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CITY NEWS

The weather is stormy this week.

Shall we blame the ground-hog for
this weather.

Miss Edith Stanton continues to re-
main very sick.

Miss Jora Smith is a little better at
this writing.

If you want to see your race come to
front politically, vote for Frank Blagburn.

Mrs. Ella Noble gave a very pleasant
party at her home on Park St. last Wed-
nesday evening.

Every colored man should work
earnestly from now until the polls
close on the day of the primary for
Frank Blagburn.

The Misses Sophia Bass and Nina
Hamilton, who have been sick for some
time, were able to be at Sunday school
last Sunday.

Don't fail to hear Black Patti with
her Troubadours at the Grand Opera
House next Friday and Saturday eve.

Our voters should attend some of the
speaking meetings that are being held
in various parts of the city, so that they
will know the candidates who will
come the nearest of representing their
views.

The Rev. Mrs. Mattie Johnson, an
evangelist of Chicago, with quite a
reputation as a Christian worker, will
arrive in our city next Wednesday and
will assist Dr. Francis J. Peterson in a
series of revival meetings at the A. M. E.
church.

WANTED—An energetic young lady
or gentleman to canvass for a good
selling book, entitled "The Negro in
Etiquette." For particulars call or
write me. J. T. BLAGBURN,
379 School Street.

A burglar entered the boarding house
of Mrs. Lucy Coalson, on W. Second
and ave. streets, last Wednesday
evening and was going through the
trunk when Mrs. Coalson was waking
up, then grabbed her by the throat
and tried to choke her but her cries
brought assistance, during the excite-
ment the burglar made his escape.

The editor of the Bystander received
a beautiful invitation from Prof. Book-
er T. Washington to attend the Annual
Tuskegee Negro Conference, to be held
in Tuskegee, Ala., Feb. 21-23; the
conference will be composed mainly of
teachers and officers of various colored
schools.

Programme for the Ladies and Gen-
tlemen's Sunday club is as follows:
Singing by Choir; Invocation by Chap-
lain; Paper by Mrs. Sadie Williams;
Eulogy on the Life and Character of
Abraham Lincoln, by J. L. Thompson.

The Christian Endeavor Society will
give a Valentine masquerade entertain-
ment at the A. M. E. Church, Feb. 14,
below we give the programme, each
party appearing on the programme will
be awarded. Solo, Miss Edna Sanford;
Paper, St. Valentine Miss Zella Davis;
Address, Christian Endeavor, by W. H.
Humbard; Duet Misses Eldora Thomp-
son and Iona Sanford; Recitation,
Miss Annis Logan; select Reading, Miss
Tibitha Mash; Address, Rev. E. J. Pet-
erson; Solo little Marguerette Fields.
Refreshments will be served in the
church parlors.

John J. Collins is a thorough compe-
tent man for the office to which he as-
pires, that of Alderman of the fourth
ward. Being a good practical scholar,
a good judge of material used in pub-
lic works (an essential qualification for
an Alderman.) He has always been
honest and fair in all his dealings in
politics as well as in other business.
A number one republican never break-
ing away from the party and always
voting for the party nominees.

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ments and make public sales a specialty.
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Died at Mercy hospital last Wednes-
day evening at 6 o'clock p. m., Mrs.
Louisa Austin, the wife of Mr. Lewis
Austin, who has been in poor health
several months and was removed to the
hospital to receive medical attention
as well as the care of trained nurses.
Mrs. Austin was born in 1852, her maiden
name was Brazier. She was married
to Mr. Austin 25 years ago, and they
came to Des Moines about 10 years ago;
was an active member of the A. M. E.
church and a Christian worker. She
leaves a husband, one sister, Mrs.
Fairfax of Hamilton, Ill., and a brother
Mr. Brazier of Keokuk, and a host of
friends to mourn her loss. The funeral
services will be held at Mr. Austin's
home, 1031 B street, conducted by Dr.
F. J. Peterson. The pall-bearers will
be C. B. Woods, B. J. Holmes, Wm.
Hampton and J. H. Shepard.

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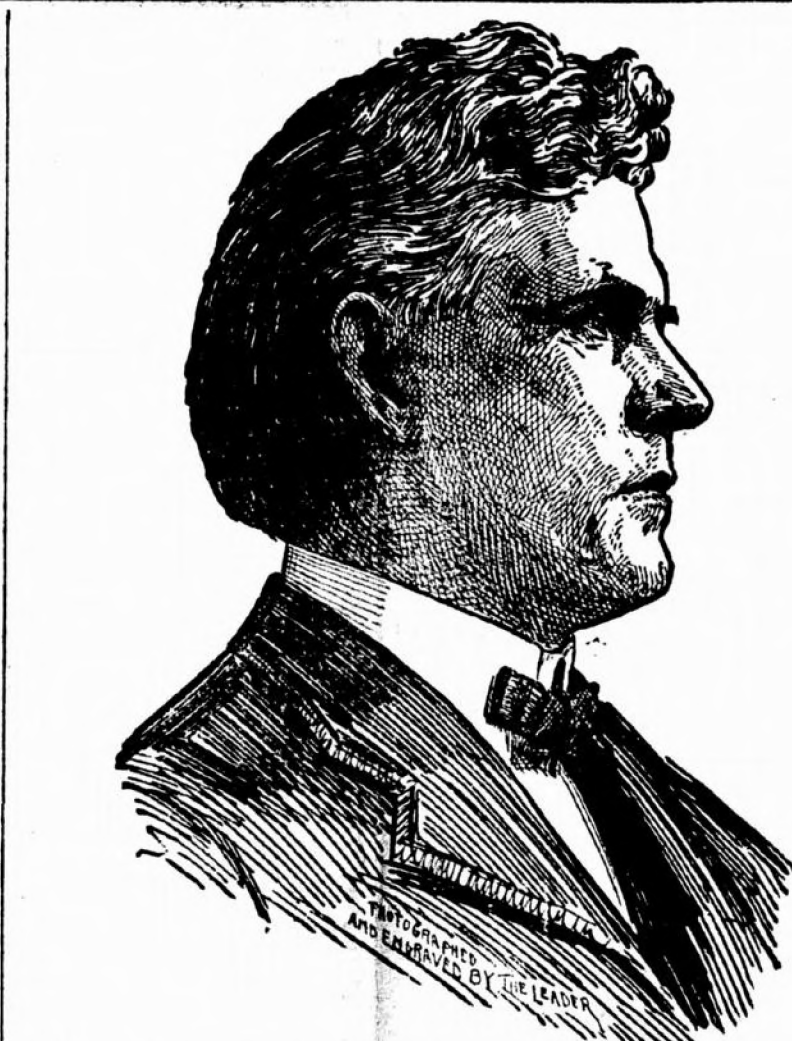
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will be delighted to know that Ignace
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ist in the world, will make only one
stop in Iowa on his American tour
which is announced to be his last
visit to America. He will appear
one night only at the New Auditor-
ium, Des Moines, Tuesday, February
13th. Prices \$1.00, \$2.00 and
\$3.00. Reserved seats can be ob-
tained on application by mail to J.
S. Connolly, Des Moines, Iowa, at
\$3.00 apiece. Send in your appli-
cation at once, as the best seats are
going fast. The regular city sale
will begin Monday morning, Janu-
ary 29th, at 10 o'clock. Numbers
given out at 9 o'clock a. m.

SONG SERVICE.

The A. M. E. choir will give their
sacred song service Sunday, at the
Y. M. C. A. auditorium. The ser-
vices will begin at 8 o'clock, prompt.
It is unnecessary for us to compliment
this famous church choir or to urge
the public to come, for a mere an-
nouncement is sufficient. There has
been over 1000 tickets given out,
and no one will be admitted only by
ticket. The members of the legis-
lature will attend in a body. The
city officials will be present. The fol-
lowing is the program:

- PART I.
1. Organ Voluntary.
 2. Invocation, Rev. Dr. F. J. Peterson
 3. Jesus, Lover of My Soul, Barnaby
 4. "Search Me, O God," Gabriel
 5. Duet, Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, Mrs. J. F. Blagburn and Mr. Geo. I. Holt
 6. "O For a Shout," Ashford
 7. "Hark! The Herald Angels," Towne
 8. Solo, Mrs. J. F. Blagburn
 9. Offertory
- PART II.
1. "Tarry With Me," Parks
 2. Remarks, Gov. L. M. Shaw
 3. Solo, "Save Me, O God," Randegger
 4. "O For a Thousand Tongues," Prof. Geo. I. Holt
 5. Duet, "O Holy Mother," Maritana Mrs. J. F. Blagburn and Mrs. W. M. Coalson
 6. "By The Rivers of Babylon," Stillman
 7. "I Was Glad," Ashford
 8. Trio, "O Lamb of God," Leslie Mrs. J. F. Blagburn Mrs. W. M. Coalson Prof. Geo. I. Holt
 9. Zion Awake, Costa

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MAC VICAR ANSWERS THE MYE- LY PEOPLE.

Editor Bystander: Mr. Myerly is evi-
dently making his campaign upon the
issue of whether or not Mayor Mac-
Vicar approved certain ordinance
passed in 1896 allowing the salary of
the members of the council six months
in advance. I believe this is the only
issue he has raised to date. In his
first political speech the burden of his
contention was that he voted against
this resolution while the mayor ap-
proved and signed warrants therefor. He
recklessly offered to furnish the mayor
with a suit of clothes if evidence could
be produced showing that the mayor
had not approved this act. In the var-
ious newspapers he has occupied any-
where from a quarter to three-fourths
of a column in communications bearing
upon this question which it seems to
me, is trivial at best. Is it possible that
during the two years in which Mr. My-
erly resided in the council, that this
is the only vote he cast which he can
bring to bear in support of his candi-
dacy? Or is he trying to divert the at-
tention of the public from the fact that
he proposed, which his vote is recorded
in favor of:

First—The proposed purchase of a
strip of ground to open Twentieth
street north of University avenue,
which according to stipulation intro-
duced by Alderman Myerly would have
cost the city not less than \$4,000, but
which was blocked by the mayor and
the way paved for a settlement in the
sum of \$300.

Second—The purchase of one-half the
Ben Elbert lot for opening Nineteenth
street south of Woodland avenue for
the other half of which I am
credibly informed sold for \$500.

Third—the purchase of the Ingersoll
tract for a cemetery at \$200 per acre,
when Mr. Cope offered the Johnson
tract adjoining on the west at \$100 per
acre.

Fourth—The allowing of the water
works claim for \$14,350 when upon in-
vestigation by the mayor it was found
the city owed less than \$5,000 and the
question was finally settled upon that
basis. After the mayor vetoed the
claim Mr. Myerly again covertly at-
tempted to have it passed.

There are a few facts of the council
which I recall without going to the re-
cords which were all supported by Mr.
Myerly and all of which the mayor dis-
approved. The mayor's position was

WM. BOWEN FOR ALDERMAN OF FOURTH WARD.

In the political scrap for nomination
of mayor, the importance of electing the
best men for aldermen must not be lost
sight of.

The selection of good men for alder-
men is one of the greatest importance,
and in the Fourth ward it is doubly so,
because the democratic vote in this
ward is so large that the republican
party must look carefully as to who,
if nominated by the republican party,
can win at the election.

This ward is now represented by a
democrat, and unless a wise nomi-
nation is made, a democrat will again
be elected. We believe that William
Bowen possesses the confidence of the
voters of his ward.

He is a member of the Woodmen and
Masonic societies, being a member of
Pioneer lodge and Corinthian chapter.
He asks the colored voters of the Fourth
ward to be with him for alderman.

He has been all his life a hard work-
ing member of the great party from
which his friends bring him forward
as candidate for this recognition. He
has never held office. He has always
been ready to lead the party fights
when there was hard work to do, and
he only goes into this fight as a candi-
date on the earnest solicitation of many
of the prominent business men of his
ward. He has the qualifications to make
an able representative of the ward and
of the whole city. He was a candidate
two years ago and while at that time
he received the highest number of votes
at the primaries of any candidate except
Mr. Beck.

Mr. Bowen, if elected, will make a
strong man in the council and will ma-
terially assist in pushing to the utmost
of his ability the movement for a sub-
stantial bridge at Sixth street. He will
co-operate with the library board and
thinks, from what information he now
has on the subject, that some changes
in the wards could be made that would
more nearly comply with the law and
give the voters better satisfaction. He
is secretary of the Imperial Accident
Insurance company, and is strong
among the business men especially.

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sustained in a sufficient number of these
measures to save to the city some \$15-
\$20,000. In other instances the mayor's veto
was overridden and the city treasury
suffered in consequence.

Was the resolution pertaining to the
salary of the councilmen of sufficient
importance to be considered further?
Mr. Myerly might find by the records
that on June 1, 1896, by a vote of four
to three the council presumed to allow
the six months salary in advance. The
mayor ruled the motion not carried,
claiming that it being for the payment
of money from the city treasury that it
required a majority of the council,
namely five. True the council attempted
to override the law by refusing to sus-
tain the ruling of the chair. They ap-
peared to think better of it, however,
and one June 6 again introduced the
same resolution which was passed by a
vote of six to three. The original record
shows that the mayor endorsed upon
the resolution "Not approved." Mr.
Myerly here brings his legal knowledge
to bear in order to show that this of
itself was not a veto, and quotes the
law to show that if the mayor did not
approve, and it was formally vetoed
by the council that it would without
further action become a law. I am in-
clined to believe that Attorney Meyerly
will, upon investigation, find that his
opinion is not good. The law he quotes
was passed in 1897 after the code was
revised, and it was in 1894 that this
resolution was adopted. The old code
provided that the mayor must approve
any such resolution before it could be-
come a law. Again his showing that
the mayor signed the aldermen's war-
rants under date of June 1 when the
resolution legally adopted was passed
June 6, proves that Mr. Myerly is de-
ceived because of a custom which I be-
lieve exists in the auditor's office at
the present time, whereby all warrants
on the rolls are entered under the date
they are allowed by the council and
frequently in order to expedite mat-
ters not only dates but stubs are par-
tially filled out previous to the council's
action and the mayor frequently at-
taches his signature at this time. Mr.
Myerly will also recollect that the dis-
trict court decided that the mayor has
no option, but must sign all warrants
presented to him by the auditor for by
so doing he merely attests the audi-
tor's signature.

JOHN MACVICAR.

PROSPEROUS COLORED PEOPLE.

Boxtertown, Iowa.—Please find a
space in your paper for the smallest
town in the world. Having just re-
turned from a trip from Chicago and
on my return I stopped at Muscatine
to see a few friends. I found them all
in good circumstances. They own their
own property. I found Mr. Phil Fair-
fox, Nelson Carr and I. P. Johnson,
who once worked in the mines of
Muchakinock, now own their own prop-
erty in one of the finest little towns
in Iowa. I found Phil Fairfax, who has
a four room house and five acres of
land, two horses, two cows and two
hogs. Nelson Carr has a four room
house and five acres and one buggy and
one cow. I. P. Johnson has a six room
house, one horse, three cows and 23
head of hogs and seven acres of land.
John Valve has property at \$500. Nel-
son Carr \$1,100. Fairfax \$1,100. I hope
a few more of my friends of Muchy
will go down to Muscatine and see for
themselves.

J. P. Sheffey, City Marshal.

Subscribe for the Bystander.

JUST FOR FUN.

She—Did your grandfather live to a
green old age? He—Well, I should say
so! He was buncoed three times after
he was seventy.

She—You know it is a woman's privi-
lege to change her mind. He—I know
it is; but when a man changes his he
has to pay damages.

"Yes, sir," said the man in Cell 711;
"time was when I was admitted to the
very best houses." "And what brought
you here?" "They caught me coming
out."

"Gnatcatcher lost his head when he
was called upon to speak last night."
"Must have felt as I did when I lost
my pocketbook—glad there was nothing
in it."

"Isn't my new dress becoming to
me?" asked the delighted wife. "Yes,"
replied the head of the establishment,
"and I suppose the bill will soon be
coming to me."

A Baby's Cry.

A moderately intimate acquaintance
with infants enables one to distin-
guish, almost from birth, three cries—
the healthy yell, by which the child ex-
ercises his lungs, the fretting of mod-
erate discomfort, and the acute cry of
pain, the latter two including at first
hunger, thirst, and dissatisfaction.
By the end of three months the nurse
or mother should be able to distin-
guish the fretting of actual physical
discomfort from that of restlessness,
and the sharp cry of pain from the
less acute announcement of thirst,
hunger, etc., while anger imparts a
characteristic quality to the cry. If
the baby is comfortably dressed and
properly fed he will be less likely to be
fretful and crying.—Dr. A. L. Bene-
dict in the January Woman's Home
Companion.

A Point in Carving Etiquette.

The adept carver will not ask the
guest of honor which is his or her
favorite piece. We will give the one
we would honor the cut of fish next
the tail, that nearest the head being
next choice; the emperor's muscle and
oyster of the turkey, with a bit of
brown fat added as a tribute to palate
discrimination; the tenderloin of steak,
the hock of the leg, the tenderloin
with kidney of the saddle (with some
brown fat); the loin of the hare or
squirrel, the rib of the sucking pig.
Other guests will express their prefer-
ence promptly when asked, that none
may be kept waiting.—Ella Morris
Kretschmar, in the January Woman's
Home Companion.

Louisiana Rice Is Red.

The rice planters and millers of
Southwestern Louisiana are having
some trouble with the crop this season.
For some unaccountable reason a con-
siderable percentage of it is red. This
is not the first season that red grains
have appeared among the white, to be
sure, but never before has the propor-
tion been so large. An examination
by chemists has shown that the red
rice is equally nutritious as white.
The value of the article as a matter of
food is not in the least injured by the
red grains. But the fact remains that
the colored grains injure the sale of
the rice they appear in.

Humors of Examination.

The humors of examination papers
were further illustrated by Dr. Haig
Brown, who, in speaking at the City
of London college upon the responsibil-
ity which rested upon examiners in
weighing fragments of knowledge, said
that the question, "What are the Chil-
tern Hundreds?" once received the re-
ply, "Small animals which abound in
great numbers in cheese." The in-
quiry, "What is a cherub?" elicited, in
its turn, the answer, "An immoral be-
ing of uncertain shape."—London
Chronicle.

The Population of London.

Last year's statistics show that the
population of London is 4,484,717. For
every 1,000 inhabitants there were
thirty births and 17.7 deaths. The
number of infants who died in their
first year was 158 for every 1,000
births. During the period extending
from 1887 to 1896 the mortality was
lower than in Paris, Brussels, Amster-
dam, Berlin and Copenhagen; but in
1897 it increased to such an extent that
it is now very little lower than that
of most European cities, Rome in-
cluded.

Slaves in New York State.

Immigration officials say that many
foreigners in this country are living in
a condition of abject slavery. At Avon,
N. Y., there is a colony of 270 Ital-
ians who are under the direct control
of one man, who hires them to farm-
ers and fruit growers and takes most
of their earnings, while those who
perform the labor get little more than
enough to eat, and are housed in
buildings little better than cattle
sheds.

Plum Pudding the Rage in London.

A plum pudding craze has broken
out in London. One firm sold 600,000
pounds of puddings three weeks before
Christmas. Surprises are now enclosed
in these, ranging from buttons, gold
sovereigns and half sovereigns to
thimbles and diamond rings. One
pudding ordered had in it a diamond
and opal brooch worth \$500, enclosed
in a silver box.

Centenary of Electricity.

"Electricity as we know it" is just
100 years old. In 1799 the Italian
scientist Volta gave definite form to
the method of producing the current,
and it is from his name that we have
the term "voltmeter" to describe the
instrument which measures the force
of the current, and "volt" as the unit
of that measurement.

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CHURCH AND CLERGY.

The Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman is to
write the life of D. L. Moody.
Bishop Edsall has just completed a
highly successful mission at James-
town, N. D.

Tomkins Avenue Congregational
church of Brooklyn raised over \$27,000
for missions during the year.

The death roll in the Congregational
ministry in Great Britain was unusu-
ally heavy during the year 1899.

A congress of the history of religions
will be held at Paris, France during
the first part of September next year.
The receipts of Plymouth church,
Brooklyn, for the year make a total
of \$28,000, of which \$17,000 is from pew
rents.

The annual council of the South Af-
rican churches was held at Graaf
Reinet, and owing to the preoccupa-
tions of the war, only thirty-eight dele-
gates attended.

Since his resignation from the
Church of the Pilgrims relief from care
has been conducted to a marked im-
provement in the health of the venerable
Dr. R. S. Storrs.

The New York Medical Journal,
speaking of the recent explosion of
the gasoline tank of a motor carriage,
says: "Some new danger is almost
always to be expected in connection
with novel devices of the kind, but, on
the whole, the power carriage, whether
propelled by gasoline or electricity, is
probably less dangerous than vehicles
drawn by horses."

International competition has been
invited by the offer of a gold cup by
the Automobile club of France. The
first test will be held as near May 1
as possible, the idea being to make the
date coincide with the great automob-
ile day at the exposition. The rules
which will govern this cup have not
been made as yet and it is expected to
arrange racing conditions, which will
be satisfactory to automobilists of all
countries.

Prominent officers and stockholders
of the manufacturing company wit-
nessed a test of a truck recently. The
truck was brought down to New York
from Providence by boat and was run
to the air-compressing station of the
Metropolitan Street railway in 24th
street with the charge which it had
received in Providence. A fresh sup-
ply was taken on and it was demon-
strated that it could be satisfactorily
run on the streets, says the Scientific
American.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

When a girl says, "Now, stop," the
wise man wants to.

Every woman thinks that to a man
she must be a fascinating puzzle.

The first thing to learn about gawd
is the kind of clothes not to wear.

The day before a woman goes to stay
all night with another woman she
scratches out the number of her shoes.

A woman looks on marriage as a
chance to raise her social position; a
man looks on it as a chance to lower
his own.

After she gets married the average
woman takes about as much care of
her ideals as she does of her old fine-
tooth comb.

A woman's mouth, when it is in re-
pose, shows her character, when it
isn't it is generally showing some other
woman's.

A woman begins to enjoy her Christ-
mas presents about New Year's. She
spends the time in between wondering
what they cost.

When a man is engaged to a woman
he thinks of her half the time he does-
n't see her. After they get married
he thinks of her half the time he sees
her.

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kind to everybody they meet on
Christmas as they pretend to there
wouldn't be any use in having any
Christmas.

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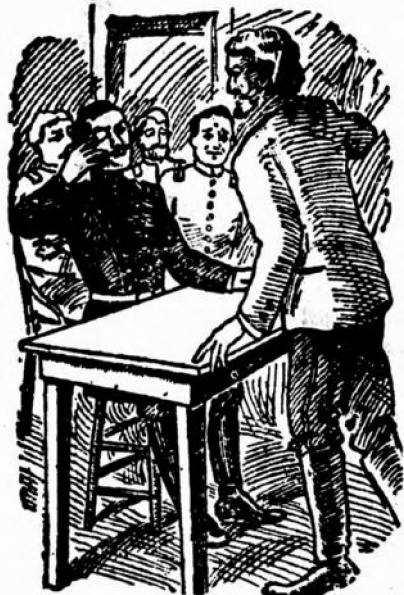
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STORIES OF LINCOLN

One of Mr. Lincoln's characteristics was his ineffable tenderness toward others, says the Springfield Republican. He wrote injuries in the sand, benefits on marble. The broad mantle of his enduring charity covered a multitude of sins in a soldier. He loved justice with undying and solicitous affection, but he hated every deceiver from the great army of humanity. He was dowered with the love of love.

He was always equal to the occasion, whether saving a sleeping sentinel by one stroke of the pen from a dishonored grave or writing that bold and steady signature to the proclamation of emancipation.



"I'D GIVE THEM JESSE." Men of emancipation which made the black race give him a crown of immortelles. As the negro preacher in Vicksburg said of him: "Massa Lin-kum, he eberywhere; he know ebery-ting; he walk de earl like de Lord."

His Keen Irony. Abraham Lincoln could say true things when just resentment required. He released some prisoners on the other side of the "divide" in 1863. The wife of one of these insisted "that her husband was a religious man, even if he was a rebel." Mr. Lincoln wrote the release slowly, as if in doubt, and, without smiling, handed it to the now happy wife, but said, with keen irony:

"You say your husband is a religious man. Tell him when you meet him that I say I am not much of a judge of religion, but in my opinion the religion that sets men to rebel and fight against their government because, as they think, that government does not sufficiently help some men to eat their bread in the sweat of other men's faces is not the sort of religion upon which people can get to heaven."

Dick Gower's Appointment. Mr. Lincoln once told Horace Deming, a Connecticut congressman, when he had been importuned to join a church, that "when any church will inscribe over its altar as its sole qualification the Savior's condensed statement of the substance of law and gospel, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy soul, and thy neighbor as thyself—' that church will I join with all my heart."

His great good sense was shown in his making Dick Gower a lieutenant in the regular army. Dick had shown his bravery and his capacity among the western Indians, but was rejected by the board of military martinetes at Washington because he "did not know what an abatis, or echelon, or hollow square was." "Well," sharply said the dilettante officer with a single eyeglass, "what would you do with your command if the cavalry should charge on you?"

"I'd give them Jesse, that's what I would do; and I'd make a hollow square in every mother's son of them."

Lincoln signed his commission and Dick made a famous soldier.

Read the Letter. McClellan then requested his chief of staff to find a copy of the letter. It was speedily produced, and Gen. McClellan proceeded to crush Mr. Lincoln by reading his vituperative attack on Stanton, with reflections on Lincoln's conduct of the war. Lincoln's peaceful smile vanished. When the letter ended he rose quickly, looking neither to the right nor left—not waiting for any farewell to Gen. McClellan.

He seemed oppressed with the consciousness of the dangers of the military as well as the political situation of things. He drove slowly with Gen. Blair over to the boat, which was to convey them from Harrison's landing back to Washington. When the vessel had started, Mr. Lincoln, for the first time since leaving McClellan's tent, broke the silence and said to Gen. Blair:

"Frank, I now understand this man. That letter is Gen. McClellan's bid for the presidency. I will stop that game. Now is the time to issue the proclamation emancipating the slaves."

He forthwith issued the proclamation of emancipation. Within a week after the world was startled by a new charter of freedom for the slave.

Gen. McClellan's Mistake. Congressman Vaux of Philadelphia, on his late years changed his views about President Lincoln. He told an interesting story about the proclamation of emancipation. The classic and scholarly Vaux had been making speeches in Connecticut, and came home with Frank P. Blair of Missouri, who was very close to the many-sided patriot president while the war lasted.

Gen. Blair told Richard Vaux this story:

"Mr. Lincoln had become impatient at Gen. McClellan's delay on the peninsula, and asked Frank Blair to go with him to see the commanding general. The distinguished visitors arrived on a hot day, and went straight to McClellan's headquarters. They were received with scant courtesy, and the commanding general did not ask the president to eat or drink. Lincoln sat in his white linen duster, uncomfortably silent, with his long and sinewy limbs doubled up like a jackknife, till finally Gen. McClellan broke the dense silence by saying:

"Mr. President, have you received the letter I mailed you yesterday?" "No," courteously replied Lincoln; "I must have passed it on the way."

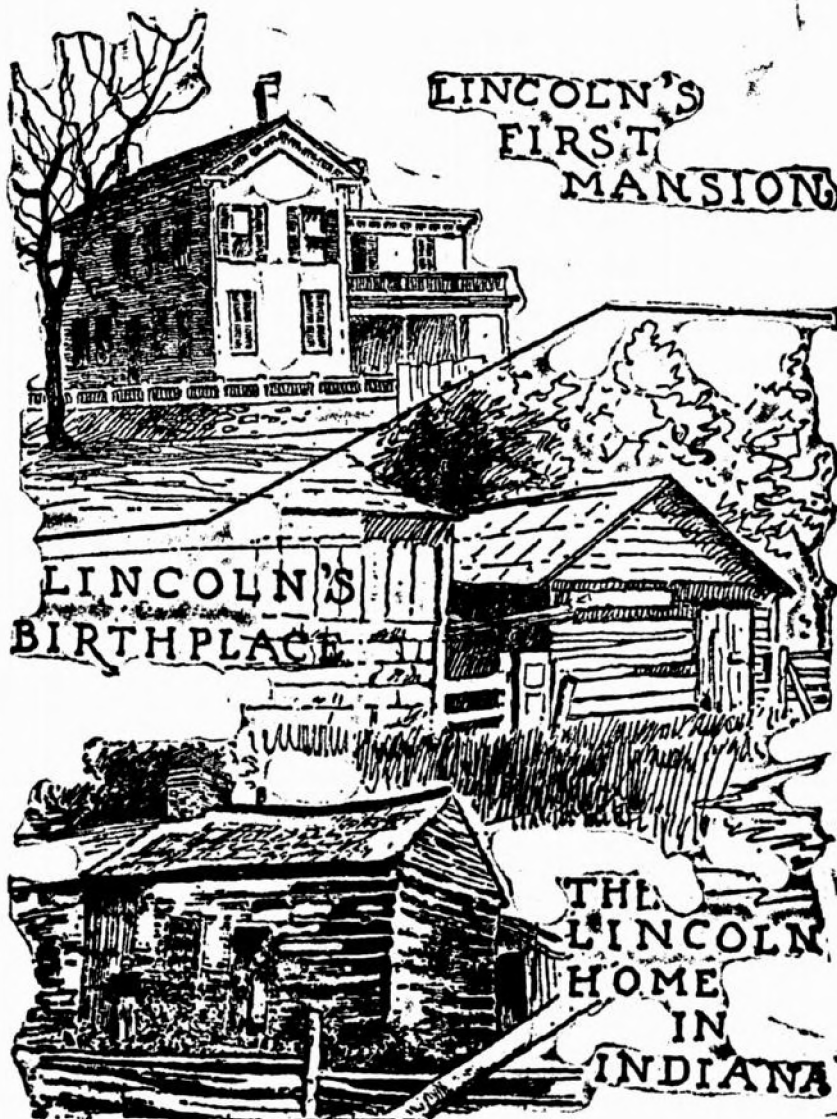
WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN.

The greatest names in American history are Washington and Lincoln. One is forever associated with the independence of the states and the formation of the federal union, the other with the universal and the preservation of that union. Washington enforced the declaration of independence as against England, Lincoln proclaimed its fulfillment, not only to a down-trodden race in America, but to all people, for all those who may seek the protection of our flag. These illustrious men achieved grander results for mankind within a single century—from 1775 to 1865—than any men ever accomplished in all the years since first the flight of time began. Washington engaged in no ordinary revolution. With him it was not who should rule, but what should rule. He drew his sword, not for a change of rulers upon an established throne, but to establish a new government which should acknowledge no throne but the throne of the people. Lincoln accepted war to save the union, the safeguard of our



LINCOLN ROSE QUICKLY. Liberties, and re-established it upon "indestructible foundations" as forever "one and indivisible." To quote his own grand words: "Now we are all contending that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that the government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

LINCOLN AND THE WIDOW. The 12th of February, Abraham Lin-



Here are three homes of our great martyred president, as unpretentious as he was himself. His birthplace was a cabin in Hardin county, Kentucky. "Taint much of a place to be born in," said young Abe, revisiting the scene in his youth. The years from 7 to 10 the lad spent in the Indiana home, near Farmington, Coles county. The picture also shows the modest house in Springfield, where Lincoln lived when events began to push him toward the top of the ladder.

coln's birthday, brings to our thoughts stronger than ever reminiscences of this noble man's life, says a writer in Harper's Round Table. Hundreds of books have recorded and will perpetuate his good deeds for centuries to come, but it is a pleasure to read now and then of some little act of kindness that will stand alone illustrating the breadth of this man's sympathies and the nobility of his character. During all that dreadful period when the civil war was ravaging the country Lincoln held the reins of the government, and although worn out with the unceasing toil, he never neglected an opportunity to help those who suffered.

One day a poor woman, whose tears had worn furrows down her cheeks, gained an audience with Lincoln, and in a few words related the sad tale of her husband, who had fought in the Union army, only to lose his life, and of her three boys who were then fighting. She requested the discharge of



LINCOLN WROTE THE ORDER. her eldest boy, that she might have some one to support her. Lincoln's heart responded to the appeal, and he replied: "Certainly, if you have given us all, and your prop has been taken away, you are justly entitled to one of your boys."

The poor woman went away light of heart, only to return later, tearfully begging the release of her second son. The discharge of the first son had come too late. He was killed before it reached him. Sadly Lincoln sat down and wrote the requisite order for the release of the second son, and rising, handed the paper to the afflicted woman, saying: "Now you have one and I have one of the two boys left; that is no more than right." Weeping with joy, the poor mother blessed Lincoln and hurried out to send her precious order.

Hobart and Newspaper Men. The late Vice-President Garret A. Hobart delighted in informal chats about people and things bordering on Bohemia. The ways of newspaper men strangely interested him. He said once that he envied them because of their roving freedom and the ease with which they seemed to write. He considered writing a greater art than speaking. "I find no trouble in talking to an audience," he said, "but when it comes to putting my thoughts on paper I find it a great task. Readers are more critical than hearers. The art of writing is the greater."

New Fodder for Cavalry Hags. Molasses for cavalry horses will in future be one of the items of expense for the maintenance of the army in the Philippines.

LINCOLN'S HUMBLE HOMES.



A HAPPY VALENTINE.

If I could be a valentine,
I know what I would do.
I'd get into an envelope
And travel straight to you.
And if the postman didn't know
Your name is Baby Dear
And where you live, I'd shake his bag
As soon as he was near.

And then with all my might I'd jump
And run across the street.
(I'm sure that he'd jump, too, to find
A valentine had feet.)

I'd ring the bell and ring the bell
A minute and a half,
And when you came and saw 'twas I,
Oh, my, how we would laugh!
—Anna M. Pratt.



They say she is out of date in this end of the nineteenth century, but that is wrong. She may be more coy, more reticent, more elusive, but she is still with us. On each St. Valentine's day she peeps from her casement window, either literally or figuratively, with just as enticing a glance; her smiles are no less alluring; her signs create fully as much havoc.

Perhaps she no longer pins bay leaves to her pillow to tempt fate, or makes a pretense of drawing her lot from a bundle of names written upon slips of material paper—all that was but form at best. The Sprite of the Valentine knew well who was her fate without such expedients. And she knows it now.

The eyes of common mortals might be blinded, but her bright eyes looked clearly into the future and saw there the chained captive who reveled in his chains. She read some tender verse and smiled at its innocence—she who was all innocence herself, yet gifted with that prescient sense of prophecy, or foreknowledge, against which the clumsy reason of mortal swain was as helpless as the wiles of an infant. She smiled and no mystic rite could be more potent. She gave one glance from beneath the witching fringe of her long lashes, and no other sorcery was needed. The same is true today.

Good St. Valentine was a martyr, they tell us, and some can see no propriety in naming this lovers' day for him; but to my mind the fitness is most striking. How many a tortured heart has gone to its martyrdom at the eventide of this day! Even escaping that, how many a soul has been placed upon the rack by the coquetry of some maiden sweet at this same crucial time! For the Valentine Sprite is true to her sex, in spite of the traditions that hem her in and fix her place as some meek captive awaiting the decree that shall send her rejoicing into whatever arms are stretched out to receive her.

Be not deceived. She has decided upon the arms long before, and they are held forth at her will. She may have spoken no word save of the coyest, but she has willed. Ah, how deluded are they who cast a pitying eye

upon woman for her lack of the power to choose and to plead! Know ye not, my lords of creation, that by far the most frequently ye are the chosen and not the choosers? If she wills you to come you come. If she wills you to speak you speak, and more than that, she has the added power to send you away empty if so her caprice decides.

This in the common life of every day. What, then, might be expected in the mystic time when love rules all? At least, Valentine Sprite holds royal sway. If she wills your missive flies to her. If she wills she even binds a snowy message to the wings of Mercury and bids him speed with it to her chosen valentine, for who shall say her nay? The Valentine Sprite mistakes not—whom she chooses him she holds.

Heretofore, my brothers, I have warned you, though the warnings were vain, but against this enchantress I cannot bid you steel yourself, for the soft witchery of her innocent smile has sealed my lips, and I know not whether this maiden with the childish grace and the woman's wiles be most a blessing or a snare to you. I can only tell you this—your struggles against her will amount to naught but your own complete captivity, for with each plunge you sink deeper the arrow that has pierced you.

This much of the mystery, however, I can reveal to you: Mortal maid is the Valentine Sprite until that fateful morning when the little winged god flies from chamber to chamber and touches sleeping eyes with the feather end of his arrow, then speeds him on his way before the white lids unclosed in wonder and the sweet glances go forth with the wisdom that Cupid alone can give and each one is touched with the power of his arrow point. Mortal maid she is not from that hour until the going down of the sun, and man is utterly helpless against the subtle witchery of this mystic, love-created being who beckons him into Elysium.

And you, O youth, who scoff at the time-honored privilege of sending to some lady fair upon this day of days a plea from your heart, hidden and shrouded within some dainty, perfumed nest of beauty, or who turn with a



laugh from the memory picture of your great-grandfather buried deep in the lover's ecstasy and the poet's rapture, as he pens the words which shall be his heart message to his heart's desire, do not too lightly set aside the good old custom; at least,

put it away with tender reverence, for the spirits of those olden rites are not to be flippantly consigned to oblivion. On every hand the Valentine Sprite uprises, an avenger for any slight, however small, which is offered to her patron saint.

In the midst of your scoffing you hear a whisper at your heart. You blush and sigh and frown, but you listen, and you feel the pressing of the arrow point.

"Love, love, be wholly mine; Come and be my valentine!" How did the music of it get into your brain? From that time forth you sigh and serve. But this is vengeance that the Valentine Sprite exacts. In the end you are left wallowing in the solitude of your twentieth-century superiority.

"Love, love, be wholly mine; Come and be my valentine!" But it may not be. While for you, spirit of many love, with the reverence of tradition in your heart and the loyal longing in your soul, there is a kinder fate. The Valentine Sprite, with her dower of mystic wisdom, shall not beckon you but to taunt. In the far distance of the future years that bind you to her I hear the echo of a tender strain:

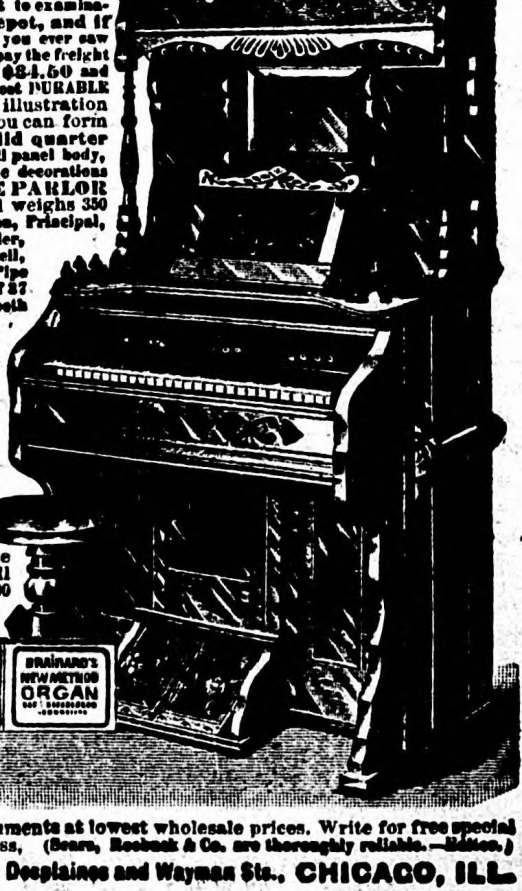
"Love, love, be wholly mine, I am still thy valentine!"



O poor Mr. Postman, you never will know
What fine things you're carrying there!
What dear little doves, just as white as the snow,
What roses so blushing and fair,
What nice little Cupid's, so smiling and fat,
What sweet little verses, all rhyming so pat.

O poor Mr. Postman, I'm sorry for you!
'Tis a very hard lot, I must say,
To carry such lovely things hidden from view,
Nor get one peep inside them all day;
And when merry St. Valentine's ended and done,
To have given them all away, every one!
—E. H. THOMAS.

A NEW KIND.
'Twas just the nicest valentine
That came to me today;
A pretty box, and on the top
A little letter lay,
Which said:
"I know a little maid,
She isn't far to seek;
No dainty wild rose petal
Is pinker than her cheek;
There is no shining hazelnut
That's browner than her eye.
Just look within the box, my dear,
This little maid you'll spy."
Of course I was in haste to see
So fair and sweet a lass.
I raised the lid, within I found—
A tiny looking-glass!
—Helen S. Perkins.



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Wash Goods —We offer 50 pieces of apron Ginghams and calicos at, per yard.....	4c
30 pieces of 36-inch Percales, 10c values, for.....	7c
50 pieces of new Ginghams, Checks and Stripes, the 10c grade, per yard.....	7c
Silkoline —30 pieces of 36-inch Silkoline, the regular 12 1/2c grade, per yard.....	8c
40 pieces of figured Cretone, yard.....	7c
Hosiery —We offer 50 dozen Boys' and girls' homemade Stockings in heavy ribbed wool or cotton, 25c values, pair.....	15c
Mittens —50 dozen Ladies' and children's double yarn mittens, worth 25c for, per pair.....	15c
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Ladies' Underwear —We will sell in the basement a line of 35c fleeced Underwear for ladies, per garment.....	21c
Men's Underwear —We sell in the basement Monday, a line of 50c men's fleeced Underwear—per garment.....	29c
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DAVENPORT.
Miss H. V. Davis and Mr. Young is in our city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Corbin of West Tenth street.
The Third Baptist church is having a week of prayer this week, starting their revival meeting.
Mrs. William Taylor, Jr., of South Rock Island, who has been very sick, is up and around again.
Mrs. Elizabeth Chertoff is still in the hospital in Rock Island.
J. H. Stewart and J. T. Mabry were visitors in Rock Island Sunday afternoon, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor, Jr.
Miss H. V. Davis and Mr. Young appeared at the Second Baptist church in Rock Island February 5-6. Those who went over from here were Miss Mamie Taylor, J. F. Stewart and J. F. Mabry. Those who have not paid their subscription please have it ready, as the agent will be around between the 10th and 20th, so don't disappoint him when he comes.
The Davenport Light Guard band has their bills out announcing a grand masquerade ball at their hall, Second and Brady, February 14th.
Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota would do the people of this great country quite a favor by resigning his seat in the senate, and we would suggest that Senator Morgan of Alabama would do the same.

SIOUX CITY.
Rev. T. A. Clark is visiting his family at Des Moines.
The church was packed to the door last Sunday evening to listen to the musical which was given by the choir. The choir expects to give us a grand treat the first Sunday in March.
An entertainment was given for the benefit of the pastor on Monday evening and a snug little sum was realized.
Mrs. T. H. Sturges was removed from the hospital last Friday to her home and is still quite sick.
Mrs. Dan Whiddon is on the sick list this week.
The dance given by the H. P. club was well attended.
Mr. E. Smith has returned from Yankton. He says he is in love with Sioux City.
Mr. R. A. Earley of Sioux Rapids, Iowa, is in the city. He expects to locate here.
Mrs. E. A. Comley, who was taken to the hospital two weeks ago, is getting along nicely.
About four inches of snow fell Monday. It was very light and feathery and some who were so anxious for a sleigh ride got out their cutters and—well, it was a kind of a hard, rough ride on the grade.
The sewing society meets with Mrs. Jas. Washington on Thursday afternoon.
Mr. Manz. Askew will lead the young men's meeting next Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Washington will read the scripture lesson.
The entertainment to be given on the 27th will be at the First M. E. church.

IOWA CITY BRIEFLETS.
Walter Martin will leave for Chicago Monday to join the "Coon Hollow Minstrel Co."
Mrs. H. L. Davis of Cedar Rapids visited with Mrs. C. W. Mason last week, returning home Thursday.
Mr. Frank Roundtree of Grinnell is in the city. Dame Rumor says he is here to stay.
Mrs. Dora Price of Muscatine is visiting her mother, Mrs. George Patterson.
Miss Etta Davis and Master Frankie Blagburn of Cedar Rapids, who have been guests of the Misses Mason, returned home last Thursday.
The ladies of the A. M. E. church will give an apron social at the church Friday evening.
Miss Cora Brown sprained her ankle very severely Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ward have moved from lower Malden Lane up on the corner of Malden Lane and Lafayette street.
The Iowa City friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kinney Holbrook send congratulations and best wishes.
Please hand all news for Bystander to Miss Maggie Mason not later than Monday of each week.

FRASER.
The weather is very pleasant.
We have lost a sick person in Fraser, Mrs. George Lewis' is the hospital, for she has now sick husband, two children and two boarders. One, George Hackney, came out of the bank Saturday with a mashed finger and was compelled to go to the doctor, and several others are sick with a new chicken pox.
There are quite a few of our people expecting to go to Spring Valley soon.
The Sunday school is doing fine. They have now a new organ.
Mrs. Mattie Shon celebrated her 25th birthday January 27. A large number of guests were present, and a nice time was spent. Mrs. Shelton received many lovely presents from her many friends.
We have now in our city a new jewelry store (which).

The First Baptist Sunday school superintendent and officers were all present on the day that was appointed for decision day. Opening by singing "Silently the Shades of Evening." Prayer by Rev. Roey. Addresses were made by G. O. Allen, Richard Payne and Rev. E. O. Allen. We are glad to say that the superintendent of our Sunday school is making every effort to swell the treasury towards raising money for the benefit of children's day.
We are happy to know that we have with us Miss Ida Rose of Chicago, Ill., who is a great worker of Sunday schools. She is doing all she can to bring the little ones to Christ.

KROKUK.
Mrs. Martha Vaughn's badly burned face was burned very bad. It is hoped by her host of friends that she may soon recover.
Freddie and Ruby Reeves and Rev. T. Reeves are sick with la grippe. The ground is covered with snow. Quarterly meeting was well attended all day.
Mrs. Culbertson of Clinton is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rush. Mr. Rush was hurt some time ago by the street cars. He is improving at this writing very fast.
Mrs. T. Reeves and daughter, Agnes, were pleasantly remembered by their friends with a new dress each.
Mr. C. Albon has returned home from Nashville, Tenn., where he has been visiting his brothers and sisters. He brought back a good report from our people. He said they are all in business for themselves and are doing well.

KROKUK NOTES.
Revival meetings have been in progress for several weeks at the Pilgrim West Baptist, and Bethel A. M. E. churches, while there has been only a few additional, the members in each church have been greatly benefitted spiritually.
Mr. Thomas Rush, who was injured by a street car dashing into his team, is much improved, but not able to work yet. He has a narrow escape from death.
Mrs. A. Yiser, who has been sick for some time, is not much better.
Mrs. W. H. Dixon has been confined

to her bed with la grippe two weeks. She is better.
The Dunbar Literary club met with Mrs. D. W. Anderson, Friday, Jan. 26 at 3 o'clock. The meeting was a very pleasant one, after enjoying a splendid lunch, the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. H. Tebeau the second Friday in February.
Mrs. Nora Culbertson of Clinton, is in the city, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Rush.
The teachers board of A. M. E. Sunday school, met Jan. 23 and elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Superintendent, Mr. Charles Alden; assistant superintendent, Mr. A. L. Drain. The present teachers were re-elected.
Sunday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock, Mrs. Martha Vaughn, was dangerously burned by the explosion of some gasoline, in trying to throw out the hydrant, she poured gasoline over it and set on fire, after it had burned down and the water not having started, Mrs. Vaughn stepped up to the hydrant and poured on more gasoline. In an instant there was an explosion and all of her clothing caught on fire. Her daughter, Mrs. F. D. Bland, who was visiting, screamed and ran to her mother, throwing her arms about her. They got into the kitchen where they were met by Mr. Bland. He had heard the screams and saw the blaze from the window and ran out with an overcoat and a piece of carpet. Mrs. Vaughn fell into his arms and he caught her and ran to the door outside the door where with heroic efforts he extinguished the flames. Mrs. Vaughn was taken into the house, a physician dressed her injuries. Mr. Bland has both hands badly burned. Mrs. Bland's right hand is badly burned.

ALBIA NOTES.
The House Hold of Ruth of this town, will give a social next Saturday evening at the city hall.
The quarantine has been taken from the home of Rev. W. A. Searcy and it is hoped we will soon have services.
No work at the mines brought a few of the Hocking people to our town on last Friday.

LATHROP, MO.
Mr. Charles Powell, who has been employed for some time at one of the packing houses at St. Joseph, is at home on a visit this week.

Married—Tuesday afternoon, at the residence of Mr. Stanford Slaughters, in this city, Mr. Edward Colvin and Miss Emma Treeman. They have the best wishes of the community for happiness and prosperity.

Rev. Knapper, pastor of the A. M. E. church, conducted a series of meetings at this place last week.

Rev. M. S. Bryant, presiding elder of the St. Joseph district, held quarterly meeting here Sunday.
Rhetoricals were quite interesting at the Lathrop school on last Friday. Several visitors were present. The subject for debate was: Resolved, that navigation has done more for the world than railroads. Miss Mertie Scott and Miss Flossie McGrunder chose the affirmative and Miss Hattie Clark and Miss Lulu Andrews the negative. Both sides were well handled. The negative captured the decision.
Mr. William Miller one of East Clinton's enterprising farmers and stockmen, was in the city Saturday. Mr. Miller has recently purchased property in Lathrop.

Mr. John Slaughter, Sr., who has been quite sick for some time, is some better at this writing.

MUCHAKINOCK.
H. G. Jones departed Tuesday for Chautauque, Va. and will probably stay three or four months.
Albert Rhodes is quite sick at this writing.

Ben Tate was thrown from his cart last week and his shoulder dislocated.
Joe Tate, Jr., was badly hurt by falling slate in No. 8 mine last week. He is improving slowly at this time.
Mrs. Lewis Nolan is expecting some guests from Chicago Saturday.
W. H. London was in Oskaloosa on business Tuesday.
M. C. Band will give their "minstrel" in Eddyville in the near future.
Arthur Wright of Evans is a valuable addition to the M. C. band.
Miss Mobile Sneed went to Des Moines to live Tuesday.



FOR CITY TREASURER

Harry Gross has submitted his name as a candidate for City Treasurer subject to the Primaries. Mr. Gross was born in Illinois in 1871, came to Webster Co. Iowa in 1879, remained there on farm until 12 years ago when he came to Des Moines where he attended School he then worked in the employment of Western Harvester Threshing Co. and for the Layman Storage Co. At present the City License Collector and Aiss City Treasurer for the past 3 years. He has always been a good republican worker and is well qualified also if nominated and elected will make an excellent city officer.

AN EDITOR'S LIFE SAVED BY CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY

During the early part of October, 1896, I contracted a bad cold which settled on my lungs and was neglected until I feared that consumption had appeared in an incipient state. I was constantly coughing and trying to expel something which I could not. I became alarmed and after giving the local doctor a trial bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the result was immediate improvement, and after I had used three bottles my lungs were restored to their healthy state.—B. T. EDWARDS, Publisher of the Review, Wyant, Ill. For sale by all Druggists.



FOR CITY ASSESSOR.

Mr. F. A. French is a candidate for his second term for City Assessor. He is a Hawkeyean by birth having lived here forty years, educated in the city public schools went into the gardner business for eleven years, after which he was employed by the Iowa Seed Company, four years; was elected assessor of the Second Assessorial district; served one term, then elected City Assessor under the new law of two years ago. The first year under the new law he uncovered property which had escaped former assessments, which increase the actual value of personal property, \$6,070.287. His past record is open for all and his claims are based on it. He has always been an active republican worker, and a friend to organized labor, having made some of his appointments on the recommendation of organized labor. His many friends are working hard for his re-nomination.

FOR ALDERMAN.

Mr. S. Green, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizen of the 6th ward, is a candidate for Alderman of the 6th ward. He was born in the empire state in 1833, came to Iowa in 1857 where he has resided ever since. He has been in his business, that of the Foundry for 31 years, has never held an elective office but has attended strictly to his business and his honesty, good judgement, and management has made a financial success; a large tax-payer and his experience and good qualities would make an ideal councilman has always been a republican and will appreciate all the help that the voters tender him.

FOR CITY AUDITOR.

The name of J. B. Lucas an active young republican worker is submitted to the republican voters for City Auditor subject to the republican primaries. He was born in Kentucky in 1867. Came to Iowa 11 years ago and by his honesty and integrity has worked himself up to clerk of the board of Public Works' office. He is a member of many societies and is well qualified for the place he aspires; has been a delegate to several conventions. His many friends are working very hard for his nomination.

FOR ALDERMAN AT LARGE.

Geo. W. Hallet, one of the most capable and strong young man, has just announced his name as a candidate for Alderman at Large for Des Moines T. P. or West Des Moines. He is a thorough Des Moines boy coming from one of the oldest families in this county; he was born 37 years ago in the first frame house built in Des Moines, was educated in our Public Schools. He began early to learn the carpenter trade and at the age of 16 years was assisting in building houses, first learning the stair building; later he went to Denver, Col., where he studied Architecture for several years. He then returned to Des Moines and went into the Architecture business forming a partnership with Mr. Rawson. He has designed such buildings as the Union Station, the New Auditorium, the Union Building, etc. He has always been a republican notwithstanding his parents were democrats. He is a very courteous and kind to all.

FOR CITY SOLICITOR.

The well known Attorney A. P. Chamberlain has announced his name as a candidate for City Solicitor subject to the republican primaries. Mr. Chamberlain's boyhood life was spent upon an Iowa farm; when he left the farm, for two he carried the hod in summer and chopped cord wood in winter to acquire money to enter college; then taught several terms of school to complete his education. He has practiced law in this city since 1877, and was never known to turn a worthy client away because he was poor. During the time that he was Assistant City Solicitor he won many cases and made friends by his honest dealings with the people; he is a hard worker and one of the influential republican workers from the east side a good; speaker and will if elected give all an equal chance he is a good friend of the colored race.

Subscribe for the Bystander.

OSKALOOSA NEWS.

Beniah Marshall who has been sick for quite awhile is reported as being in a bad condition at this writing.
Elmer Williams who went to Chicago some time ago on account of poor health, returned home last week much improved.
Cards announcing the marriage of Miss May Etta Brown to Mr. C. Clay, Feb. 8, 1900.
Last Wednesday occurred the funeral of Miss Laura Jones who died in Asylum at Mr. Pleasant; she had been there about ten days before her death. the statement of her death has not been made out yet as the Doctors do not know the cause of death.

There were several converts during the Revivals meeting up at Wesley Chapel. The Revival meetings of the A. M. E. Church will continue this week; Rev. Ford of Washington is in our city helping Rev. Williams carry on his good work.

BURLINGTON BRIEFLETS.

The revival services at St. John's A. M. E. Church seems to be growing in interest, the services on Sunday were the best of all since Miss Mattie Johnson's arrival in our city.

So far we have seven conversion and they have all joined the church, a great number continue to ask for prayer. The 3 o'clock meetings are increasing each afternoon with the study of the Bible.

Mrs. Johnson is an earnest worker for the Master. The Choir renders some excellent music each evening under the direction of Mrs. Grace Morris Allen. All the people say God is working wonders in St. John's A. M. E. Church as it has not been for a long time; the people seem to have just seen the error of their ways. Mrs. Mattie Johnson has no exciting features, but wins people by God's word. She presents Christ in its simplicity; the services Monday evening were largely attended with a good praise and song service.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Reed entertained Mrs. Mattie Johnson at dinner Friday evening. A number of friends last Wednesday evening surprised Mr. and Mrs. Simmons with a pound party.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Washington entertained at dinner Sunday Mrs. M. Johnson, Rev. J. W. Smith and Mrs. Anna Gustin. Also Mrs. G. A. Brown entertained Mrs. Mattie Johnson Sunday evening.

Mrs. Mary Emanuel has been very sick for the past week, but at this writing is improving.

Quarterly meeting at St. John's A.M.E. Church Sunday Feb. 11, P. E. Bundy will be with us and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. Folks.

Mrs. Henry Cooper, last Saturday evening, fell and received a bruise, but not serious she is just as pleasant as ever notwithstanding her affliction.

Mrs. Patsy Brooks is confined to her bed with the rheumatism, also Mrs. Jno. Mitchell has been quite sick for several weeks. Mrs. P. King's baby has been sick also Mr. Jno. Ivy's baby, but at this writing they are better.

Burlington is in the midst of a great Ice Harvest, it looks as if a very person has an ice house from the way you see the people. Mr. T. Wall has been indisposed for several days also his sister, Mrs. Mary Barnett.

The friends and members keep Mrs. Johnson busy, nearly every person wants to entertain her. She don't get to eat many meals at her stopping place.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen entertained at dinner Monday evening Mrs. M. Johnson. Mr. J. Wilson, a highly respected old citizen of Burlington has been indisposed for some time and is still but is trusting the Lord in his affliction. He is one of the founders of the Baptist Church. His wife, Mrs. K. Wilson, is still at St. Joe, Mo., at the bedside of her son, Rufus, who is lying very low with a paralytic stroke.

DUBUQUE NEWS.

Sunday was Missionary Day, there was a fair attendance present.

The trustees gave a festival last Tuesday.

Mr. Jas. Martin has returned from Oskaloosa.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills are residing on the hill.

The two well known barbers, Mr. J. M. Logan and M. E. Lynch are on the sick list.

The Misses Eva and Beatrice Martin have returned to our city.

Mrs. Aaron and daughter were visitors in our city last week.

The entertainment given by the club last week was quite a success considering the severe weather.

MT. PLEASANT.

Misses Lena and Anna Brown of Eldon, Iowa, were in the city a few days, coming here to see their youngest sister who is an inmate at the asylum, while here they were the guests of their cousin, Mr. Clay Reed and family.

Mrs. Susan Grandison has la grippe. Mrs. Wm. Pierson is on the sick list. Mrs. J. A. Carter is suffering from rheumatism.

Master T. McNeil is office boy for Dr. Lessenger.

Mrs. Winfield of Clinton, Iowa, is in the city stopping at the St. Claire House. She is a missionary and has been holding prayer meetings.

Quarterly meeting will be held here on the 18. of the month,

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

Black lions are scarce and are found only in the interior of Sahara. An excellent specimen of this color has just been added to the menagerie of the Jardin des Plantes, in Paris.

Our Increased Trade With China. England can no longer compete with us in the shipment of many products to China. This is merely natural. The best wins in everything. For a like reason, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has for fifty years acknowledged no superior, because there is nothing better to cure constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia and biliousness.

A policeman travels his beat and the hobo beats his travel.

"Nature Abhors a Vacuum."

Nothing in the world stands still. If you are well and strong day by day the blood supplies its tide of vigor. If you are ill, the blood is wrong and carries increasing quantities of diseased germs. You cannot change Nature, but you can aid her by keeping the blood pure. Hood's Sarsaparilla does this as nothing else can. Be sure to get Hood's, because

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappoints

Paper shingles are used in Japan and they are found to be as serviceable as the wooden ones, and only cost one-half as much. They are simply thickly tarred pasteboard.

Cataract Cannot Be Cured with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Cataract is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hood's Cataract Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hood's Cataract Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Cataract. Send for testimonials. Write to F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Hood's Family Pills are the best.

Simple life is not unimpaired by drawbacks.

PRESIDENT KRUEGER AHEAD.
Pretoria, Transvaal, South Africa, Dec. 7, 1899.

Messrs. Swanson Rheumatic Cure Company, Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.—Gentlemen: Your last shipment and communication received. I am very much pleased with the information which you have so kindly given me.

Please find enclosed bank draft to the amount of \$412.10, for which send me twenty-five (25) gross of Swanson's "5-DROPS." Ship same as before in order that there may be no delay, as this medicine will be greatly needed before it reaches us. The last shipment is almost disposed of, as the medical department of our army uses large quantities. This order is entirely for use in the army.

I have been told that our success on the battlefield is due to a certain extent to the use of "5-DROPS" Rheumatic Cure, which has relieved and prevented a great deal of suffering among our men from Rheumatism, Neuralgia and other acute pains caused by exposure. Your "5-DROPS" is as good as a Transvaal soldier!

In one of the battles, a small quantity of "5-DROPS," together with other medicines, was captured by the English, which was a great loss to our men. The Boers won't do it again. I am, respectfully yours,

PETER HAAS.
"5-DROPS" is the most powerful specific known. Free from opiates and perfectly harmless. It is a perfect cure for Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Backache, Asthma, Catarrh, La Grippe, Neuralgic Headache, etc. Large sized bottles (300 doses), \$1.00, or three (3) bottles for \$2.50. Sample bottles 25 cents.

SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO.,
160 to 164 E. Lake St., Chicago, Ill.

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Blasted hopes often result from exploded theories.

That Mysterious Major...



CHAPTER XII.—(Continued.)

But Evelyn did not utter a syllable as she tore open the envelope and read the following hurriedly-penned words, which she instantly passed to her companion—

Dear Evelyn—I have scarcely a moment to write to you, having only just received a telegram from Royston School asking me to go immediately, as Wilfred, poor lad, had a serious fall this afternoon, and is lying in a most critical condition. I am therefore starting off to him at once, and am hoping to catch the 8:30 express. If not, there is a fairly train at 9:10. Anyhow, you will receive this in time for you to catch the latter, as, of course, it is impossible for you to return to the hotel alone; so there is nothing for you to do but follow immediately. If I am in time for the express, I shall leave Parker at the station to wait for you. Your affectionate aunt, **LYDIA HOWARD.**

"Dear me, child"—it was Mrs. Courtney who was the first to speak—"how very dreadful! Poor Lady Howard—what a state she must be in!"

"Yes, indeed; but what am I to do?" asked Evelyn, who was only just beginning to grasp the situation and to realize that there was not a moment to lose. If I am to leave on the 9:10 train, I ought to start at once—it must be almost that time now—with a despairing glance round.

"Nearly 9:10? Oh, it cannot be so late already! But surely, somebody can tell us! Ah, yes! Is that you, Mr. Falkland? How fortunate!" broke off Mrs. Courtney, with a sigh of relief, for Falkland was passing back to his seat after the interval. "You will be able to give us the right time."

"The right time? Certainly!" Falkland paused and pulled out his watch.

CHAPTER XIII.

After all, it seemed that her aunt was right when she so emphatically declared that they would have been utterly at sea without the kindly help of Mr. Falkland; and she began to think that for the future she would not be so ready to venture her opinion when two such unreadable characters as Major Brown and Gilbert Falkland were on taps. Alas, could it be possible that she had been so hopelessly mistaken in the former? To her it was incredible.

There was the usual bustle and excitement consequent upon the departure of a train reigning at the small terminus of Saltcliffe as Evelyn and Falkland stepped out of the cab and made their way quickly through the throng of hurrying porters and trucks of baggage. Falkland made a rush for the ticket office, and then hastened forward to find Evelyn, who had gone on to the platform, looking anxiously around for signs of her aunt and maid.

"Aunt Lydia must have left by the express—she is not to be seen anywhere," she said in some agitation; "but Parker—both Parker and Sambo—they must be here."

"Yes—of course they must; have you not seen them yet? But you get in here, Miss Evelyn, and make sure of a carriage to yourself, and I will go and find Parker at once and bring her to you."

"But if she is not here—if she has mistaken the train?" The girl's tone was thoroughly hopeless.

"Take your seats! Take your seats!" came the voice of the guard. "Are you going, miss? Then take your seat," he said to Evelyn.

What was she to do? She was in despair as she mounted up quickly to the first-class compartment, and then



BEHELD FALKLAND'S GAUNT FORM COMING TOWARD HER.

"It is exactly four minutes to nine. But something has happened, I am afraid. Can I be of any assistance to you?"

Mrs. Courtney rose quickly from her chair.

"Oh, Mr. Falkland, of the very greatest in the world! The fact is, Miss Luttrell has just received a note from her aunt telling her of an accident which has happened to her son; and, as Lady Howard is going straight off to the school, Miss Luttrell has to leave also, and is to catch the 9:10 train."

"Then in that case, Miss Luttrell, you have not a second to lose," returned Falkland, taking a rapid survey of the troubled-looking pretty face, which at the sound of his voice had grown, if possible, a shade paler. "You may just catch the train, but only just; and you will have to drive with the greatest speed imaginable. However, come at once, and I will promise it for you; only—Don't you trouble, pray, Mrs. Courtney—there is not the slightest occasion; you can trust your charge with perfect confidence to me, and I will give you my word not to leave her until I have delivered her safely into the hands of either Lady Howard or the redoubtable Parker."

And so two minutes later it happened that Evelyn found herself dashing along at breakneck speed through the streets of Saltcliffe, seated side by side with her rejected suitor, Gilbert Falkland.

"It is very kind of you to trouble so," she had tried to tell him above the rattle of the wheels the instant he had given directions to the driver and they had started off at a pace more suggestive of a fire engine than a crawling English "growler"; and perhaps her conscience smote her a little as she remembered with what disdain she had treated him during the past few days.

paused with her hand upon the open door, gazing anxiously down the platform. The next instant, however, she beheld Falkland's gaunt form coming rapidly toward her.

"Where is Parker? Have you found her?" gasped Evelyn, as, to her horror, she perceived that he was quite alone.

"It is all right, Miss Luttrell—there is no need for alarm," and to Evelyn's astonishment, Falkland himself jumped into the carriage, pulling the door to with a vigorous slam, as the train immediately steamed out of the station.

"There—we are off at last!" He sank back into the seat opposite her with a sigh of relief.

"Yes—but I do not understand. Where is Parker? What is she doing?"

"What is she doing? You may well ask that!" laughed Falkland. "Did you ever know a maid yet who managed to catch the train she was expected to? The fact is, she made some mistake about the luggage; it was put into a wrong train—one which left ten minutes earlier. At any rate, there was no time to get it out again when the mistake was discovered; so that Parker has gone on with it to the next station, where she was to see it taken out, and then wait for you."

"How very tiresome! I never heard of such a thing in my life!" exclaimed Evelyn, with some annoyance. "Fancy, if nobody had told you, I might have been waiting at Saltcliffe still! I should not have known what to do; and, as it is—again her conscience gave her one or two undoubted pricks—"what a fearful trouble I am—But really, there was no need for you to have come. I could have managed by myself."

"Nonsense, Miss Luttrell! Did you not hear me promise to deliver you safely into Parker's hands? And surely you do not suppose I should be so remiss as to leave you in such straits

as these? No—decidedly—"I shall carry out my promise to the letter; and, sooner than any blame should fall upon me, I shall certainly escort you all the way to Royston. Let me see, though. I suppose it is Parker who has made the mistake. What did Lady Howard say in her letter? Are you sure the train she told you to come by was the ten minutes past nine one, and not the nine train?"

"Oh, yes, I am quite sure! But here it is—" She broke off somewhat abruptly, however, as she glanced down at the paper in her hand, and found that it was only the program of the theater which she had been keeping so securely. "How tiresome! I must have dropped Aunt Lydia's note!"

(To be continued.)

CYANIDE'S ATTRACTION.

Those Who Handle the Drug Draw Almost Irresistibly to Swallow It.

"Just now we are engaged in the making of tons of cyanide of potassium," said a member of a firm of manufacturing chemists, "and of all poisons, this, to my mind, is the most dangerous, because of a singular quality it possesses. It is in appearance so very attractive to those who handle it that they are often seized with an almost overwhelming desire to eat it. To one man it probably suggests sugar, if he have a fondness for saccharine substances, and to another snow newly fallen; but to both it is so alluring that they may only overcome the temptation to put it in their mouths by great force of will power. The very men who make it and who are most familiar with its deadly properties are pursued by an unreasonable desire to eat the poison, and as long as they remain in its vicinity this extraordinary craving endures. They know that to give way to the craving means death almost instant and horrible, and as a consequence are usually able to resist the strange temptation, but during the last ten years we have been engaged in the manufacture of the drug four of our most intelligent and steady workmen have committed suicide in this way."

"Ever feel like eating it yourself?" asked the reporter. "Yes," the manufacturer replied. "Many times when in contact with the cyanide fumes, and have had to leave work precipitantly in consequence. So well is this curious fact known in all works where cyanide of potassium is made that there are always two men at work together, and a jar of ammonia, which is the antidote to the poison, is kept at hand. Potassium is one of the most interesting substances known to chemical workers. The metal itself is scarcely used at all in the arts, but its many salts are of immense practical value, being used largely in the production of gunpowder, fertilizers, medicines and dyeing compounds. Cyanide is a compound of cyanogen with a metallic agent. Cyanogen is a colorless, poisonous liquefiable gas which has the odor of almonds and burns with a purple flame. Cyanide of potassium is made by burning potassium, an alkali metal, in cyanogen gas, and is really a prussiate of potash. It is produced also in blast furnaces in which ore is smelted, with coke or coal, and is permanent when kept dry, but decomposes readily in moist air. It crystallizes in dry, octagonal blocks, and is extremely soluble in water. It has the odor of prussic acid and kindred bitterness of taste. Cyanide of potassium is also used in electro-metallurgy and photography to a considerable extent. It will remove metallic oxides, the juices of fruits and indelible ink."

FORTUNE LEFT

To a Prodigal Turned Out Into the World Many Years Ago.

Philadelphia Times: After more than twelve years of dire poverty Douglas Wilhelm is walking from New York to his home in Eastern Tennessee to claim a fortune of \$100,000, which his father left to him. Wilhelm started from New York the other morning, and intends to walk all the way to Memphis. He says that he has managed to live twelve years in want without asking for charity and that he does not intend to ask for it now. He has enough money to pay for his lodging and food on the trip, and does not intend to ask for transportation. Wilhelm was at the Twenty-fifth district police station, and was there seen by a reporter for the Times, to whom he told his story. His father, he said, owned a large cotton plantation about forty miles from Memphis, and he and his son lived together until twelve years ago, when the son fell in love with the plantation overseer's daughter. Several months later they ran away and were married. The boy's father would not be reconciled to the marriage and turned the son out on the world. Wilhelm's education was not good, and he and his young wife wandered from place to place, making a living as best they could. They finally drifted to New York, where the wife died. Wilhelm made a living by selling papers, and continued to struggle on alone until a few weeks ago, when he saw in a southern paper that his father had died leaving him his entire fortune. Wilhelm wrote to the administrator of the estate, but received no answer, and is now on his way to his home to claim the estate. He looks worn and haggard, but seems confident that he will be able to make the trip.

How It Worked.

Mrs. Newlywed (reading)—Love is a balloon that lifts us up to heaven; marriage is the parachute that brings us slowly back to earth again. Mr. Newlywed (also reading)—Another parachute horror! Man falls 3,000 feet and is dashed to pieces! Same old story! Parachute fails to work.

AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED.

The Dual Government in Kentucky Now an End.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 6.—Shortly after midnight the republican and democratic conferees in session at the Galt house came to an agreement. A stenographer was summoned and a document was signed by the participants in the conference. It is said the agreement is decidedly favorable to the democrats. Governor Taylor is to withdraw the troops from the state buildings at Frankfort and send them home. The order convening the legislature at London is to be revoked, and the regular sessions of the assembly are to be resumed at the state capitol without molestation. The agreement provides that in order to leave no question as to the title of William Goebel and J. C. Beckham to the offices of governor and lieutenant governor respectively, the general assembly shall pass a resolution in joint assembly validating the acts on that subject since the legislature has been prevented by troops from holding its regular sessions at Frankfort. As soon as the legislature does this, Beckham's title to the office of governor is not to be questioned. The democrats grant immunity to Governor Taylor and his associates from prosecution for treason, usurpation of office or contempt of court for what has been done since the shooting of Goebel. These matters are to be held in abeyance until next Monday. The republican legislature is to be withdrawn from London immediately and no filibustering or other attempt of this character is to be resorted to by the republicans to obstruct the carrying out of this agreement in the legislature.

NEW PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Judge William Taft Made Chairman and Will Start for Manila.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The president has appointed Judge William H. Taft, of Cincinnati, United States judge of the sixth judicial circuit to be president of the new Philippine commission. Judge Taft, who is in the city, stated that the commission would sail for the Philippines soon after March 15, and its special mission will be the establishment of a civil government for the islands. Further than that he was not at liberty to speak. It is understood that the other members of the commissions will be designated within a very short time. The appointment of this commission is carrying out the suggestions of the present Philippine commission, which will shortly go out of existence.

PUSH THE BRITISH BACK.

Fighting on the Upper Tugela Seems to Favor the Boers.

BOER HEAD LAAGER, Ladysmith, Feb. 6.—Since yesterday the British with naval and other guns bombarded our positions on the Upper Tugela. Troops crossed the river at the Pont and at Molen drift with the object of storming our position. At the former General Burger beat them back and they recrossed in great confusion. Fighting continues at Mollen's drift with Standerton and Johannesburg commands. There were no casualties on our side. The cannonading is the fiercest yet experienced. There is a continuous roaring all day long. This morning it was recommenced with increased number of guns.

Republican House Meets.

LONDON, Ky., Feb. 8.—The house was called to order yesterday by Speaker Pro Tem Bethurum, thirty-eight members being present. F. M. Cecil of Middleboro was unanimously elected sergeant-at-arms. Cecil received the oath of office and adjournment was taken until noon to-day. The senate convened at noon with eleven senators present. H. J. Howard, of Louisville was made sergeant-at-arms and sworn in.

Rests With Gov. Taylor.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 8.—Governor Taylor has not yet signed the agreement reached by the conferees at Louisville. He has been in conference with leading members of the republican party, and has received many telegrams urging him not to surrender the rights of the republicans.

OPERATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Insurgents Attack Americans, Causing Some Casualties.

MANILA, Feb. 7.—Insurgents attacked the First battalion of the Forty-ninth infantry near Niac. The major and captain were wounded, and one sergeant was killed. The details are lacking. A report from Legaspi says the insurgent General Pana has concentrated a large force about the town and made a sharp night attack on Major Shipton's battalion of the Forty-seventh infantry. One battalion and a battery have sailed as reinforcements for Major Shipton. A corporal and four men patrolling the railroad near Mabacat recently disappeared and are supposed to have been captured. A searching party looking for them was ambushed and a corporal killed.

MANILA, Feb. 7.—The insurgents Monday captured a supply train of nine bull carts between Orani and Dinalupjan, killing a corporal and five privates of Company G, Thirty-second infantry. The escort consisted of a sergeant and eleven mounted men. The insurgents weakened the supports of a bridge over a creek and the first car went down into the stream. While the escort was bunched there trying to haul the cart out of the water the insurgents fired a volley from the bushes, killing the six Americans and also two native drivers.

Non-resistance to injustice is nothing short of complicity.

FIFTY Permanently Cured. Notice of arrangements for first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$3.00 trial bottle and treatment. Dr. R. H. Kline, 142 N. 3rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. See a bottle. The purse is a poor place to keep pride.

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My doctor said I would die, but Plac's Cure for Consumption cured me.—Amos Kelso, Cherry Valley, Ill., Nov. 23, '95.

The burden of some people's conversation is pretty hard for others to bear.

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Sixty-six different substances have been discovered in coal tar.

THE NERVES OF WOMEN

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Relieves the Suffering from Overwrought Nerves.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I am so grateful for the benefit derived from the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound that I wish you to publish this testimonial that others may know the value of your medicine. I was suffering such tortures from nervous prostration that life was a burden. I could not sleep at all and was too weak to walk across the floor without aid. The disease had reached a condition where my heart was affected by it, so that often I could not lie down at all without almost suffocating. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it worked like magic. I feel that your medicine has been of inestimable benefit to me."—Miss ADELE WILLIAMSON, 195 N. Boulevard, Atlanta, Ga.

Thin, Sallow and Nervous

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I was thin, sallow and nervous. I had not had my menses for over a year and a half. Doctored with several physicians in town and one specialist, but did not get any better. I finally decided to try your medicine, and wrote to you. After I had taken three bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and three of Blood Purifier, my menses returned, and I feel as well and strong as I ever did, and am gaining flesh."—Miss LENA GAINES, Visalia, Tulare Co., Cal.



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WESTERN CANADA.

Crop Prospects and Climate About Edmonton, N. W. T.—Interesting Letter from Mrs. A. A. Brigham, Late of Mason City.

The following extracts from an interesting letter to the Mason City (Ia.) Republican, written by Mrs. S. A. Brigham, late of that place, but now of Ross Creek, Alberta, Canada, so nearly describe most of the districts of Western Canada that we take pleasure in presenting same to the attention of our readers:

Ross Creek, Alberta, N. W. T., Canada, Aug. 7, 1899.
Editor Mason City Republican—Dear Sir: We are located in the Beaver Hills, 30 miles from Ft. Saskatchewan and 50 miles from Edmonton. To the east of these is an immense area of bottom lands, which furnishes abundance of hay for the settlers. It is dotted with small lakes, the largest of which is called Beaver Lake, 16 miles in length.

The Beaver Hills are covered with small green willows which are easily gotten rid of before breaking up the land. Here and there poplar, birch and tamarack trees abound. Small meadows are numerous. The soil in these hills is much richer than the bottom lands, being a kind of black loam mould. There is no tough sod to break, and it is very productive. Wheat, oats and barley do finely and vegetables are the finest that can be grown. Potatoes especially are large and solid, easily producing from 200 to 300 bushels per acre, and best of all never a "lady bug" to wrestle with. Wild fruit, strawberries, gooseberries, Saskatoons (or pine berries), raspberries and cranberries, are found in the hills. Small tame fruit does finely, the red and white currants in my garden are as large again as common sized ones.

We have long days during the months of June and July; one can see to read many evenings until 10 o'clock in the twilight. Some nights less than 3 hours of darkness, and the birds are singing at 2 o'clock. Then again, it rains so easily. You look toward the west and see a little cloud coming up, a gentle shower follows, the sun shines forth again, and in a little while you forget it has rained.

Cyclones are unknown here and the thunder and lightning is very light. We had two storms this summer accompanied with wind and hail, but nothing to lodge the grain. The average heat is about 78 degrees. We had three or four days in July at 90. The nights are always cool.

The winter season is one of great activity. All the fencing is gotten out then and logs for the farm buildings. By paying 25 cents you are granted a permit at the land office to cut logs upon vacant lands. The roads are good and smooth, for the snow never drifts, not even around the buildings, and this is a great saving of time to the farmer. Hay is hauled from the bottom lands all winter long, and a man can work outside every day as far as the weather is concerned. There are cold snaps when it reaches 40 and 45 below zero, but the lack of wind prevents one realizing it and the mountains 150 miles west of us are a great protection. Our neighbors are mostly Canadian, Scotch, Swede, and we have a nice sprinkling of people from the states. The creeks abound in small fish.

We are now in the midst of hay-making (Aug. 7). Wheat will not be cut until early September, this being a little later season than common, but the crop will be immense. I send you a sample of wheat and barley—its height is almost even with my shoulders, average 50 inches. New comers lacking binders can hire their grain cut for 75 cents per acre. Prairie chickens are here by the thousands.

The water is good. We have a fine well 15 feet deep. In the creeks the water is soft and of a yellowish color. Now for the drawbacks (we have them), but nothing very serious. The mosquitoes are simply abominable, especially after a shower. Then again we are surrounded by bachelors; we have no less than 18 single men in this neighborhood, on matrimony bent. When a feminine gender of any age between 14 and 40 visits these hills we pity her, so great is the demand for her company.

In conclusion, if the remainder of our loved ones were here with us, we should better enjoy life on Ross Creek, and unless the unexpected develops, consider this will be a pretty fair place to end our days.
MRS. S. A. BRIGHAM.

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GREAT BRITAIN INDIGNANT.

Incompetency of the Cabinet Causes Amusement.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The indignation, humiliation and amazement of the nation at the incompetency displayed by its ministers has arisen to heights probably never before attained. While the empire is engaged in the most serious struggle to which it has been committed since the first years of the nineteenth century, while statesmen and legislatures of self-governing colonies faithfully represent the imperial spirit of their constituents, while Britishers of all ranks have arisen to the occasion with courage and unanimity unsurpassed in their annals, statesmen at home have committed themselves to party maneuvers, mutual recriminations, contradictions, shuffling evasions and palpably lame excuses, so utterly heedless of the temper of the people, that a movement in favor of a reconstruction of the cabinet, first inaugurated a few weeks ago, promises, unless a more vigorous policy is speedily adopted, to develop into a national uprising which will sweep out the politicians whose utter failure almost appears to justify, in the words of the Daily Mail, "prophecy of the downfall of the British empire so liberally poured forth by writers and speakers in the United States and on the continent." Even the Times, that bulwark of conservatism, declares the chatter in the house of commons during the past few days is simply irritating and offensive to nine out of ten persons in the United Kingdom. Consequently it is not astonishing that people are looking for some strong man to lead them. Lord Roseberry's name is most prominent. His pitiless lashing of Salisbury on the day parliament reassembled marks him, in the opinion of many, as the right man to face the present imperial crisis.

CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY.

Amended So As to Permit Construction of Nicaragua Canal.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The United States and Great Britain, it has been definitely learned, have reached an amicable agreement respecting the operation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty as affecting the right of construction and control by the United States of the proposed Nicaragua canal. The result marks the termination of the conference between the officials of the state department and Lord Pauncefoot of fully a year's duration, during which a number of meetings were held and the subject fully discussed by the representatives of the governments interested. Great Britain agrees to a modification of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty by which she practically relinquishes any claims respecting a legal control of the Nicaragua canal after it shall have been constructed. The result thereof is to eliminate that feature of the treaty bearing upon the subject of dual control and to leave the United States free to construct and thereafter control this great inter-oceanic waterway. From the same authoritative quarter it is ascertained that England has made no demands for a quid pro quo for her abandonment of whatever rights she may have had under the treaty and which she now promises to relinquish.

GOEBEL IS DEAD.

Beckham Sworn in as Governor Immediately After His Death.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 4.—The bullet fired by an unknown assassin last Tuesday morning ended the life of William Goebel at 6:45 last evening. The only persons present at his death were Mr. Goebel's sister, Mrs. Braunacker, and his brother, Arthur Goebel, who have been in constant attendance at Mr. Goebel's bedside, and Dr. McCormick. Justin Goebel, who has been hurrying from Arizona as fast as steam would carry him, in a vain hope of reaching his dying brother in time for some token of recognition, arrived forty minutes too late. The patient was conscious a short time before his death, which was painless.

Immediately after his death Lieutenant Governor Beckham took the oath of governor. As acting governor he had already issued an order removing Adjutant General Collier and Assistant Dixon from office, and instructing the troops to return to their respective posts.

HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE.

Boers Evidently Pressing Attack on Ladysmith.

MODDERSPRUIT, Feb. 7.—Messages from Ladysmith dated Monday say continuous cannonading has been proceeding since 5 o'clock in the morning, with the occasional roar of a "Long Tom." The firing, it is added, continues.

British Ambassador Leaves Paris.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—It is officially announced here that Sir Edmund J. Monson, the British ambassador to France, left France for the south on leave of absence. The announcement is generally regarded as important. Coming on top of the known anti-British feeling in France it is thought the departure of the ambassador from his post at the present juncture indicates more than appears on the surface, or than is contained in the official explanation.

Taylor Appeals to McKinley.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—McKinley received a long message from Governor Taylor of Kentucky in which he recites the situation, declares he is the legal governor, asserts that the condition of affairs is most critical, etc. He says a riot may occur at any time and expresses doubt of his power to control the situation and appeals to president to end the matter and secure peace in the state by recognizing him as governor. The appeal is very earnest and the aid of the administration is urgently requested.

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