph LaCour, formerly of this city, but now of Mendota, Ill., has purchased property out on Ingersoll avenue and will move here to live.

Rev. J. E. Ford, pastor of the Zion Baptist church of Denver, Colo., spent one day last week visiting Rev. T. L. Griffith.

Robert Woods, one of our Des Moines boys, who has been in the White City for more than a year, returned here Monday to visit his mother.

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.

Rev. H. S. Graves and Miss Gertrude Cravens, Sunday School delegate, left last Monday afternoon for Ottumwa to attend the district conference and Sunday School convention. Miss Cravens will represent the BYSTANDER and report for it.

As it will soon be our usual time to make our regular annual collecting call to both our city and out of the city subscribers; we would urge upon our subscribers who are back to be prepared this time, especially those who owe for more than one year.

There is a young man who is seen on Tenth street frequently, says "this has been one of the longest weeks in this year," be courageous the convention will soon be over.

Miss Mabel Hall will be one of Madam Stevens' assistants in designing the costumes to be worn by the women this summer, during her school vacation.

The concert that was given at the A. M. E. church last Tuesday night by Kenneth Hamilton was well attended and good programme rendered especially the elocutionist Miss Nellie Fitch. Mr. Hamilton is a very fine musician and should be appreciated by every race loving person.

Sunday is Rough Riders day at the A. M. E. church, consisting of the men of the city. The pastor will preach a special sermon to the men of the city Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The members will join this rally by giving One Dollar each. Let every friend of the church help in this the last rally of the year.

The news of the death of Mr. Dade reached our office as we go to press. He died at his home of hemorrhage.

Mrs. Rosa Johnson met with a painful accident this week, while stepping off a street car she stepped into a hole near the side walk and broke her shoulder blade, she is improving.

Rev. S. Bates, formerly pastor of the Corinthian Baptist church, this city, but now of Evans, Iowa, visited a few days this week in our city. He is doing nicely. He made a pleasant call at the BYSTANDER office.

The memorial exercises at the A. M. E. church last Sunday evening was highly attended. The church was nicely decorated with flags, tunting, etc. The address of S. Joe Brown was eloquent and well delivered. The address of J. L. Thompson was of a historical nature and was well received.

Mr. J. H. and Mrs. A. Dixon gave a party last Monday night at their home 1218 Day street, in honor of the persons who took part in the "Japanese Wedding" that was given at the A. M. E. church last month. Dainty refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Mrs. Wm. Smith will leave this week for Davenport where she will make her future home, as her husband who is in the employment of the Rock Island was transferred to Davenport, while we are sorry to lose Mrs. Smith as she was a willing church worker and liked by all, yet what is Des Moines' loss is Davenport's gain.

Our mayor has appointed two more colored men on the patrol force viz. Lieutenant E. G. McAfee and Primas Lewis. Both are well known men and were active republican workers in the recent campaign. We are glad that the new mayor is beginning to redeem some of his promises, for our race had become very impatient. We wish those men success.

Program of the Afro-American Colored Republican League, Monday night June 3, 1902, at the A. M. E. church: Singing by the League; Invocation, Rev. H. McCraven; Singing: Question, Resolved, that the action of the National Federation of Women's club at Los Angeles in refusing to admit any colored club, was to the best interest of the colored women in America. Affirmative, W. H. Humbard, Mrs. Dr. A. G. Edwards, Lawyer H. R. Wright and Prof. Geo. I. Holt; Negative, J. L. Thompson, Mrs. Viola Pergerson, Lawyer S. Joe Brown and Chas. Ruff. J. L. THOMPSON, Pres. H. R. WRIGHT, Sec.

GIANTS DEFEATED.

John Turner selected nine men and went down on lower Ninth street last Sunday afternoon and crossed bats with the Des Moines Giants, and his team showed them how the national game should be played. As our reporter was absent it is hard to say "how it happened." But all of the Giants' players were not there, hence that may be one of the reasons why they were defeated. Turner was in the box for the picked team and W. Patterson was behind the bat, and Gates and Roberts performed the same duties for the Giants. The score was 17 to 10 in favor of the former.

IOWA COLORED WOMEN UNITE.

May 27.—A state federation of Iowa Colored Women's Club was effected here to-day. Officers were elected as follows: President—Mrs. Helen Downey, Ottumwa; First vice president Mrs. Ruth Richardson, Davenport. Second vice president, Mrs. F. Jackson Des Moines; Secretary, Mrs. Genevieve Toliver, Rock Island; Corresponding secretary Miss Florence White, Muscatine; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Moss, Davenport. The convention discussed the matter of a name to be preferable applied to the Negroes of America and determined that the race ought to be referred to as "Afro-Americans."

CHEAP EXCURSION TO ST. LOUIS

On Friday, June 6, the Wabash will run a cheap excursion to St. Louis—only \$4.00 for the round trip, giving two full days in St. Louis. This will be an excellent opportunity to visit the World's Fair site. Train leaves Des Moines at 9 p. m. For further information write S. W. FLINT, P. & T. A. Des Moines, Iowa.

A SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

The Editor John L. Thompson was administered a birthday surprise last Wednesday the 28th. About 9 o'clock P. M. the "door of the Thompson" home was opened by his brother E. W. and party of 37 went in.

Mr. Thompson was sitting writing in his old palat clothes with shoes and collar etc. off being so surprised he could hardly speak, and as it was planned by his wife and brother E. W. they began to unfold the mysteries of how they had strolled away the ice cream, chairs and other things that would lead one to suspect a party the completeness of the surprise could be

realized, soon the house was lighted up and the beautiful new movie yard was illuminated with Japanese lanterns. The evening was spent in a literary way. The toast-master E. W. Thompson who made a most enjoyable and excellent master, first introduced Mrs. Theodore Williams subject was, "The Home" which was one of the most beautifully delivered and helpful address to the real duty of wife in a home, the next was an address by Mr. Gus Watkins, subject Benefit of a Trade which was filled with good ideas Attorney S. Joe Brown one of the most profound students of Iowa spoke on The value of a higher Education, it was very instructive, thoughtful and scholarly address, paper by Miss Mary Bell subject The public school and development of civilization which was good, Mr. W. R. Fraizer subject, How to become successful in the Commercial World which showed careful preparation and interest and Attorney H. R. Wright spoke on Progress of the Race, he made some good points and it was well received. Mr. Thompson received many presents in which Mr. S. Joe Brown made the presentation speech after which Mr. Thompson replied in a very felicitous affectionate and eloquent manner which touched the hearts of all present. The dainty lunch of ice cream, strawberries cake and coffee was served and at the wee hour of twelve most of the guest had left with the Parting wish that Mr. Thompson may live to enjoy many more such birthdays.

This is a startling matter when we consider it. The point is, that it seems in our large cities, even where there is equal opportunity to attend the common and High Schools, we as young people don't have ambition enough to go through the High School, and our parents don't seem to realize the real need of their children going through the High School. Parents, you are neglecting your plain duty you owe to your children, namely, failing to give them an education, for education is one of the most essential to success and respect by any race. Another thing parents, you are doing which is wrong, you are often taking the word of your children as to their own progress they are making, when you should visit the school and see for yourself, not that you disbelieve your child's own word, but by talking with the teacher she may be able to tell you the weak part in your child or the study that seems the hardest for it, then you may thereby aid it. Another thing, allowing those children of school age to go in society. They should avoid society until they have finished their school.

Two more graduates. Of the East Side High School class of 27, which received their diplomas, two were issued to colored students, Mr. Bert O. Clark and Miss Angeline Mae Wilkinson. Both are so well known that we need not comment. Miss Wilkinson is one of the best known and loveable young East Side lady, well deserving and should be encouraged to go on higher. Mr. Clark is the son of Rev. Clark, at one time pastor of the A. M. E. church here; he now lives in Chicago. Young Clark's brother Beverly graduated from the same school a few years ago. Mr. Bert is a gentlemanly young man with good manners and a bright future.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AGAIN HONORED.

The State University of Iowa has selected President Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee, Ala., as their commencement orator. He will speak Wednesday, June 11. Among the other notables present, Sunday June 8 is Baccalaureate sermon by Rt. Rev. Theodore N. Morrison, D. D., Bishop of Iowa. Monday, June 9, Governor's review of the battalion; June 10, is Phi Beta Kappa, address by Prof. Josiah Boyce of Harvard University. There are various other meetings and essentials that goes with each commencement during that week. Reduced rates on all the rail roads. We acknowledge the courtesy of an invitation to be present from the President, Geo. E. MacLean.

DECORATION DAY.

To-day is Decoration Day for the Union soldiers in the United States, and a legal holiday in Iowa by state statutes. It recalls the tender recollections and sad feelings of the boys in blue, and the precious memories of the departed heroes. To-day we stop the wheels of industry and commercial activity, in most of the Northern cities to spend that day in decorating the graves of our departed hero, friend or comrade with flowers, moistened it with a tear from our sad loyal hearts. We should never, never become wrapped up in business that we should neglect our duty to departed friends or relatives. As the years rolls by we should seek to teach mankind that higher civilization and broader manhood and womanhood we owe to one another. Teach our age that in the grave all are equal, and God has no respect of person, but treat all alike. If while on earth we have tried to live a good life, sowing seeds of kindness, treating all with equality and justice we shall be remembered by and

PARENTS NEGLECT THEIR DUTIES TO CHILDREN.

A very vivid example of parental neglect or carelessness to keep their children in the schools of our cities, especially the High Schools until they graduate, is seen in our city this year. In our city alone over 200 children graduated, with only two colored children, not even one from the West Side High School. Think of it my colored mother and father, of a city of 70,000 people with 3,000 colored people and only two graduates. Why Mr. Pleasant, a little town of about 800 colored people, graduated four, Albia with a colored population not to exceed 200 graduated two, and yet Des Moines with 3,000 people send out only two.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Marshall from Denver Colo., have come to spend the summer with their daughter, Mrs. Maggie Gordon Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Reed of Hilltown were in town Saturday. Miss Nellie Grayson graduated from the Albia High School this year, Mr. Wallace Davis and Mr. Charlie Davis were Hilton visitors Sunday. Miss May Carter of Mt. Pleasant passed through Albia enroute to Des Moines. Rev. Ed. G. Jackson was a Buxton visitor Sunday. Messrs. Warren Mines and Burt Jones were Hilton visitors Sunday. The A. M. E. Sunday School committee gave a social at the church Saturday night. Sunday June 1st is quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church. Mr. Temp Rhoads of Buxton was in Sunday.

NEWS FROM BUXTON.

(Last Week.) The population of Buxton is still increasing. W. A. Wells, our popular merchant, had an accident one day last week which fortunately was not serious. He was enroute from Muehakinok to Buxton on a gasoline engine car which at an unguarded moment flew the track. Mr. Wells retained his self-control and prevented the car from over-turning upon him and escaped with a few light bruises. The drama, "A Woman's Honor" was well played last Friday evening at St. John's A. M. E. church. A nice sum was realized for the benefit of the church. Six car loads of people attended the baptizing services at the river Sunday. The baptizing by the Baptist church. Dr. Allen and wife are registered at hotel Perkins. Dr. Allen is a magnetic doctor. Misses Bessie L. Owens and Elnora Eubanks, teachers in our city schools, closed their schools last Friday. Miss Eubanks will leave Monday for Missouri where she will spend the summer, and Miss Owens will go to her home in Ottumwa. The Baptist church is nearly finished—by next Sunday they will be ready to hold their regular services in it. Atty. S. Joe Brown was in our city last week. Mr. J. H. Morris is slowly improving. Died last Friday morning at 1 o'clock, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Palmer. (This Week's Items.) Buxton had another scrape Friday night, in which our constable William Reahny was shot in the arm. The wound although not a dangerous one is very painful. Mrs. Rosa Tolliver is visiting her home in Ft. Dodge. Mrs. Henry Allen has gone to her home in Montezuma, called there by the serious illness of her grandmother. Memorial day will be observed here. Hon. Geo. H. Woodson and Rev. C. H. Mendenhall are the speakers of the day. The Buxton Cornet Band and a large chorus choir will furnish the music. There will also be recitations and reading. W. H. London has been detained at his home consider the past week on account of illness.

A GREAT GATHERING IN MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL.

We have called attention several times to the annual meeting of the National Afro-American Council, the Colored Educational Association and the Afro-American Press Association meeting, which is to be held in Minneapolis and St. Paul in the month of July, from the 7th to the 12th, will catch all the above meetings. There will be delegates and representatives from all parts of the United States. It will be the greatest gathering of American Negroes this year, and being so close to Iowa, our state should not go unrepresented, but we should have a good intelligent working delegation from the Hawkeye state. What has become of the Afro-American Council.

SECRET ORDERS.

North Star Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & M.—Meets First Thursday in each month at Masonic Hall—Fourth and Court avenue. J. H. Shepard, W. M.; T. S. Ruff, secretary. Second and Fourth Thursday in each month at Masonic hall. Fred Jackson, W. M.; G. H. Chislett, Sec. Naomi Court, No. 3—meets Second Monday in each month at Masonic hall. Mrs. J. H. Shepard, matron; Mrs. Fred Jackson, secret. Mt. Olive Court, No. 4—meets First Thursday of each month at Masonic hall. Mrs. R. A. Wilbur, matron; Mrs. George Midgett, secretary. Charity 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. Brown, P. S. H. H. of R. 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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OSCEOLA BUDGETARIAN.

Death has again visited our little burg, and this time taking from us Mr. James Culp who very suddenly passed away Friday evening about 11:15 at his late home. Mr. Culp had been complaining for a day or two with a severe cold but was not thought to be serious as he was in the best of spirits before retiring. He was born in Randolph county, Mo., and was 56 years old. His funeral occurred Sunday afternoon at the A. M. E. church conducted by the pastor, Rev. Wade assisted by Rev. J. M. Rudy of the Christian church, a large concourse of friends both white and colored attended the services. Mr. Culp was a member of the Salvation army. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife one step daughter Mrs. Alice Prince of Coin, Ia., and a host of friends. He will be greatly missed.

Rev. Wade left Sunday afternoon for Cleveland and from there to Ottumwa to the District Conference Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris left last week for their home in Greenfield after a months stay in our city.

Miss Anna Williams still remains quite sick at her home.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church, Elder Malone will preach in the evening.

Miss Stella Pierson of Greenfield arrived in our city Tuesday noon to the sick side of her cousin Anna Williams.

Messrs. Frank and Roy Bryant has returned from a pleasure trip to Chicago. They spent a week in the white City sight seeing.

Mrs. Alice Prince of Coin will remain a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Culp Ed. Trimble went to Chariton Tuesday.

ALBIA NOTES.

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ENTERTAINING NEWSPAPER FEATURE.

Probably no other newspaper in the United States can show so brilliant an array of special features as is found in the columns of the Chicago Record-Herald. The daily and Sunday news and special features of The Chicago Record-Herald include the letters of William E. Curtis and Walter Wellman, The Record Herald's special New York dispatches, its unparalleled foreign news service, embracing its own special cables with those of the New York Herald and the Associated Press; its pages devoted to the markets and financial and commercial intelligence—exhaustive to the most satisfactory degree—its popular sporting page, its extended editorial department, Kiser's humorous "Alternating Currents," "Stories of the Day," the departments of railroad and insurance news, music and drama, society and clubs, the column of book reviews, the continued story, the "Woman Beautiful," department, the daily fashion article, "Meals for a Day," news of the great lakes, etc.—all uniting to furnish to the people of Chicago and the Northwest a newspaper which commends itself to discriminating readers as only a newspaper can which combines the worldwide facilities of the greatest metropolitan newspaper of modern times.

An Old Lady's Mistake.

Cardinal Gibbons was formerly a frequent visitor to Cape May and usually took long walks morning and afternoon by the seashore. He always wore his cardinal's skull cap of scarlet silk, of which an inch or so showed below the rim of his silk hat. One afternoon while he was on the board walk an old lady stopped him and said: "Excuse me, sir, but the lining of your hat has slipped down in the back." The cardinal thanked her gravely, but as soon as she left laughed heartily at her mistake.

Mr. J. W. Norris has been sick the

past week but is able to be at his work again.

The Ladies Pleasure Club met with Mrs. E. H. Bury Friday evening. The Mt. Zion Baptist Sunday School gave an ice cream and strawberry social Wednesday evening all had a good time. Miss Nina Thompson and Mr. O. W. Moore returned from Canton S. D. where they went to attend the funeral of Miss Thompson's cousin. The Ladies Improvement Society met with Mrs. Charlotte Lee Thursday afternoon. Mr. A. Grant who has saved a time a time in the Philippine lies in our city for a visit the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Starks.

The concert given by the A. M. E. Sunday School under the management of Mrs. E. Grant was a grand success and was largely attended, a neat sum of \$25.00 was taken in. The first prize was won by Miss Pearl Harrison second by Miss Mary Thompson.

The young people planned a party last Friday evening and went out to the home of Mrs. C. Lee and spent the evening in dancing. Mrs. Lee proved herself a good hostess which was voted by all.

Mrs. A. Morgan returned home Tuesday after a three months visit at her old home in Kansas City.

The sad news has been received here informing us of the death of Miss Williet Mitchell one of Yankton, S. D. young ladies, she was a member of the High School and one of the brightest scholars in her class. She has a host of friends in our city who will be grieved to hear of death. Rev. W. H. Speese went to Yankton, S. D. to preach the funeral.

Miss Leona Miller returned home to Wilbur, Minn., after a three weeks visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. J. C. Cage is lying at the point of death at his home and death is expected most any moment.

GREETINGS FROM SON TO MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: I write to let you know what I am doing. I was discharged the 21st of March in Irigi, and have been in town ever since. I am waiting a letter from Manila. I made application for a position here, and if I do not have good luck, I will come home. I am enjoying the best of health and have money and gold, so you see I am not uneasy. I am thinking a great deal about home and expect to be there in six or eight months (I get the position for it will pay me good, I don't want you to think that I am not looking out for myself for I am. I have now \$250 leaving out my transportation to the United States, so you see I am on the look out. I like the country as there is money here, if a man carries himself right.

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 linens and cottons imparts an odor to them that is pleasing. English pottery with Dutch mottoes seems an anomaly and rather incongruous, but the effect is quaint and attractive. Candlesticks with strange designs 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 rosy 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 jackets 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 matter, 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 up by wiping with very hot 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 kirn-dolly, a tiny sheaf made of the last stalks of grain cut, tied with bright ribbon and carried home by the harvest queen, to be afterward 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 camels, horses and donkeys, which camped for some weeks at the zoological gardens 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 property. Thirty others who wanted to take up a desert life were rejected because of their poverty. A traveler in Abyssinia writes: "We here found quite a new currency—thin bands of iron, 2 feet long, 1 inch wide, sixteen of which go to the Abyssinian dollar. They are called 'dorma.'"—Chicago News.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

South Dakota has more Indians (11,000) than any other state. Of the territories Indian Territory has 56,000 and Arizona 25,000. The common measure of road distance 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 oranges fit for use. A good lemon tree will produce 8,000 lemons. By the advice of eminent oculists, the authorities of Munich have decided no longer to use gas or petroleum 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.

BILLINGS' PHILOSOPHY.

It costs less to agree with a phool 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 money, live the most to spend it. Old age is a perch where all the akes, sorrows and ills of life cum to roost. Obstinance mite be excusable in a wise man, but wise men are never obstinate. The best friend and the worst enemy than enemy man has got is his conscience. Luv, which is simply the result of fear, will turn to hate the fust good chance it gets. There is nothing that God luvv more, and nothing that makes us all feel better, 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 comick fool, he all goes to pieces in such a way that he never ken be mended again. All human natur luvv to tak the chances. There is grate fun in seeing how near you can go to a mule's heels without getting highested. I have no doubt there is a perfectly honest man in the world sunwhare, 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 all a smart memory, so that he can tell the same lie at least twice alike out or 3 times. A true kritick is like a bee; he hunts for hunny, and nothing else, wherever he lights.—Josh Billings in New York Weekly.

WHY NOT GO WEST?

Special summer excursion rates from all points on the Iowa Central Railway to Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Salt Lake City, Ogden and Hot Springs, Deadwood, Lead Center, in the Black Hills, S. D. On June 22 to 24, July 1 to 13, Aug. 1 to 14, 24, 30 and 31 and Sept. 1 to 10, a special low rate of less than one way fare for round trip is offered to above points. On June 1 to 21, 28 to 30, July 14 to 31, Aug. 15 to 22, 25 to 29 and Sept. 11 to 16, a special low rate of one fare plus \$2 for round trip to above points is offered. Stop-overs will be granted and final limit of tickets is October 31, 1902. For further information call on local ticket agents or address A. B. Curtis, G. P. A. & T. A., Minneapolis, Minn.

It is better to have loved and lost than to have married on \$50 a month.

R U Going To The Omaha Races, June 24-27? The Millard, Omaha's Leading Hotel, is Trotting Headquarters. You Will Find All The Horsemen There. Rates as Low as \$2 Per Day, European Plan, \$1 Per Day. The Lincoln, Opp. Depots, Lincoln, \$2 Per Day.

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Plesatan A. Hackleman, the only Indiana brigadier general killed in the civil war, is the only name of an Indiana man on the Soldier's monument dedicated at Indianapolis this week.

IRONING A SHIRT WAIST. Not infrequently a young woman finds it necessary to launder a shirt waist at home for some emergency when the laundryman or home servant cannot do it. Hence these directions for ironing the waist: To iron summer shirt waists that they will look like new it is necessary to have them starched evenly with Defiance starch, then made perfectly smooth and rolled tight in a damp cloth, to be laid away two or three hours. When ironing have a bowl of water and a clean piece of muslin beside the ironing board. Have your iron hot, but not sufficiently so to scorch, and absolutely clean. Begin by ironing the back, then the front, sides and the sleeves, followed by the neckband and the cuffs. When wrinkles appear apply the damp cloth and remove them. Always iron from the top of the waist to the bottom. If there are plaits in the front iron them downward, after first raising each one with a blunt knife, and with the edge of the iron follow every line of stitching to give it distinctness. After the shirt waist is ironed it should be well aired by the fire or in the sun before it is folded and put away, says the Philadelphia Inquirer.

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Burning Head. Star City, Ark., May 26th.—A very remarkable case has just occurred here.

Mr. W. H. McFalls has been suffering severely for two years with an ailment that puzzled the doctors and everybody. The trouble seemed to be all in his head, which had a burning sensation all the time.

Sometimes this burning pain in the head would be worse than at other times, but it never left him.

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At Swords' Points; OR, A SOLDIER OF THE RHINE.

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CHAPTER XVI (Continued.) These resulted in a discovery, for he felt positive that he could see signs of a trap door above, no unusual thing in these old Berlin houses which have stood the grime and storm of centuries.

To reach it he utilized a table that stood in a corner, upon the top of which he placed a chair. Eureka! The extempore ladder accomplished all that was expected of it, and when he found a small section of the ceiling actually yielded to his gentle, persuasive pressure, Paul began to believe that he had the game in his hands.

Being a thorough athlete he experienced no trouble in drawing himself up and passing through the opening. Had he bettered his condition? He seemed to be in an apartment of some sort.

While moving forward to find a wall, he halted several times to listen, and thus became fully convinced that there was something or some one in the room with him. This was not pleasant, since it laid him open to attack at any moment.

As though the situation was not interesting enough for Paul, his hands by accident, while groping around, came in contact with some object that had rested upon a small table; and such was the unexpected force employed that the vase toppled over upon the floor with a crash.

It was loud enough to almost arouse the dead.

Paul heard the unknown spring erect in surprise and start toward the spot where the table had betrayed the intruder.

Bent upon defending himself, he prepared to receive the party who rashly advanced, but there was no need of warfare.

Suddenly a descending shriek attested that the unknown had struck the chute—the open trap had received him most affectionately, and ventured to kiss his face, no doubt, several times as he was passing through.

At least, so far as our friend was concerned, he wasted no pity upon the late inmate of the room who had gone into such sudden exile.

A door would be a very welcome addition to his requirements just then. And he found it, since this roof above was of the plain every-day calibre, and not fashioned to deceive stray pilgrims.

Once out of the door, Paul found himself in a hall—at least he judged it to be such, for there was no light to betray the fact.

He could hear voices and the rustling of moving persons around; then lights flashed up in the same wonderful manner which had marked their disappearance when Paul sought to detain the countess.

It began to look as though he would yet be brought face to face with the forces of the enemy, and compelled to fight his way out of this spies' nest.

How lucky he was armed! What a glow of satisfaction to draw that little toy from his hip pocket, and feel that so long as it remained faithful, he would control the situation.

But this was not making progress. To remain where he was increased his difficulties, whereas by a bold rush he might be so lucky as to reach an outer door, which, upon being forced, would bring him to the street.

He found the stairs.

Nothing seemed to hinder his progress in that direction, although there was considerable racket in other parts of the house consequent upon finding the unfortunate victim of the open trap in the room where the American had been confined.

Paul reached the outer door and was drawing the bolts, when a cry attracted his attention.

Looking up he saw the countess, with startled eyes, surveying him.

He bowed with the grace of a Chesterfield.

"Ah! countess, you see it is hard to hold one who has been cowboy and Texas ranger," he said.

"You are free—you will be thrummed, and I shall be shut up in a gloomy fortress even if my life is spared. Mon Dieu! how cruel, and I love you so, monsieur," she cried, swinging her white hands in distraction.

"Countess, there are some hours before morning, and you will have time; then to escape. I am not without pity. Endeavor to forget your luckless attachment, since only misery can come of it. Countess, I have the door open, allow me to say bon soir."

She had one last glimpse of his manly figure, and then the closing door hid it from view.

When next they met, these two, the one who would not and the one who would, it must be under skies that were glowing with the blaze of battle and upon the greensward drenched with the blood of gallant men.

CHAPTER XVII. Beyond the Rhine. Months after. With the Iron Chancellor at the plow the ghastly furrow of war, with all its attendant horrors, had penetrated far beyond the historic Rhine. All France was quivering under the fearful shock.

ling away, and left him unarmed at the mercy of his foe.

Just then, however, Paul was not in a humor to decide whether to call the affair off or plink his zealous antagonist as an earnest of victory.

Truth to tell he had about all he wanted to take care of in looking out for himself.

There was about one chance in ten that he might escape as his comrades had done, by beating a hasty retreat over the edge of the ramparts.

Paul was not the man to hesitate and lose valuable time in calculating chances. Accordingly he whirled on his heel, made a quick bow to those who had just witnessed his remarkable flight, which compliment surely Frenchmen should appreciate, and then made a headlong break for the edge of the ramparts, intending to throw himself down regardless of minor damage, since it was his one chance to get clear.

No vast had been the number of troops pressing forward to have a share in the engagement that his way was blocked.

Finding his escape cut off in the direction of the wall, he changed his mind and decided that only a madman or one utterly desperate would continue to advance in that quarter, and his situation did not call for such a needless sacrifice since as a prisoner he would be liberated when the French surrendered.

Again he turned and made a dash in an opposite quarter, hardly knowing what lay ahead of him, yet desirous of evading capture.

Then his passage was blocked—guns threatened him, the shining bayonets being within a foot of his throat.

It was all up, at least so far as escape was concerned, and Paul was forced to admit this with a grunt of disgust. So he dropped the point of his sword to the ground as a sign of yielding, and made no resistance when they dispersed him.

A minute later he regretted his helplessness more than words could tell, for the French officer came and surveyed him with grim contemptuous mien, and Paul recognized his old foe, Conrad Hoffman.

(To be continued.) THE POPE'S WILL. Document Drawn Up When His Holiness Was 27 Years Old.

It is not generally known that the Pope made a will as long ago as 1837. A copy of the document is before me. It reads:

"I leave my soul in the hands of God and of the blessed Mary. I institute as the heirs of my property my dear brothers, Charles and John Baptist, in equal shares, enjoining upon them to have fifty masses said for the benefit of my soul each year for a period of five years, after which time they will be relieved of this duty, although I recommend myself to their love and charity to help my soul still further. I also impose upon them the duty of distributing twenty scudi each year to the most needy poor of Carpi, my native town. I bequeath to my Uncle Anthony, as a token of my respect and affection, the porcelain service, which His Eminence, Cardinal Sala, presented to me."

This was made when the Pope was only 27 years old and at a time when his health was so poor that he did not expect to survive many months. Yet he has outlived every man of his time, every associate of his youth, every Cardinal that belonged to the Sacred College when he was elevated to it.

Chinese Dental Methods. Some interesting specimens of Chinese dentistry have recently been shipped to Philadelphia by Dr. P. T. Carrington of Bangkok, Siam, who presented them to the University of Pennsylvania. The consignment, which is now on exhibition in the Dental museum, includes two pairs of crudely made forceps, used by the Chinese in extracting teeth, and many other specimens of the dental profession, among which are some artificial teeth carved from ivory. Some of the specimens presented by Dr. Carrington which have attracted particular attention among Penn's dental students are several teeth affected by betel-nut chewing, which works such great havoc with the teeth of orientals.

A model illustrating the practice among the Siamese of mutilating their teeth by filing, is also among the collection.

Hunting with Trained Wolves. Bert Decker, a young sportsman of Tuscola, Ill., has succeeded in taming two wolves, and they are very valuable as hunters. He captured them when young, raised them as "kittens," and now, though as large as shepherd dogs, they are quite tame and playful. Decker says the wolves can outrun dogs on the hunt, and are very longwinded. Their favorite way of catching a rabbit is to run alongside of him, put their nose underneath Mr. Cottontail, and throw him ten or twelve feet in the air, catching him in their mouth as he falls. The wolves always return to their master when called. Decker's success has caused other sportsmen to undertake the training of wolves to supplant dogs in hunting, and it is probable that wolves will find a place in future kennels.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Counterfeiters. There is nothing which Uncle Sam protects with greater care than his currency. Because Uncle Sam's money is good there are always people ready to counterfeit it, and for these people Uncle Sam has a special body of secret service detectives always on the watch. The most dangerous counterfeiters are those which most closely imitate the original, and to arrest the makers of dangerous counterfeits the United States spares no efforts and no expense. It seems a pity that the United States government could not extend its surveillance of counterfeiters to those who counterfeit wholesome foods, reliable medicines and other articles necessary to the health of the public.

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