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OLD AGE PENSIONS. 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STORIES.

Mr. Farley, who has been visiting the Vatican, finds that Pope Pius has a keen sense of humor, and reports that he greatly enjoyed the following story: It was of Con Creagan's father, who, on his deathbed, was making his will, and in order that he might have strength to do so, was plentifully plied with punch by Con and a group of neighbors. Toward the close the dying man cried to his son: "Ah, Con, Con! Just touch my lips once more with the jug. Whist, my son, you watered the drink." "No, indeed, father, dear," while low murmur of pity chorused through the cabin; "but it's the taste that's lavin' ye."

Some ten or fifteen years ago, Julian Hawthorne visited a jail in order to write a magazine article on prison life. On returning home he described the horrors he had seen, and his description made a deep impression on his daughter Hildegard, who was a little girl at the time. Mr. Hawthorne and Hildegard, a week later, were in a train together, which stopped at a station near a gloomy building. A man asked, "What place is that?" "The county jail," another answered. Whereupon Hildegard embarrassed her father and aroused the suspicion of the other occupants of the car by asking, in a loud, shrill voice, "Is that the jail you were in, father?"

"Tody" Hamilton, the ingenious press-agent of the Barnum & Bailey Show, took the newspaper men of New York on their annual excursion to the winter quarters at Bridgeport a few weeks ago. For their edification he arranged for a series of experiments to demonstrate how far the wild beasts would go in the consumption of strong drink. Huge pans of beer, whisky, and other intoxicants were put in the cages of the animals. Some drank the liquor, and some would not go near it. As a big pan of whisky was being shoved into the polar bear, one of "Tody's" friends, inclined to bibulousness, looked appealingly at him, and said: "Say 'Tody,' have you got an empty cage you could put me in?"

ONE DOLLAR WHEAT.

Western Canada's Wheat Fields Produce It—Magnificent Yields—Free Grants of Land to Settlers.

The returns of the Interior Department show that the movement of American farmers northward to Canada is each month affecting larger areas of the United States. Time was, says the Winnipeg Free Press, when the Dakotas, Minnesota and Iowa furnished the Dominion with the main bulk of its American contingent. Last year, however, forty-four states and districts were represented in the official statement as to the former residence of Americans who had homesteaded in Canada. The Dakotas still head the list, with 4,006 entries, Minnesota being a close second with 3,887, but with the exception of Alabama and Mississippi and Delaware every state in the Union supplied settlers who, in order to secure farms in the fertile prairie country of Canada, became citizens of and took the oath of allegiance to the Dominion. Last year no less than 11,841 Americans entered for homestead lands in Canada.

From the Gulf to the Boundary, and from ocean to ocean, the trek to the Dominion goes on. Not only the wheatgrowers of the central Mississippi valley, but the ranchers of Texas and New Mexico, and the cultivators of the comparatively virgin soil of Oklahoma, are pouring towards the productive vacant lands of the Canadian Northwest. It is no tentative, half-hearted departure for an alien country that is manifested in this exodus; it has become almost a rush to secure possession of land which is feared by those imperfectly acquainted with the vast area of Canada's vacant lands, may all be acquired before they arrive. There is no element of speculation or experiment in the migration. The settlers have full information respecting the soil, wealth, the farming methods, the laws, taxation and system of government of the country to which they are moving, and they realize that the opportunities offered in Canada are in every respect better and greater than those they have enjoyed in the land they are leaving.

Canada can well afford to welcome cordially every American farmer coming to the Dominion. There is no question but that these immigrants make the most desirable settlers obtainable for the development of the prairie portion of the Dominion. Full information can be had from any authorized Canadian government agent whose address will be found elsewhere in this paper.

In London there are fifty-three theaters where plays are regularly presented, and forty-three music halls devoted to vaudeville performances.

K. C. S. Almanac for 1904. The Kansas City Southern Railway Company's Annual Almanac is now ready for distribution. It contains usual monthly calendars, many useful household hints and information concerning the country in Missouri, Arkansas, the Indian Territory, Texas and Louisiana. Write for a copy to S. G. Warner, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, K. C. S. Ry., Kansas City, Mo.

Australia's public debt averages \$278 for every man, woman and child in the country; that of the United States is only \$11 for each person.

To the housewife who has not yet become acquainted with the new things of everyday use in the market and who is reasonably satisfied with the old, we would suggest that a trial of Defiance Cold Water Starch be made at once. Not alone because it is guaranteed by the manufacturer to be superior to any other brand, but because each 10c package contains 12 ozs., while all the other kinds contain but 12 ozs. It is safe to say that the lady who once uses Defiance Starch will use no other. Quality and quantity must win.

You can easily make a man hot by rubbing him the wrong way.

Ripian Tablets are the best dyspepsia medicine ever made. Hundreds of thousands of them have been sold in a single year. Constipation, heartburn, indigestion, flatulence, headache, nervousness, and all the ailments arising from a disordered stomach are relieved within twenty minutes. They are gentle and safe for ordinary use. All druggists sell them.

Iowa State Bystander

By Bystander Pub. Co. DES MOINES, IOWA

A Cleveland man drank a quart of whisky on a wager. The undertaker went out.

The paragraphs who have been talking about the Petropavlovsk disaster do not realize it.

Some men, Mr. Carnegie, acquire the title of hero only to have it engraved on their tombstones.

A Kansas paper states that a New Jersey man while getting out of bed "broke two legs." Job for the carpenter?

A scientist claims that he has discovered that fish can talk. Good grammar, what lies they might contradict!

The British are learning something about Tibet, and the Tibetans are learning a great deal more about the British.

Bad news for the pesky moths. The price of camphor gum has dropped from ninety-three to seventy-nine cents a pound.

A Yale professor is credited with saying that the masses eat too much. He said this, doubtless, for the benefit of the classes.

A New York man is learning to talk without a tongue. This is new; but many people have learned to talk without brains.

Some people will not consider voting machines a success until they shell out two dollars when the right button is pressed.

It is comparatively easy to discover the germ that produces disease. The real trick is to prevent the germ from discovering his victim.

At Kandy, the mountain capital of Ceylon, is the famous temple of the Tooth. Sweet tooth, doubtless. Must be a paradise for dentists.

When Charles M. Schwab opens his palatial new residence in New York it is said that champagne will be served in buckets. Why not in a trough?

Prof. E. Benjamin Andrews has figured it out that no family ought to have more than ten children. But suppose the problem is complicated by twins?

"Do not drink whisky if you wish to avoid typhoid fever," urges Dr. George W. Webster. Dr. Webster is a spendthrift of words. What's the use of the last seven?

The Washington girl who visited heaven in a trance says she saw a great many people there. Let us have something more explicit—did she see any ex-congressmen there?

Presiding Elder Palmer must be a lively preacher. At all events he told the conference in New York of the difficulty of "supporting a sealskin wife on a muskrat salary."

Conservative estimates place the winter's cleanup of the Alaskan gold fields at a million and a quarter. Ours was something like that; at least, we cleaned up about a quarter.

We should like to see that school teacher who is boasting so loudly about being the champion speller of the world go up against a few of the words that wriggle through the censor.

The Tibetans who visited the British camp at Chumbi took the maxim guns for "comical toys." "No uncivilized race" that gets in John Bull's way is permitted to remain long in that delusion.

Says John L. Sullivan: "I'd like to get into office so some decent laws could get passed." Meanwhile John might focus his powers on a revised version of the Marquis of Queensberry code.

Philosophy and religion have thrown many fits in endeavoring to explain the nature of human happiness. It is very simple. Good health, financial independence, and love are its ingredients.

Manager Conried has gone so far as to talk of producing "Parsifal" in San Francisco. And if the horror-stricken widow of Wagner lives long enough, she may even hear that it has been produced in vaudeville.

That insane tramp in Connecticut who recovered his reason through being struck on the head with a brick does not represent an isolated case. Many a man has come to his senses by receiving a severe jolt.

The Chicago judge who has enjoined a Boston man from working must have political ambitions. There are many patriots who would like to vote for him, upon assurance that he means to follow his own precedent on all occasions.

Two hundred and ninety-seven men at Silver City, Nev., are yearning for wives. It might be well, however, for girls, who desire to annex the joys of matrimony to try again before starting for Silver City, which is a hard place to get away from.

It is reported that the daughter of a New York millionaire recently declined an offer of marriage from a titled foreigner because he was bow-legged and lisped. This foolish girl must think it is going to be possible for her to get something more than a title for the money invested.

The Brooklyn woman who has presented triplets to her husband within three years is not yet thirty years old, so that the happy husband has reason to hope that in the course of time he may have quite a family.

BANKER BROWN IS INDICTED

The Grand Jury Finds Four True Bills Against Him.

OVER SHELDON BANK FAILURE

Member of Railroad Commission Must Answer to Court—More Than a Dozen Indictments Were Returned Against Brown and His Two Sons.

Sheldon, May 4.—The O'Brien grand jury has voted four indictments against Ed. C. Brown of the Iowa railroad commission and president of the failed Sheldon State bank. The indictments charge irregularities in the bank's affairs, one count charging an embezzlement of \$72,000. This count charges that the bank loaned to J. W. Fix & Company, of which firm Earl Brown, cashier of the bank, was a member. Other counts deal with sums ranging from \$4,000 to \$6,000. The bank originally had a capital of \$100,000, which was reduced half in 1892. It is charged that the new organization carried \$78,000 of worthless paper, making it insolvent from its inception. One count charges Brown with borrowing \$6,000 on his personal note from a Chicago bank and later having the amount charged against the Sheldon bank. It is charged in another count that on April 13, 1903, the bank declared a dividend of \$4,000, when it was insolvent.

Indictments were also filed against Earl W. Brown and Ed. C. Brown, Jr., more than a dozen being returned against members of the Brown family. The court has fixed the bonds of the defendants at an aggregate of \$72,000. Some time since many of the depositors of the Sheldon State bank, which failed last November, got together and employed a special examiner to go over the books of the bank for several months prior to the failure. As a result, where found on the books of the bank were found on the books of the depositor, Receiver Ady and others went before the grand jury, while Ed. C. Brown and some of his friends were here and doing all possible to prevent the finding of the indictments. In spite of their efforts, however, indictments were returned on the grounds of embezzlement, fraudulent banking and others, all arising from the bank failure. There will be no trial at this term of any of the defendants, but preparations will be made for trial at the September term, if possible. It is expected that all of the Browns will be indicted on the same charge and given bonds today.

According to an estimate by persons who have gone over the assets of the bank, it is thought that depositors will get from 30 to 50 per cent, though it is not likely that any considerable amount will be recovered until full, and after hearings have been had on various petitions of intervention and other matters gotten into proper shape.

GRAVES GETS NEW TRIAL

Was Convicted of Wife Murder in First Degree.

Des Moines, May 3.—Judge McHenry, after hearing testimony and the arguments in the Graves murder case, set aside the verdict returned by the jury in the former case and granted a new trial to the defendant, C. W. Graves. As Judge McHenry announced his decision Graves broke down and wept for joy.

The matter was taken up in the criminal court in the morning and the greater part of the day was consumed in hearing the testimony of Frank Brice, to whom Foley, the juror, is alleged to have made his questionable statements, and others intimately connected with the evidence. Brice stated that Foley had said to him a short time after the murder is alleged to have been committed: "That damned scoundrel killed that woman." The statement was not denied, but an attempt was made to prove that the remark was made more in the spirit of jest than in earnest.

Testimony was also offered showing that Foley indicated by his actions in the jury box during the progress of the trial that he was intensely interested in the prosecution of the defendant. He is alleged to have given vent to his feelings of satisfaction whenever a point was scored by the prosecution by calling the attention of his next neighbor to it. It was also shown that he attempted to exert his influence after the jury had retired.

TEACH FARMING TO PUPILS.

Rudiments of Agriculture to be Part of Nature Study.

Free to Twenty-five Ladies.

The Defiance Starch Co. will give 25 ladies a round trip ticket to the St. Louis Exposition, to five ladies in each of the following states: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Wisconsin. The largest number of trade marks cut from a ten cent, 16-ounce package of Defiance cold water laundry starch. This means from your own home, anywhere in the above named states. These trade marks must be mailed to and received by the Defiance Starch Co., Omaha, Neb., before September 1st, 1904. October and November will be the best months to visit the Exposition. Remember that Defiance is the only starch put up 16 oz. (a full pound) to the package. You get one-third more starch for the same money than any other kind, and Defiance never sticks to the iron. The tickets to the Exposition will be sent by registered mail September 5th. Starch for sale by all dealers.

A weak artist can draw a larger object than a strong horse.

How to Keep House.

With all the luxuries and pleasures of this life, its big enjoyments and its smaller comforts, there is an offset or antithesis which we have to bear with in the form of aches and pains. In some way and by some means every one has a touch of them in some form at some time. Trifling as some of them may be, the risk is that they will grow to something greater and ruin the system with consequent suffering. There is nothing, therefore, of this kind that we have a right to trifle with. Taken in time, the worst forms of aches and pains are easily subdued and cured by the free use of St. Jacobs Oil. No well regulated household ought to be without a bottle of this great remedy for pain. It is the specific virtue of penetration in St. Jacobs Oil that carries it right to the pain spot and effects a prompt cure even in the most painful cases of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Sciatica. You want it also in the house at all times for hurts, cuts and wounds, and the house that always has it keeps up a sort of insurance against pain.

A woman opens a telegram much as a child opens a jack-in-the-box.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe his positive, honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him. WALTER D. KELLY, Mayor, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is a perfect cure for all cases of Catarrh of the Bladder, Uterus, Prostate, etc. It is sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

An ice house, containing seven hundred and fifty tons of ice, was recently burned at Goodland, Kansas. When the building was entirely destroyed, the mass of ice stood like a huge crystal monument, having melted only at the edges.

Parisian surgeons now dress wounds with silver leaf. The silver is carefully placed on the wound or ulcer, and as it sticks closely to the surface, a little cotton soaked in codonin is sufficient to keep it in place. The effects of this sheet of silver are said to be very beneficial.

Street car conductors in New York City are required to serve their transfers dry. That is, they must not moisten with their mouths the fingers which tear off a ticket from a packet, just before giving it to a passenger. It is asserted that transfer tickets thus moistened spread disease.

Most of the Japanese dwellings have but one floor. Portable partitions divide the floor into as many apartments as are necessary. These partitions are arranged in panels of about three feet square. The panels are covered with paper and are framed paper shutters, which slide in grooves.

"I Think I Know."

Salesville, Ohio, May 2nd.—There is a Civil War veteran in this place who is very positive in his way and when he makes a statement everyone knows he means it and that it is true. His name is Mr. N. J. Stephens, and he has written for publication the following letter:

"I have been a sufferer with Kidney Disease since the Civil War. Sometimes my back would hurt me so that I could not dress myself for weeks. I took a few boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and have found great relief. They have done me a great deal of good."

"My general health is much better since using Dodd's Kidney Pills. I can recommend this remedy to be the best thing for the kidneys that is on the market. I have taken a heap of medicine for my back and kidneys and I think I know what helps me."

"I am 63 years old and was through the Civil War as a soldier. Mr. Stephens knows that Dodd's Kidney Pills helped him. They will cure any case of Backache."

The average man derives a lot of pleasure from spoiling other people's fun.

superior quality and extra quantity must win. This is why Defiance Starch is taking the place of all others.

N's very careless of a girl to be wearing stick pins when the lights go out.

Economy in Threshing. A great deal of grain is wasted by using old style Threshing Machines. This waste can be entirely eliminated if you use the new and improved machine made by Nichols & Shepard Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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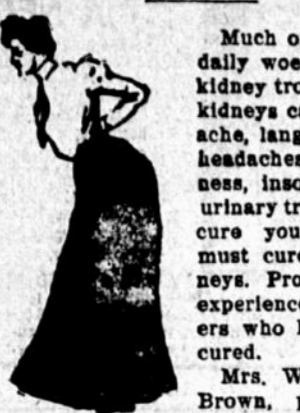
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Many vain regrets are concealed in the stubs of a check book.

WOMEN'S WEAR



Much of women's daily wear is due to kidney trouble. Sick kidneys cause backache, languor, blind headaches, dizziness, insomnia and urinary troubles. To cure yourself you must cure the kidneys. Profit by the experience of others who have been cured.

Mrs. William W. Brown, profession nurse, of 16 Jane St., Paterson, N. J., says: "I have not only seen much suffering and many deaths from kidney trouble, but I have suffered myself. At one time I thought I could not live. My back ached, there were frequent headaches and dizzy spells, and the kidney secretions were disordered. Doan's Kidney Pills helped me from the first, and soon relieved me entirely of all the distressing and painful symptoms."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mrs. Brown will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists; price 50 cents per box.

To give any one a kiss in which there is no meaning, is an insult.

If you want creamery prices do at the creameries do, use JUNE TINT BUTTER COLOR.

A sneeze is said to be the explosion of an undeveloped idea.

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Frequently rest in the rush of life gives time for the wits to work.

Pico's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. Evans, Van Buren, Ind., Feb. 10, 1904.

A man weighing six hundred and thirty pounds, the heaviest human being in England, was buried the other day at Dover. His body lay in a coffin that was seven feet long, three feet wide and two feet three inches deep. Twelve men lifted it, and it was passed out through a window into a hearse backed up on the sidewalk.

It is often the practice of theatrical managers to try a new play in country towns before producing it in the metropolis. A well-known manager was asked the reason. "Because," said the manager, "we know that if a rural town will stand a show without killing the company, New York is likely to be perfectly delighted with it."

Two uniquely adorned rooms are in the residence of Christine Nilsson, the Swedish vocalist. In her sleeping room, instead of wall paper, the walls are adorned with leaves of music from the operas in which she has sung. Her dining room walls are decorated with a collection of hotel bills which she incurred and paid during her trips around the world.

The emperor of Korea has a tender regard for his royal jaw. While gorging himself at a feast in his palace, a little bit of bone came between his imperial grinders, and one tooth was broken. The emperor promptly sent to prison his cook and the entire kitchen force. After a few months, a dentist appeared in King-Ki-Tao, the capital, and he inserted an artificial tooth, at an expense of about \$500. The kitchen attendants were then set at liberty, but the chef must serve three months without pay.

'SOAKED IN COFFEE.'

Until Too Stiff to Bend Over. "When I drank coffee I often had sick headaches, nervousness and biliousness much of the time but about 2 years ago I went to visit a friend and got in the habit of drinking Postum."

"I have never touched coffee since and the result has been that I have been entirely cured of all my stomach and nervous trouble."

"My mother was just the same way, she will drink Postum now and have never had any other coffee in the house for two years and we are all well."

"A neighbor of mine a great coffee drinker, was troubled with pains in her side for years and was an invalid. She was not able to do her work and could not even mend clothes or do anything at all where she would have to bend forward. If she tried to do a little hard work she would get sick pains that she would have to lie down for the rest of the day."

"I persuaded her at last to stop drinking coffee and try Postum Food. Coffee she did so and she has used Postum ever since; the result has been that she can now do her work, can sit for a whole day and mend and can sew on the machine and she never feels the least bit of pain in her side, in fact she has got well and it shows coffee was the cause of the whole trouble."

"I could also tell you about several other neighbors who have been cured by quitting coffee and using Postum in its place." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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HEARST SWEEPS IOWA DEMOCRACY

Secured a Solid Delegation From the Hawkeye State.

HOT FIGHT IN CONVENTION

First Fight Came on Adoption of Report of Committee on Credentials and Later the Contest Was on Instructions for Hearst.

Des Moines, May 5.—The Hearst forces won on every point at the democratic state convention. They secured control of the committees in the morning, seated their contesting delegations with the exception of that from Des Moines county, elected their state of district delegates and delegates-at-large, formulated the platform, instructed for William Randolph Hearst for president, decided to enact the unit rule in the convention and endorsed Charles A. Walsh for national committeeman. The convention wound up by taking upon itself the same function of the state central committee and elected A. W. Maxwell, the erstwhile Hearst manager in Iowa, chairman of the state central committee and made Mr. Walsh a member of the state central committee, thus giving the Hearst people the control of that body.

The convention proper was convened at 11 o'clock by A. E. Jackson, chairman of the state central committee. Mr. Jackson called Mr. G. W. Cullison of Harlan to the chair and the selection was ratified by the convention and the proceedings opened at once.

Mr. Cullison's address was listened to with interest, the telling points being roundly cheered by the delegates. Among points made by the chairman were the following:

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regard that document as a piece of ancient history, composed and written by men of little comprehension."

When the convention reassembled at 2 p. m. it was found that the committee on credentials was not ready to report. While the convention waited addresses were made by M. V. Gannon, of Chicago; Mr. Wendell, editor of the Gatling Gun, and Sam S. Wright, of Tipton.

When the report of the committee on credentials reached the convention it came in the form of a majority and minority report. The majority report was presented by J. H. Rogers and was signed by Mr. Rogers, Mark J. Graves, C. W. E. Snyder, W. D. Jamison, Douglas Denmore, John H. Templeton, John T. Hazen and George Elford.

The minority report was signed by E. A. Howard, J. G. Van Lent, J. T. Sullivan.

The majority report seated the anti-Hearst delegation in Des Moines county, but seated all the Hearst delegations from the other contested counties. In the contests of Des Moines county, the Hearst forces won on every point at the democratic state convention. They secured control of the committees in the morning, seated their contesting delegations with the exception of that from Des Moines county, elected their state of district delegates and delegates-at-large, formulated the platform, instructed for William Randolph Hearst for president, decided to enact the unit rule in the convention and endorsed Charles A. Walsh for national committeeman. The convention wound up by taking upon itself the same function of the state central committee and elected A. W. Maxwell, the erstwhile Hearst manager in Iowa, chairman of the state central committee and made Mr. Walsh a member of the state central committee, thus giving the Hearst people the control of that body.



J. M. PARSONS, Head of National Delegation.

Moines and Van Buren counties, it recommended the seating of the delegation headed by J. J. Seerley of Des Moines county and Van Buren county that headed by P. E. Bradley. In Scott county, it recommended the seating of the delegation headed by J. H. Gundaker. It recommended the seating of the Franklin county delegation headed by H. C. Leggett and the Hardin county delegation headed by Dr. Gethman.

Addresses were made by J. T. Sullivan, E. H. Howard, A. W. Maxwell, Chas. A. Walsh and General Weaver. The motion to substitute the minority report for the majority report was defeated, 334 1-2 to 476 1-2. The majority report was adopted and the contested delegations took their seats while the delegates applauded vigorously.

Wall, H. Butler of Des Moines was made permanent chairman.

In the matter of selecting delegates at large the following men were placed in nomination and received the following votes: J. M. Parsons, Rock Rapids, 611; General J. B. Weaver, Colfax, 521; Judge E. M. Carr, Manchester, 596; S. B. Wadsworth, Pottawattomie county, 502; D. D. Myers, Dubuque, 296; J. B. Butler, Port Dodge, 233; John Foley, Chickasaw county, 226; Jerry B. Sullivan, Des Moines, 237; Messrs. Parsons, Weaver, Carr and Wadsworth were named the delegates-at-large.

Then as a clincher to the convention, a resolution was passed adopting the unit rule, and endorsing Charles A. Walsh and electing Mr. Cullison.

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The following resolutions were adopted by the convention:

"The representatives of the democratic party in Iowa reaffirm their loyalty to the historic principles of the national party and express their confident belief that upon such a broad basis the democrats of the entire nation can, and will, present once more a solid front to the common enemy."

"We declare:

"First, the historic principles of justice, equality and liberality upon which our party is founded were never more urgently required than now in the solution of the grave questions pressing upon us. Among these are taxation for public purposes only, a self government and the observance of the just rights of the states under the constitution, the freedom of the individual, unsheltered by governmental interference, except to the extent demanded by law and good order. The equality of all men before the law with special privileges to none, economy in public expenditures, honesty in the public service and strict enforcement of all laws without fear or favor. These are not mere generalities, they are essentials."

"Second, that we recognize in the predatory trusts the greatest danger that has ever threatened the life of the nation and the welfare of the people and we denounce their scheme of levying tribute upon all producers and consumers as a modern system of brigandage which while masquerading under the cloak of the law in fact makes of law a mockery and justice a farce. In utter disregard of the natural and constitutional rights of the farmers, the merchants and the great army of wage earners the trusts have ruthlessly seized upon every branch of production and distribution until every avenue of human endeavor is compelled to bow at the behests of these conscienceless criminals and pay tribute or cease to exist."

"Third, that we denounce the vicious tariff system fostered and perpetuated by the republican party under which the trusts have been bred, fattened and the species multiplied until they have every industrial and commercial interest by the throat and we demand the repeal of every tariff which denies equal opportunities for all."

"Fourth, that in William Randolph Hearst we recognize a living exponent of true democratic faith. We hail him as the sworn and unconquerable foe of all predatory trusts, an untiring defender of the rights and liberties of the people, a true friend of labor and all legitimate business and withal a patriotic American. We commend his untiring work for the people as a congressman, as an editor and as a private citizen in the courts where trust, owned republican officials brazenly ignore the law and refuse to do their sworn duty and we declare him to be our choice as the democratic nominee for president of the United States and hereby instruct our delegates to the national convention to hold in St. Louis July 6th to vote for his nomination and use all honorable means to secure his nomination."

"We hereby certify that the above report of the committee on resolutions was adopted, six members of the committee voting in favor of such report and five members of the committee voting against the adoption of the report."

The district caucuses which met in the morning, named delegates to the national convention as follows:

First—W. W. Baldwin, Burlington; E. P. McManus, Keokuk; J. B. Butler, Port Dodge; Jerry Murphy, Parnell.

Third—A. F. O'Brien, Independence; Frank J. Fowler, Waterloo.

Fourth—James Kieren, Waukon; A. R. McCook, Elma.

Fifth—S. S. Wright, Tipton; Chas. D. Huston, Cedar Rapids.

Sixth—John Doner, Monroe; G. F. Riehart, Newburg.

Seventh—H. C. Evans, Polk; S. M. Hamilton, Madison.

Eighth—M. B. Maring, Appanoose; A. B. Penn, Fremont.

Ninth—E. J. Sider, Greenfield; E. B. Halutzman, Guthrie Center.

Tenth—W. I. Branagan, Emmetsburg; Charles Reynolds, Carroll.

Eleventh—Will Whiting, Monona; C. A. Cook, Osceola.

Church—"What are the favorite grounds for divorce?" Gotham—"I believe they are somewhere in South Dakota."

Death is one thing that never fails to come to the man who waits.

"Nostalgia must be perfectly eradicated," said Mrs. Oldcastle. "Yes," replied her hostess, "I used to suffer terribly with it, but Josiah has a bottle of Mustang Lintiment that will cure it on your face will cure it in one night."

"Yes," said the boarding-school teacher, "I think that is a model letter for you to write your fiancé. But, of course, you will copy it, leaving out those numerous spaces?" "Oh, dear, no," replied the girl; "those are for 'dearest.' I have it on a rubber stamp."

"Here's an advertiser," said the Western editor's assistant, "who offers us one of his 'Patent Sad Irons for Shirt Bosoms' in exchange for advertising space." "Accept it, of course," replied the editor; "some day we may acquire a shirt in the same way."

"My dear," said Mrs. Newlywed, her face flushed with the excitement of her afternoon in the kitchen, "I want you to be perfectly frank with me now. What would you suggest to improve these doughnuts I made today?" "Well," replied Mr. Newlywed, lifting one with a slight effort, "I think it might be better if you made the hole bigger."

JAPS DRIVE THE RUSSIANS BACK

Gallant Charge Closes Five Days' Fierce Battle.

FRONTAGE OF FOUR MILES

The Russians Made Two Brave But Ineffectual Stands—Lose 800 Men and Twenty-Eight Quick Firing Guns.

Tokio, May 2 (1 a. m.)—The Russians were forced to abandon Antung yesterday. They burned the town and retreated to Feng Huan Cheng. The Japanese now control the stratum of the Yalu.

Tokio, May 2 (7 p. m.)—The Japanese losses on the Yalu Sunday were about 700 killed and wounded. The Russians lost over 800 men. The Japanese captured twenty-eight quick-firing guns. The report from General Kuroki, covering Sunday's fighting, says:

"The Russians made two stands. The enemy's strength included all of the Third division, two regiments of the Sixth division, one cavalry brigade, about forty quick-firing guns and eight other guns. We have taken twenty-eight quick-firing guns, many rifles, much ammunition, more than twenty officers and many noncommissioned officers and men as prisoners. I am informed that Major Keshitshing, commander of the Third East Siberian rifle brigade, and Lieutenant General Zassaltch, commander of the Second Siberian army corps, were wounded. Our casualties number about 700 and the Russian loss is more than 800 men."

After five days of fighting, largely artillery, the first Japanese army under General Kuroki, has forced a crossing of the Yalu river, and yesterday, with a gallant infantry charge covering a frontage of four miles, it drove the Russians from Chiu Tien Cheng and the heights on the river bank of the Iho or Aida river, which enters the Yalu from the north almost opposite Wiju. The Japanese turned the left flank of the Russian position, and in the battle of yesterday they swept away the new front interposed by the Russians to check their onward movement.

The present position of the Japanese is a dominating one and they may force the abandonment of the fortifications erected by the Russians at Antung and other points lower down the river.

At 10:40 o'clock Saturday morning the Russian artillery posted to the north and to the east of Chiu Tien Cheng began shelling the patrols of Japanese infantry which had been dispatched from Kintelo island to Chukoda, another island north of Kintelo and under Chiu Tien Cheng. The Japanese batteries replied to this shelling and silenced the Russian fire. Later eight Russian guns posted on a hill to the east of the village of Makao opened upon the imperial guards. To this shelling the Japanese artillery to the east of Wiju responded and the Russians ceased firing.

Then both the Chiu Tien Cheng and the Makao batteries reopened, and this fire brought a vigorous response from the east of the Japanese batteries on the Korean side of the river. The Russian guns fired for two hours before they were silenced. In his report General Kuroki expresses the belief that his shelling was very effective against the Russians.

The Twelfth division of the Japanese army was chosen to make the first crossing of the Yalu. It began its preparation on Friday by driving the Russians from their position on the bank of the river opposite Sulkochin, which is eight miles above Wiju and the point selected for the crossing. This division constructed a pontoon bridge over the river, and at 3 o'clock Saturday morning it began crossing. The entire division passed over the river during the day, and by 6 o'clock Saturday evening it was in the position assigned to it for the battle of Sunday.

The movement of the Twelfth Japanese division was covered by the Second regiment of field artillery and another artillery regiment of heavy guns.

The Japanese losses in the bombardments of Saturday were two men killed and five officers and twenty-two men wounded. A flotilla of gunboats from the squadron of Admiral Kuroya participated in the fighting of Saturday. It encountered a mixed force of Russian infantry, cavalry and artillery on the Manchurian bank of the river and after a sharp fight scattered them to the hills.

A bridge across the main stream of the Yalu just above Wiju night and completed at 8 o'clock Saturday night and the Second Japanese division and the Imperial guards immediately began crossing. They advanced and occupied the hills back of A-san, facing the Russian position on the right bank of the river. All the Saturday night regiment after a regiment of Japanese soldiers poured across the bridge, and at a late hour Saturday night General Kuroki telegraphed to the general staff of the army: "I will attack the enemy on May 1 at dawn."

True to his promise, General Kuroki at daylight yesterday centered all his artillery on the Russian position between Chiu Tien Cheng and Yoshoko. To this fire the Russians made no reply with all their batteries.

At 7 o'clock in the morning the sian battery at Yoshoko was ordered to open fire, stretching four miles, to attack. The Japanese infantry, on the word of "command," charged across the Iho, wading that stream breast deep, and began storming the heights at fifteen minutes past 8.

At 9 o'clock they had swept the Russian line back across the plateau. No report has been received in Tokyo concerning the losses sustained by the Japanese in the fighting. It is believed that these losses were heavy, particularly during the infantry charge.

The reports of this fighting which have been received here do not indicate whether the Russians retired down the river or in the direction of Feng Huan Cheng, on the road to Liao Yang.

Fortunate is the man who can borrow enough money to pay his debts.

HOSPITAL SECRETS.

A Nurse Says: "Pe-pu-na is a Tonic of Efficiency."



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British Commons' "Egg Boiler."

In the British house of commons, as soon as the question to be decided is put from the chair, a clerk at the table sets in motion a huge sand glass, familiarly known to members as the "egg boiler," probably because it takes three minutes to run out.

Wrong End of the Bargain. "It is always well to know which end of a bargain you have," said an Irishman when he first made the acquaintance of a bee.

Schoolboy's Composition. Here is a schoolboy's composition: "Winter is the coldest season of the year, because it comes mostly in the winter."

Cocaine in India. The natives of India are becoming so much addicted to the use of cocaine that the British authorities are taking measures to restrict the distribution of the drug.

No Incumbencies. "Have you any children?" he asked. "No," replied the beautiful grass widow; their father wanted his people to bring them up, and his lawyer thought it would be foolish of me to fight for possession of them as long as they could have such good care and so many luxuries if I let them go."

Island Acts as Magnet. The island of Bornholm, situated in the Baltic, acts as a huge magnet. It exerts such an influence on the compass that it can cause a vessel to turn perceptibly from its course.

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The Arab Pony.

The Arab is virtually a pony, standing 14.2 hands, often under that. He is not fast, even at the gallop; indeed, he is slow. He is a very poor trotter, both as regards speed and action; a bad hack, and cannot walk without continually sticking his toe in the ground.

School Teachers Poorly Paid. Austria pays less to teachers than is paid in France, and the Parliament has refused to consider the needs of the teachers. The highest salaries in the empire are paid in Bohemia.

Emulating Her Father. At a recent children's party, given on the hill, the little people were discussing, during refreshment time, what they intended "to be" when they grew up.

Butterfly Farm. Yorkshire possesses a farm for the rearing of moths and butterflies. Half an acre of land has been planted with trees and shrubs for the purpose.

Children Have No Footwear. Italian children of the poorer classes can neither hang up their stockings at Christmas nor put their shoes out the window at Twelfth night for the wise men to fill.

Belgium Egg Exports. Belgium exports annually \$5,500,000 worth of eggs. The shipments are almost entirely to England, where the demand is for eggs which run seven and a quarter to the pound.

Sunday School Enrollment. There are within three million of as many persons enrolled in the Sunday schools of this country as in the public schools, there being thirteen million in the former and sixteen million in the latter.

Split Wood by Machine. A machine has been invented which is capable of splitting wood two feet long and eighteen inches thick. It is run by a three horsepower gasoline engine, and consists of a huge knife which works through the knottiest wood at the rate of sixty strokes a minute.

Total Output of Books. A Brussels expert, M. Paul Otllet, estimates that from the invention of printing, in the middle of the fifteenth century, to January, 1900, 12,163,000 different books have been issued.

Slight Schemes Carried Far. In the Abbey church at St. Albans is a curious echo. The tick of a watch may be heard from one end of the church to the other.

Be Not Rash in Criticism. Beware of rash criticisms; the rough and stringent fruits you condemn may be an autumn or winter pear and that which you picked up beneath the same bough in August may have been only its worm-eaten windfalls.—Holmes.

Beetles Destroy Trees in Germany. In 1873, in Germany, 1,500,000 trees are said to have been destroyed in the Hartz forest alone by two small species of beetles. The larvae burrow beneath the bark and thus cause the injury to the growing trees.

Paraguay Cotton. Very favorable results have been had so far with the experimental raising of cotton in Paraguay, namely, a large yield, a long and fine fiber and great resistance of the plant.

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