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IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

CITY NEWS.

The weather is very pleasant for a January in Iowa.

G. Fredrick Stanton, who was sick the forepart of this week is better.

Mrs. Harrison Gould, who has been sick the past week, is improving.

Alonso Jones is inclined to be sick last week, but is about this week.

If you are loyal to the race you will work and vote for Frank Blagburn.

Wm. Bailey, of Ottumwa was elected janitor, has assumed the duties. He is one of Ottumwa successful young men.

Members of Centerville arrived in Des Moines last week to assume his work as a force at the capitol.

Miss Davis, returned last Friday from a pleasant visit with relatives in Glasgow, Keytesville, Mo.

Our correspondents do not expect to reach our office until Thursday. They should reach our office by noon.

Members of Albion was one of the candidates in securing a legislative and will spend the winter with us.

A program for the Ladies' aid meeting, Sunday: Address by J. Vaughn; Recitation by Mrs. J. Vaughn; Paper by Mrs. T. A. Clark; by Prof. Geo. I. Holt.

Miss George Blagburn, formerly of Capart, arrived here from Omaha, Mo. She will remain here with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Blagburn.

Several cases of small pox is reported at Youngtown only four miles from our city. They are all colored victims. Youngtown has been quarantined.

North Star Lodge No. 2 A. F. and A. M. will meet in special communication Thursday evening Jan. 12th all members are requested to be present. by order of J. E. Blagburn W. M.

All those who heard Rev. Dr. J. Underwood last Sunday night on the subject of the Holy Ghost were led into a profound depth of reasoning, early produced by the pulpit orator. The Dr. is a brilliant scholar and an interesting speaker and held his audience in wrapped attention throughout his masterly effort.

H. B. S. READING SOCIETY. Jan. 18th, 1900. Mrs. Wilburn, hostess. Quotations from Paul Lawrence Dunbar:

Majors and Minors Mrs. Banks Reading from Dunbar. Mrs. Palmer Music. Mrs. Wilburn Current Events. Mrs. Lewis Progress of Race. Mrs. Denny History. Mrs. Warlicks Oricle. Mesdames Lewis and Wilburn Lecture.

The so-called services at the A. M. E. church were very good and the church was over crowded with both white and colored; eager to hear the best choir ever organized west of the Mississippi river, with but few equals in America. While yet the choir is not quite up to once high standard, but Prof. Holt is doing so well that they hope to reach it soon.

Mr. J. A. Wyatt of New Hampton came to our city this week to work in the capitol. His wife will come later.

Miss Della Richardson who has been in such a critical condition for the past two weeks is no better at this writing, but seems to get weaker each day. Her friends are relieved.

We received the sad news of the death of Mrs. Lewis, an aged and highly respected lady of Unionville, Mo. She died on Christmas day. She had a few friends who live in our city.

Get your winter coal at 1007 Center street. Iowa Phone 255.

Mrs. Lena Mason, the great colored lady evangelist, arrived in our city this week and is conducting a series of meetings at the First African Baptist church, corner of School and B streets. Mrs. Mason comes highly recommended by both press and pulpit, as an evangelist. Her meetings elsewhere have met with much success.

When the politician, and the friends of the different candidates are soliciting your support for their friends, tell them that if they will work and vote for Frank Blagburn for market-master that you can help him other wise you can not.

Mr. Edward Burke, Jr., who was selected as one of the House janitors, arrived in our city Tuesday, and commenced work at once. His wife accompanied him and they are stopping at Mrs. Dewberry's on East Des Moines street.

WANTED—SEVERAL BRIGHT AND honest persons to represent us as Managers in this and close by counties. Salary \$50 a year and expenses. Straight bona fide, no more no less salary. Position permanent. Our references, any bank in any town. If I really office work conducted at home. Refer to. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope THE DOMINION COMPANY, Dept. 3, CHICAGO.

The first issue of "The Kansas Homestead" has reached our office. It is a four column, eight page paper, devoted to the agricultural interests. It is printed in Coffeyville, Kansas.

"The Searchlight," a new paper just entered the journalistic field from Sioux City, Iowa, has just been received. It is a seven column, four-page, well printed paper, with G. G. Carr, editor. We extend to you our compliments.

When in Muchaknock, Iowa stop at MRS. ADDIE JOHNSON'S RESTAURANT for good meals or, short orders; also Ice Cream. Prompt attention given to all orders.

The Twenty-eighth (Iowa) General Assembly met last Monday, and organized for work. The Gear men defeating the Cummins' men for speakership by only three votes, therefore giving the Gear men full control of both House, hence the re-election of Senator John H. Gear of Burlington, for another term in the Upper House. It was the greatest political fight in the annals of Iowa politics. The Gear men was surrounded by nearly all of the trained politicians of Iowa, with two powerful railroad corporations on their side; nine-tenths of all the federal and state officers, all the postmasters, all the congressional delegation, and other things very helpful. While Hon. A. B. Cummins relied on his true young, free, independent republicans, for his support, while this defeat is only a temporary check, yet his eloquent voice will soon be heard in the United States Senate.

List of Colored Employees at the Capitol During the Legislature. The Twenty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa has employed thus far eleven colored people all for menial places. They are as follows: Janitor of Senate cloak room, Jefferson Logan, of Polk county; and W. H. Jones, of Mahaska county; for senate toilet room, Chas. Comley, of Hamilton county. In the House for janitor of House, Nathan Middleton, of Hamilton county; C. W. Carter, of Lucas county, Edward Burke, Jr., of Pottawattamie county; for toilet room, Wm. Bailey, of Wappello county, for extra help on the night janitor force, are H. E. Jacobs, of Polk county; T. W. Jones, of Poweshiek county; Burt Jones, of Monroe county; W. H. Gibbs, of Appanoose county.

The objection raised by Edward W. Bassett of the Brooklyn school board to the appointment of William L. Bailey, a Negro, as a teacher in the public school at Canasie. Although a majority of the committee of the Canasie school favor him, and he is likely, therefore, to be desirous of getting employment in Manhattan if he can, owing to the publicity which his case has attained in Brooklyn. Mr. Burley was told that there were 125 applicants ahead of him here, and that it would probably be two years before his name would be reached.

Burley is a graduate of Claflin university. There are about sixteen colored teachers in Brooklyn at present and four in this borough. Mr. Jasper said yesterday that the colored teachers had been sent to the school, even in teaching white children, in two of the four colored teachers are now doing.

Hampton, has the polish stand in the House room. As all honest labor is honorable labor and each man thus employed is expected to do his part, promptly and punctually to be courteous and gentlemanly to all, thereby leaving a good record, a good name in whatever place or position that you are filling, so that in after years others of our race may have it easier to secure places in the future. Do your work right and honorable. We would like very much to have seen some colored clerks or pages, or door keepers, some place that would reflect credit to the race and encourage the educated colored men. Yet when we know how cool the Blythe's and Ed. Hunter are to colored people we may well know the reason why we do not get our just deserts.

RACE ISSUE IN THE U. S. SENATE.

For the first time since the convening of the present congress the question of Franchise for the Negro or the race question was discussed last Monday Senator Morgan (Dem., Ala.), defended the new constitutional amendments of Louisiana and North Carolina, which was recently passed, practically disfranchising the colored voters. Below we print a brief synopsis of Senator Morgan's speech. On Jan. 22, Senator Pritchard (Rep., N. C.), will address the Senate, favoring the re-union and Negro franchise. We will make no comments until the debate is over and both sides are presented.

Mr. Morgan said that no great body of white people in the world could be expected to quietly accept a situation so distressing and demoralizing as is treated by negro suffrage in the south. It is a thorn in the flesh and will irritate and wrangle in the body politic until it is removed. He declared that negro suffrage in Louisiana and other southern states had been an unbroken line of obstruction to progress, and that in many places thousands of negro votes in doubtful counties, with little concealment, were bought for \$1 each. "If southern white men," said he, "have falsified election returns they have the stronger, if not better, reason that they are acting upon the same law of self-defense that insulted and outraged human nature resorts to for the protection of homes and families from a race that sets at defiance all moral restraints upon their brutal desires." SUGGESTS A HOME FOR NEGROES. "This evil, he thought, would end only when the United States had provided a home for the negro race suited to their traits.

In conclusion Mr. Morgan said: "The democratic party has always been a white man's party, and when the appeal of Louisiana and North Carolina, supported by the democrats in all the southern states, is made to them, they and a vast body of white men all over the country who have not acted with them in the past, will unite in a demand that these sovereign states shall not be destroyed for taking care of the lives and happiness of their people."

At the conclusion of Mr. Morgan's speech, Mr. Pritchard gave notice that he would address the senate on the resolution on Jan. 22d.

DIXON DEFEATED.

George Dixon of Boston, the colored featherweight, who has held the championship for six years was defeated, but not knocked out by Terry McGovern, of Brooklyn, last Wednesday night, at the Broadway Athletic club, in the eighth round. It was a clear defeat, as the young Irishman was too much for the colored lad who can boast of the best record of any pugilist in the world, having fought over 800 battles and was never knocked out. He was born July 29, 1870, in Halifax, N. S., height 5 feet 3 1/2 inches, weight 118 pounds. His ring career began in 1886. Indeed the phenomenal record that Mr. Dixon has made is astonishing the world.

COLORED TEACHERS IN BROOKLYN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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"The colored teachers," Mr. Jasper said, "who pass successful examinations are placed on the eligible list and appointed when their names are reached."

COLORED INSURANCE COMPANY.

A Worthy Race Enterprise About to be Incorporated in Chicago.

Colored business men of Chicago are about to incorporate an insurance company exclusively for colored people. The reason offered for the drawing of this particular kind of color line is that the insurance companies of the country, it is declared, persist in holding out discriminatory rates to those colored people who wish to partake of the benefits accruing from life insurance.

It is said by those who profess to know that this is one of many movements to broaden the business life of the country's colored population. Colored men of means see a good chance to make paying investments by establishing race business concerns. In the instance of the Chicago insurance company scheme the plan appears to be well outlined.

Ministers in the pulpit have called their congregations to sustain the company, and the lawyers and small business men—grocerymen, butchers, restaurant-keepers, coal dealers and the like—have joined with them in a concerted movement to make the plan succeed from the start. Dr. Daniel H. Williams, County Commissioner Edward H. Wright, S. Laing Williams and Edward H. Morris of Chicago, are among the substantial colored men interested.

With these are associated Alexander Miles of Duluth, Minn., reputed to be the wealthiest colored man in the northwest; J. Frank Wheaton, the only colored member of the Minnesota state legislature, and the Rev. W. H. Weaver of St. Paul, Minn.

RAY & HARKINS, 1007 Center St. is the best place to buy coal.

FT. MADISON RIPPLETS. The Christmas entertainments were successful.

Miss Polli Dandridge has returned from Kookuk where she had an enjoyable time. Mrs. C. H. Eobanks is home again from Trenton, Mo., where she had a pleasant visit.

Messrs Rice and Lewis of Fraser made Ft. Madison a short visit last week.

Mrs. Fraser and husband entertained our pastor at dinner Sunday.

Mr. James Thomas has returned to Davenport, after spending a few days with his wife and many friends here.

The Second Baptist S. S. elect the following officers for this year: Superintendent, Benj. Winfrey; Assistant Mrs. Kittie Jackson; Secretary, Mrs. Hattie Winfrey; Assistant, Mrs. Marriah Grady; Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Mack; Organist, Miss Val ley Bowman; Librarian, Miss Cora White; Teachers, R. H. Higginbotham, Miss Lollie Yeiser, Mrs. Snell Hall.

Messdames Geo. Chambers, M. Grady, Geo. Mack, and Mr. Blade and wife made a few days visit to Denmark with his mother and father.

Mrs. Snodde's mother returned to her home Friday after spending several weeks with her sick daughter who is very little better.

Mrs. J. Price has been sick for several days.

Rev. McCallan went to New Boston to preach Sunday.

Mrs. Hattie Hoskins is still improving. Miss McCoy has returned after spending three or four months in Kookuk, Quinn, Hamilton, Canton LaGrange, Chicago Hannibal and a few other places.

The young people take great interest in their 6:30 o'clock meeting every Sunday. Mr. John Woods made a flying visit to Canton last week.

Miss Taylor of Trenton, Mo., is visiting Mrs. M. Grady.

We are sorry to hear of our friend Rev. Jones of Ottumwa having to go to Mt. Pleasant. We hope he is improving.

KEOKUK NOTES.

Special to the BYSTANDER.

Mrs. O. B. Claire gave one of the finest dinners of the season, eight courses were served in the latest style. The dining room was decorated with lace, ribbon and flowers. Mrs. Claire is one of our leading ladies whom the race should be proud of, and she certainly knows how to entertain her friends. She was assisted by Miss Emma and Mrs. Robert Young of Syracuse, New York. Those present were Rev. Bass Mr. and Mrs. Gable, Mr. and Mrs. Young of Syracuse, N. Y., Mrs. Oliphant, Misses Myrtle Cooper, Emma and Bessie Oliphant, and Gertrude Young of New York.

Messrs. Webb and William Byster of Omaha were in our city a few days last week visiting.

Miss Etta Davis entertained a few friends Monday evening in honor of Miss H. V. Davis.

Miss Myrtle Cooper entertained Misses Emma Oliphant and Gertrude Young of New York to dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Epler of Mississippi is visiting her sons and daughters Mr. Thomas, Mrs. T. S. S. and Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. S.

Miss Etta Martin is on the sick list. Mr. Wm. Martin of Rock Island, Ill., spent the holidays in our city.

few of her friends in honor of Miss Vinton Davis.

Mr. O. B. Claire is a great worker among his race and we are proud to speak of him.

BEDFORD NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davis of Galesburg, Ill., are visiting with relatives and friends during the holidays.

Mrs. Mary Shackleford and Will Lewis are on the sick list.

Miss N. E. Franklin is improving slowly.

Mr. James Shackleford spent Christmas in Ottumwa, the guest of his aunt Mrs. Della Mason.

Grandma Johnson, Mrs. Lizzie Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davis of Galesburg, Ill., and R. H. Johnson and family spent New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Shackleford.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd entertained friends Christmas in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

There was a family reunion at grandma Johnson's December 27. All members of the family were present, except G. W. Johnson and Bud Lucas of Galesburg. However the twenty-five members present did ample justice to the fat goose, turkey, mince pies etc.

W. H. Johnson and family are visiting in Clarinda.

Success to the bystander.

FRASER, IOWA.

Fraser Supply Co., has been busy putting up ice.

Rev. Roy, C. C. Jinken and Walter John returned from Des Moines Wednesday and reported good time and success to the Movable Calk Horse Shoe Co.

The colored people of our town spent emancipation day, January 1st, in speaking, select reading solos and etc. Rev. Roy was orator of the day. T. B. S. Lucas made the opening address. His subject was "Suicide to one thing."

Mr. George White was called to Miss Snodde by the death of his mother-in-law.

It is reported that Mrs. Jones, her daughter Mrs. L. Floyd and her grand daughter left for Illinois to attend the side of Mrs. Jones' daughter who is at the point of death.

Mr. A. Hackney left for his home in Bradford, Ill.

Mrs. N. Streeter has been on the sick list but is some better.

Mrs. Cora Williams is on the sick list.

Mr. C. Marti is unable to work.

Mr. George Lewis had three very fine hogs butchered this week.

Messrs. Lewis and Wm. Battles were unable to work for a couple of days on account of a bruised ankle received in the mines.

Mr. D. Jennings is now able to return to work.

Mr. George Lewis is on the sick list.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Special to the Bystander.—Mr. Dorch, after spending a pleasant month's visit with his family at Mount Pleasant, returned to his place of business, in Lincoln, Nebr.

MEMORY OF THE DYING CENTURY.

It was just 100 years ago

Since the dawn of the 19th century morn.

It budded like a rose as we all well know,

But the 19th century has faded and gone.

Oh to think of those years of long long ago

When our dear grand parents were born;

It makes my heart shudder, but then we all know

That the 19th century has faded and gone.

Sacred to my memory are those days of 100 years ago.

Many a change has come since the dawn of that morn.

But alas it is true! as we all well know

That the 19th century has faded and gone.

The 19th century which budded years ago is hidden and lost to the grave it has flown.

Nevermore to be recalled, as we all truly know

For the 19th century has faded and gone

Down the stream of time we all gently go

Gleiding by swiftly with faces care worn,

But let us not sigh at the thought, that we know

That the 19th century has faded and gone.

Oh 20th century you too soon will go

But we welcome you with hearts true and warm.

SPECIAL TO THE BYSTANDER.

MACON CITY, MO.

(Western College Notes.)

Miss Hallie M. Byrd of Knoxville, Iowa is attending college.

Miss Nora Craig of Kansas City, Mo. returned to further pursue her studies.

Miss Etta Null is on the sick list.

Miss Minnie Micer is sick.

Rev. Hayes returned home Saturday.

Miss Lurinda Jones has returned to the college.

Revival meeting begins this week at the Baptist church.

Mrs. Ewing, mother of Rev. Thomas' wife died of heart disease Wednesday and was buried at St. Louis Friday.

Miss Lulu Morton is on the sick list.

New laws and regulations will take place at the college this week.

Mr. Chas. South, Misses Rosa Johnson, and Jennie Grant all of Palmyra returned to their duties to-day.

Miss Nannie Butler is very ill.

Mr. Jackson went home Saturday.

Mr. Peter Moss married during the holidays.

ALBION NEWS.

Miss Henrietta Jones returned to Iowa City on Tuesday morning.

Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Griffith will leave Monday evening for Christmas, Virginia their future home.

Mr. Burt Jones was a business visitor in Des Moines this week.

Miss Cora Thomas of Muchaknock is at home with her parents in this city a few days this week and for an indefinite time.

KNOXVILLE NOTES.

Mr. Crumpp J. S. who has been suffering from a paralytic stroke since early in November is improving, but recovery is doubtful, owing to his age. Andy Jeffers and family have been in attendance most of the time looking after his father's wants.

Mrs. Ed. Jeffers of Quincy, Ill., a daughter-in-law is here to assist in caring for her father-in-law. Jim Jeffers a son, employed at the Parson House is on hand nearly every night to sit up.

Din and Mack Jeffers, brothers-in-law are always on hand to do what they can.

Miss H. M. Bird has gone to Macon City, Mo., to attend college. She writes that every thing is nice and the people are kind.

Marrie Wilkerson is visiting her sister Mrs. John Jeffers.

Mrs. Rev. Skiena of Okaloosa came over on Thursday to visit her uncle Crumpp Jeffers. She returned Friday accompanied by her brother Will.

Nelson Tomlin is preparing the food for the inner man at the Sheldahl Hotel, W. P. Bird is on the street occasionally but he has not been able to work since he returned from the Philippines. The malaria sick to him like the Philippine to Aguinaldo.

THE WIDE AWAKE.

"The Wide Awake" wishes F. E. Harper Woman's club a merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

The colored race can boast of a number of poetesses. In reading one of the popular colored newspapers the name of Mrs. Tillman is mentioned as being the author of "Christmas Bells," words are inadequate to express the sublimity of sentiment.

Providence in his great and wonderful wisdom is lifting the burden of oppression from the Boers who are being so cruelly mistreated by the British and they are defeating the enemy on every side.

In solving the race problem many of the race thinks it can be done with weapons of war, but the more considerate thinks it can be done with the great weapon of education. If we try to get education and improve our time, as education prepares us for living. Then combining money with intelligence we are then solving the great and momentous problem. We can not demand the respect of our conscientious brother and sister, if we are not industrious and intelligent, and can not obtain the positions that they have by censuring them through the press.

We have in our city, visitors from Illinois and many parts of the state to participate in the pleasures of the holidays.

The Dunbar Literary club is the most progressive woman's club in the city. It is a reading organization of rare ability, and discusses only the best literature. F. E. Harper, wake up.

How glorious and what satisfaction it is to the members of the colored churches in this community, working with untiring energy for the betterment of their condition.

In our city there is connected with the A. M. E. church, a normal for Sunday School teachers, and several ladies who have been ordained, called, consecrated to look after the charity work.

The working twelve, a club of gentlemen, organized to raise money to pay on the debt of St. Mary. The Virgin's church is prospering, as also the "Easy Bess" and the Progressive Nine, who are ladies' and miss' clubs for the same purpose.

The Masonic order celebrated St. John's day, Wednesday, December 27th at the G. A. R. hall(?) to say in a creditable manner, is an injustice to them. The addresses were carefully prepared and delivered in such grand style of oratory, that the audience were held spell bound. They were as follows:

F. D. Fields, "Man's Best Virtue," B. L. Anderson, "Living Presence," L. W. Draine, St. John; Master of Ceremonies Chas. W. Williams. After the program quite a number "tripped the light fantastic" till the wee sma hours. Miss Lizzie Miller was the successful contestant for a beautiful gold watch.

Master Preston Bannister, who has been confined to her room for ten days, is convalescent.—Gate City.

DAVENPORT REPORT.

Indianapolis Dasher and Klondike Silver side of Terre Haute, Ind. left for Chicago Jan. 5th on the Rock Island 11:00 p. m., from there they will go to Boston. The two young men made quite a number of friends while here and we are very sorry to give them up but wish them success.

Last Sunday was quarterly meeting day at Bethel A. M. E. church, quite a number from over the river was present. Rev. Thomas of Rock Island preached a wonderful sermon.

Miss Ella Wetwiler of 1720 Iowa St., has been quite sick for several days but we are glad to say that she is better at this writing.

Rev. M. J. Burton will be here and will preach at the Third Baptist church morning and evening.

Superintendent Mabry of the Third Baptist Sunday school arranged four cash prizes for the scholars who recited the motto text the most perfect for the last quarter in 1899. They were won by Lillie Hughes, Alton Allen, Myrtle Hughes and Raymond Hughes.

Eureka Lodge 3893 G. U. O. O. F. will have their public installation of officers in Hibernian Hall on Brady street, Wednesday J. 24.

Mrs. Leunie who resides on Eleventh street is very sick at this writing.

Miss Cora Christina who has been sick is some better at this writing.

We notice quite a number of agents

Half a Bottle Cured Me

"About thirty years ago I bought a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor to stop my hair from falling out. One-half a bottle cured me. A few days ago my hair began to fall out again. I went to the medicine shelf and found the old bottle of Hair Vigor just as good as when I bought it."—J. C. Baxter, Bradwood, Ill., Sept. 27, 1899.

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STORIES.
In sentencing a prisoner to be hanged for the murder of a soldier, Lord Eskgrove dilated upon the crime as follows: "And not only did you murder him, but you were hanged for it, and you did it, or push, or pierce, or project, or propel the lethal weapon through the bellyband of his regimental breeches, which were his majesty's!"

Buckle attributes the great success of Scottish men of science to their preference for a priori or deductive argument. The following story of similar trend was attributed to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. A Scotsman was asserting that all the great poets were of his nation. "Well, but," said one "how about Shakespeare? You can't say he was a Scotsman." To which the other replied, "His talents would justify the supposition."

The humors of examination papers were illustrated by Dr. Halg Brown, who, speaking at the City of London College upon the responsibility which rested upon examiners in weighing fragments of knowledge, said that the question, "What are the children of Eve?" once received the reply, "Small animals which abound in such great numbers in cheese." The inquiry "What is a cherub?" elicited, in its turn, the answer, "An immortal being of uncertain shape."

A collector in a Georgia court relates that he once overheard a conversation between his cook and a nurse, who were discussing the funeral of a member of their race, at which there had been a great profusion of flowers. The nurse said: "When I die, don't plant no flowers on my grave, but plant a good old watermelon vine, and when it gets ripe you come dar, and don't you eat it, but jee' bus' it on de grave and let dat good old julee dribble down through de ground."

The Boston Transcript tells a story of a man who has a class of boys in his natural history. One of the subjects which he took up was butterflies and moths, and he told the children a good deal about the chrysalides and cocoons. After he had got the boys well instructed, he showed one of the smallest of them one of the cocoons, and asked: "What butterfly is this the cocoon of?" Then the little boy looked up and said slowly and respectfully: "My papa says that all cocoons look alike to him!"

When Henry Clay was stumping Kentucky for re-election, at one of his mass-meetings an old hunter of wide political influence said: "Well, Harry, I've always been for you, but because of that vote" (which he named) "I'm goin' agin you." "Let me see your rifle," said Clay. It was handed up to him. "Did she ever miss fire?" "Well, yes, once," "Why didn't you throw her away?" "The old hunter thought a moment and then said, "Harry, I'll try you agin." And Harry was elected.

Sir John Ayle, who was governor of Gibraltar fortress, always made himself closely acquainted with the work of whatever happened to be in his department. Meeting a person once coming into the office late, the general asked him what time he was supposed to be on duty. "Oh!" was the reply, "I usually stroll in about eleven or twelve o'clock." "Stroll in?" said Sir John, in a rising tone; "then I presume you do not leave till late?" "Well, I usually slip off about two o'clock."

"Slip off at two?" exclaimed the veteran, in his topmost note; "pray, may I ask what department you belong to?" "Oh," said the stranger, "I come every Saturday to attend to the clocks."

The recent illness of the Rev. E. R. Johnson of Melbourne, Ind., recalls the fact that some years ago he was supposed to have died, and his body was prepared for the grave. While in his coffin, rigid from apoplexy, he heard his funeral sermon pronounced, but fortunately recovered in time to prevent premature burial.

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Empress Eugenie's reader and constant companion in her exile, Mme. Le Breton, is dead at the age of 82 years. She was a sister of Gen. Bonbraki and married the son of the sea captain who conveyed Napoleon I from Elba to France.

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That Mysterious Major...

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CHAPTER IX.
On the following evening Lady Howard and her niece, accompanied by the indefatigable Falkland, were taking a little stroll along the terrace, when Major Brown appeared and handed a note to Evelyn.

"The last delivery, and only one letter! Dear me, the postman is treating us badly to-day!" exclaimed Lady Howard, with symptoms of astonishment. "I have been expecting to hear from the boys. Their school breaks up on the twenty-ninth, and I was wanting to arrange about the trains. Why, Evelyn dear, whoever is your correspondent? You look surprised," she broke off suddenly.

"Well, yes—I am," said Miss Luttrell, with a little nod, contracting her brows into a distinct frown. "It is from the bank; but what it means I have no idea. I cannot make head or tail of it."

"From the bank?" repeated Lady Howard questioning. "Yes," explained Evelyn. "They say that the enclosed check was presented at the bank this morning, but that they refused to cash it on the ground that only the initial of my second name was signed instead of my name in full."

"Ah—I understand! It is merely your own mistake, I suppose? You wrote the check in a hurry and forgot how you usually sign your name." "That must be it, of course," mused Evelyn in a tone which, in spite of her words, sounded slightly doubtful. "All the same, though—with sudden decision—I am perfectly certain that I have not written any check for five hundred pounds!"

"Five hundred pounds! My dear child, why did you not tell me that at once?" Lady Howard turned anxiously towards her niece. "Let me look at the check. Is that your signature?"



"THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS BUSINESS," HE BEGAN.

nature? Oh, ridiculous! It is the most glaring case I ever saw! Mr. Falkland—Major Brown—in her agitation her ladyship would have appealed to her bitter enemy—"come and say what you think about it. It is a forgery, of course!"

A forgery! The word acted like magic upon the two men. Falkland, with his head almost buried in an evening newspaper and his whole thoughts occupied with the interesting "Beauchamp Case," instantly dropped the paper and stood perfectly motionless, looking from Lady Howard to Evelyn, from Evelyn to her aunt, whilst Brown, who had sauntered off to the edge of the terrace, started perceptibly and grew white to the very lips.

For a moment not a word was uttered. Everybody gazed in fascinated silence at the thin slip of innocent looking pink paper fluttering softly to and fro in her ladyship's fingers, and then it was Falkland who was the first to speak.

"But the money? Five hundred pounds, did you say?" There was strange energy in his voice, a dash of feverish excitement in his manner. "The check has been cashed?"

"Oh, dear no—certainly not! Luckily for Evelyn, the flaw in her signature was discovered in time, so that no harm has been done."

"How very fortunate!" was the reply, terse rather than jubilant. "And yet I hardly understand," came dubiously from the Major, who, from the moment the expression and alarm had come into his face, had stood, with his head bent, glaring fixedly at the glowing ash of his cigar. "Of what does the flaw consist?"

"Of the merest trifle," answered Lady Howard readily. "It is simply that my niece is always in the habit of signing her name in full—Evelyn Chantry Luttrell—whereas in this case it is signed only 'Evelyn C. Luttrell.'"

"Yes," added Evelyn, speaking for the first time. "And, as one of my check books, upon which I had very foolishly written my name, 'Evelyn C. Luttrell,' was lost in the post last year, they said at the bank that for the future, as a preventive of forgeries, they would never cash any checks that were not signed 'Chantry' in full."

"Then this check," suggested Falkland in the same calm deliberate tone, "is of course one of those which you lost last year?"

own that she could scarcely believe, despite the convincing "Five hundred pounds," that she had not really written it herself. "And the finder has evidently considered it advisable to let some months pass before trying his experiment; only, now that I come to think of it"—Miss Luttrell paused, and glancing up quickly as if for inspiration, encountered Falkland's dark penetrating eyes fixed steadily upon her—"the checks I lost were blue—I know they were—whilst this one is pink, payable to order like those I am using now."

It was undoubtedly rather an astounding piece of news. Falkland looked distinctly perturbed, whilst Brown examined the end of his cigar more intently than ever and tried to appear perfectly unimpressed.

"Are you certain of that, Miss Luttrell?" The question came somewhat abruptly from Falkland. "Certain!" answered Evelyn decidedly. "But, if you like, I will fetch my check book; then you can see for yourself."

She jumped up from her chair and turned to hurry off along the terrace, when, to her surprise, she found that Major Brown had turned likewise, and that consequently their paths both lay in the same direction.

"This is a very serious business, Miss Luttrell," he began as he walked along by her side, going straight to the all-important object.

"Yes; it is rather serious—at least, it might have been," was Evelyn's philosophical rejoinder. "Anyhow, it is annoying; and of course some steps ought to be taken in the matter at once, or the same thing may be occurring again, only next time it will probably be your full name, instead of merely the initial."

"Yes; but, whatever we do, it is

myself by the first train in the morning." "Oh, yes—take it now, if you like! I shall be only too thankful to get rid of it. I cannot help thinking that there is something rather uncanny about it, and that as long as I have it in my possession the writer of it will be coming to haunt me. I only hope, though," she added, as she handed the precious paper into the Major's charge, "that he will not haunt you."

"No such luck, I am afraid. Forgers are only horribly commonplace beings at the best of times. But never say 'Die,' Miss Luttrell! We shall succeed—see if we don't!"

With these prophetic words the Major raised his hat and went slowly on his way, whilst Evelyn, who was just on the point of entering Lady Howard's room, paused and looked round quickly, her attention having been arrested by a crunching of the gravel and a shadow which had suddenly fallen across her path.

It was Falkland. Evidently he must have followed almost immediately upon their footsteps; and, as Evelyn turned and surveyed him, she was instantly struck by the deathly whiteness of his face.

(To be continued.)

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How Capt. Pratt Scrapped Acquaintance with the Great Statesman.

Every visitor to Scituate or the neighboring villages along the shore and farther inland knows Capt. Pratt, says the Boston Transcript. He is among the oldest of the town's inhabitants, and from an inexhaustible fund of entertaining stories he relates with inimitable drollery many amusing happenings of a time before the south shore became a famous resort. It is counted an important part of the summer's programme nowadays to call on this old man and hear him narrate some of the varied experiences of his ninety years' life. He dearly loves company, and when the wind is in the right direction he can be very entertaining. For more than forty years he was master of ships that visited all the ports along the Atlantic coast. After that he retired to a somewhat quieter life fishing round the zigzag shores of his native Massachusetts. He believes himself to be the only survivor of the company that built the first Minot's Ledge lighthouse, and, although his memory lapses when recent events are under discussion, he is undisputed authority on matters relating to that wonderful undertaking as well as the disastrous storm that swept it and its occupants from the earth, when he was also one of the workmen.

Sitting beneath the apple trees that shelter his home, with his little granddaughters at his feet, Capt. Pratt looks up at the sound of every passing vehicle and nods and smiles at the never-failing greeting of "the summer folk." All of his reminiscences are worth hearing, but there is one which he tells with special glee. It relates to a certain day, long ago, when he was fishing in his boat just off the shore with several companions. They anchored at noon and prepared to feast upon a fish chowder the cook had made. Just then a rowboat appeared, carrying two men in rough attire. They asked for bait, which was promptly handed over the side, and as they started away the hospitable captain mentioned the chowder, and invited the strangers to come aboard and join the hungry company. They accepted readily and ate with a keen appreciation of the savory dish. "They do say," remarked one of the fishermen, "that Dan'l Webster brags about the chowder he makes over to Ma'shfield. I don't believe he could hold a candle to this one. Why, it's the best chowder I ever eat!" "Daniel Webster thinks so, too!" came in thundering tones from the man who had borrowed the bait. "Sure enough," says Capt. Pratt, after a series of chuckles, "it was the great statesman sitting on a pile of rope and holding an empty tin plate in his hands! We were all stirred up, you better believe, but he enjoyed the joke. He and I were great friends after that, and many's the fine luck at mackerel fishing we've had together."

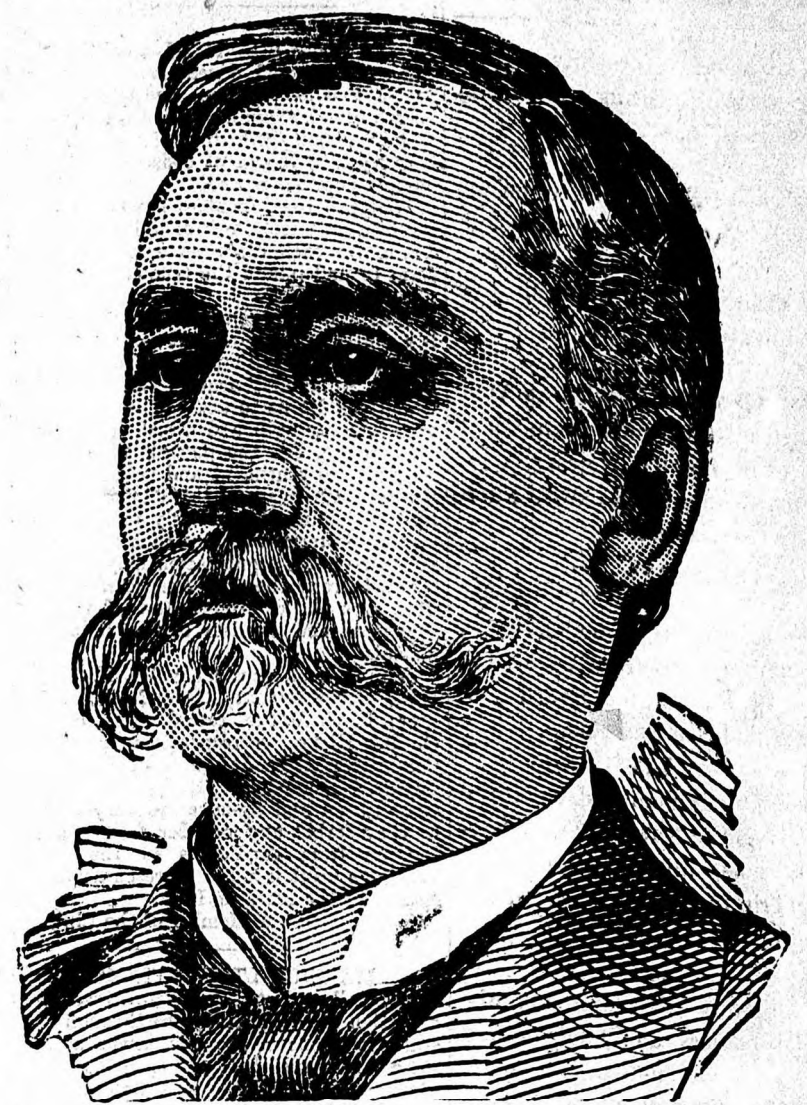
An Idea About Money. Two men were recently looking at the new mint building, at Seventeenth and Spring Garden streets, and one of them spoke of the fact that in the vaults are stored 65,000,000 silver dollars. His companion made the statement that he would be willing to undertake the job of carrying the coin home in his pockets and hands if allowed to keep it. He claimed that he could readily do it in one year. His house is about one mile distant from the mint. The other man doubted his ability to carry out the contract, and they computed the matter, allowing 10 trips a day as a fair average. As about 20 coins would weigh a pound it was agreed that 1,000 coins a trip would be the limit, thus giving a load of fifty pounds. This would make 65,000 trips, or at the rate specified it would take 6,500 days. The would-be coin-carrier now has a better idea of the number represented by the figures and his a poorer opinion of his own guessing abilities.—Philadelphia Record.

Two of a Trade. From the London Spare Moments. A barrister passing through Chancery lane was accosted by a beggar. "Spare a copper for a poor feller, sir?" whined the mendicant. "Get out of my way! Don't you know I could give you in charge for begging?" replied the man of law. "All right, guv'nor; don't cut up so rusty. I'm only in the same perdition as yourself. We both get our livin' by pleadin'." was the unexpected reply.

John Brown's Son. John Brown's son, Jason, is living a hermit's life on the highest peak of the Santa Cruz mountains in California. He was with his father at Harper's Ferry and still suffers from a wound received there.

But a Quarter's Pay. Smithson! That's the name of your horse every time my daughter plays the piano. Brown! I don't blame him. I often feel like howling myself when I hear her.

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