

CITY NEWS.

Mrs. C. T. Williams left yesterday morning for Davenport to spend Xmas.

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Joseph LaCour arrived in the city Monday to spend the week with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hughes entertained at Christmas dinner all the relatives of the family.

Mrs. A. Foley of Denver, Colo., is spending the holiday with her daughter Mrs. L. Courtney.

Mrs. Lewis Blagburn has gone to Mobile, Ala., for several weeks visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. McNeill and son of Mt. Pleasant are visiting their son and brother, Mr. B. B. Miller of West Park street.

Mrs. J. H. Shepard entertained at Christmas dinner Miss Gertrude Hoggson and Mr. E. W. Thompson.

Mr. Geo. Young of Boone spent Christmas day in the city, returning home this morning.

Mrs. James Reese and son Alec left Wednesday for Canton, Mo., their old home to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Jennie B. Wilkerson has come home to spend the holidays. We wish her a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mrs. W. T. Jones of Montezuma is in the city and will spend the holidays visiting at the parental home and with other relatives.

DIED—Thursday night, at the home of her parents, 310 Felton avenue, little George Bradley, age 13 years. He was born in Ft. Dodge, Ia.

Rev. T. L. Griffith was in Ottumwa last week to attend a meeting of the board of the association.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bryant and son Roy and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bryant arrived in our city to spend the holidays with their son, Charley Bryant, 101 West Eighth street.

About thirty-five couples of young people availed themselves of the invitations sent out by Messrs. E. Williams and Claude Caw Thursday evening, December 18, for a dancing party. Interspersed between the numbers delicious ices were daintily served by two charming young ladies, lending taste and piquancy to the joyance of the merry revelers. On the stroke of one a. m. all departed happily, manifest in their praise for their evening's pleasure.

The Bystander Publishing company has just printed the annual proceedings of the Iowa Baptist association for this year.

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DIED—Master Eddie Rutts, at the home of his parents on Eleventh street this morning, age 9 years and 11 months. He was born in Kansas City, Mo. Funeral services Sunday at 2 p. m. from the Corinthian Baptist church, conducted by Rev. T. L. Griffith.

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

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PLEA FOR EQUAL LAWS.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Emory Speer, judge of the United States court for the southern district of Georgia, was the guest of the Independent Club at its second annual dinner. Two hundred guests, including Mayor Knight and other prominent men of the city, listened to an address by Judge Speer on the subject, "The Solid South."

It is undeniably true, the speaker said, that the political attitude of the southern people toward the government is directly ascribed to the swift bestowal by the reconstruction acts of unlimited manhood suffrage upon the members of the African, which, he asserted, was no part of Lincoln's plan for the restoration of the union.

The solution of the race problem, said Judge Speer, will be found in the enactment of impartial laws for white and black men alike, which will admit to the franchise the intelligent, upright and the responsible of both races and exclude the venal, the ignorant and the worthless.

The fear of an impossible supremacy is the only obstacle. The remedy seems to be as obvious as just. It is to be found in the enactment of impartial laws for white and black alike, which will admit to the franchise the intelligent, upright and the responsible of both races and exclude the venal, the ignorant and the worthless.

The polygott vote of our great cities, because more effective, seems not infrequently no less dangerous to same government than the massed votes of the ignorant blacks.

A danger in the welfare of the southern states is the possible reduction of the existing number of representatives apportioned upon millions of this population whose men of voting age are by state action denied the suffrage.

ISAAC E. WILLIAMSON. The subject of this sketch was born a slave in Arkansas, near Russellville, in 1852. He spent his early life on the old plantation until freed by President Lincoln's emancipation proclamation in 1863.

accepted, but was soon afterwards advanced to a clerkship, and remained a faithful employe of the office for 14 years as janitor, clerk, head-distributor, superintendent of carriers, time-keeper and a letter carrier.

WORDS OF CHEER.

Editor of Bystander: Des Moines, Ia. The season of the year has come again when everybody wants money, even the editor of a weekly newspaper; therefore I am going to take the advantage of you this time and send you One Dollar for your valuable paper for another year.

ALBIA NOTES. The Mite Missionary society entertained at the home of Mrs. Ed Butler Friday evening.

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The Holidays are on and old Santa Claus is the best friend we all have. Mr. Robert Meredith and his sister Miss S. Meredith arrived in our city last week to spend the holidays with their sister, Miss Francis Meredith.

WIT AND WISDOM. The best time to marry is some other time. Many a man gets groggy over nothing stronger than a pipe dream.

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE NOTES. The substantial addition to the Slater Armstrong Memorial Trades building for boys, is rapidly nearing completion, and will accommodate all of the trades not housed there now.

COULD NOT USE SIDE SADDLE.

Old-Fashioned Woman Turned Down by Livery Keeper. "It is hard these days," says a popular actress, "to be an old-fashioned woman even with the best intentions."

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GREW ON THE SABBATH.

Little Girl Feared Pinks Might Be at Fault. John Phillip Sousa sat listening the other evening to the history of the pier, now called the Steeplechase, on which he is playing his Atlantic City engagement.

KNOW HE HAD A GOOD TIME. Heard Policeman Tell Judge About It in the Morning. "Down in Tennessee one day," said Senator Carmack of that state, "I met a person whom I knew slightly, and who was of convivial habits."

ESCAPES AUTOGRAPH HUNTERS. Gabriele D'Annunzio, the distinguished Italian writer, has been receiving during the last few months so many requests for his autograph from collectors and admirers not only in Italy, but throughout Europe,

ACCURATE DELAY. Many stories are told of the lack of punctuality upon railroads in the southern states. It is said that when a New England man found his train, advertised to leave at 11 o'clock, starting at exactly that hour, he complimented the conductor.

STRANGE COINCIDENCE. Three events occurred recently at the same moment in one house in Washington, near Vienna. These events were a baptism, a wedding and a funeral.

CLEVER FEMALE POLITICIAN. Miss J. N. Strong, private secretary to ex-Congressman Hawley of Texas, is credited with being the cleverest female politician ever seen in Washington.

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HAPPENINGS IN HAWKEYEDOM

What Has Been Going on During the Past Week.

TYLER CASE ON APPEAL.

Big Spelling Contest—Three Iowa Counties to Engage in Spelling Match in Near Future—Mrs. Thomas Larmore Offers Outside and Takes Her Own Life.

Des Moines, Dec. 23.—Chester Tyler, the colored man, would like a new trial on the indictment for the murder of Dr. B. M. Fallor at Newton. It is declared that the county attorney prejudiced the case in his statement to the jury. It is also declared that an error was committed in allowing Foreman Shultz of the trial jury to sleep at the home of F. F. Fallor, a nephew of the murdered man, during the progress of the trial.

Tyler received a life sentence for the murder.

SOLD COAT OFF HIS BACK.

Manager of the Bankrupt Otto Bank Tricked to Settle Claims.

Sioux City, Dec. 22.—F. H. Cutting, late manager of the bankrupt Otto Bank, was tricked to settle his claims by a man who had been sent, refused to return it because of other liabilities.

"I settled with Mr. Connor last evening," Mr. Cutting told Attorney Strong. "I took off my Buffalo coat worth \$150 and gave him \$25 in cash."

Cutting also declared that the bank was the victim of the misdoings of others.

BIG SPELLING CONTEST.

Three Iowa Counties to Engage in Spelling Match to be Held in Near Future.

Wapello, Dec. 23.—County Superintendent C. R. Wallace, is arranging for a tri-county spelling contest with Keokuk and Washington counties. The purpose is to call attention to the fact that not enough attention is being paid to the study of orthography in schools. There will be individual contests in each school in the county, to be followed by a county contest; these in turn to be followed by a tri-county contest which will be carried on in the following manner:

One thousand words have been selected by the county superintendents of the three counties; these words will be sent to all schools in each county, and all pupils in the 8th grade or lower are eligible to the contest. The one in each school having the highest standing will take part in the contest to be given during the next meeting of the Teachers' association to be held in Wapello in the latter part of March, and the three securing the highest standing in this contest will take part at Washington. Prizes will be given to the three having the highest standing in the county contest and the tri-county contest; a \$25 library will be given to the one who wins. Railroad fares of those who take part in the final contest will be paid from this county to Washington.

REV. FATHER DAVIS IN LEAD.

He May Be Named by Bishop to Succeed Father Laurent.

Muscatine, Dec. 23.—Since the death of Father P. Laurent, the beloved pastor of St. Mark's church, the city much speculation has been indulged in as to his probable successor. This is a very important position for the fact that it is an irremovable pastorate, and considered the best in this diocese. It is understood that a number of applications have been made to Bishop Cosgrove for this appointment, but the bishop has given out that he will take some time to consider the matter.

It is learned that the candidate in the lead at the present time is Very Rev. Father Davis, who is pastor of St. Mary's church at Davenport. By virtue of his office he is the assistant to the bishop and it is said is a great favorite of the reverend gentleman.

YOUNG STUBBS ARRESTED.

Is Accused of Shooting into Sleighing Party at Fairfield, With Intent to Commit Murder.

Fairfield, Dec. 24.—Rex Stubbs, a grandson of Hon. Daniel P. Stubbs, was arrested by Sheriff Wright charged with being the party that fired a double-barreled shotgun into the sleighing party of last week, painfully wounding two girls. The young fellow is about 15 years of age and has had his share of troubles. He will have to answer to the charge of assault with the intent to commit murder, and as he has waived preliminary examination, the grand jury at the February term will investigate his case.

NEW PASTOR FOR DAVENPORT.

Rev. Charles A. Moore Called to Edgewood Congregational Church.

Davenport, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Charles A. Moore, D. D., of Kansas, was called by the members of the Edgewood Congregational church of Davenport to fill the pulpit of that church, and as he has pledged to respond to the call it is assured that he will come to Davenport.

\$2,500 FIRE AT VAN METER.

Four Frame Buildings Burned to the Ground, and It Was With Difficulty the Adjoining Structures Were Saved.

Van Meter, Dec. 24.—Van Meter suffered a \$2,500 fire this morning, which destroyed four small buildings on East Main street. Flames were discovered at 3 a. m. breaking through the roof of one of the buildings, which was occupied by William Smith as a photograph gallery. The alarm was given and the volunteer fire company and citizens turned out. The flames spread to the adjoining structures, two on one side and one on the other, and all four were burned to the ground. The frame structures on either side of the burned buildings were saved with the greatest difficulty. The four shops destroyed were the property of E. Goar. Two of the houses were occupied. The third contained household goods owned by E. Martin, part of which were saved. The Smiths were also able to save some of their stuff. The losses in detail are as follows:

E. Goar, buildings, \$2,000, insurance \$1,200.

William Smith, photograph gallery and household goods, \$500, small insurance.

Ed Martin, household goods, \$20, no insurance.

The origin of the fire is unknown. A number of traps were set about town yesterday, and it is thought some of these might have fired the property, although how the flames could have reached the second story of the building first is not known.

DEATH OF HON. R. M. HAINES.

Was Well Known Attorney, President of State Bar Association.

Grinnell, Dec. 23.—R. M. Haines, a leading lawyer of this city, died last night. He had been a resident here since 1880 and was president of the Iowa State Bar Association.

NEW TRIAL DENIED.

Court Holds Tate Should Not Complain of Verdict Rendered.

Des Moines, Dec. 22.—The district court judge McNairy overruled the motion for a new trial in the libel suit of J. C. Tate vs. R. P. Clarkson whereupon plaintiff gave notice of appeal.

Judge McNairy said in overruling the motion that he was free to confess that the verdict was a surprise to him, that he expected the jury to find for the plaintiff, and thought that the record made in the case was all with the plaintiff. He said that he had expected the jury to find nominal damages. He said that the plaintiff in pleading that the Register had come to be known as the Ever Truthful because of its well established reputation for truthfulness had placed the defendant in an awkward position and precluded the defendant from pleading that the article was not believed by the readers of the Register as mitigation. Continuing he said that he did not believe that Tate had been damaged by reason of the publication of the article, and that he believed the charges contained in the Register and that he thought that was the view of it taken by the jurors. He said that believing that the plaintiff was entitled to recover only nominal damages, he thought that it was not his province to set the verdict aside, and that in doing so he believed he was doing a kindness to Tate in putting an end to the litigation in so far as the district court is concerned.

CHAPTER X.

"Mutterell, I want to ask you a question."

It was the second day of my renewed life and I felt much stronger, and had been watching Mutterell with a feeling of amusement as he puttered around, doing this and that for his own comfort and mine.

"Ask it, signor," he replied. "There is no law in the grotto to compel me to answer it if I don't want to."

"No," I said. "But there is no reason why you should not tell me this, if you know. Have you any idea who really killed Pacho Maligni?"

Everything dropped from Mutterell's hands, and he stared at me, seemingly overcome with surprise. "Who killed—who? Who killed Maligni? What is that, signor? Oh, yes, I forgot. No, signor, I do not know who killed Maligni. You did not kill him?"

"No," I replied. "I swear it. I did not even see him struck. I was outside of the villa making my way to the gate with Nita Barliotti, when I heard him cry out and heard the alarm given. I saw him when I was on the balcony, but he got up from his chair and left the room. The next time I saw him, he was lying dead. I am as much in the dark about it as any one."

Mutterell whistled. "This is news to me, signor. I thought, of course, you killed Maligni. But if you did not, then who the deuce did?"

"I don't know. That is what I want to know."

"You shall know, signor," said Mutterell, and his jaw snapped. "Nearly a month has been wasted, in which, perhaps, I could have run the murderer down and set you free. But I will do it yet, signor. Do not fear. I will know who the murderer of Maligni is in less than sixteen days more."

"Find him," I said, "and the twenty-five thousand lire that I promised you shall be doubled."

"Ah! Thank you, signor. Mutterell is faithful, but he is poor. Therefore he is grateful. I must see Brother Michael to-day. If I can find him."

The last sentence seemed to be an afterthought. My own opinion was that if the wily Mutterell wanted to see Brother Michael he would not need to go far—a mirror would show him the Jesuit's face.

That afternoon Mutterell went away and did not return until long into the night. When he did come in, he breathed heavily, and seemed like a man who had been drinking much wine.

I lay there in silence watching him, as in the dim light of the candle he moved about preparing to go to bed.

In a far corner of the grotto, upon some boards laid lengthwise, some furs like those on which I lay had been placed. Upon this rude couch Mutterell stretched himself, and was soon snoring away as if he was reposing on the softest bed in his probably comfortable home in Genoa. And as I thought of it I laughed softly to myself. It was probably a strange place for Mutterell to be sleeping. Yet more than that the thought came to me that it was a strange couch for a monk. And laughing again at Mutterell's clumsy attempts to deceive me, I fell asleep.

The days passed slowly after this, yet I minded rapidly, and my returning strength brought renewed ambition and stronger determination to carry to a successful issue the purposes that had brought me to Sardinia. But I could get nothing out of Mutterell. I piled him with questions about the monk and about the pretto and about Nita Barliotti, but all I got, day after day, were reiterated cautions about leaving the grotto and vague and misty sentences about great plans being laid for my benefit by Mutterell and "Brother Michael."

Nita Barliotti was still at the country residence of the pretto, and Mutterell informed me that it was rumored that she would soon become the bride of Count di Pordino. I could not see how or wherein the count was any improvement over Pacho Maligni, but Mutterell partially reassured me by saying that the count would not be allowed to wed her, for so he and Brother Michael had got my affairs straightened out, they would attend to the case of the Count di Pordino and his proposed marriage.

All this was pacifying and almost satisfying in the early days of my convalescence, but there came a day when I was no longer weak, and when the blood, full of life, rushing through my body, gave me vigor and a desire to go outside again into the world and see for myself what was going on, and do for myself what I had become convinced no one else would be able to do for me.

It was on one of these days, when Mutterell was away, that the spirit of unrest seized me, and I grew impatient and nervous at my enforced idleness.

Mutterell, with his usual regard for my comfort, had procured in some way a supply of good cigars, and I sat on my bed, with my back against the perpendicular wall of marble, smoking one of these.

Slipping from my couch, I meandered uneasily around the grotto, grumbling inwardly at the unpleasant delay in my plans, and thinking hard, trying to help myself out of my present difficulty.

I was surprised, when approaching the entrance in my aimless ramble, to see letters carved in the rock away to the right of the arch. Stepping to this spot, I read the words easily, and as I read and saw they cut into my brain.

"BROTHER MICHAEL."

"He is a dangerous man, son," he said. "Come, let us meet this

Maubikeck, the Lion-Tamer.

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form as I had found them in the cell in the Torre del Elefante.

Henry Thoriane then, was no doubt the former occupant of the cave. But now a puzzling question arose: When could he have carved these letters in the grotto? Previous to his arrest he would, for all I knew, taking Mutterell's story into the matter, have no cause for vengeance. And Mutterell had said that he was in the monastery, from which there could be no escape. Yet there was his name and his motto—his war-cry—carved in letters that would last for centuries, in the marble rock before me. One of two things was certain, Mutterell did not know all the story before Thoriane's arrest, or he did not know what had happened afterward. It was possible that Thoriane had escaped, made his home in the grotto, and had been captured again. Or—and as I thought this, my heart stood still a second—what if Mutterell was right and Thoriane had been put in the monastery and had gained the confidence of the superior and had joined the order unknown to the pretto or anybody outside the Jesuit circle inside the monastery walls? And if so, then, perhaps, Mutterell, Mutterell and no one else, and the monk who had rescued me was Henry Thoriane.

Still pondering upon this, I began to look still farther for evidence of Henry Thoriane's occupancy. I found no more letters, but I did find a trap-door. My fingers came in contact with an iron ring. I knew it must have been placed there for a purpose. I pulled it. It did not move, and I lit a candle, for the ring was in a dark portion of the grotto, and closely examined the place. I found that the ring was fastened to a wooden cover, which was held in place by two large pieces of rock which were laid upon it. These I rolled away, and the trap-door came up easily. The opening thus made led into a small, ceiling-hole and lying on the floor was a wooden box or chest kind of trunk. I managed to get this out, and opened it. It contained clothing of various kinds, masks, beads, wigs, in fact, everything that was needed for a complete disguise. And as I examined this most fortunate find I chuckled aloud.

I would be free!

And Nita Barliotti should at last know who she was, and be placed in possession of her own.

Circumstances seemed to favor me. Mutterell came to the grotto late in the afternoon of the day on which I found the trunk of clothing, and remained to supper.

After supper we smoked in silence. Mutterell finished his cigarette and seemed to be preparing to leave.

"You are going away, Mutterell?" I said.

"Yes, signor. I shall not be back to-night."

I did not want him back, and when at last he had taken his departure I again opened the trap door and took out the trunk. I pulled out the entire contents and spread them over the floor of the grotto, that I might more successfully choose the most complete disguise.

Having made my selection, I proceeded to put on first a pair of heavy shoes. I doffed my prison suit and enfolded myself in the most skillfully devised waist or vest that could have been made. It was a stuffed affair, and fitting close to my figure, made me look at least forty pounds heavier than I really was. I pulled a pair of long, much-worn black trousers over my legs, and over the stuffed vest I put a long black coat. I curled a black beard, with a long, black, curling mustache, that easily fitted my face, and could be securely fastened on by moistening with my breath some gummed strips on the under side.

My eyebrows were brown, but I found plenty of cosmetics and dyeing materials, and soon made my eyebrows match the beard in color.

Having thoroughly convinced myself that I was under a complete disguise, I set out from the grotto, first making up some unimportant things into a pack, and slinging it over my shoulder on a stick.

I passed a few people, none of whom paid any attention to the weary old Jew plodding along on his way to Cagliari.

It was about eleven o'clock when I arrived at a point near the villa of the pretto, and I stood a moment as if resting. Several persons passed me, none of whom looked at me the second time. But a man passed me at whom I looked again and again.

He was a small man, an Italian, and wore mustaches, waxed and curled to points. I recognized him at once. It was Dambo, the man whom I had seen in Madison Square Garden set fire to the rope of Barliotti's trapeze. What devilment might he be up to now, and what, perhaps, did he know about Maligni's death?

I resolved to follow him, and, picking up my pack, I plodded along behind him.

He led me along the road, and then he climbed a wall. By this means he could skirt the villa grounds on the side, passing through the adjoining property. I could not follow him, and stood in the road looking after him, studying in my mind what to do next.

As I stood there I saw a monk approaching. I recognized him as Bro. Michael at once.

When he drew near to me he seemed to start and show evidences of surprise. I stepped quickly to him.

"Brother Michael," I said, "do you know me?"

"I know you, son," was the reply, and then I noticed that the soft voice had none of Mutterell's Italian accent. "Why are you here in spite of Mutterell's warning? Do you not know that your life is in danger?"

"I know it, Brother Michael," I said, "but look at the retreating figure skulking along the fence of the pretto's grounds. Can you see him well?"

"I see him, son."

"His name is Dambo. I saw that man make a deliberate attempt to kill Nita Barliotti in New York. He probably knows more about the murder of Maligni than he would care to tell. No doubt he will kill the girl now if he has an opportunity."

Brother Michael seemed lost in thought for a moment.

"He is a dangerous man, son," he said. "Come, let us meet this

Dambo and learn from him something of his purpose here."

I followed the monk, and together we went around the pretto's grounds to meet Dambo in the rear. When he saw us coming he stood a moment as if irresolute, and the monk motioned for him to approach.

"My son," said the monk, who was now firmly fixed in my mind as Henry Thoriane, "your movements around the villa of the pretto have been watched with suspicion. Danger lurks in the air when skulking men are seen in shaded places. Is it not so?"

Dambo bowed his head as if abashed by the implied accusation of the monk.

"It is so, father," he replied. "But no danger lurks where Dambo goes. I come to warn the pretto, father."

"To warn the pretto, son?" said the monk. "This is a strange place, indeed, to find one who seeks to warn the pretto. You must explain better than this your strange actions, son."

"I know whom I would meet, father," replied the wily scoundrel. "I have seen you of late walking around the pretto's grounds outside the wall. I know you were friendly to the pretto, and that I might trust you. I came to meet you, father, and through you convey my warning to the pretto."

"Ah, son, your zeal is to be commended," said the monk. "But tell me, son, what is your message to the pretto?"

"It is this, father. The villa of the pretto is to be attacked at midnight—this very night—by the Count di Pordino and his hired assassins and bandits, for the purpose of securing the Signorina Barliotti and to carry her away for his own evil purposes. It is this that I came to tell the pretto, father."

The monk seemed to be communing with himself for a moment. Then he said:

"But how is it, son, that the Count di Pordino seeks thus to desecrate the house of the pretto and to win his bride by force, when it has been long understood that the hand of the signorina would be given him in marriage by his friend the pretto?"

"Ah, father, it is a case of money. It seems that the pretto has befriended the count greatly in the past, and now he demands from the count the payment of a large sum of money for the signorina before he will allow her to become the bride of Pordino. And the count, while he consents to this while talking to the pretto, plots to take the signorina by force and not pay the pretto any money."

(To be continued.)

GIRL WITH COMMON SENSE.

Had Lover Arrested For Threat to Commit Suicide.

A certain young man in Syracuse, N. Y., is under bonds awaiting trial under the antisuicide act, reflecting meanwhile on the sound common sense displayed by a young woman to whom he was but recently engaged. The girl dismissed him for good and sufficient reasons, returned his letters and presents and received her own, the latter being accompanied by a note announcing that the sender was about to end his days and mentioning the method by which he proposed to accomplish his taking off. When she received this intelligence the strength of the common sense girl appeared. She did not scream or have hysterics or faint, nor yet did she fly to him, begging him to relinquish his dread intention on any terms. Not at all. She quietly handed the note to the messenger who brought it, with a request that he give it to the first policeman he met. The result was that the young man was arrested and lodged in jail. He is now out on bail but his former fiancée has shown that it will no longer be necessary for reluctant young women to melt into the arms of ineligible young men in order to save them from self-destruction or, in default of this, to suffer the blight of a damp, unpleasant memory during future years.

Early Birds.

An English nobleman in ill health was out one morning early, wearily taking a constitutional. Walking along his game preserves, he turned a sharp corner and came face to face with an Irishman who had the reputation of being an inveterate poacher. Putting his hands and what they held behind him, he preserved a perfectly virtuous aspect, while the gentleman hailed him cordially with, "Good morning, Pat."

"Good mornin', yer honor. An' phwat brings yer honor out so airly this mornin'?"

"I'm just walking around, Pat, to see if I can get an appetite for my breakfast. And what brings you out so early, Pat?"

"Och, be jabbers, O'm jest a-walkin' around to see if O' can't git a breakfast fer me oppitell!"

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It is not easy to find a family which is five generations, but there is such a family at Enval, near Liege. The two oldest members are aged, respectively eighty-seven and eighty-six years. They had fourteen children. Nicholas, the eldest of these, married at Liege and still lives there. His oldest daughter, Jeanne, married in her turn and had a daughter, who is also married and the mother of three children. The family's name is Vievoye-Lognard, and its home is in the Rue de Verviers. Sixty-five members are living to-day and a paternal uncle of Mme. Vievoye-Lognard died recently at the age of 107 years.

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STORYTELLING.

George Knight, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Knight of Adair, was seriously burned last night after two days of terrible suffering. It is thought the accident was caused by playing with matches.

To a group of friends, Ellen Ferry once said:

"Acting is not like drawing. You make a line. If it is wrong, you rub it out at once and make another. With acting that is impossible; there is no altering—it must stand. I often feel as if I must cry in the audience, 'Oh that is wrong, as I meant it to be; let me act that part or sentence over again.'"

A Texas paper declares that a Tarant county girl, who is attending school in Fort Worth, recently wrote home to her parents: "I am just in love with ping-pong." When her stern father read her letter, he remarked: "You can write and tell Amarillo's Jane that if she is going to fall in love with any of them blessed Fort Worth Chinamen she can just count on being cut off without a cent."

As is generally the case with people who have nothing to say worth hearing,

a conceited drummer talked a great deal, to the evident disgust of a number of his drummer friends who were dining at a country hotel. When cheese was served it was of a decided savory brand as hard as the delight of the irrepressible. He attacked it with great gusto, remarking: "I'm like Sampson, slaying them by the thousand!" "Yes," replied a quickwitted diner at the end of the table, "and with the same weapon, too!"

A terrific boiler explosion took place on board a big ship lying at Portsmouth some months ago, and an enterprising London editor, wishing to give the earliest possible news to his readers, thus instructed a reporter: "Get down there as hard as you can. If you catch the eleven-forty from London Bridge, you'll be there soon after two and can just wire us something for the fifth edition, but boil it down." The reporter obeyed his orders, and soon after three o'clock that afternoon sent a message: "Terrible explosion. Man-o-war. Boiler burst, engineer full. Funeral tomorrow."

In his biography of Alexander Dumas, Harry A. Spurr says that the imprudent French author who had a wife, was once waiting in line for his cloak at a soiree, when he saw a millionaire give a tip of fifty centimes (ten cents) to the servant who handed out his paletot. Dumas, getting his cloak, threw down a one hundred-franc note. "Fardon, sir, you have made a mistake," said the man, offering to return the note. "No, no, friend," answered Dumas, casting a disdainful glance at the millionaire; "it is the other gentleman who has made the mistake."

Wu Ting-fang is fond of relating a story about a Chinese doctor who didn't satisfy his patient.

The patient grew, the more indignant his friends became at the unsuccessful physician. At last, when the sick man was in the final stage of his disease, he was called in by the doctor and his hands on the unfortunate doctor and, tying him up to a tree, started to administer a smart beating. But while his assailants were looking for a stick with which to beat him, the doctor freed himself, and jumping into the river swam to safety. When he reached home he found his son, who was studying to be a physician, poring over a book on medicine. "Put it up, put it up; shut it up," said the doctor, grimly; "the first requisite of a doctor is to know how to swim, not to cure."

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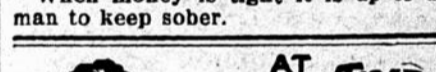
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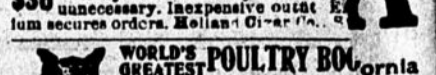
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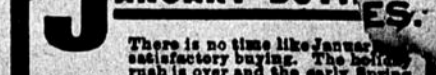
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The publishing house of the Baptist is in Nashville, Tenn., and is doing a business of \$800,000 annually.

The Negroes of Philadelphia have tied up in banks, trust companies and other white concerns over \$2,000,000.

Charity Wiggins, the mother of blind Tom, the famous musician, recently died at Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. Wiggins was 102 years of age.

The Baptist Printing Company, in Augusta, Ga., pays \$8,000 annually to its employes and does a business that averages \$567 a month.

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Colored men own in the United States 230 rated drug stores with an investment of something over half a million dollars. Business Professional Men's League, with 523 members, has invested, not including real estate, \$120,000.

During the year of 1900 there were 220 persons who suicided in the United States, and only ten of whom were colored. According to the twelfth United States census ending May 31, 1900, it shows that 5,345 whites had suicided, 104 colored, 13 Indians and 23 Chinamen.

Mrs. Josephine B. Bruce widow of the late Senator Bruce, is said to be an expert in cotton production, and owns a big plantation near Josephine, Miss., a town named in honor of Mrs. Bruce.

W. H. Smith of Wagoner, I. T. does the largest business of any colored man in the Indian Territory. He employs four regular clerks. His goods are bought in car lots. He is also a heavy cotton buyer.

Negroes in Virginia have invested in business \$14,426,536; own \$15,000,000 of property, is assessed at \$17,442,227. The taxes paid amount \$422,870.60 per annum.

Mound Bayou a Negro town in Mississippi has a town and rural population of 2,300. This village has several sawmills, four public schools, five churches, merchant, blacksmith photographers, druggists, doctors, printers, brick dealers, land agents, log and timber contractors.

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DES MOINES, IOWA
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1920

RACE ECHOES.

Mr. A. H. Cabell is the race's oldest leading and most successful merchant and real estate dealer in Henderson, Ky.

The Jim Crow street car law of New Orleans has been declared unconstitutional.

Mr. Frederick D. Bonner, a young colored man, is teaching in the Philippines. He is a graduate of Yale and is making much success.

The publishing house of the Baptist is in Nashville, Tenn., and is doing a business of \$800,000 annually.

The Negroes of Philadelphia have tied up in banks, trust companies and other white concerns over \$2,000,000.

Charity Wiggins, the mother of blind Tom, the famous musician, recently died at Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. Wiggins was 102 years of age.

The Baptist Printing Company, in Augusta, Ga., pays \$8,000 annually to its employees and does a business that averages \$567 a month.

Mrs. E. Lewis, now of Chicago, has been in the hair dressing business 26 years. Within that time she has saved her trade to 50 persons and taught \$25,000.

T. A. Curay of South McAlister, I. T., is the only Negro railroad contractor in the Southwest, and probably in the United States. He works from 200 to 300 men and operates his own commissaries, has his own clerks, secretaries, paymasters and stenographers.

Colored men own in the United States 230 rated drug stores with an investment of something over half a million dollars. Business Professional Men's League, with 523 members, has invested, not including real estate, \$120,000.

During the year of 1900 there were 220 persons who suicided in the United States, and only ten of whom were colored. According to the twelfth United States census ending May 31, 1900, it shows that 5,343 whites had suicided, 104 colored, 13 Indians and 23 Chinamen.

Mrs. Josephine B. Bruce widow of the late Senator Bruce, is said to be an expert in cotton production, and owns a big plantation near Josephine, Miss., a town named in honor of Mrs. Bruce.

W. H. Smith of Wagoner, I. T. does the largest business of any colored man in the Indian Territory. He employs four regular clerks. His goods are bought in car lots. He is also a heavy cotton buyer.

Negroes in Virginia have invested in business \$14,426,536; own \$15,000,000 of property, is assessed at \$17,442,227. The taxes paid amount \$422,870 60 per annum.

Mound Bayou a Negro town in Mississippi has a town and rural population of 2,300. This village has several sawmills, four public schools, five churches merchant, blacksmith photographers, druggists, doctors, printers, brick dealers, land agents, log and timber contractors.

EXCURSION RATES TO DES MOINES, IOWA.

Via the North-Western Line. Excursion tickets will be sold at reduced rates December 20, limited to return until January 2, 1901, inclusive, on account of State Teachers Convention. Apply to agents Chicago & North-Western R'y.

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