

CITY NEWS.

The H. B. S. R. C. will meet with Mrs. G. I. Holt next Thursday. Miss Mable Mitchell has secured a position with D. Weeks & Co. Be prepared to pay our collector and don't run and hide when he calls. Rev. H. McCraven is making some repairs on his dwelling house. Mr. McDonald on West 3rd. street is building an addition to his beautiful cottage. Mrs. Harrison would left Thursday for several weeks visit in Omaha, Neb. and other near by towns. G. W. Wells has purchased an interest in the Iowa Hotel barber shop and is now employed there. Don't conceal yourself from our collector, but give him a cordial greeting and pay the amount due the BYSTANDER.

WANTED—Ladies to do pleasant home work; \$5 to \$8 per week. Call at room 405 Marquardt block, from 3 to 5 o'clock p. m. Rev. C. R. Brookins of Mahaska County was drawn on the United States Federal grand jury, this term of court, and is here in that capacity. The reverend was the only colored man drawn on either of the federal juries.

Our out of the city collector will visit Creston, Bedford, Clarinda, Red Oak, Council Bluffs, Sioux City, and Boone, before returning here. Subscribers, please have your money ready to pay.

Miss Bertie Pugh the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pugh of Leon is a member of the Leon graduating class. She is the second colored person to graduate; Mr. E. W. Thompson was the first.

Mrs. Matilda Golden, mother of Mrs. Theodore Williams who has been living in Minneapolis arrived in the city last Saturday and will remain a few days with her daughter.

PALMISTRY. Send print of hand on smoked paper, date of birth and 25 cents, silver, and get past, present and future told by an expert. Prof. L. H. S. Brown, 127 Granville St., Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. J. L. Thompson left Thursday for a visit with her parents in Albany, Mo. She will visit in Leon and Mrs. Morton on Mr. Andrew Thompson's beautiful country home near Decatur.

Last Monday while Carl Anderson was working on a step ladder in his barber shop at 330 Third street, lost his balance, falling and breaking his left leg above the instep. Dr. Edwards was summoned, he set the bone and Mr. Anderson is convalescent.

S. Joe Brown and Rev. H. S. Graves left Tuesday night for Moline, Ill. to attend the electoral college of the A. M. E. church, which is composed of lay members of the church. They will elect two delegates to the general conference which meets in Chicago next May. Mr. Brown is a candidate for lay delegate to the general conference.

Mr. L. J. Richardson (white) manager of The Chicago Record Home study circle library association, is in our city. He lectured at the A. M. E. church last Sunday. Next Sunday he will lecture up stairs over Plumb's Jewelry store.

DR. A. G. EDWARDS. Physician and Surgeon. IOWA PHONE 1061 MUTUAL PHONE 460 (Office) Miles' Drug Store. OFFICE HOURS: 9 to 10 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 9 p. m. Over 764 West Ninth Street.

LOW RATES TO CALIFORNIA VIA CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE, & ST. PAUL RAILWAY. May 3d and May 12th to 18th inclusive the C. M. & St. P. will sell excursion tickets to San Francisco and Los Angeles, California and return at very low rates. For further information call at 410 Walnut street.

Mr. L. L. Henderson has been appointed as our agent and collector for Des Moines. He has entered upon his duties and will call on all of our delinquent subscribers, he will also solicit new subscribers. Mr. Henderson is the only colored student in Drake University. Those who owe should pay at once, and those who are not subscribers, should subscribe and not

borrow your neighbors, many of our people read the BYSTANDER every week and then when ask to subscribe you say it is no good, if no good why do you borrow a copy and steal our news matter?

Dr. A. G. Edwards our highly respected and popular physician will soon leave for Chicago to take a course of lectures in his profession, as it has been the Doctor's custom to attend once every two years, either in Chicago or New York, after the lecture course is over, he will perhaps visit in Louisville, Ky. and in California.

Messames Tolbert Woods and Arthur Jones were most royally entertained Monday the 11th, at the residence of Mrs. and Mr. Frank Carroll, (State Auditor.) A delicious lunch was served, and after which Messames Jones and Woods departed and both report a delightful visit. The Carrolls were formerly of Mrs. Wood's old homestead.

We received a nice invitation to attend the commencement of the Industrial Educational Institute of Topeka, Kansas, May 17 to 20. Commencement address by Hon. J. L. Dayhoff, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Also an address by Hon. W. J. Bailey, Governor. The Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. F. G. Snellson, Ph. D., F. R. G. S.

"The Negro in Revelation, in History and in Citizenship," is the name of a new book which is being canvassed by Mr. Lord Johnson of Chicago in our city. This book is written by Rev. J. J. Pipkin, with introductory by Gen. John B. Gordon (white) of Georgia. It tells what the race has done and is doing to better its condition. It is worth the price and should be read.

LOW RATES WEST. Every day until June 15, the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway will sell one-way colonist tickets to many western points at very low rates. Three through trains daily with chair cars and tourist sleepers attached. Call at 410 Walnut street for full information.

A BAND ORGANIZED. A number of men met last Tuesday evening and reorganized the Brotherhood band. The following officers were elected: President, W. H. Hubbard; vice-president, B. L. Walker; secretary, E. A. Lee; treasurer, D. Patterson; business manager, E. W. Thompson; musical director F. G. Goggin. "The capital city certainly needs a colored band," is what most every one says. It is a fact that we do but it will take the co-operation of all our citizens, and if you are not able to give them financial assistance don't be a "knocker"; but encourage them to stay together with your words and presence when they give their entertainments, and see if we cannot support a first class concert band.

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IT'S UP TO YOU To grasp the good things that come your way. Read up on the money-making possibilities in Missouri, Kansas, Indian Territory, and Texas. Let us send you "Business Chances," "Timely Topics," "Texas," "The Golden Square" and other interesting "Katy" publications pertaining to the Great Southwest. Address, "Katy," 501 Wainwright, St. Louis, Mo.

LOW PRICES ON Bedding Plants. Tea Roses, 75c doz. Geraniums, 50c to \$1.50 doz. Pansy plants—in bloom, 50c doz. Not in bloom, 25c doz. Verbena Plants, 50c doz. Sweet Alyssum Plants, 50c doz. Coleus (beautiful border plant), 50c doz. Carnation Plants, 50c doz. Vinca Plants, variegated, 50c doz.

Vegetable Plants. Tomato Plants 10c doz. 3 doz. 25c. Cabbage Plants 10c doz. 3 doz. 25c. Sweet Potatoe Plants, 25c per 100.

Any of the above plants may be bought at our Greenhouses, 30th and Kingman ave., Bird and Fish Store, 7th and Walnut, or Seed Store, 613 and 615 Locust.

IOWA SEED CO.

HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSION VIA CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL RAILWAY.

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month until June 10, the C. M. & St. P. Ry. will sell tickets at one fare plus two dollars for the round trip to many points north, south, and west. Call at 410 Walnut street for full information.

EDITORIALS.

SOUTHERN REPRESENTATION SHOULD BE REDUCED IF THE SOUTH DISFRANCHISE THE COLORED VOTE.

It is an inevitable fact that if the Supreme Court of the United States should sustain the Alabama state's new state constitution and the new constitution of North Carolina in disfranchising the colored people, especially if they hold that the grand-father is good, then the colored people and their white friends should demand that the 14th amendment to the constitution should be enforced, and the representation in Congress and electoral college should be reduced to the exact number of qualified voters in such states. The 14th amendment reads as follows:

Whenever the right to vote at any election for electors of president or vice-president, or for United States representatives in congress, executive and judicial officers, or members of the legislatures thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of each state being 21 years of age and citizens of the United States, or in any abridged except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the numbers of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens 21 years of age in such state.

It is true that this amendment has never been enforced heretofore, but the north and especially the republican party thought that the south would eventually grant the right of franchise to the colored man, but now there seems but little hope for them to do so. Mr. W. E. Curtis, one of the most influential writers of The Chicago Record-Herald, gives some election tables that show the violation of the 14th amendment and the injustice done to the voter of the north. We herewith present that table. The rate at the last election is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: State/District and Population. Rows include Illinois, S. Carolina, First district, Second district, Third district, Fourth district, Fifth district, Sixth district, Seventh district, Total.

On this showing South Carolina is entitled to but one congressman. The same comparison between the first nine districts of New York with Alabama gives similar results:

Table with 2 columns: State/District and Population. Rows include New York, Alabama, First district, Second district, Third district, Fourth district, Fifth district, Sixth district, Seventh district, Eighth district, Ninth district, Total.

But Mississippi makes an even worse showing at the polls than either of its sister states. The comparison with Indiana is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: State/District and Population. Rows include Indiana, Mississippi, First district, Second district, Third district, Fourth district, Fifth district, Sixth district, Seventh district, Eighth district, Total.

We believe that the American congress should cut down the south's representation, and we think that the eastern, northern and western states will not endure this gross injustice, this monster inequality very much longer.

IOWA WOMAN'S FEDERATION MEETING.

Our city was filled with club women likewise the spirit prevailed last week. It was their ninth annual meeting of the Iowa club women (white.) There were some of the ablest and most learned of the fair sex in Iowa present. They discussed many questions and topics of general and special interest to their organization. They appointed several committees and devised many plans to better enlighten and elevate womanhood and to uplift their less fortunate sisters. In fact their national constitution says it is to help and elevate womanhood

throughout the world. Such utterance or declaration is not true for the national and even the Iowa club women have left the poor colored woman out in the cold to paddle their own canoe, and she is the one, perhaps the most of all, that need the counsel and help of the stronger. We cannot believe those clubs are sincere until they offer the hand of help, hand of womanhood, hand of council to those who most need it they will be obeying God's will and fulfilling their sworn duty.

His Faulty Imagination.

The discussion of the fate of the Peter Marie miniature recalls a story. A miniature painter of more social than artistic persuasion called upon Mr. Marie and turned the conversation upon his talent, knowing that his host heartily disliked personalities. "I can't imagine why I don't succeed, Mr. Marie," said he. "I have plenty of imagination. Don't you think so?" "Yes. Plenty! For instance, you imagine you can paint miniatures."—New York Times.

ALL DIED OUT OF BED.

Curse on Zborowski Family Finds Another Victim.

That Elliot Zborowski, who was killed on Tuesday in an auto accident at Nice, died as he did, will be no surprise to those in this city who remember him as the greatest daredevil New York and Newport society ever had. Even Foxhall Keene, who has had half the bones in his body broken, was not the equal to this American count for his wild, reckless disregard for life. He was born in this city of a long line of Zborowskis.

Strangely enough, his death is in keeping with the traditions of his family, for none of the male members ever dies in bed. Back of this remarkable circumstance is a tale of a curse four generations ago launched at the head of the great-grandfather of Elliot Zborowski by an Irish lord, who, in his anger, called upon heaven to prevent any male Zborowski from ever dying in his bed. None has since. Elliot's father was stricken with paralysis and died in his chair before the son could ride for a physician. One of his uncles, Elliot, was killed by a New York. New Haven & Hartford train. Another Francis, was drowned in a Williamsbridge pond. Still another member of the family was killed by being thrown from a horse, and so the story has gone. Now comes the crushing of this generation's representative in a twentieth century accident.—New York World.

KNEW HIS OWN TERRAPIN.

Virginian Identified It by Its Peculiar Expression.

"Tidewater Virginia," said Mr. E. L. White of Lancaster, Va., at the Shoreham recently, "is the most delightful and wonderful country in the world. Everything that heart can wish or the appetite can fancy is produced from the fertile fields and the great rivers that traverse them on their way to the bay. Nothing ever surpassed her oysters, her fish, her ducks, her diamond-back terrapins.

"The terrapin farming," he continued, "is a remarkable business and very lucrative. But it requires a large outlay of capital and a great deal of labor. Each owner of a farm—as the little water front fenced in for the purpose is called—cautiously guards his domain and resents the slightest encroachment by a neighbor or stranger. And a curious thing about it is that these men engaged in the business have learned to know their own terrapins by the expression of their faces. Not long ago a negro boy was arrested in one of the lower counties in the Rappahannock river for stealing a 'diamond back,' and he was convicted upon the testimony of the owner, who swore point blank that the said terrapin was his, and was stolen from his 'farm,' because he recognized the aforesaid terrapin by its individual expression of countenance, which he had studied for years.

"He stated also that all his terrapins had the same smile and gentle look out of the quiet eyes; that he would know them at once anywhere among all the terrapins of the world. I tell you, sir, Tidewater Virginia is a wonder."—Washington Post.

An Emperor's Whims.

Emperor Frederick William of Prussia sometimes would signify his rejection of what he considered an absurd petition by drawing on the margin an 'as' head and ears. One day a baron of ancient patent having complained of another baron taking precedence of him, the king wrote on the petition: "Mere folly; whether a man sits above me or below me, my birth remains the same." Oftentimes he would ask people in the streets who they were, a peculiarity which made nervous people evade the royal presence. One day when a man saw the king approaching he took to his heels and ran, but Frederick William pursued him in hot haste and when he overtook him asked: "Why did you run away from me?" "From fear," answered the man, whereupon his majesty gave him a thrack with his cane and said that he "wished himself to be loved and not to be feared."

50 Tailor Made Skirts on Sale

At \$2.50 and \$3.50

As Long As They Last

Simply a question. Did you ever wear a tailor made skirt? What we mean by a tailor made skirt is when you slip it on one side will not be longer than the other. Seams will not sag, and it will not shrink by a glimpse of water. Remember our skirt has an equal length, is made properly, seams are stayed, the goods is sponged before it is cut. We sell them at

\$2.50 & \$3.50

We want you to call and see them and tell your friends of this great skirt bargain. We have them in all sizes. Come early for fifty skirts will not last very long at these bargain prices.

S. WOLF Ladies' Tailor

114 West Seventh Street, Near Walnut, Rear of Iowa Bird Store

CLINTON ITEMS.

Jesse Mitchell of Fulton spent a few hours here Sunday. The stewardess gave a social one night last week, only a few were in attendance, but those present spent an enjoyable evening.

Rev. Russell left last week for Chicago where he was engaged to deliver addresses in some of the churches. He is expected home this week.

Recent reports from Fulton are that Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mitchell welcomed a new daughter at there home a short time ago. Mother and daughter are doing well.

Last Sunday was Odd Fellow's day throughout the United States and it was appropriately observed in this city. The day was all that could be asked in fact it secured in full accord with the ceremonies that were to take place. Shortly after two o'clock the members of Bluff City Lodge number 354 began together at their hall, at three o'clock the society made its appearance upon the street in their beautiful regalia recently purchased and worn in public for the first time on this occasion. After a short march they went to Hotel A. M. E. church where Rev. W. A. Searcy awaited them to deliver their annual sermon. Miss Cooper presided at the organ. Mrs. Holland Williams rendered a beautiful selection The Holy City. The duties of ceremonies was ably carried out by M. O. Calhoun. Rev. Searcy was assisted by Rev. P. P. Taylor and A. F. Walker. Many are the words of praise which have been heard pertaining to the sermon and for the mastery with which Rev. Searcy delivered it, time and space prevents us from reproducing it, but suffice to say it was all right.

The following resolution of sympathy was prepared and read by A. A. Bush at the morning service last Sunday at Bethel church. Whereas, an attempt was made to injure or destroy the property of the Institutional church by dynamite after Dr. Ransom had delivered a sermon against policy playing on Sunday May 3.

Resolved, That we condemn the act and express our approval of the firm stand taken by the pastor, and the undaunted courage displayed by him in his determination to stand his ground, we therefore wish to express our sympathies to the pastor and congregation.

The above was signed by the pastor in behalf of the church and ordered sent to Dr. Ransom.

The BYSTANDER representative will be in the city soon on his annual tour, so you who are in errors, see the agent at once and settle up your indebtedness.

Rev. A. F. Walker of Quincy, Ill. has been in the city for the past few days. He filled the pulpit at the second Baptist church Sunday.

Rev. Searcy will assist Rev. Peterson with quarterly meeting at Davenport Sunday.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Thos. McKenzie Burnaugh died at his home on E. Henry street May 5th after an illness of only nine days with pneumonia. The funeral services was conducted at the house Thursday by Rev. Jelling of the Baptist church and Rev. Jno. Smith. The singing was conducted by the choir from the Methodist church. The services at the Forest Home cemetery was in charge of the Odd Fellows of which the deceased was a member. There was immense floral offerings, he was in his 54th year and is survived by a wife, two sons and a daughter.

Mr. Greenup of Fairfield was in town Saturday and Sunday. Messrs B. Fuller, Chas. and Will Burrough of Creston and Mrs. Perry Greenup of Fairfield were here to attend the funeral of T. M. Burnaugh.

Mrs. Gertrude Mosley and daughter Parthena of St. Paul are here and will spend the summer with Mrs. Mosley's parents Mr. and Miss McCracken.

Miss Rosa McGregor and Mr. Bert Wells were married Tuesday evening by Rev. Bolling at the home of the bride's parents

ORIGIN OF SLANG PHRASE.

When He First Understood Meaning of Descriptive Term.

A student in the School of Mines at Columbia university who has just returned from Butte, Mont., was telling Charles James, proprietor of the Sturtevant, about the atmospheric peculiarities of that mining town of the Far West.

"For my word," he said, "the air is so charged with mineral gases that after a man has been out for an hour or so in the morning his heart action is so slow that he is obliged to drink plenty of whisky to get it in fairly normal condition. I was told that there were at one time a few inhabitants of Butte who were teetotalers, but they are all dead. A man can drink a quart of whisky before his midday dinner in that town without feeling in the slightest degree intoxicated. That is why Butte men, when they come East and their heart works normally, get frightfully drunk when they try to drink as they do at home."

"I see," retorted Mr. James. "I understand now what it means to tell a man that he has a 'beaut' on."—New York Times.

A Barrier.

"What have you in the way of beefsteak to-day?" asked the cheerful customer, who hadn't paid his bill.

"Well," replied the frank butcher, "I reckon about the only thing in the way is its price."

Increase in Bank Deposits.

Bank Deposits have increased 35 per cent in ten years.

There are always two parties to a contract, and yet in a majority of cases but one is expected to carry it out.

Encouraged by the Innocent.

Stories of good Bishop Williams of Connecticut continue to crop out wherever clergymen meet. One just told at the General Theological Seminary relates to his first sermon in the parish to which he was called just after he was ordained. He was rather nervous when he began to preach, but as he progressed he noticed an old man in a front pew, who seemed intensely interested in the sermon. Whenever the preacher made a point the old gentleman nodded vigorously in approval. This was very encouraging to the not overconfident parson and after the services he inquired who the man was.

"The old man in the front pew?" answered a vestryman. "Oh, he is one of the harmless inmates of the insane asylum around the corner."—New York Times.

Merely Certain of It.

The prosecuting witness, who had a lump over one eye, a black and blue spot under the other, a nose that pointed decidedly awry, and various strips of court plaster on his face evidently arranged without any regard to their artistic effect, testified that the defendant had knocked him senseless and then kicked him in the head and face for several minutes.

"If he knocked you senseless," asked the police justice, "how do you know he kicked you after you were down?"

"The witness scratched his jaw and reflected.

"I know it, judge," he replied, "cause that's what I'd done to him if I'd got him down—you can bet on that!"

Opportunity for Treasure Hunters.

Nearly one hundred years ago the Jesuits were banished from Mexico. It was known that they had immense hoards of gold, but feared to tempt cupidity by taking it all with them. What they did with the bulk of their savings has just been revealed by Pierre Guirre, who says that treasure to the value of over \$4,000,000 was buried beneath the old cathedral in the little town of Typozottan, and is believed to be there yet.

Child's Home to be Apartment House

The famous palace occupied by the late George W. Childs of the Philadelphia Ledger, which cost him over \$1,000,000, is to be transformed into an apartment house.

NOTHING TOO SMALL TO STEAL.

City Merchant Complains of the Prevalence of Dishonesty.

"The old saying that nothing is too small to steal is exemplified in our business," said a manufacturer of custom-made clothing. "Our thread gives us lots of trouble. We have to keep a watchful eye upon it. The case in which it is kept is under the supervision of our most trusted employee. If he chose to be dishonest he could rob us of \$5,000 a year and we would be none the wiser. We would, perhaps, notice that we were using more thread than usual, but the excess might be attributed to other causes.

"We have to check out every spool we give to our tailors. Even at this we are in danger of having a cheaper grade substituted. The difference in the price of the spools may be only one or two cents, but it offers a temptation if the scheme can be worked on a large scale. Some years ago we were forced to the conclusion that a 'fence' was being operated to dispose of stolen thread. The spools were sold by peddlers from house to house. This suspicion caused large establishments to have each spool stamped with dyes which cut into the wood, stating that the thread was stolen from such and such a shop, the name of which was stamped on the spool."

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OTTUMWA NOTES.

Sunday Was quarterly meeting Rev. J. R. Clemens of Oskaloosa assisted Rev. Gordon with the services.

Bertha Williams entertained a number of her friends Friday evening at her home on Grove street in honor of Miss Anna Myers of St. Louis. All present enjoyed a delightful evening.

Anna Myers of St. Louis is visiting relatives in this city.

Mrs. James Hamilton of Des Moines is in the city on business.

Miss Myra Carter of Mt. Pleasant is in the city visiting friends.

Half Rates to Prohibition State Convention at Marshalltown, Iowa.

Excursion tickets will be sold at one fare for round trip, May 26 and 27, limited to return until May 29, inclusive. Apply to agents Chicago & North-western Ry

STORIES.

An American tourist who called on Robert Burns' widow, Jean Armour, a few years after his death, had the audacity to ask her: "Can you show me any relics of the poet?" "Sir," answered the old lady, with majestic dignity: "I am the only relic of Robert Burns."

On a recent day's outing in Webster county, N. Y., Ernest Haskell, the artist, was painting a bit of the green hillsides when a farmer came along, looked at the half-finished water-color, then gazed, much puzzled, at three flat pans containing water which the artist had put on the ground close at hand. Turning away with a look of disgust, he remarked half-aloud: "Homeopath, b'gosh!"

A gentleman of Falls City, Nebraska, was recently left \$40,000 by a deceased uncle. As he is a man of abundant means, his nephews said he ought to divide the bequest among them. So insistent and irritating were their entreaties that he decided to get rid of the money. Drawing \$40,000 in gold from his bank, he hired a cab and drove among the poor districts, distributing gold pieces until the money was exhausted.

Joseph Grismer's wife, Phoebe Davis, of the "Way Down East" company, was approached on the train the other day by a boy, who without preliminary introduction, remarked: "How do you do, Miss Davis. Don't you remember me? I was a member of your company last season." "Is that so?" answered Miss Davis; "I don't recall you. What part did you play?" "Oh," was the reply, "I swept up the stage after the barnyard scene."

The other night Second Warden E. A. McPherson climbed the penitentiary wall at Salem, Ore., to test the vigilance of guards. McPherson's feat was performed at the risk of his life, for had he been discovered, he would probably have been instantly shot. He placed a ladder against the exterior of the wall, climbed up, lowered his ladder into the jail yard and descended. He went through the prison shops, and as a final touch carried away the coat and cap of one of the guards. It was from this jail that the famous Tracy escaped last summer, and it is supposed that the rifle with which he fought his way out was taken into the prison over the yard fence.

A Tight Squeeze.—To be snatched from the very brink of the grave is a somewhat thrilling experience and one which Mrs. M. O. Garrett of this place has just passed through.

Mrs. Garrett suffered with a Cerebro-Spinal affection, and had been treated by the best physicians, but without the slightest improvement.

For the first time in her life, she was treated by the best physicians, but without the slightest improvement. For the first time in her life, she was treated by the best physicians, but without the slightest improvement.

She was so low that for the greater part of the time she was perfectly unconscious of what was going on about her, and her heart-broken husband and friends were hourly expecting her death.

The doctors had given up all hope and no one thought she could possibly live.

In this extremity Mr. Garrett sent for a box of Dodd's Kidney Pills. It was a last hope, but happily it did not fail.

Mrs. Garrett used in all six boxes of the remedy, and is completely cured. She says:

"I am doing my own work now and feel as well as ever I did. Dodd's Kidney Pills certainly saved me from death."

A strange punishment is endured by Armenian maidens when they have attained their seventeenth year and are not engaged to be married. They are forced to fast three days; then for twenty-four hours their food is salt fish, and they are not permitted to quench their thirst.

Did It Ever Occur to You to note the rapid development of East Texas as a truck and fruit-growing country? No? Then write for the pamphlet "Timely Topics No. 2" and become convinced that the resources of Texas are illimitable. Address: "Katy," 500 Wainwright, St. Louis, Mo.

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If you would travel the road to success keep out of the rut.

When You Buy Starch buy Defiance and get the best, 16 oz. for 10 cents. Once used, always used.

Even a love match may flicker out before the winds of adversity.

Stops the Cough and Cures the Hoarse Voice. Lezative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 25c. All dogs are lap-dogs—at least they all drink that way.

E. Z. FOOT COMFORT Cures Sore, Sweating and Aching Feet. Price 25c. F. R. McCarthy, Jefferson, Iowa.

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"The Klean, Kool Kitchen Kind" of stoves keep you clean and cool. Economical and always ready. Sold at good stove stores.

The man who is poor by nature is apt to be ruined by cultivation.

Iowa Farms \$4 Per Acre Cash, balance 1/2 crop till paid. MULHALL, Stone City, Ia. A cent in the hand is worth two on the rosette.

Dr. Lawrence's special treatment cures Dyspepsia. Guaranteed, C. C. Lawrence Co., Des Moines, Ia. Sample free.

If the society woman is ever in love it is with her mirror.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Des Moines, May 14, 1903. The state camp meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America closed after a stormy session. The victor of the convention was a unanimous selection for the supporters of Col. C. G. Saunders, of Council Bluffs, who was the candidate opposed to Jerry Green for the endorsement as head director. The election of officers, which was held at the night session, resulted as follows: State consul, Frank K. Stebbins, Iowa City; state clerk, Peter Stophany, Manning; E. H. McCutchen, of Holstein, was selected as chairman of the delegation to the head camp meeting at Indianapolis; John D. Donaldson, of Clarion, was endorsed for auditor over A. W. Maxwell, of Seymour; Dan B. Horne, of Davenport, was endorsed for head advisor without opposition; Colonel Saunders, for director, defeated the other candidates by a two to one vote, the figures reading 92 to 57. No action was taken on readjustment.

Secretary Davison of the executive council has received the report of the Chicago Great Western railroad company for the year ending December 31, 1902. It shows something of a falling off in earnings in 1902 as compared with 1901. On the Great Western system proper the gross earnings on mileage in Iowa in 1902 were \$2,888,452; the operating expenses, \$2,642,166; and the net earnings, \$246,287.

The Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs elected an entirely new board for the first time in its history. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. T. J. Fletcher of Marshalltown; vice-president, Mrs. M. C. Cory of Spencer; treasurer, Mrs. Gibson of Ames; recording secretary, Mrs. Menzies of Burks of Oskaloosa; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Harriet Lake of Independence; auditor, Mrs. Leopold Levy of Waverly.

The building and loan business is rapidly dying out in Iowa, as reports to the building and loan department of the state office indicate. Auditor of State Carroll, in his annual report, says that the building and loan companies are rapidly closing out their business. Inquiry at the office of Secretary A. H. Davison of the executive council discloses the fact that for a number of months, in fact nearly two years, no new applications have been authorized by the council to transact business in Iowa. The reasons for this state of things are not far to seek. The legislation of the Twenty-eighth general assembly knocked the bottom out of the business. The law passed then provided that the premium and interest charged by such associations should not exceed 8 per cent per annum. Under this restriction the business ceased to offer the inducements to promoters that existed when there was no limit on the premium and interest that might be charged. Loss of confidence on the part of the public in building and loan business and cheap money are also ascribed as strong reasons for the decline of the business. There are about 75 associations now transacting business in the state. How rapid a decline this has been in five years is illustrated by the fact that in 1898 there were 87 domestic local associations in the state and 29 domestic, aside from the foreign associations that were transacting business here.

The attorneys for C. A. Albrook and other defendants in the famous tax ferret attorney fee case from Hardin county, have filed their argument in the case brought by the state to compel them to refund money paid on a contract to pay 15 per cent for attorney fees in addition to the 15 per cent for the ferrets. Judge Kenyon held that the contract was illegal and rendered judgment for \$6,500 against the defendant. The plea made to the court in printed brief is quite long, and goes into the question of the necessity for such employment of a lawyer to assist in collecting taxes discovered by the ferrets, and claims that it was necessary. Two-thirds of the pay that was given the attorneys went to the tax ferrets themselves on a side contract. The case will call for some interesting arguments orally before the supreme court.

According to the "Kindergarten Annual," which has been received at the office of Superintendent Barrett, and which contains a list of all the active teaching kindergartners in the United States, Des Moines is the center for kindergartners in Iowa, having the largest number by far of any city in the state. There are a total of 38 active kindergartners here; Council Bluffs comes next with 20; Oskaloosa is third with 14; Dubuque has 11; Creston 8, and Marshalltown, 7. The number in the preceding order is accompanied by a critical article by Joseph Knight. Mr. Abbey is now at his English home in Gloucestershire, where he has one of the most beautiful studios in the country.

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When a pretty girl stares at a man's feet he feels as if he had no dignity left for himself.

No sooner does a man bring up a new theory than others proceed to vote it down.

A man's mistakes come from forgetting details; a woman's from remembering them.

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LITERARY NOTES.

"Wee Macgregor," by J. J. Bell. Mr. Bell has admirably told the humorous and realistic story of a little Scottish boy, Wee Macgregor, of his father, who slyly pets and spoils him, and of his mother, who adores and disciplines him. The story is told in the author's exquisite and sincere work. In this story of little Macgregor, and in his relations to his humble but lovable family and friends, there is a suggestion of "A Window in Thrums," which makes J. M. Barrie's reputation; and, on the other hand its humor and fun are as entertaining as "Helen's Babies." The book has taken England by storm. Harper & Bros., Publishers, New York.

"The Substitute," by Will N. Harben, author of "Abner Daniel." "Wee Macgregor" is a good clean story of the fortunes of George Buckley, an inhabitant of Northern Georgia. Although of humble birth, he has a native fine character. He is adopted by an old man who desires to atone for a past sin by educating and training George that he may become his moral substitute in the eyes of Providence. Hence the name. Final interest centers in a love affair that has a noteworthy effect on the young man's character, and the end is a happy one. The story is told in a happy philosophy, quaint humor, that made the author well-known through "Abner Daniel."

Ethel A. Pennell's sketch, "In Chaucer's Youth," in the May St. Nicholas, is based on an unfamiliar historic fact. Chaucer, writer of verse, wit, humor, and lover's and school girl's boy; but not every grown-up, even of fair general information, knows that the lad Geoffrey Chaucer was a favorite page in the court of King Edward III, and later a squire to Prince Lionel.

Of special interest at this time, when all lovers of music are looking forward to Adeline Patti's American tour, is the story of her early memories of her friendship with Patti, published in the May Century. This chapter of the London critic's series "Modern Musical Celebrities" gives glimpses behind the scenes at the first performance of Godard's "The Merry Wives of Windsor" when Romeo and Patti Juliette; and tells of many visits to Craig-y-nos.

The Lothrop Publishing Company of Boston announce "Darrel of the Blessed Isles," the third novel by Irving Bacheller author of "D'ri and I" and "Elin Holden." "Darrel of the Blessed Isles" is a new creation. Wit, philosopher, and man of mystery. Learned, strong, kindly, dignified, he towers like a giant above the people among whom he lives. In him Mr. Bacheller has given us a character as fresh and original as the best of mere fascinating. Darrel's shop is an old book, where the reader will enjoy good companionship and be much at home. It is another tale of the North Country, full of the odor of wood and field. Its people are wholesome, its good and true. Once in its mystery, the reader will go to the last word with increasing interest. Wit, humor, pathos, and high thinking are in this book.

Professor Simon Newcomb, the dean of American Astronomers, contributes the leading article for the May issue of "The World's Work." In the form of fiction, it is nevertheless the astronomical hypothesis on the subject. This article also is tellingly illustrated by Henri Lanois.

The Louisiana Purchase—its rapid progress and importance—Chad M. Harvey seems to be the leading and most timely article in "The World's Work" for May. Among other important features are George Lie's explanation of how Canadians are being taught practical agriculture.

The launching of the "May," the New London, of the Minnesota, the greatest cargo-carrier afloat, gave the first intimation to many newspaper readers of James J. Hill's vast plan for the Pacific Oceanic trade. These great ships—the Minnesota and her sister ship, the Yukon—are described in detail by F. N. Stacy in the Review of Reviews for May.

The May Atlantic commemorates the coming centenary of Emerson with a searching and illuminating article on Emerson as a religious influence by Rev. George A. Gordon, who, although a Unitarian, has a deep and profound religious belief, nevertheless pronounces Emerson's spirit "a tonic and inspiration of priceless worth and of inexhaustible delight."

Edwin A. Abbey's drawings for Shakespeare's "King John" are reproduced in tint in the May number of "The World's Work." They are accompanied by a critical article by Joseph Knight. Mr. Abbey is now at his English home in Gloucestershire, where he has one of the most beautiful studios in the country.

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KILLED BY A ROBBER.

Lone Robber's Bold Act in a Restaurant at West Liberty. West Liberty, May 15.—A desperate lone robber held up Tom McCarthy's lunch house, fifty yards from the Rock Island station, here at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Arthur C. Meade, a jeweler, offered resistance to the robber and was shot. The bullet entered his breast near the heart and caused death. Meade did not regain consciousness after he was shot and could make no statement.

Mayor McIntosh and Marshal Wiley as soon as they learned of the robbery and murder caused the fire bells of the city and the factory whistles to be sounded. The town was aroused in a few minutes. A meeting of the infuriated citizens was held. Mayor McIntosh presided at the meeting. A posse was enlisted and men armed to the teeth are scouring the country for the robbers.

Night Clerk Moran was in charge of the restaurant when the masked robber entered with revolver drawn. The robber had no sooner entered than he began to talk with Meade. Meade appears to know the man and the two were joking each other about the lateness of the hour. All at once the robber pointed a revolver at Meade and exclaimed:

"Shut your face and hold up your hands."

"Oh, I guess not," said Meade, "I'm pretty thinking that the hold-up was a joke."

"Well, I think you will," said the robber, and then there was a "bang" from the pistol, and Meade reeled to the floor about thirty feet from the door.

There were six or seven men in the room at the time. None of them offered any resistance to the robber, who kept his smoking revolver in his hand and loudly shouted that he would shoot the lives of every man that moved. The men who were in the restaurant were United States mail clerks and one traveling man, whose names at this time cannot be learned.

West Liberty is a postal division and there are several postal clerks laying claim to the honor of having been the first to see the robber. They eat lunch in the McCarthy place, often in the middle of the night.

The unknown robber opened the till of the restaurant and took therefrom all the cash, amounting to \$25. Before leaving the place he passed by his victims.

"I am sorry that I had to shoot him," said the robber. "I hope that he will not die." But while the bandit was speaking young Meade was breathing his last. A rush was made for the post office on the floor as the robber had left the place. He was too far gone to make a statement.

BURLINGTON TO BUILD.

Greenfield to Winterest First Line to Be Built.

Des Moines, May 14.—The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad has completed a survey for a new line from Greenfield, Adair county, to Vilisca. It is now surveying a line from Greenfield to Winterest, and will soon run a third line from Winterest to Tracy. At this point the new line will cross the Albia and Des Moines branch and connect with the Burlington and Northwestern division of the Burlington. The sixteen miles between Tracy and Oskaloosa are now being built. When this stretch of track is completed, which will be within a few weeks, the Burlington's new through line from Des Moines to Chicago via Oskaloosa will be completed and the Chicago-Des Moines trans will be put on.

First among the new pieces of road-making comes the Greenfield-Winterest connection. The surveys have been in this field for several weeks, and the line has been laid into Winterest. It centers the Rock Island depot at that point and it has been given out that the Burlington and Rock Island will operate on a joint track arrangement between Des Moines and Greenfield.

This will give Des Moines jobbers a direct line to a rich territory that has heretofore been reached in a roundabout way, at great loss of time and at heavy expense for shipping. The territory belongs to Des Moines wholesalers, but they have not been able to work it to the best advantage. With a direct line to Greenfield through Winterest they will have every opportunity to make the most of this territory.

Eventually it is expected that the Burlington will extend the new line from Greenfield west to Council Bluffs. This will give the company its third parallel line across the state from the Mississippi to the Missouri.

POLICE WILL SLAY DOGS.

Ordinance Passed Authorizing Slaughter.

Des Moines, May 15.—Responding to public clamor for protection from rabid dogs, with which the city has been infested for some time, the city council met and passed an ordinance empowering the marshal to order the police department to shoot and kill all dogs found running about the streets without muzzles and wearing a tag showing their owners have paid the tax imposed upon dogs. The ordinance is quite sweeping in its provisions, clothing, as it does, the chief of police with ample power to rid the community of a pest of roving curs which are at once a nuisance and a menace. That a dog has a tag attached to his collar showing his owner has paid the dog tax will not suffice to preserve his life if found on the premises of his master. The council realized that a mad dog with a tag on his collar was equally as dangerous as one without a tag, and provided that hereafter all dogs running about the streets must be provided with a muzzle as well as the tag. Chief Brackett has issued orders instructing the policemen to kill all dogs running at large in violation of the ordinance mentioned, and the ordinance will be obeyed to the letter.

Killed While Out Hunting.

Perry, May 15.—Oscar Armstrong, a well-to-do young farmer living near Burlington, while shooting a quail hawk, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of his gun which partly sent a ball through his head.

Thrown from Buggy and Killed.

Dubuque, May 11.—D. C. Hersey of Dubuque was killed while riding on the street. The shying of his horse threw him out of the buggy. He was one of the oldest residents of the town.

The cocoon of the palm has leaves nearly thirty feet long.

DOCTOR ENSOR SUPT. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE INSTITUTION

Endorses the Catarrh Tonic Fe-runa—A Congressman's Letter.

Dr. J. F. Ensor, Postmaster of Columbia, S. C., late Superintendent and Physician in charge of State Insane Asylum at Columbia, S. C., writes: "After using your Peruna myself or a short period, and my family having used it are now using the same with good results, and upon the information of others who have been benefited by it as a cure for catarrh and an invigorating tonic, I can cheerfully recommend it to all persons requiring so effective a remedy."—Dr. J. F. Ensor.



Hon. C. W. Butts, ex-Member of Congress from North Dakota, in a letter from Washington, D. C., says: "That Peruna is not only a vigorous, as well as an effective tonic, but also a cure of catarrh is beyond controversy. It is already established by its use by the thousands who have been benefited by it. I cannot too highly express my appreciation of its excellence."—C. W. Butts.

Dr. R. Robbins, Muskogee, I. T., writes: "Peruna is the best medicine I know of for coughs and to strengthen a weak stomach and to give appetite. Beside prescribing it for catarrh, I have ordered it for weak and debilitated people, and have not had a patient but said it helped him. It is an excellent medicine and it fits so many cases. I have a large practice and have a chance to prescribe your Peruna. I hope you may live long to do good to the sick and suffering. Only the weak need a tonic. People are never weak except from some good cause. One of the obscure causes of weakness and the one often overlooked is catarrh. Catarrh inflames the mucous membrane and causes the blood plasma to escape through the mucous membrane in the form of mucus. This discharge of mucus is in the same as the loss of blood. It produces weakness. Peruna stops the catarrh and prevents the discharge of mucus. This is why Peruna is called a tonic. Peruna does not give strength by stimulating the nervous system a little. It gives strength by preserving the mucous membranes against leakage. It gives strength by converting the blood fluids and preventing their draining away in mucous discharges. Constant spitting and blowing the nose will finally produce extreme weakness from the loss of mucus. If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis. Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

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Advertisement for Tone's Spices. Includes image of a woman and a box of spices. Text: "10¢ Tone's Spices. Always in packages, are economy even though bulk spices seem cheaper. Greatest and preservative in waxed paper-lined boxes. A nice dessert dish is Ginger Pudding. 1/2 cup butter creamed with 1/2 cup of granulated sugar. Whisk in one egg well beaten. 2 teaspoons Tone's Spices. 1/2 teaspoon feenopans baking powder. 1/4 teaspoon salt. Mix and sift. Add 1 cup milk. 1/2 cup preserved or crystallized ginger cut in small pieces. Steam two hours in a well buttered mold. Serve with Double Sauce. (See "Spicy Supply" Recipe Booklet.) When food doesn't taste right, get a supply of Tone's Spices. Tone's Coffee. In packages for flavor's sake. Flavor varies in our 25, 30, 35 and 40 cent packages. All are high grade. At All Grocers TONE BROTHERS Des Moines Iowa. We guarantee everything we manufacture.

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HAPPENINGS IN HAWKEYEDOM

What Has Been Going on During the Past Week.

BODY WAS BLOWN TO ATOMS

Postmaster Hedges of Kossuth Is Killed and the Postoffice Is Blown to Pieces—Hedges Was Feeling Ill and Had Just Sent for a Doctor.

Mediapolis, May 15.—Shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the people of this town were startled by a loud explosion over in the direction of the little town of Kossuth, two miles distant.

It was quickly ascertained that the postoffice of the village had been blown up and that Postmaster Hedges had been killed, his body being torn to pieces.

The greatest excitement prevailed but it was learned at once that no one was in the postoffice building except the unfortunate postmaster at the time.

Rev. C. Leprick of the Presbyterian church had just left the store when the explosion occurred.

The building was rent and torn and quickly caught fire, soon burning to the ground.

The fragments of the postmaster's body were afterwards found in the cellar under the building.

Rev. Mr. Leprick says that he was talking to Mr. Hedges when the latter suddenly told him he was getting sick and to go for a doctor.

The minister started at once but went only across the street when the explosion occurred.

It is said Mr. Hedges, who ran a store in connection with the postoffice, had several cans of powder in stock.

It is thought that after the minister left him he fell among the powder cans, dropping his pipe into the powder.

Some persons who were near at hand declare the explosion was that of dynamite, but it was known there was no dynamite in the store. Aside from these conjectures the affair is shrouded in the deepest mystery.

It will be remembered that on Monday last Postmaster Hedges was found senseless in the road and told a story about a lone highwayman robbing him of a lot of money and stags.

Mr. Hedges since that has been in precarious health from a slight paralytic stroke but was feeling much better up to the time he told Rev. Leprick he was suddenly worse.

The cause of the explosion was small. The government officials will investigate the explosion. Mr. Hedges was a man of the highest repute.

HAS SALARY LIMIT.

President Seerley Won't Furnish Teachers at Less Than \$40.00.

Cedar Falls, May 15.—Pres. Seerley of the Iowa State Normal proposes issuing a pamphlet in the near future, which will contain some facts with reference to teachers' salaries, that will make the people of the state open their eyes.

The normal school is constantly called upon to supply the city schools of the state with teachers.

This year, for instance, the size of the graduating class will be considerably reduced on account of the great demand for normal teachers and the number of students who have consented to enter school work with the exception of completing their course during the summer months of next year.

It is not generally known that the states normal authorities make no effort to supply teachers where the salary is less than \$40 a month.

Even when this salary is offered to a beginning teacher the normal instructors do not advise any of the students to accept unless there is a prospect of an increase the second year.

President Seerley has been conducting a series of investigations as to the salaries paid teachers, and he finds that the conditions are even worse than is generally supposed. It is the fashion to believe that the low salaries are confined to the country districts.

This is not the case by any means. He recently took a census of 113 teachers employed in good towns of the state, and all having a normal education. Their work in the schools ranged from one to ten years, but most of them had been teaching for seven years.

He found that the average of the salaries paid was less than \$50.00 and the majority of them were not receiving this amount.

He has also collected statistics from several towns as to the amount that the teachers have been able to save from their earnings. He found that the average in one town where a large number of teachers were employed and where better than the average salaries were paid, was about \$36.00 a year.

The fact that a teacher spends the entire year at hard work and is able to save practically nothing from her salary is not calculated to encourage her to greater effort, especially when she sees all of her associates in the same position, with respect to savings.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Postmaster at Kossuth Compelled to Open Safe and Deliver \$150.

Mediapolis, May 12.—A roughly dressed, smooth shaven man, riding a brown horse, dashed up to the postoffice at Kossuth yesterday and, drawing a revolver, compelled Postmaster Richard Hedges to deliver over the contents of the safe, amounting to \$150 in stamps and money. The bandit then escaped.

Kossuth is a small country village. Postmaster Hedges is an old and rather feeble man and could do nothing to prevent the robbery, which was an exceedingly bold one. There is much excitement in Kossuth and here it will appear when the big shows exhibit on Monday, May 18.

Killed by Switch Engine. Burlington, May 11.—John Peala, a stranger, was run over by a switch engine in the Burlington yards and his body nearly cut in two. Nothing is known of the unfortunate fellow. He stopped suddenly upon the track ahead of the engine and was instantly killed. Whether his act was premeditated suicide or accidental cannot be ascertained.

Parisian Thief, while robbing a till in a grocery on the Rue St. Honoré, unwittingly rang an alarm bell. Grabbing a handful of coins, he ran off, but was pursued and captured. He had swallowed five twenty-five franc pieces, each about the size of a five-dollar gold piece.

PAROLE LAW IS HIT.

Judge Miller of Anamosa Revolutionizes It.

Des Moines, May 15.—The Iowa parole law of 1914 received a severe jolt yesterday at Anamosa, and there will be some revision of the rules unless the supreme court backs up the governor.

B. W. Garrett, parole secretary for Gov. Cummins, received a dispatch from Anamosa, announcing that the district court had ordered released from custody Frank Davis, a convict serving time in the state penitentiary there.

Habeas corpus proceedings were brought before Judge Miller at Anamosa to secure the release of Davis. He has been serving a seventeen year sentence from Clinton county for murder, and was paroled about two months before he would have been released.

He was a good prisoner and earned the "good time" credit amounting to nearly seven years. He was returned upon violation of this parole. As is customary in such cases the good time deduction previously made was cancelled. In fact this was one of the conditions to which he subscribed when he accepted the parole and it is a clause in every parole agreement. Under this plan he would have to serve nearly seven years instead of the two months which would have been released him if he had not accepted the parole agreement.

Now the court has declared that the good time earned previously to the parole must stand to his credit and so standing he is entitled to release now that he has served the two of the three months which remained of his abbreviated term in the penitentiary.

The suit was brought by Attorney Tom Milnor, and as Attorney General Mullan could not go to Anamosa to defend the state the defense was entrusted to Senator Ellison. An appeal will be immediately taken to the supreme court, as the question is one the supreme court has never passed on. If the decision is allowed to stand, it will necessitate a revision of the parole system in vogue in Iowa, which is somewhat irregular and without precedent in the nation.

That others who are in the same fix as was Davis will be asking for release on the same grounds. In every case where convicts have been returned for violation of their paroles they have been required to lose their previously earned credit for good conduct. If they are to be allowed this credit the governors will be much slower to grant paroles near the end of a sentence.

GERMAN FARMERS PLEASED.

Agriculturists Touring United States Put in Day at Ames College.

Ames, May 13.—The party of German agriculturists who are now visiting in this country and who were the guests of the Iowa State college yesterday, were unqualifiedly pleased at the reception and deeply impressed with the progress of agriculture here.

Their pleasure and appreciation took substantial form in the sending of a telegram to Secretary James Wilson of the United States department of agriculture, which Prof. J. I. Schulte of Washington, D. C., dictated at their request. The message was couched in the most complimentary terms and extended congratulations to the secretary for the remarkable success of agriculture, which Prof. J. I. Schulte of Washington, D. C., dictated at their request.

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The conception of the remarkable boom in agriculture in this country studying agricultural methods as an aggregation of ordinary German farmers is hardly the correct one, as one can discern at a glance on mingling with the party. Altogether, there is a body of government men, one from the German Agricultural society, one of the great national institutions of Germany, which numbers over 17,000 members. While the party now here comes with the prestige of the government and its sanction, it is no senseless investigation. Each man travels at his own expense and for the purpose of learning what will be of most benefit to himself. Each year, trips of this kind are planned and in the past expeditions have been taken to England, Hungary, Sweden and other countries of Europe. This is the first trip, however, that has been made beyond the borders of Europe, and it has been prompted in no small degree by the realization in Germany of the immense stakes being taken by the Americans in agriculture, something directly affecting the interests of Germany and the other countries of Europe.

The members of the party are largely landed proprietors and for the most part wealthy. All but two are Germans, there being two Austrians in the number. One of the party owns over 8,000 acres of land in Germany. There are a number of government officials but they are on leave of absence and not here as government agents.

DIABLO IS THE ONLY ONE

Who Has Ever Successfully Looped the Loop on a Bicycle.

Des Moines, May 13.—Looping the loop on a bicycle is a feat that has been written about, described and illustrated by all the leading newspapers and magazines of the country. The sensational act was first accomplished at Coney Island, New York, by George Vandervoort, during the winter of 1901. He was at once secured by the great Adam Forepaugh and Sells Brothers' enormous shows united at a fabulous salary to perform the perilous ride at each performance of the big shows. From that date until the present time he has been with these shows continually, with the exception of three months, which he spent in Berlin last winter. Vandervoort, better known professionally as Diavolo, is positively the only man who has ever successfully looped the loop on a bicycle and the Forepaugh-Sells circus is likewise the only show in the world that has ever presented the marvelous act. In all the history of circuses no single feat has attracted more widespread attention than Diavolo's, who will appear here when the big shows exhibit on Monday, May 18.

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MARCH OF AMERICANISM.



FRANK ADAMS GIVES "MONT BRILLANT" BALL OF LONDON "BEAUVON" (THE KING OF AMERICAN TRUMPETS)



MR. ROOSEVELT SAYS "UNCLE SAM MUST RULE PACIFIC" (ANOTHER KIND OF AMERICAN TRUMPET)



A THREATENED DELUGE.

PRESIDENT FIRM FOR EXPANSION

Delivers Important Address at Mechanics' Pavilion, San Francisco.

COMMERCE OF THE PACIFIC

Declares America, With Her New Possessions, Must Maintain Domination of the Waters of the Great Ocean on Our West.

San Francisco, May 14.—Last night at the Mechanics' pavilion President Roosevelt made the most important speech he has delivered since he left St. Louis. His subject, "Expansion and Trade Development and Protection of the Country's Newly Acquired Possessions in the Pacific, together with the advocacy of a greater navy, became the first of his discourse of particular interest to the Californians, and he aroused his auditors to a high pitch of enthusiasm. It was a mighty gathering that listened to the president.

"Before I saw the Pacific slope I was an expansionist, and after having seen it I fall to understand how any man confident of his country's greatness and glad that his country should challenge with proud confidence our mighty future, can be anything but an expansionist. In the opinion of those who have seen the Pacific and the progress of the Pacific will be the greatest of all the oceans, of all the seas, and the last to be used on a large scale by civilized man, bids fair to become the first in point of importance. Our mighty republic has stretched across the ocean and now in California, Oregon and Washington, in Alaska and Hawaii and the Philippines, holds an extent of coastline which makes it a purpose continuous and will add immensely alike to our commercial and our military and naval strength. The inevitable march of events gave us the control of the Philippines at a time so opportune that it may without irreverence be held providential. Unless we show ourselves weak, unless we show ourselves degenerate sons of the sire from whose loins we sprang, we must go on with the work that we have begun. I earnestly hope that this work will always be peaceful in character. We infinitely desire peace, and the surest way to obtain it is to show that we are not afraid of war.

"We should deal in the spirit of fairness and justice with all weaker nations; we should show to the strongest that we are able to maintain our rights. Such showing cannot be made timorous, or bluster merely invited contempt. Let us speak courteously, deal fairly and keep ourselves armed and ready. If we do these things we can count on the peace that comes only to the just man armed, to the just man who neither fears nor inflicts wrong. We must keep on building and maintaining a thoroughly efficient navy with plenty of the best and most formidable ships, with an ample supply of officers and men, and with these officers and men trained in the most thorough way to the best possible performance of their duty. Only thus can we assure our position in the world at large and in particular in the Pacific. It is my proud to belong to a mighty nation to see it that we fit ourselves to take and keep a great position in the world, for our proper place is with the expanding nations and the nations that dare to be great, that accept with confidence a place of leadership in the world.

"All of our people should take this position, but especially you of California, for much of your expansion must go through the Golden Gate, and the states of the Pacific slope must inevitably be those who will be most benefited and take the lead in the growth of the American influence along the coasts and islands of that mighty ocean where east and west finally become one. My countrymen, I believe in you with all my heart and am proud that it has been granted to me to be a citizen in a nation of such glorious opportunities and with the wisdom, the hardihood and the courage to rise to the level of its opportunities."

TO REDUCE NAVIES.

England Would Join With Other Powers in Decreasing Armament.

London, May 15.—The question of the reduction of naval armaments came up again yesterday in the house of commons during a discussion of the estimates. The speakers suggested that the government take the first step in proposing a reduction to other powers. Sir Charles Dilke, advanced the proposition that this might be possible. In view of the improved relations between Great Britain and France, those two nations might talk the matter over and subsequently approach Russia. Even if Germany did not agree to a reduction the three powers might effect something. It was not necessary for Great Britain to build against the United States. It would be as great a mistake to count upon the United States as an enemy as to count upon her as an active ally for the United States had always been the great defender of the rights of neutrals.

Mr. Arnold-Foster, the admiralty secretary, after having pointed out that it was the duty of the admiralty to deal with facts as they were and not as they might be, said that all the great powers were increasing their naval preparations, mainly Russia. According to the available figures, France and Russia together were now building three more battleships than Great Britain. As the actual force in ships which could be arrayed against Great Britain ought to be the guiding principle, he denied that the admiralty's proposals were in excess of the requirements of the country.

The secretary added that he would not on that occasion express any view with regard to the position as affected by the United States—"that was a grave consideration which in the future would have to be considered."

JAPAN PREPARING FOR WAR.

Doubting Russia's Withdrawal From Manchuria, Japan Is Arming.

Manchuria, B. C. May 14.—According to advices received by the steamer Empress of India, Japanese armaments were being worked day and night, provisions were being concentrated, coal stored on Tshima island and on all sides it was evident that Japan, doubting the extent of Russia's withdrawal from Manchuria, was preparing for war.

Kentucky's Latest Feud. Lexington, Ky., May 12.—Since the arrest of Curtis Jett in Madison county, charged with the murder of J. B. Marcum, a grave problem confronts the prosecution which may require a special session of the legislature to solve. Under the law Jett would be taken back to Jackson, the scene of the tragedy, unless he requires that he be taken elsewhere. He requests that he be taken to Jackson and there he will have to go. If he goes to Jackson, it is contended that the feeling is so intense that justice cannot be done.

Many Bulgarians Killed in Battle of Salonica, European Turkey. May 12.—In an engagement between Bulgarian and Turkish troops recently fought at Igart, near Monastir, many Bulgarians were killed and 74 were made prisoners.

Another fight is reported to have occurred at the village of Goroetrovo, near Demir-Hisar. The village was burned. The panic in the Monastir district has not abated.

Statistics show that the tanning timber of Canada equals that of the entire continent of Europe and is nearly double that of the United States.

BUSINESS MEN ARE ENJOINED

Omaha Judge Gives Sweeping Ruling in Favor of Striking Union Men.

NO BOYCOTT TO BE ALLOWED

Situation in Omaha Is Now Serious, With Three Thousand Men Locked Out of Work and a Large Number of Business Houses Closed.

Omaha, Neb., May 13.—Judge Dickinson in the district court at seven o'clock last night, on application of John O. Yelder, an attorney representing the labor unions, whose members are on a strike, issued an injunction against the business men and proprietors, even more sweeping than that issued by the federal court against the unions last week. The order restrains the business men from refusing to sell goods to dealers who employ union labor, prevents them from boycotting union labor, requires the Business Men's Association to cease holding meetings or conspiring to interfere with the unions in the management of their affairs.

The injunction was granted on petition of the waters' union, Omaha local 73, by its officers, and is directed against the Business Men's Association and about fifty others individually, the list being made up of restaurant proprietors, coal and lumber dealers and a number of jobbers. The waters' union alleges that the Business Men's Association is a national organization, organized for the purpose of destroying labor unions, and that its purpose is to enter into a conspiracy to force certain merchants to join the association by threats of injury to business by boycotting, threatening to refuse to sell their supplies; and that having forced said merchants and others into the association, the association conspires to enter into a conspiracy to force certain merchants to join the association by threats of injury to business by boycotting, threatening to refuse to sell their supplies; and that having forced said merchants and others into the association, the association conspires to enter into a conspiracy to force certain merchants to join the association by threats of injury to business by boycotting, threatening to refuse to sell their supplies; and that having forced said merchants and others into the association, the association conspires to enter into a conspiracy to force certain merchants to join the association by threats of injury to business by boycotting, threatening to refuse to sell their supplies; 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