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IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

CITY NEWS

Mrs. H. Gould is improving nicely and is able to be out.

Mr. Roy Watkins of Grimes was a visitor in our city Wednesday.

A large crowd will be at the Oskaloosa cake-walk next Wednesday.

Mr. A. J. Vaughn, who has been sick is reported worse this week.

Mr. James James made a business trip to Muckakinoek last Saturday.

Mrs. Maggie Freeman is very ill at her home on 12 and Fremont street.

I. X. Laundry is not surpassed for nearly white and neat finish. No. 424.

Geo. E. Richards, A. M. E. Sunday School, avenue at 2:30 so as to give for sacramental services.

Nettie Woods who has been sick for quite a while is some better this week.

Member the Oskaloosa Cake Walk is next Wednesday. A large crowd is expected.

When you call at the Bystander office remember that we are at the Marquardt block.

Presiding Elder Bundy will conduct the quarterly meeting services at St. Paul A. M. E. church Sunday.

The H. B. S. will meet with Mrs. Hamilton 706 Walker street, March 2d. There will be election of officers.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. T. Thompson of Grand Park, East side, a five pound son this week, both are doing nicely.

Editor Geo. E. Taylor of Oskaloosa was in our city Wednesday. George says that he is out news and paper and politics to remain. We hardly think so Brother Taylor.

There will be Religious services at Burn's Chapel, Sunday evening at 7:30 a. m. by Rev. S. L. Wright of the A. M. E. Mission Work. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Afternoon Social Club meet with Mrs. Wm. Mash after spending a pleasant afternoon the Club then adjourned to meet with Mrs. A. Griffith 1529 Capitol Avenue March 2nd.

Rev. J. H. Bell of Champaign Ill., pastor of the East Side Baptist church has returned to the city after a pleasant visit with his family. Preaching at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. and Sunday School, all are invited.

The P. L. D. Literary society will meet Monday evening Feb. 27th with Mr. H. J. Pierce, at the residence of Mr. Mrs. L. Blagburn, 317 11th St. The following program will be presented: Reading of "The Story of the Negro," by Wm. L. Chapin, "The Negro in the South," by Wm. L. Chapin, "The Negro in the North," by Wm. L. Chapin, "The Negro in the West," by Wm. L. Chapin, "The Negro in the East," by Wm. L. Chapin, "The Negro in the South," by Wm. L. Chapin, "The Negro in the North," by Wm. L. Chapin, "The Negro in the West," by Wm. L. Chapin, "The Negro in the East," by Wm. L. Chapin.

A. O. Smith; Recitation, Miss Effie Jackson; Piano Solo, Mr. Wesley Fields; Quotation Miscellaneous.

The First African Baptist church closed its revival meeting last Sunday until Rev. S. C. Mannel of Ind., who was to be here on Feb. 15th., but was taken sick can not come, he will be here in March. There will be Baptizing the First Sunday in March in the church.

We see by the St. Paul Appeal that a delightful party given Mr. O. D. Howard of St. Paul in honor of Miss Maude Cleggett and her sister Addie formally of this city but now of Minneapolis Minn., quite a large number were present and a delightful time was had.

Mr. J. K. Perry our colored electrician is having lots of work now and his proficiency is much complimented by the best business men of our city. He has had several calls out of the city which he has filled, he is employed most of the time by the Iowa Electric Company.

We Have Moved.

On account of Mr. Youngerman taring down the building that we are in to build a new seven story building, we are forced to move. We have located in the Marquardt block, rooms 210 and 211, second floor. You can take the elevator or walk up to the second floor.

CAKE WALK.

Some of the Oskaloosa colored society and the people all over the state, are looking forward to the grand Cake Walk, that is to be given in Oskaloosa next Wednesday, March 1st. It will be the largest and most elaborate thing of the kind ever attempted in the state, and the championship of the state will be decided.

The affair will be held in the Masonic Opera House, and the large dancing platform will be put down for the occasion.

Cake walkers from all over the state will be present, and there will be entries from Missouri and Illinois.

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OBITUARY.

On last Thursday evening at 6:00 o'clock, Mr. Peter Holmes died at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Blagburn 879 School street where he has made his home for several years. Mr. Holmes has been sick for more than a year with complication of diseases, his many friends had anxiously hoped that he would soon recover as all aid that friends could give him was done. Mr. Holmes was one of our old and respected citizen; he came from Ottumwa, Iowa about 15 years ago and has been a good citizen of Des Moines ever since. He was a member of the A. M. E. church also the Masonic Lodge; the funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the A. M. E. church under the auspices of the North Star Lodge No. 2 A. F. and A. M. of Des Moines. The funeral sermon will be preached by Rev. Reeves Halstead two brothers, two sisters and one son.

who is in the army with the 8th. Ill. Vol., the remains was laid in the Woodland Cemetery.

COLORED CONGRESS.

As was announced sometime ago at the Men's Meeting held a one day session to discuss a bill for colonization of colored people, prepared by Rev. T. Reeves last Wednesday at the A. M. E. church. The Congress consisted of a House of Representative of 30 members and a Senate of 15 members; Several other bills were introduced among them was one for Free Coinage of Silver by Thompson, one to establish an Assay Office in Helena, Mont., by Alexander, One to Grant Equal Right of Suffrage to the Women by Mrs. J. E. Meadows, also one granting back Compensation to Ex-slaves for labor given during servitude. The only bill taking up and discussed was the one relating to the colonization of the colored people in some parts of the United States. Those who spoke in favor of the bill were (the author) Rev. T. Reeves, Geo. E. Taylor of Oskaloosa, Mrs. Sadie Bredon and Attorney J. B. Rush; those who spoke in opposition were Chas. S. Ruff, Mr. Anderson of Marquetteville, Dr. T. H. Lawther, R. T. Watkins of Grimes, J. H. Humbert, W. R. Foster, J. H. Rogers Gus Watkins, Wm. Fraizer, J. L. Thompson, D. T. Patterson of Carbondale and I. Jones. The question was thoroughly discussed and when the vote was taken it was 6 for colonization and 18 against, therefore we are not near ready to colonize yet and we hope that we never will be. The Stewardess Board served meals all day and ice-cream at night those ladies performed their work very systematically and made quite a neat little sum, there was a large crowd present at all the session and everything went off nicely. The officers were R. N. Hyde, President of the United States; Chas. B. Wood Vice President; Miss Zoe Z. Richardson, Secretary; in the House J. F. Blagburn was speaker; Miss Iona Sanford, Clerk; Miss Vic Langford, Reading Clerk and Miss Cora Smith, assistant clerk. A number of good speeches were made.

congratulate ourselves as being fortunate in having Attorney Mash with us. He fills a long felt and much needed want here and is a representative of his race. Let us show our appreciation of him by holding up his hands, giving him our legal work and support, recommending him to our friends and see that all official give him the proper recognition that he is entitled to as an attorney. When any of our people are brought before the courts, remember that we have in our midst, a colored attorney in every way able and competent to defend them in any and the court—State Capital.

It will be remembered by many here that Mr. Mash used to live and practice law here in Des Moines.

Americans Trying to Introduce the Color Line in Cuba.

It is announced to our sorry that this peculiar American color prejudice has entered Cuba at least in one instance. An American white man by the name of Holman went to Cuba and opened a drinking saloon which he called the Washington cafe. One of his first rules he established was that no member of the colored race should be permitted to drink in the cafe, which of course was very strange and entirely contrary to the Cuban customs, for no color line is known to the Cubans. Recently a few Cuban Generals were there drinking when they happened to see their old comrade and associate General Ducase (mulatto) and invited him in to drink with them, and Holman refused to serve him. The place was promptly closed by Senor Federico Mora, Civil Governor of Havana. But it seems strange Holman said that he would re-open because he was sustained by the American authorities. We don't believe the last statement, because our Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy and his associates are all to broad-minded, to high in station to ever considered such an idea; We had earnestly hoped that patriotism was so thoroughly aroused and our noble colored boys fought so bravely that this American color prejudice would cease. The last Sunday Daily Leader printed a very strong editorial on the color line. It took our view and condemn the idea. We congratulate the Leader for their free and impartial view they took; such ideas are beneficial to mankind.

TO DISFRANCHISE THE COLORED VOTERS.

North Carolina Decides on an Amendment Limiting Suffrage.

(Special Dispatch to The Inter-Ocean.)
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 18th.—An addition to the constitution of North Carolina limiting suffrage has been adopted by both branches of the General Assembly. It passed the House yesterday by a vote of 81 to 27 and the Senate today by a vote of 41 to 6. Before becoming a part of the constitution, however, it must be submitted to a vote of the people of the state. This will be done at the next general election, which, under the new election law, will be held in August 1901.

The avowed object of the amendment is to eliminate the ignorant negro vote. To do this educational, property, and poll-tax qualifications are prescribed. To prevent the disfranchising of white voters a further provision is made that any person can vote whether he possesses the other qualifications or not, provided he or his ancestors could have voted on Jan. 1, 1867.

It will be easily seen that the sole object of the people of North Carolina is to disfranchise the colored voters of his rights, given him by the late Civil war, and guaranteed by the United States constitution. The right of suffrage is a privilege that all American citizens should enjoy, in fact it cannot be a republican form of government and thus denied. We think that the entire state of North Carolina should be disfranchised until the people come to their senses.

ATTORNEY MASH.

It gives us great pleasure to note the success of our colored attorney S. L. Mash since his location in Springfield. Mr. Mash by his manly, fearless, straightforward manner has won for himself many friends. His intelligent judicious and courteous conduct of the numerous cases in which he has been employed as counsel, calls forth the praises of both judges and members of the bar. We as a race can

measures tending to the liberation of these poor people in Cuba. I now favor the acquisition of all of the territory that is within our grasp as a result of that war. [Applause] To say that we will not take these acquisitions, and to say that we will not extend to the people thereof the civilization of our country, the Christian manhood and womanhood we enjoy, is to do them a wrong and to take steps backward. I therefore favor the annexation of the Philippine Islands, and I also favor the bill now pending before this House for the extension of our standing Army commensurate with our new conditions.

Our Army up to the time of this recent war was a mere bagatelle. It was not at all in keeping with the great nation that we are. Our Navy consisted of only a few crafts hanging around our shores, and the condition we were found in at the beginning of the American Spanish war is too well known to us all to require any discussion on my part.

In time of peace it is well to prepare for war. We are now at peace, but it may not be thirty days before we shall be thrown into another war. Who can tell? Certainly if this discussion goes on, the treaty being considered in the other end of the Capitol, and being of such character so as to encourage and inflame those of the Philippines opposed to the annexation, it is most likely that it will not be thirty days before we will be at war again. Therefore I favor action upon this bill and extending our Army so that it will be ample for all emergencies that may arise.

Mr. Chairman, it is not so much on account of the recent war with Spain, or the money it took to carry on that war, or the annexation of Cuba, or Porto Rico, or the Philippine Islands that I desire to speak, nor is it so much the pending bill we have before us that I desire to address myself to this House.

But it is another problem, possible more vexing than the one we have now under consideration. I know that you will pardon me if I do not address myself to the question before us when you recollect that I am the only representative on this floor of 10,000,000 people, from a racial standpoint. They have no one else to speak for them, from a race point of view, except myself. I shall therefore address the remainder of my remarks to another phase of the situation in this country—to another great problem that confronts us, and one which I trust ere long we shall have the manhood to stand up in our places and meet like American citizens, not like sectional cowards. I refer to the race problem. I have sat here in my place and heard discussions pro and con; I have heard my race referred to in terms anything else than dignified and complimentary. I have heard them referred to as savages, as aliens, as brutes, as vile and vicious and worthless, and I have heard but little or nothing said with reference to their better qualities, their better manhood, their developed American citizenship. It is therefore in reply to those seemingly unguarded expressions that I wish to speak.

FEBRUARY IS NOTED FOR NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS

While each month of the year has its birthday of some noted men, we think that the month of February has more birthdays of notable men than any other month at least notable Americans. In recalling a few we would mention Washington the 22nd., then Lincoln the 12th., Fred Douglass probably the 19th., Bishop Richard Allen the founder of the A. M. E. church born Feb. 14th., 1760, the Bishop was born in servitude but purchased his own liberty by money that he made.

A STRONG PLEA FOR JUSTICE.

Speech of Honorable George H. White, Congressman from North Carolina.

Below we print the full speech of delivered by Congressman White, the only colored man in Congress, on the Army Reorganization in the House of Representatives Jan. 27, 1899. It is one of the strongest pleas for equal justice yet been made in Congress, and we hope that every reader of the Bystander will read and preserve this eloquent appeal. We cannot print all this week but will finish it next week. It is as follows:

MR. WHITE of North Carolina said: MR. CHAIRMAN: I supported very cheerfully all measures tending to bring about the recent war for liberating a very much oppressed and outraged people. I supported with equal cheer all appropriations that was necessary for the successful prosecution of that war to a final termination. I thought it was necessary then; I think now that it was a necessity. It has been the province of the people of the United States at all times to extend a helping hand to the oppressed, to the outraged—I mean, of course, without the borders of the United States.

Being a member of this great Republic and one of the Representatives on this floor, I gave my support in voice and in every way that I could to all

measures tending to the liberation of these poor people in Cuba. I now favor the acquisition of all of the territory that is within our grasp as a result of that war. [Applause] To say that we will not take these acquisitions, and to say that we will not extend to the people thereof the civilization of our country, the Christian manhood and womanhood we enjoy, is to do them a wrong and to take steps backward. I therefore favor the annexation of the Philippine Islands, and I also favor the bill now pending before this House for the extension of our standing Army commensurate with our new conditions.

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I have listened to gentlemen here—particularly one of the gentlemen from the State of Mississippi [Mr. WILLIAMS] in his great eloquence about "white supremacy"—just here permit me to say that I have no respect for a "supremacy," white or black, which has been obtained through fraud, intimidation, carnage, and death—"white supremacy" in the State of Mississippi; about the Anglo-Saxon ruling this country. I did not know that it required any specific reference of this kind for the world to know the fact that the Anglo-Saxon will rule the United States. We constitute as a race less than one-seventh, possibly, of the population. We have been enslaved; we have done your bidding for two hundred and forty years without any compensation; and we did it faithfully. We do not revert to it grudgingly or regretfully, but we refer to it because it seems ungracious in you now, after you have had all this advantage of us, after you have had all this labor of ours, to be unwilling, at this late date, to give us a man's share in the race of life.

That is the only sense in which I refer to it. It is not with a view to digging up the past. It is not with a view to kindling renewed animosity between the races, but only in answer to those who slur at us and remind us of our inferiority. Yes, by force of circumstances, we are your inferiors—Give us two hundred and forty years the start of you, give us your labor for two hundred and forty years without compensation, give us the wealth that the brawny arm of the black man made for you, give us the education that his unpaid labor gave your boys and girls, and we will not be begging, we will be in a position to be sneered at as aliens or members of an inferior race. Not at all.

We are inferior. We regret it. But if you will only allow us an opportunity we will amend our ways, we will increase our usefulness, we will become more and more intelligent, more and more useful to the nation. It is a chance in the race of life that we crave. We do not expect any special legislation. We do not expect the mythical "40 acres and a mule."

Bargain Week

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and the land grabbers have obtained the 40 acres. We do not expect any of those things. But we have a right to expect a man's chance and opportunity to carve out our own destiny. That is all we ask, and that we demand.

(Continued next week.)

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Worthington are residing in Marion where he has accepted a position in the hotel Daniels.

The Stewardess will give a chicken pie supper Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Ben Hawkins.

Mrs. G. H. Wade has been suffering with the la grippe the past week, but is better at this writing.

Mrs. Oliphant has recovered from a severe attack of la grippe.

W. H. Milligan had the misfortune to lose five pigs and two hives of bees doing the cold spell. He has a large number of chickens which will soon be ready for the market. Mr. M. has become a prosperous farmer and poultryman.

Mother Perkins, during one of the coldest nights of the cold spell, became lost on her way home and wandered aimlessly around in the cold and dark for sometime, but fortunately she was more confused than harmed.

Mr. Henry Davis, cook on the Ellen Dale now has an office in the B. C. R. and W. building.

The Light House society will meet Friday evening March 3d. Members are urged to be present, business of importance. They will meet with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wade.

S. S. school board meets Thursday evening at the parsonage.

MUCHAKINOCK NEWS.

The marriage of John Draw to Miss Belle Carey occurred at the A. M. E. church last Wednesday.

Wm. Haley who has been sick for several months died Friday the funeral at the A. M. E. Rev. Wm. Williams officiating, he leaves a wife and two boys to their loss.

Sunday is rally day at the A. M. E. church.

Nelson Walker of Marquetteville is visiting in Muchakinoek at this writing.

Mrs. C. G. Southall is on the sick list.

The friends of W. E. Gladwin are glad to see him out again.

James James of Des Moines was in our city Sunday.

The A. M. E. church will have an entertainment Monday night, valuable prizes will be awarded to the lady that has solicited the largest amount of money for the following ladies are contesting: Mrs. Mamie Bickley, Mrs. Ed. Miles and Miss Susie Wilson.

Geo. Willis returned last week from Peoria Ill., very sick.

Wm. Barston is very sick at this writing.

The Agent will call on you Saturday be prepared to pay your subscription.

OTTUMWA.

Frank Smith of Pella spent Sunday in the city the guest of his sister Ollie Smith.

Miss Helen Young of Baltimore, Md. arrived in the city last week, Miss Young has been visiting her relation in Baltimore for a year.

E. Thompson was in Chicago a few days last week.

Miss Frances Brown is not so well at this writing.

Bessie Owens is not able to attend High School this week on account of illness.

Mrs. Neely is very sick at her home on West Second street.

The young people of the A. M. E. church are preparing to give the Japanese wedding in the near future.

Thomas McKay received a telegram from St. Joe, Mo., last Thursday announcing the death of his brother Geo. He left Thursday night for that place.

The Hobson and Dewey Club gave a Valentine social at the A. M. E. church, it was well attended.

The Occidental club gave a select dance Valentine night at Tis Opera house it was well attended. Those out of the city were Wm. Smith of Fairfield and Ramsey of Chicago.

Joseph Brown of Muchakinoek was a Sunday visitor.

BURLINGTON BRIEFLISTS.

The Valentine social at the A. M. E. church last Tuesday evening was well attended.

Rev. Colston has just returned from a three weeks visit in New Boston.

Little Margaret Brady is suffering from injuries caused by falling down the stairs on Tuesday.

Mr. Tigg is very proud over the report of his milk test which stood at the

top of the list at 600 percent.
Mrs. Mary Cooper returned to her home in St. Paul on Friday after a pleasant visit with relatives and friends.
The drama I Mogens played at the Grimes' Opera house on Wednesday night was the finest ever witnessed in our city and the cast deserves much credit.

NEWTON NOTES.

Mr. John Lemme has gone to Oskaloosa where he has secured a position.

Hattie Mayes and Clara Miller are visiting friends in Colfax.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church.

Miss Carrie Hudson came from Des Moines last week to care for her mother who is quite sick.

Mr. John Anderson has joined her husband in Colfax.

A. M. E. church are holding a series of prayer meeting this week.

It is to be regretted that one of our young men should be so rude as to cause a disturbance in church Sunday night.

LOUISIANA.

Special to the BYSTANDER.

I take pleasure this evening of sitting down to write something about the trip across the Pacific and a soldier life in the Philippines Island. We left San Francisco on the steamer Pennsylvania, Nov. 3rd, and had a very nice trip to Honolulu H. I. which took eight days. We stopped there four days the natives there took great interest with us, they played us a game of base and foot ball they beat the 51st. Iowa with the base ball, they have band concerts every day, and when we left on the 16th., they were there playing with all their might, "God be with You till We meet Again" and our band played "My Honolulu Lady" we were 20 days from Honolulu to Manila and had some very rough weather for 4 days our trip was very nice all the way and we saw lots of flying fish and a shark about 15 or 20 feet long. We passed the Lagoon Island at noon and about 10 miles off we saw this Island smoking and they say there is not a level spot on it, it is about 11,000 feet high. We came into Manila bay on Dec. the 7th, and dropped anchor at 12:00 o'clock, we layed 30 days here on the 22, the S. S. St. Paul came in with Christmas boxes and mail for all the boys, there was about 150 presents and two bags of mail, on Christmas night we had a very nice concert gotten up by by Champlain Williams. On the 26th., they put on board 25 tons of frozen meat and can potatoes, 50 ton of water and about 500 or 600 tons of coal, the next night we started for Cavite Dewey's navy yard and with the gun boat Baltimore one dispatch boat three transport Arizona the 18th, regulars, Newport with Gen. Miller and the 6th., Artillery and the Pennsylvania with the 51st. Iowa Vol. we split the water for 11 o'clock we tried to make the flying trip so we could take the city without any fighting, but was so late we met a Spanish liner about half way and they told us that the Spaniards had lost the city and had fled so we were to late and on Dec. 28, we struck the Baltimore, dispatch boat and Newport with Gen. Miller went into the city to see if they would surrender without any trouble they said "nit," and our dispatch boat was sent back to Manila and told Gen. Otis and he sent the gun boat "Petrol" and to-day Jan. 8, all the English and Germans in the city of Iloilo are moving out on the little barges if any of you folks at home could see his straight here you would think that it was some international navy yard; there are two English men of war, one German and two Americans. Jan. 5, there were two soldiers badly wounded one was cut across the head and the other was cut about the body the native pushed the soldier over board and then jumped over himself, L. D. Bates of the 51st, was on guard at the time and with an empty gun held five natives until they were changed together and put under arrest the one who did the dirty work has not been found. Jan. 4, the Germans tried to land five small boats full of small arms for the natives and the Baltimore's launched stopped them, they went to the English man of war and asked them what would they do if they would mix with the U. S. and England said mix and see, they have not tried and I don't think they will. Soldiering in the Philippines is not what it is cracked up to be it is so warm, from 11:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. if an American does not stay in he will get sun burned, all the boys who have been here any time are sick and tired of this group of islands and want to get back to the states all we cannot get is writing paper and stamps in Manila we are about 9,500 miles from dear old Iowa I am now corporal in Co. H. the only colored one in the company and get corporal rank.

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STATE OYSTANDER.

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FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The senate today passed a resolution instructing the vice president of the United States as president of the senate to express to the government and the people of France the sympathy of the senate in the bereavement that has fallen upon the French republic in the death of President Faure. The naval personnel bill, after several hours debate, was passed.

HOUSE.

The house finally passed the sundry civil appropriation bill, to which it has devoted over a week. The speaker's ruling upon the motion to recommit the bill with instructions to amend it in the Nicaragua canal amendment was sustained, 155 to 96. The naval appropriation bill was taken up and over half the bill was completed during the remainder of the day.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The senate spent most of the day on the postoffice appropriation bill, but failed to complete it.

HOUSE.

The house spent hours upon the naval appropriation bill without making any progress.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 20.—During six hours of the postoffice appropriation bill was under discussion in the senate. Cockrell scolded the secretary of war for detailed information as to the cost of the army under the proposed Hull bill.

HOUSE.

A separate bill appropriating \$200,000 for payment to Spain under the provisions of the treaty of Paris was passed under suspension of the rules. No amendment was in order and an attempt to secure unanimous consent to offer an amendment declaratory of our policy not permanently to annex the islands was objected to. The senate bill to amend the act of March 3, 1879, authorizing the governors of the states for expenses paid by the states for organizing volunteers for service in the war with Spain before their muster into the service of the United States was also passed under suspension of the rules.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Formal discussion of the Hull-Hawley army reorganization bill was begun in the senate this afternoon. Hawley and Warren (reps.) supported the measure, and Mitchell and Cockrell (dems.) opposed it, while Proctor (rep.) addressed the senate in favor of some amendments which he had proposed to the bill. All the speakers are members of the committee on military affairs. Cockrell's speech, though brief, was particularly notable, as he spoke definitely for the opposition to the army bill.

HOUSE.

The house reached the last page of the naval bill today and adjourned with a point of order pending against a provision fixing the price of armor plate at \$455 per ton. The provision of the bill went out on a point of order on the ground that it was not limited to the armor to be purchased with the appropriation in the bill, whereupon it was modified to meet this objection and against it the point of order pending adjournment was raised. Much of the time was occupied in debating the amendment offered by Mudd (rep.) of Maryland appropriating \$200,000 for the purchase of buildings authorized to be erected at the naval academy at Annapolis. It was adopted.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The session of the senate was devoted to two special orders, the reading of Washington's will and address, Senator Wolcott being the reader, and pronouncing eulogies on the late Senator Morrill.

HOUSE.

The house today inaugurated the custom which has prevailed for many years in the senate of listening to the reading of Washington's farewell address on Washington's birthday. Boutelle's amendment to the naval appropriation bill fixing the maximum price of armor plate at \$455 per ton was ruled to be in order, whereupon Underwood offered as a substitute a proposition to appropriate \$4,000,000 for the erection of a government armor plate plant. Boutelle's amendment was voted against it. Without deciding the point of order the committee rose.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 23.—During the entire session the senate had under consideration the river and harbor bill. Good progress was made, eight of the bills having been disposed of, with the exception of one amendment.

HOUSE.

The naval bill passed the house after the naval committee had been defeated in two important items. The committee had recommended \$455 per ton as the price to be paid for the new Krupp armor, but the amount was cut to \$445. Several speakers openly charged that the government was being robbed by the manufacturers. The other item in which the committee was defeated was in reference to the rehabilitation of the naval academy at Annapolis. The bill also contains a provision for the creation of the rank of admiral.

HULL BILL TO PASS.

Its Enactment Has Been Facilitated by the Administration.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—It is said the administration and its representatives in congress have reached a satisfactory agreement with the minority respecting the army reorganization bill. The compromise is based on an army of 100,000, of whom 35,000 will be known as a provisional army enlisted to serve until 1901. Arrangements have been made for a full staff corps as in the Hull bill, and generally speaking, it is said that the arrangement saves the features of that measure while meeting in a large measure the objection of the minority based on a fear that the regular establishment will be permanently increased. It is believed that this removes nearly all the danger of an extra session.

MUSTER OUT OF VOLUNTEERS.

All Remaining in the United States Will Be So Treated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The war department has issued an order mustering out all the remaining volunteers now in the United States. They are to be discharged, Third Georgia, Batteries A, B, C, D, Maine artillery; 201st, 202d, 203d New York; Third Alabama, Third Connecticut, Fifth Massachusetts, Thirty-fifth Michigan, Fifteenth Minnesota, Fourth New Jersey, Tenth Ohio, First Rhode Island, Second West Virginia.

For a Pa-He Cable.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Senator Frye reported from the committee on foreign relations the amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill for the construction of a submarine cable in the Pacific ocean, as amended by the committee. The amendments are numerous and radical. The most important of them increases the subsidy to be paid every year for twenty years to \$25,000, and extends the time in which the contracting company is to be given to complete the line to the Philippines islands to the first of January, 1901.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

ROUGH ON RATS IN COFFEE.

Des Moines Girl Takes That Method of Poisoning Her Foster Parents.

JES MOINES, Feb. 23.—Marie Anderson, or Blanche Obsey, has confessed to putting poison in the coffee which Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Anderson drank on February 9, and which came near killing them. The girl says that she put some powder that she found in a box in a dresser into the coffee pot on the afternoon of February 9. She then went to Mrs. Prewitt's, near by, throwing the box away. Mrs. Anderson is still very ill from the effects of the poison, which has been found to be rough on rats. Dr. Anderson is about fully recovered. The girl states that she was adopted by them in 1892, but she never liked Mrs. Anderson, and that on the morning of February 9 that lady scolded her for not making pancakes for breakfast; and that scolding determined her to poison her foster mother. She stated that several times she thought of taking poison herself. Judge Holmes has sentenced the girl to the girls' reform school at Mitchellville.

FRUIT CROP IS DEAD.

Recent Cold Wave Gave Disastrous Results.

DES MOINES, Feb. 21.—That the fruit crop of the west has been ruined and the many orchards and vineyards of Iowa badly damaged by the recent severe touch of arctic weather experienced by this state, is shown by reports received by Geo. H. Van Houten, secretary of the State Agricultural Society. According to those reports the peach crop has been entirely destroyed, and the trees severely injured. A few hardy varieties may bear a crop this season. The pear crop suffered the same as the peach crop and is probably entirely destroyed. The tender varieties of apples have been destroyed, but the harder ones will give the usual crop. The grape crop is also damaged. Many of the canes of the raspberry and blackberry bushes have been killed by the cold wave, and a small crop is expected.

KILLED AT A CROSSING.

Woman Living Near Quincy Struck by a Passenger Train.

WASHTA, Feb. 23.—A passenger train on the Illinois Central struck and instantly killed Mrs. Mary Haslett, aged 52 years, on the crossing one mile east of town. Mrs. Haslett was a widow, living near Quincy, and was on her way to Washta in a top buggy. This crossing is on a curve where the engineer cannot see the crossing until he is about 300 feet from it. The engine struck the hind wheels of the buggy. As soon as the train could be backed up Mrs. Haslett was found lying about thirty feet from the track. She had evidently not heard the whistle and probably never knew what struck her. Engineer Gregg and Conductor McConaghy say the train was running 36 miles an hour.

BUILD A LINE.

Des Moines Men Talk of Connecting That City With Iowa Central.

DES MOINES, Feb. 23.—An impromptu meeting of business men was held to consider the advisability of constructing a line from Des Moines to Newton, there to connect with the Iowa Central and the Fort Madison line. The speeches made indicated that every man present heartily favored the project and would give his earnest support. It is known that traffic relations can be made that will make the line a paying investment.

MORRISON CONSECRATED.

Chicago Pastor Becomes the Bishop of Iowa.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—With all the pomp of gorgeous vestments, lofty music and Episcopal ritual, Rev. Theodore Nevins Morrison was consecrated third bishop of Iowa. The ceremony was performed in the Church of the Epiphany, whose rector Mr. Morrison has been for twenty-five years. In the presence of many distinguished prelates and church dignitaries and a congregation that packed the edifice.

IOWA CRIMINALS.

DES MOINES, Feb. 24.—According to the monthly statement of the state board of control, which has just been completed for the month of January, the number of criminals in Iowa penitentiaries decreased during that period in the number of 27. Anamosa shows a decrease of 23 and Ft. Madison of 4. A member of the board says, however, that the number would increase in the next report, as the past month has brought in a harvest of criminals to the penitentiaries. The population of the penitentiaries for January was 1,113.

IOWA SOLDIERS GET EXTRAS.

DES MOINES, Feb. 23.—Major Olmstead has forwarded to Washington a recommendation that the place of enrollment of the Iowa troops be changed from Des Moines to the town at which they lived, so far as the members of the National Guard are concerned. This means that the muster in rolls of the four regiments and the muster out rolls of the Fifth and Fifty-second regiments will be corrected. It means that each National Guardsman will receive from \$2 to \$10 apiece more money from the government than he has or would otherwise receive.

Postoffice Robbed and Burned.

MONTPELIER, Feb. 24.—The postoffice at Deep River was entered by burglars and the safe blown open. Three hundred dollars in money and stamps to the value of \$500 were taken. The building was then set on fire and three other buildings were destroyed, including the drug store of J. C. Sanders, which was insured for \$1,500. No clue.

Child Scalded to Death.

ALBIA, Feb. 22.—The 2-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Day, of Union township, fell into a tub of hot water and was badly scalded that death resulted in a few hours.

College Orators.

MR. VERNON, Feb. 24.—At the state oratorical contest first place was won by S. M. Holiday, of Simpson college, Indianola.

MURDER AT MASON CITY.

James Ellison Fatally Stabbed by L. E. Bone.

MASON CITY, Feb. 20.—James Ellison, a farmer, was stabbed to death by L. E. Bone, a fireman. Ellison lived about an hour. Bone went to a hardware store, bought a five-inch blade butcher knife, met Ellison and plunged it into the back of his neck, the blade's point reaching the lobe of the lung. Bone ran into a lumber yard. A friend got him a team and he escaped. The sheriff and a number of deputies at once started in hot chase. A warm reception is probable.

MASON CITY, Feb. 21.—L. E. Bone, the murderer of James Ellison, was arrested at the home of his father-in-law, A. J. Talberg, where he had been driven by a liverman. When Deputy Sheriff Barker went to the house he was told that none of the men were at home, but on the further demand that the men come out Bone presented himself. He had the bloody knife with which the killing was done in his hand and surrendered it to the officer. When seen after his arrest and told that Ellison was dead he said: "Where did I plug him? Well, I expect I am doomed to go the same way." Bone is 27 years of age and came to Mason City from Lexington, Neb. Ellison was married two months ago.

PREACHER HELD FOR ROBBERY.

Drake University Student Stole \$500 or \$600 From His Landlady.

DES MOINES, Feb. 24.—Rev. W. N. Coffey, a student at Drake university, was bound over to the grand jury by Justice Aylesworth, on the charge of grand larceny. Coffey confessed to the crime after a five hours' cross examination by the trustees of the University Christian church, at whose mission of Ninth and Shaw streets, Coffey has been preaching. Mrs. H. A. Magart, at whose home Coffey has been living for three years, is the person from whom Coffey took the money. He says that the amount of money he took was between \$500 and \$600. It was the savings of years of his landlady, Mrs. Magart, who has been a great friend to him, and who would not believe her protégé guilty, until he confessed the crime.

KILLED HIS WIFE.

Insane Man at Perry Kills His Wife With a Meat Cleaver.

PERRY, Feb. 21.—Frank Liddle, a passenger engineer on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, killed his wife by striking her with a meat cleaver. Liddle had been sick some time and had been taking treatment at Mercy hospital, Des Moines. He got away about two weeks ago and came home. Since then he has been in Perry because his wife wished him to stay at home, where she thought she could care for him. He seems entirely unconscious of what he has done. After committing the crime he went down town and got shaved. Liddle felt that his mind was giving way a month or two ago, and at his request, was taken to a hospital for treatment.

The Wife Murderer.

PERRY, Feb. 24.—Mrs. Frank Liddle, the woman reported as killed by her insane husband, is not dead, though there is scarcely any hope of her recovery. Liddle was taken to Clarinda by Canaway and Swift, two engineers. Liddle claims he intended to kill his children also had been home from school, but his watch being too fast fooled him.

In the Tolls Again.

DES MOINES, Feb. 23.—Daniels and Greenfield, the long and short men, dangerous criminals, who escaped from Sheriff Stout and Deputy Keenhold, on February 8, while en route to the Fort Madison prison, have been captured at Lafayette, Ind.

Parsons College Boys Suspended.

FAIRFIELD, Feb. 23.—The president of Parsons college suspended five students from the college for the remainder of the winter term, assigning as his reason for so doing their general disorder.

IOWA CONDEMNED.

C. T. Hancock, of Dubuque, chairman of the republican state committee, has issued a call for a meeting at Des Moines, March 2, to determine the date and place for the next state convention. Sioux City, Des Moines, Council Bluffs, Dubuque and Davenport want it.

It is announced that there are two cases of smallpox at Exira, which were carried there by persons who had been exposed at the neighboring town of Anuburn. Five families are quarantined, and scores of people have been indirectly exposed. Much bitter feeling is prevalent as parties exposed to the disease circulated freely among the citizens, uselessly exposing others.

Des Moines dispatch: A \$300,000 company has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state, with the declared object of erecting and operating a brewery at Sioux City. The company will build the first big brewery in the state under the new manufacturing law, provided the necessary concessions can be received from the citizens, as required by the manufacturing law, and of this there is no doubt.

Des Moines dispatch: The state board of control has decided on a new departure in connection with the management of the insane hospitals. As is well known, the problem of furnishing occupation for the insane is a large and most important one. The board proposes, in brief, to establish a new industrial system in the insane asylums. The first move will be made at Mount Pleasant, where a department for the manufacture of clothing will be instituted. It will begin on a small scale, and be enlarged as fast as possible. The first step will be to put in a number of sewing machines and an engine to furnish power. Members of the board have recently visited the institution and closed arrangements for this departure. The first machines have been ordered, and an old engine was found in the institution that will be used to provide the power.

ARMY BEEF INVESTIGATION

General Miles the First Witness Before the Court of Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Miles court of inquiry yesterday made a good start in its work. The first witness to appear was General Miles. While denying the authenticity of two interviews, alleged to have been had with him, he admitted that there was much in them with which he agreed. When asked if he had reported to the commissary department the fact that complaints had been made against beef he said he was not compelled to report to the commissary general. The general said he had no intention to impute fraud to anyone in connection with the canned roast beef, but as a matter of fact it was an experiment, and a very costly one. He said the next day after getting ashore he advised the war department not to send refrigerated beef to Porto Rico. He then told of the complaints against the beef at Ponce. He read a long summary of 100 letters received by him at army headquarters, giving the various terms in which the most was characterized. All considered it bad. In addition he showed a summary of reports on refrigerated beef condemned and thrown overboard. Lieut. Col. Van Horn, Lieut. Col. Minor and Major Jackson followed Gen. Miles. Their testimony corroborated that of the general, each testifying that the beef was bad.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—A number of army officers who participated in the Santiago campaign were heard by the court of inquiry yesterday. Practically without exception the officers condemned the canned roast beef furnished as a travel ration and reviewed complaints about it which the men very generally made, declaring it unpalatable and wanting in nutriment. On the other hand, the refrigerated beef suffered but little at the hands of the witnesses, it being generally conceded that it was good when delivered from the transports and when it escaped the despoiling effects of the tropical sun en route to the several commands it was found to be satisfactory. General commissary methods in Cuba were inquired into. Difficulty in preventing taint before cooking was experienced. Generally, there was very little in the evidence pointing to any use of chemicals upon this beef. The contention of General Miles that the army in Cuba and Porto Rico should have been supplied with herds of cattle or beef on the hoof instead of refrigerated beef was supported by every witness who gave his opinion upon this question.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Yesterday's proceedings of the court of inquiry investigating the beef controversy developed little that was new. The testimony, with the exception of that of Dr. Daly, surgeon on the staff of Gen. Miles during the war, and of Colonel Woodruff, assistant commissary general, was generally in the line of that of Tuesday. The canned roast beef was condemned, the chief complaint being that it often decomposed en route to camp. The testimony of representatives of the commissary department was begun, that of Colonel Woodruff, assistant commissary general, being the most notable. He purchased more than 800,000 pounds of canned beef and told of the method of purchase and of the reasons that prompted it. He took issue with General Miles' contention that beef on the hoof was the usual source of fresh meat supply to the army.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The testimony of Colonel J. F. Weston, who was at the outbreak of the war, assistant commissary general and who now is the successor of Commissary General Eagan, together with the appearance of Gen. Eagan, was the feature of yesterday's proceedings of the court of inquiry investigating the charges of General Miles as to the beef supply to the army while in Cuba and Porto Rico. Each contended that the canned roast beef was wholesome and nutritious component of the army ration which was furnished the Santiago and Porto Rican expeditions and took issue with the regular army officers who have criticized it. Regarding the refrigerated beef the testimony tended to show that it was satisfactory.

UNDER STRICT MARTIAL LAW.

Work of Suppressing Incendiarism in Manila Proceeds Vigorously.

MANILA, Feb. 24.—General Otis has issued an order directing all the inhabitants of Manila, until otherwise ordered, to confine themselves in their homes after seven in the evening. He warns the incendiaries and suspects that they will be severely dealt with. Extraordinary precautions are taken to prevent further trouble. The fire was burning in the Tondo district all day yesterday, clearing the residents out of many houses in the outskirts, from which the enemy fired on the Americans. The loss caused by fire is estimated at over half a million dollars. The sharpshooters at various parts of the line are very annoying. Lieut. Eugene S. French, Company L, First Montana, and Private Oscar Felton, Company C, South Dakota, were killed and two other Dakotans wounded.

Many Arrests in Paris.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—In the course of the rioting Saturday night over the election to the presidency of M. Loubet forty-six persons were injured, including fourteen policemen. One journalist received a blow on the head with a loaded stick and was so badly injured that he was removed to a hospital, where he now lies in a serious condition. Two hundred arrests were made, and 142 of those taken into custody are still at the station houses, being held on charges of carrying concealed weapons.

Funeral of President Faure.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The funeral of President Faure took place yesterday. The ceremonies and procession were imposing and great crowds massed the line of march. There was some rioting in the evening, but the rioters were soon dispersed.

Adjourned Until August.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The American-Canadian joint high commission has adjourned to meet at Quebec August 2, unless the chairmen of the respective commissions agree upon another date.

The steamer Rotterdam reports that, on February 6, she sighted the British steamer, Rosmore, in a sinking condition. The Rotterdam took off those on board the Rosmore, forty-two in all. Nine of the crew had been taken off by the steamer Trojan before the Rotterdam came up.

Shell Wilden.

A ROMANCE

CHAPTER XII.—(Continued.)

Shell's life has been so very uneventful during the absence that it does not take long to recount the few small incidents which have broken his monotony. "It was so stupid of you to come," remarks Ruby, during a brief pause in the dialogue going on between Mrs. Wilden and Shell. "I don't suppose we shall all of us be stopping here more than a few days longer."

Mrs. Wilden looks surprised.

"How so? I have no intention of going home just yet, Ruby," she says a little tartly.

"The cottage is taken for two months, and since the rent must be paid, we may as well make the best of our bargain."

"There is no best about it," grumbles Violet.

"No, indeed—it is a downright snare and delusion," agrees Ruby. "Since even the Champley brothers couldn't stand it there can be no wonder if we run away."

"I don't think they grew tired of the moon," says Shell honestly.

"If not, why did they leave it?" demands her sister defiantly.

"Can't say," responds Shell; then, after a pause, she continues—"I suppose you know that they are going abroad in a few days."

"Going abroad!" repeats Ruby, in a tone of positive consternation. "No, I had no idea of it; I understood that they were merely going back to Champley House."

"They are starting for Switzerland in two or three days," says Shell quietly; "and I rather fancy they won't be back till autumn."

"In that case we may as well stop where we are," observes Ruby, without her usual caution.

"My dear Ruby, your movements cannot in any way affect ours," says Mrs. Wilden, looking puzzled and a trifle shocked.

"No, of course not," stammers Ruby, with a momentary flush; "only I promised Robert Champley in a way to look after the children; and, since he is going abroad, I should not like to leave them alone on the moon."

"That nurse is a very illiterate person—I doubt if she can write—and of course he will want to hear how they are getting on."

"Ahem!" ejaculates Violet suggestively, and then indulges in an amused laugh.

Shell does not laugh, but turns with impatient step from the room.

CHAPTER XIII.

"Where are you going, Shell?" asks Ruby, glancing up from an elaborate band of crewel-work, destined to trim a morning-gown.

"I am going over to Meadowcroft to superintend Bob's donkey-ride. I promised him yesterday I would come."

"What folly! You know he is never allowed a donkey-ride unless he has been particularly good; and when I ask Piper if he has been good enough to have one, she invariably answers 'No.'"

Shell gives one of those low rippling laughs of hers, which has in it a mocking ring.

"Piper does not care for running after donkeys—doubtless she considers it infra dig. As she knows that I always do the running business and leave her free, I invariably hear that the children are despoiling of a ride."

"Well, it's a bore any way," grumbles Ruby. "I wanted you to cut out my collar and cuffs, as I feel inclined for a good day's work."

"That won't take five minutes," laughs Shell, stripping off her wash-leather gloves and good temperedly setting to the task.

When, some twenty minutes later, she arrives at Meadowcroft Farm, she finds the children established in a hayfield near the house, and Piper nowhere visible.

"Where is Piper?" asks Shell, sinking down in the fragrant hay.

"Busy," answers Bob, laconically.

"Have you been, good children—good enough for a donkey-ride?" pursues Shell, smiling.

"Don't know," responds Bob, with placid indifference—"s'pose not. Piper boomed my ears this morning."

"Well, never mind," laughs Shell—"since Piper isn't here we can't ask her—your shall have your donkey-ride today, and then you'll be a good boy tomorrow."

"Don't want a donkey-ride," responds Bob stolidly; "tell us a story instead."

"Not want a donkey-ride? Why, what sort of a boy do you call yourself?" demands Shell, turning the child round to laugh him out of what she imagines to be a fit of the sulks; then she becomes aware that Bob's generally rosy face is pale and languid looking—that his bright merry eyes are dim and misty.

"Do you feel ill?" asks Shell, thinking that the child must have been allowed to eat something unwholesome.

"No-no," falters Bob, with all a boy's reluctance to give in to physical suffering; "only my head aches rather."

With a strange thrill at her heart Shell turns to Meg. The little girl is sound asleep on a soft bed of hay, her attitude betokening thorough lassitude—one fat little arm shields her eyes from the light. Removing it gently, Shell notes that poor Meg is wan as a white may-blossom—even the slight movement sends a convulsive shiver through her little frame.

Shell is not one to waste time over speculations. Stopping down, she raises the sleeping child in her arms, and, telling Bob to follow, proceeds to the farm. At the door she is met by the farmer's wife, a kind, motherly creature who takes in at a glance Shell's sign of ill.

"Morning to the children's room, which is deserted, she says, 'Poor Meg and lay her in bed. Little, little, little!'"

minutes' persuasion and the promise of a fairy tale soon induce Bob to follow his sister's example. But Shell has no need to cudge her brains for the promised legend. No sooner does Bob's head touch the pillow than he, too, sinks into a troubled sleep.

Descending to the big flagged kitchen, Shell holds a hurried consultation with the farmer's wife, the result of which is that a boy is despatched for the nearest doctor.

While she is waiting his arrival, Piper turns up explaining that she has only just been down to the village for a few stamps; she looks much taken aback when she hears of the children's illness and finds that she cannot pool-pool it.

After two hours' waiting the doctor comes. He is an elderly man, genial, reliable and fatherly. Shell and the mistress of the house accompany him to the sick-room. When the three return to the big kitchen there is a scared look on two at least of the faces.

"All connection with that part of the house must be cut off," Mrs. Pomfret, and a sheet with Condy's fluid hung at the end of the passage. I will telegraph at once to Mr. Champley, if you can furnish me with his address."

Piper, looking scared and pale, produces the address, and the doctor takes his departure.

"The doctor is not certain," answers Shell in her low sweet voice—"but he fears small-pox; it seems there are some cases in the neighborhood."

"Small-pox?" shrieks Piper. "And am I expected to stop here and lose my life through nursing children with small-pox? I won't do it—no, not for Queen Victoria herself!"

"Shame upon you, woman!" cries Mrs. Pomfret wrathfully. "Do you mean to tell me you would have the heart to go away and leave them poor little babies, with their father away goodness knows where, and their poor mother lying buried? I'd nurse 'em myself, and welcome, only I've got my own children to think of, and I can't be running to and fro to the sick-room with small-pox hanging about my clothes."

"Let who will nurse 'em—I won't," remarks Piper doggedly.

"Do you think I would allow you?" flashes Shell, her bosom heaving with suppressed scorn and anger. "Do you imagine for one moment that you are fit to be trusted to nurse them?"

"You are right, then, miss," agrees Mrs. Pomfret; "for she neglects them poor dears, shameful. As for nursing, I wouldn't trust her with a sick cat; and then, turning to the nurse, she continues loftily—"Take your precious person out of this as soon as may be—though who's to attend to them children, I don't know."

"Don't trouble yourself about that, Mrs. Pomfret. I will take care of them till a proper nurse is found," says Shell gently.

"You mustn't miss—it's catching—dreadful catching," remonstrates Mrs. Pomfret.

"Only when people are afraid," laughs Shell. "I don't feel in the least nervous about illness."

"Cause you haven't seen much," opines Mrs. Pomfret, with a sage head-shake.

There is general consternation at Gorse Cottage when Shell arrives with her news.

"Small-pox! Are you quite sure he said small-pox?" cries Ruby sure he said small-pox?" cries Ruby sure he said small-pox?"

"How terrible! But surely it can't be small-pox—the children must have been vaccinated."

"That is the strange point," answers Shell. "There is no mark whatever on Meg's arm—a very faint one on Bob's. The doctor says he can't be sure for another twenty-four hours. They ought to have been in bed two days ago—they do nothing but shiver and shiver and shiver."

"What is to be done?" asks Ruby blankly; and then, a bright idea suggesting itself—"We must telegraph at once to London for an experienced nurse."

"And who is to nurse them till she arrives?"

"Piper, of course."

"Piper has flown by this time. I left her packing her box."

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Wetaskiwin, Alta., April 5th, 1898. W. F. McCreary, Govt. Immigration Commissioner, Winnipeg. Dear Sir:—I like the country very much so far; have seen a great number of farmers from the states and every one seen so far says they have done well and like it here far better than where they came from, and all claim it to be the best country for a poor man that they were ever in, and with good crops this season I predict a great rush. There are some nice claims to be had yet, but will not last the summer through. I do not find it any colder than in Iowa and am feeling much better than when I left there March 1st. I think this a great country for those who are suffering with throat and lung troubles. I have seen men that had as high as 51 1/2 bushels wheat per acre and near 100 bushels oats, but they weigh from 45 to 51 pounds per bushel, but the general run is 25 to 30 bushels, 50 to 75 cents, and stock looking fine; some cattle running out nearly as fat as the best of the country. I expect to return to the states late this fall for stock, etc.; will write you when I want to go. Thanking you all for past favors, I remain, most respectfully yours, (Signed) Dr. D. E. Strevell.

Tommy—"Mamma, why have you got papa's hair in a lock?" His mother—"To remind me that he once had some, Tommy."

Discomfited February. The discomforts of this month can be escaped by taking advantage of the winter excursions to the Louisville & Nashville Railroad to one of the many pleasant resorts of the South. This line offers unsurpassed facilities for reaching the cities in the South, the winter resorts of the beautiful gulf coast, of Florida, of California, and of the West Indies. Write C. P. Atmore, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky. for folders descriptive of Florida or the Gulf Coast.

We always feel sorry for the woman whose husband thinks he knows how to cook.

Home Seekers' Cheap Excursions. The North Western Line will sell home seekers' excursion tickets February 21, March 7 and 21, with favorable time limits, to numerous points in the West and South at exceptionally low rates. For particulars and full information apply to agents Chicago & North-Western Ry.

Don't think a man dwells next to the roof merely for the sake of the view.

Soap that's all soap—Diamond "C" Soap.

Don't think a woman ever achieves greatness when she gets a husband.

Victims of diphtheria, according to a state law of Iowa, must be buried within eight hours after death, and when possible, the funeral must take place at night.

SYRUP OF FIGS

NEVER IMITATED QUALITY.

THE EXCELLENCE OF SYRUP OF FIGS is due not only to the originality and simplicity of the combination, but also to the care and skill with which it is manufactured by scientific processes known to the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP Co. only, and we wish to impress upon all the importance of purchasing the true and original remedy. As the genuine Syrup of Figs is manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP Co. only, a knowledge of that fact will assist one in avoiding the worthless imitations manufactured by other parties. The high standing of the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP Co. with the medical profession and the satisfaction which the genuine Syrup of Figs has given to millions of families, makes the name of the Company a guaranty of the excellence of its remedy. It is far in advance of all other laxatives, as it acts on the kidneys, liver and bowels without irritating or weakening them, and it does not gripe nor nauseate. In order to get its beneficial effects, please remember the name of the Company—

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A HANDFUL OF DIRT MAY BE A HOUSEFUL OF SHAME.

CLEAN HOUSE WITH

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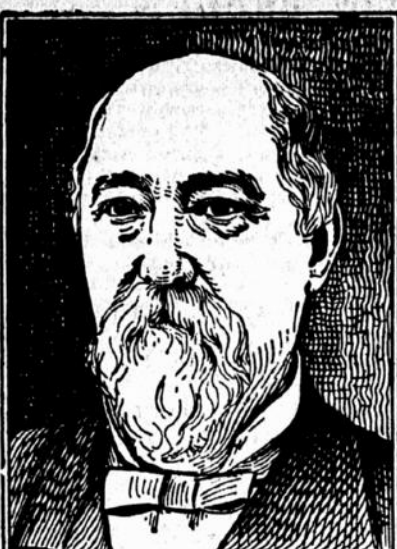
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THE ACME

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MISSOURI'S WAR GOVERNOR

Restored by Pe-ru-na.



GOVERNOR T. C. FLETCHER

Hon. Thomas C. Fletcher, the noted War Governor of the State of Missouri, is a great friend of Pe-ru-na. He writes: The Pe-ru-na Drug Mfg. Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen—For years I have been afflicted with chronic catarrh, which has gone through my whole system, and no one knows the torture and misery I have passed through. My doctor has prescribed various remedies, and I have never found any relief until I was persuaded by a friend to use Dr. Hartman's Pe-ru-na. After the use of one bottle I feel like a new man. It also cured me of a dropping I had in my throat, and built my system up generally. To those who are suffering with catarrh I take pleasure in recommending your great medicine. Very respectfully, Thomas C. Fletcher.

Everything that affects the welfare of the people is a legitimate subject of comment to the real statesman. The statesman is not a narrow man. It is the politician who is narrow. The true statesman looks out on the world as it is, and seeks, as far as in his power, to remedy evils and encourage the good.

Catarrh in its various forms is rapidly becoming a national curse. An undoubted remedy has been discovered by Dr. Hartman. This remedy has been thoroughly tested during the past forty years. From ancient times it has been known to the virtues, and are making public utterances on the subject. To save the country we must save the people. To save the people we must protect them from disease. The disease that is at once the most prevalent and stubborn of cure is catarrh.

Out of Reason. Freddie—Our teacher says that all little boys are just animals. Tommy—Huh! How can that be. We ain't got no tails.

A catalogue of 300 prizes suitable to every taste and condition mailed on inquiry. Prizes given for saving Diamond "C" Soap wrappers. Address Cudahy Soap Works, South Omaha, Nebraska.

General John M. Palmer is suffering from a severe attack of grip, which, at his age, is considered a decided danger.

ANXIETY FOR TROOPS.

War Department No Longer Conceals Anxiety for Health of Troops. WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The war department authorities no longer attempt to disguise the anxiety they feel for the health of the troops in the Philippines and in Cuba. The great dread arises from the climatic conditions. The dispatches from the Philippines during the last few days have shown the troops are suffering greatly from the heat, and that the natural physical vigor of American soldiers may be sadly crippled, if not entirely nullified, by the high temperature of the tropical stations. In Cuba the condition continues so menacing army surgeons have renewed their recommendations that troops be largely recalled from the section. This, of course, cannot be done, in view of the aspect and the disorders that have been threatened with every public incident. The regulars are now 13,664 in numerical strength, and they may be kept there, although some of Secretary Alger's advisers are in favor of bringing most of them home. They are not quartered comfortably, "or, in all respects, healthfully, from the surgeon's standpoint. Everything has been done to make the Cuban camps and garrisons habitable, but there remains a great deal yet to be done in the same line. It is understood that Surgeon Greenleaf, who was on General Miles' staff during the war, and who is now in Cuba on an inspection tour, is anxious the troops be withdrawn, or, if that be impossible, that they be removed to camps where they will be more exempt from fevers than where they are now.

M. LOUBET IS PRESIDENT.

Chosen by the French General Assembly. PARIS, Feb. 20.—M. Loubet was on Saturday elected president of France. He received 483 votes, while 279 were cast for M. Melme. The national assembly met at Versailles and the voting was without special interest, except at one time M. Deroulle mounted the tribune and persisted in speaking even after President Loubet of the senate had ordered him to desist. He was forcibly removed. When President Loubet reached Paris from Versailles there was a characteristic Parisian demonstration. The crowd which assembled about M. Deroulle shouted opprobrious epithets at Loubet and demanded that he resign. Repeated references were made to the Panama canal scandal. Quiet was finally restored.

M. Loubet was born December 31, 1838. He was successively a member of the senate, secretary of public works, prime minister and president of the senate, holding the latter position when elected to the presidency.

ENORMOUS PROPERTY LOSS.

Incendiarism and Fighting Takes Place in Manila. MANILA, Feb. 23.—Immense damage has been done by fires which are believed to have been started by insurgents. The fire department has experienced much difficulty in fighting the flames, owing to defective apparatus. It is reported that the natives have damaged the apparatus. There was some fighting in the streets during the night, but the Americans quickly quelled the uprising. A number of the insurgents were killed and several American soldiers were wounded. A large market place was among the first to burn. Between 600 and 700 residences and business houses have been destroyed. Fires were started at several points simultaneously and spreading with great rapidity resisted all efforts to control them. Hundreds of homeless natives are huddled in the streets, making the patrol duty of the Americans very difficult.

REPORTS FROM PHILIPPINES.

Situation at All the Important Points is Satisfactory. WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The war department has received the following from General Otis at Manila: "General Miller reports on the 19th that the insurgent forces, a few miles out from Manila, are believed to be disintegrating. He can maintain his position with his present force. Business in the city is being resumed. He sent up four representatives to the capital of the island of Negros, where the American flag was raised and American protection requested from the menace of the small insurgent force on the island. Affairs there and in Cebu are very encouraging. I shall endeavor to maintain and improve the present promising conditions. Affairs here are quiet. A small insurgent force east of the city was driven away with considerable loss to the enemy."

Agonized Outlawed.

MANILA, Feb. 21.—It is reported that Aguinaldo has outlawed Agonillo for advising the attack on Manila in order to influence the vote on the ratification of the peace treaty. Agonillo's telegraphic advice to the insurgent leader was known in Washington before the battle. Rear Admiral Dewey had been warned that the rebels had been making desperate attempts to procure additional arms and ammunition in Hong Kong.

BREVITIES.

A Madrid correspondent says that the cabinet has decided to consider "the best manner of selling the Caroline and Marianne Islands."

Madrid advises say it has been decided to liberate the Filipinos who have been deported to the Caroline and Ladrone islands, in order to influence the Filipinos to release the Spaniards they hold prisoners.

I Omaha dispatch: The west-bound Burlington fast mail has again broken all records. The best time was made between Chicago and Burlington, when it exceeded 100 miles an hour for several days. The train left Chicago at 10:47 p. m. and reached its destination at 8:01 a. m. The actual elapsed time was 9 hours and 14 minutes, and the actual running time, taking out stops, was 8 hours and 44 minutes for 303 miles. The best previous run was made on the same route by the Burlington fast mail, which took 9 hours and 14 minutes for the same distance.

Good Lands in Minnesota.

The best farm lands to be found in the state are along the line of the Minneapolis & St. Louis R. R. Release a ticket to Minneapolis or Duluth and look over the lands. A price of \$100.00 will buy a 160 acre farm with a good house and barn. Write for particulars to N. Bartholomew, 300 Fifth St., Des Moines, Ia.

A Patent Fact.

Attorney—One more question. Did you ever steal a horse? Witness—Do you think I am a ghost? No, sir. I live in Texas.

Baltimore, Feb. 13.—The story sent out from Chicago that General Passenger Agent Austin of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, had reported recent cutting on the part of rival lines, to the Receivers, is strenuously denied at B. & O. headquarters. Mr. Austin, in a letter, absolutely denies that any such cases have come under his notice and denounced the report as a "fake" pure and simple.

Mrs. Julia Dent Grant, widow of General Grant, is now more than 70 years old, and, having grown quite feeble, is leaving her Washington home. Her night is rapidly failing.

FREE TO MILLIONS.

A Valuable Little Book Sent Free for the Asking.

Medical books are not always interesting reading, especially to people enjoying good health, but as a matter of fact scarcely one person in ten is perfectly healthy, and even with such, sooner or later sickness must come. It is also a well established truth that nine-tenths of all diseases originate with a breaking down of the digestive system, a weak stomach weakens and impoverishes the system, making it easy for disease to gain a foothold. Nobody need fear consumption, kidney disease, liver trouble or a weak heart and nervous system as long as the digestion is good and the stomach able to assimilate plenty of wholesome food. Stomach weakness shows itself in a score of ways, and this little book describes the symptoms and causes and points the way to a cure so simple that anyone can understand and apply. Thousands have some form of stomach trouble and do not know it. They ascribe the headaches, the languor, nervousness, insomnia, palpitation, constipation and similar symptoms to some other cause than the true one. Get your digestion on the right track and the trouble about the liver, kidney disease or nervous debility will rapidly disappear. This little book treats entirely on the cause and removal of indigestion and its accompanying annoyances. It describes the symptoms of Acid Dyspepsia, Nervous Dyspepsia, Slow Dyspepsia, Amylaceous Dyspepsia, Catarrh of Stomach and all affections of the digestive organs in plain language easily understood, and the cause removed. It gives valuable suggestions as to diet, and contains a table giving length of time required to digest various articles of food, something every person with weak digestion should know. No price is asked, but simply send your name and address plainly written on postal card to the F. A. Stuart Co., 151 Main St., Marshall, Mich., requesting a little book on Stomach Diseases and it will be sent promptly by return mail.

Look out for explosions; the wintry blasts are blowing up streets and alleys everywhere.

Could Not Keep House Without Dr. Smith's Cough Syrup. Mrs. E. J. Watson, Boyd, Wisc. A bottle.

As a rule the man who is unable to trust himself displays pretty sound judgment.

Suggestions for Women as to the Care of Dainty Underwear. It is one thing to have pretty belongings, and another to keep them so. Of nothing can this be more truly said than of woman's underwear, so generally ruined in washing with strong, impure soap, and by hard rubbing. Silk and woolen underwear should never be washed on a cloudy day. When ready to do the work, half fill a tub with warm water, in which dissolve a fourth of a bar of Ivory Soap, and wash the articles through with the hands, rinse in warm water and squeeze, but do not wring. Hang on the line and press with a hot iron while damp.

ELIZA R. PARKER.

There are 672 known volcanoes in the world, of which 270 are active.

\$3,000 for a New Corn. That's what this new corn cost. Yields 13 bushels per acre. Big Four Oats 250 bushels—Salzer's Rape to pasture sheep and cattle at 50 cents per bushel. 50 tons of hay at \$1.00 per ton. Bromus Inermis, the greatest grass on earth; Barbed Wire 60 bushels of corn; 10 kinds of grasses and clovers, etc. Send this notice to JOHN A. SALZER, SEED CO., CHICAGO, ILL., with the stamps and receive free Catalogue; \$3.00 Corn and 10 Farm Seed Samples.

The ostrich is first plucked when it is about seven months old. Usually a dozen feathers are taken from the wings and tail at one time.

You use soap in the laundry every week. Try Diamond "C" Soap next week.

The man who is unable to write seldom poses as defendant in a breach-of-promise suit.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative, loosen the bowels. All drugs refund the money if it fails to cure. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

An Ohio man married an heiress and tried to prove that he didn't care for her money by spending every cent of it.

TUMOR EXPELLED.

Unusual Success of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Mrs. ELIZABETH WHEELLOCK, Magnolia, Iowa, in the following letter describes her recovery from a very critical condition: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have been taking your Vegetable Compound, and am now ready to sound its praises. It has done wonders for me in relieving me of a tumor. My health has been poor for three years. Change of life was working upon me. I was very much bloated and was a burden to myself. Was troubled with smothering spells, also palpitation of the heart and that bearing-down feeling, and could not be on my feet much. I was growing worse all the time, until I took your medicine. After taking three boxes of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Lozenges, the tumor passed from me. My health has been better ever since, can now walk quite a distance and am troubled no more with palpitation of the heart or bloating. I recommend your medicine to all sufferers from female troubles." It is hardly reasonable to suppose that any one can doubt the efficiency of Mrs. Pinkham's methods and medicine in the face of the tremendous volume of testimony.

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The empress of Russia dreads her dainty nose with a \$5,000 handkerchief.

Coe's Cough Balsam. Is the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.

Almost one-quarter of all the wheat raised in the world is grown in the United States.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury. As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from a reputable physician, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Halls' Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Halls' Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists, price 75c per bottle. Halls' Family Pills are the best.

In the Bavarian royal family during the past one hundred years there have been twenty-seven cases of insanity.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

It is a common practice among Japanese young ladies, when they desire to make themselves very attractive, to gild their lips.

WANTED—Case of bad health that R. P. A. S. will not benefit. Send 5 cents to Hiram Chemical Co., New York for 10 samples and 100 testimonials.

Mrs. Enelle Lussier, who died recently in Woonsocket, R. I., at the age of 78, left 87 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

FITS Permanently Cured. Notice of recovery after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Read for FREE. Send 5c in stamps to Dr. R. H. Kline, Ltd., 231 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

'Tis the mind that makes the body rich.—Shakespeare.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has saved me large doctor bills.—C. L. BAKER, 4238 Regent St., Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8, '95.

"Was the banquet a success?" "I guess so; the men all wore each other's overcoats off as souvenirs."

Positive, soap; comparative, good soap; superlative, Diamond "C" Soap. Some people refuse to lay up for a rainy day for fear there will be a prolonged drought.

Health for Ten Cents. Cascarets make bowels and kidneys act naturally, destroy microbes, cure headache, biliousness and constipation. All druggists.

Don't insure your life and then proceed to work yourself to death.

Daily Paper for \$1 a Year. The Des Moines Daily News, with all the news of Iowa and the world, telegraphic markets, a child's department, women's page, etc., is sent to any address for \$1 a year, 10 cents for six months, 5 cents for three months, 25 cents for one month. Address: THE NEWS, Des Moines, Iowa.

Satan is surely a really good fellow after all. He is always watching and preying.

FROM SUDDEN WEATHER CHANGES

Come sometimes Soreness and Stiffness of muscles and joints.

ST. JACOBS OIL is prompt to act and sure of a prompt cure.

ASK everybody you know to save their tin tags for you

The Tin Tags taken from Horseshoe, "J. T." Cross Bow, Good Luck—and Drummond Natural Leaf—will pay for any one or all of this list of desirable and useful things—and you have your good chewing tobacco besides.

Every man, woman and child in America can find something on this list that they would like to have and can have—FREE! Write your name and address plainly and send every tag you can get to us—mentioning the number of the present you want. Any assortment of the different kinds of tags mentioned above will be accepted as follows:

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Don't be fooled with a mackintosh or rubber coat. If you want a coat that will keep you dry in the wettest storm, buy the Fish Brand Slicker. It is for sale in your town, write for catalogue to A. J. TOWER, Boston, Mass.

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IS A SERIOUS QUESTION

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WILL SOLVE THE PROBLEM. It is Absolutely Pure. Try It. It Speaks For Itself. Your Grocer Keeps It.

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We will give the value of 20,000 new customers and house offers upon receipt of the price of 14c. We will give you a new car, a new house, a new lot, a new farm, a new business, a new life, a new world, a new universe, a new everything. We will give you everything you want for 14c. Write for particulars to N. Bartholomew, 300 Fifth St., Des Moines, Ia.

Rev. M. W. Everhart, formerly Presiding Elder of the Campaign and West Jacksonville Districts, and now pastor of the M. E. church at Carlinville, Ill., writes:—"To the afflicted, I take pleasure in saying that I cannot too highly commend the health-restoring properties of the medicines manufactured and sent out by the Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co. The change that has been wrought in my sanitary state by the use of the Dr. Kay's Kidneyure and the

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Medical books are not always interesting reading, especially to people enjoying good health, but as a matter of fact scarcely one person in ten is perfectly healthy, and even with such, sooner or later sickness must come. It is also a well established truth that nine-tenths of all diseases originate with a breaking down of the digestive system, a weak stomach weakens and impoverishes the system, making it easy for disease to gain a foothold. Nobody need fear consumption, kidney disease, liver trouble or a weak heart and nervous system as long as the digestion is good and the stomach able to assimilate plenty of wholesome food. Stomach weakness shows itself in a score of ways, and this little book describes the symptoms and causes and points the way to a cure so simple that anyone can understand and apply. Thousands have some form of stomach trouble and do not know it. They ascribe the headaches, the languor, nervousness, insomnia, palpitation, constipation and similar symptoms to some other cause than the true one. Get your digestion on the right track and the trouble about the liver, kidney disease or nervous debility will rapidly disappear. This little book treats entirely on the cause and removal of indigestion and its accompanying annoyances. It describes the symptoms of Acid Dyspepsia, Nervous Dyspepsia, Slow Dyspepsia, Amylaceous Dyspepsia, Catarrh of Stomach and all affections of the digestive organs in plain language easily understood, and the cause removed. It gives valuable suggestions as to diet, and contains a table giving length of time required to digest various articles of food, something every person with weak digestion should know. No price is asked, but simply send your name and address plainly written on postal card to the F. A. Stuart Co., 151 Main St., Marshall, Mich., requesting a little book on Stomach Diseases and it will be sent promptly by return mail.

Look out for explosions; the wintry blasts are blowing up streets and alleys everywhere.

Could Not Keep House Without Dr. Smith's Cough Syrup. Mrs. E. J. Watson, Boyd, Wisc. A bottle.

As a rule the man who is unable to trust himself displays pretty sound judgment.

Suggestions for Women as to the Care of Dainty Underwear. It is one thing to have pretty belongings, and another to keep them so. Of nothing can this be more truly said than of woman's underwear, so generally ruined in washing with strong, impure soap, and by hard rubbing. Silk and woolen underwear should never be washed on a cloudy day. When ready to do the work, half fill a tub with warm water, in which dissolve a fourth of a bar of Ivory Soap, and wash the articles through with the hands, rinse in warm water and squeeze, but do not wring. Hang on the line and press with a hot iron while damp.

ELIZA R. PARKER.

There are 672 known volcanoes in the world, of which 270 are active.

\$3,000 for a New Corn. That's what this new corn cost. Yields 13 bushels per acre. Big Four Oats 250 bushels—Salzer's Rape to pasture sheep and cattle at 50 cents per bushel. 50 tons of hay at \$1.00 per ton. Bromus Inermis, the greatest grass on earth; Barbed Wire 60 bushels of corn; 10 kinds of grasses and clovers, etc. Send this notice to JOHN A. SALZER, SEED CO., CHICAGO, ILL., with the stamps and receive free Catalogue; \$3.00 Corn and 10 Farm Seed Samples.

The ostrich is first plucked when it is about seven months old. Usually a dozen feathers are taken from the wings and tail at one time.

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The man who is unable to write seldom poses as defendant in a breach-of-promise suit.

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An Ohio man married an heiress and tried to prove that he didn't care for her money by spending every cent of it.

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Unusual Success of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Mrs. ELIZABETH WHEELLOCK, Magnolia, Iowa, in the following letter describes her recovery from a very critical condition: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have been taking your Vegetable Compound, and am now ready to sound its praises. It has done wonders for me in relieving me of a tumor. My health has been poor for three years. Change of life was working upon me. I was very much bloated and was a burden to myself. Was troubled with smothering spells, also palpitation of the heart and that bearing-down feeling, and could not be on my feet much. I was growing worse all the time, until I took your medicine. After taking three boxes of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Lozenges, the tumor passed from me. My health has been better ever since, can now walk quite a distance and am troubled no more with palpitation of the heart or bloating. I recommend your medicine to all sufferers from female troubles." It is hardly reasonable to suppose that any one can doubt the efficiency of Mrs. Pinkham's

STATE BYSTANDER.
RACE ECHOES.

There are 90,000 Negro Baptists in the state of Mississippi.
There were 127 persons lynched in the United States last year.
There are 749 Negro physicians and 450 Negro lawyers in the United States.
There are one hundred thousand state Negroes in the Indian Territory.
There are 3,100,000 colored school children in the public schools of this country.

DANGERS OF THE GRIP.
The greatest danger from La grippe is of its resulting in pneumonia.

Home Seekers Cheap Excursions.
February 21st, March 7th and 21st the D. M. N. & W. will sell Homesekers round trip tickets to points in the north, north-west, west and south at one fare plus two dollars for the round trip.

BELL'S WONDER.
A sure cure for Piles, Corns, Bruises, Cuts and Skin diseases in their worst stages and forms.

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The wise man can see at a glance that the Jewett Typewriter is the best machine for all practical purposes and suitable for any business.

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State of Iowa, Polk County, ss: To Chas. Stinson: You are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1895 the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, was sold for the taxes for the year 1894 which real estate is described as follows:

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where for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the rear of battle at the fall of Manila.

SHANK BROS., FUNERAL DIRECTORS.
517 MULBERRY ST.
Telephone Nos. 686 and 689.

Des Moines Railway Time Table.
C. R. I. & P. GOING EAST.
Chicago Limited: 9:30 pm Arrive 9:30 pm
Night Express: 10:30 pm Arrive 12:30 pm

C. R. I. & P. GOING WEST.
Denver Limited: 8:30 am Arrive 8:30 am
Night Express: 10:30 pm Arrive 12:30 pm

"HOLY ANGELS."
We have just received from the publishers a copy of the above-named beautiful Religious Reverie, suitable for piano or organ, composed by George D. Wilson. The retail price of this music is 60 cents.

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State of Iowa, Polk County, ss: To Adelaide B. Smith: You are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1895 the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, was sold for the taxes for the year 1894 which real estate is described as follows:

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State of Iowa, Polk County, ss: To W. W. Love: You are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1895 the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, was sold for the taxes for the year 1894 which real estate is described as follows:

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State of Iowa, Polk County, ss: To Albert Willis: You are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of December, A. D. 1895 the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, was sold for the taxes for the year 1894 which real estate is described as follows:

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State of Iowa, Polk County, ss: To C. H. Mitchell: You are hereby notified that on the 5th day of December, A. D. 1895 the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, was sold for the taxes for the year 1894 which real estate is described as follows:

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State of Iowa, Polk County, ss: To Benjamin and Stern: You are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1895 the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, was sold for the taxes for the year 1894 which real estate is described as follows:

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State of Iowa, Polk County, ss: To Sarah E. Day: You are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1895 the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, was sold for the taxes for the year 1894 which real estate is described as follows:

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Every year you resolve to get at the sewing earlier, but somehow it hangs and drags along 'till before you know - Fall is with you. We have a line of

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GINGHAMS AT 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 12c, 15c.
MADEAS AT 5c, 6c, 10c, 15c.
PIQUES-SHIRT WAIST STRIPES 12 1-2c.
INDIA LINONS-FINE TALUES, 5c AND UPWARDS.

SOME KINDS OF ECONOMY.
Is it economy for you to buy a poorer shoe than you have been buying, just because it costs you a little less money? It is economy when you can get the same quality shoe, or a little better quality shoe, for less money than you have been paying.

THE FAIR.
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Thomas Whitfield & Co., 240 Washburn, corner Jackson-st., one of Chicago's oldest and most prominent druggists, recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for la grippe, as it not only gives a prompt and complete relief, but also counteracts any tendency of la grippe to result in pneumonia.

ORIGINAL NOTICE.
Henry J. Pierce vs. Lettie D. Pierce. In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Polk county, March Term, A. D. 1895.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT.
The Corinthian Baptist Church - situated on St. Paul street, between Second and Third streets, preaching at 11 A. M.; Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 7 P. M.

SECRET ORDERS.
North Star Lodge, No. 2, A. F. A. M. - Meets Third Thursday in each month at Masonic Hall - Corner West Sixth and Walnut. W. M. G. H. Gage, secretary.

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ALBIA NEWS.
Mr. C. G. Tolson spent Sunday in our city with his family.
Charles Shelton was a Tuesday visitor. Mrs. Jennette Bell of Colosia has been the guest at her parental for the last few weeks.

SAN LUIS DE CUBA.
Rev. T. Reeves, Dear Brother in Christ - It is with great pleasure that I write you a few lines to let you know that I am yet alive and on the Island of Cuba.

HANNIBAL MO.
Miss Eliza Setela departed this life Tuesday, Feb. 14th, at 9:00 A. M. She was a teacher in the Douglass School and was loved by all who knew her.

Mr. Joseph Sexton of St. Louis is visiting his sister Mrs. Brown on Broadway street.
Miss Lettie Harris who has been ill for sometime is able to be out again.
Mr. Taylor of Macon Mo. is visiting friends in this city.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.
God has smiled upon us with some fine weather in the past few days; let us see how many will turn him thanks on the Lord's day.

EVERYBODY.
KNOWS THAT MUNGERS' LAUNDRY is the best in the city. Try them and be decided.
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where for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the rear of battle at the fall of Manila.

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