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CITY NEWS

Telephone 355 Center street, for coal.

Miss Mable Hall is almost entirely well.

Mrs. Wm. Mash who has been sick for a long time is able to be out some.

Mrs. Robt Mash is visiting relatives this week in Cedar Rapids.

Wm. Hampton went to Keokuk this week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Tamer Bland.

Easter was generally observed by all the churches last Sunday with song and special services.

Mr. C. Howard of Omaha spent one day this week with his wife who is visiting her sister Mrs. C. B. Ruff.

Mrs. J. Frank Blagburn sang a beautiful solo at the Opera House Thursday evening for a local theater company.

Mr. E. T. Banks our faithful Court House janitor took suddenly ill last Friday and had to stay at home until Tuesday, when he was able to be out.

Mr. B. J. Shepard and Miss Eldora Thompson moved out their new home in Olive last Tuesday, they will have a beautiful six room house when completed.

J. L. Thompson's candidacy for Justice of Peace is meeting with favorable consideration among all classes, has never held or ask for an office in Polk County before.

We would especially call the attention of all our readers to read Harris Emery and companies' ad this week. It is simply a general directory of their new building, you should post it in your scrap-book for future reference.

We forgot to mention the fact last week that Mrs. R. N. Hyde was called by a telegram to the bedside of her sick sister in Vincennes, Ind., later information states that she died Mrs. Hyde has not yet returned.

Miss Della Comley who visited Minneapolis recently, is reported to have married while there to Mr. Patterson the young man who visited our city last winter. We have no facts at hand yet. The bride is one of our well known and much liked young ladies. Success to them in their future life.

Among those who are reported to have the Small-pox and are out at the detention hospital are Messrs Gus Watkins, Wm. Smith and M. Porter, they are getting along nicely at this time, there are several others but we have not learned their names.

Mrs. Lizzie Palmer received the sad message of the death of her sister-in-law Mrs. John L. Brooks of Burlington who died last Sunday and was buried Tuesday. Her son died the preceding Sunday a strange coincidence Mrs. Palmer left Monday afternoon to attend the funeral, Mrs. Newton being still there.

A word to colored voters, this coming republican county primaries and convention will mark an epoch for our race, a colored man aspiring for an elective office hitherto never sought for by any colored man namely, Justice of Peace of West Des Moines, also one for a constable ought to inspire every colored voter to go to his voting precinct on Saturday afternoon April 28th and vote and work for them.

The H. B. S. R. C. met with Mrs. Wilburn April 19th after the program the hostess served a refreshing lunch. The club will meet with Mrs. Ella Smith on 11th., and Center streets, all the members are requested to be present as business of importance will be transacted. They will also continue the discussion of the Porto Rican Bill.

Rev. Joseph Underwood of this city formally of Michigan was united in marriage to Mrs. Eliza Bell last week. It was a quite affair as only a few friends were present. The groom is an able preacher, and the bride is well known here, they left for Frazer where they will live. Success to the happy couple.

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The Iowa State Bystander has just been apprised of the nuptial of Miss Myrtle A. Wallace of the Indianapolis Recorder, to Firman C. Brown of Detroit, Mich. Mr. Brown the groom is a well known young man in the leading society of Detroit, he is head-waiter in the famous Cadillac Hotel and has the honor of being one of the leading organizers of Detroit. Miss Wallace the bride has held the position of compositor in the Recorder's office of Indianapolis Ind., for the past several years, and is sister to Mrs. Beattie M. Peterson, wife of Rev. Dr. F. J. Peterson of St. Paul A. M. E. church this city. The Bystander extends their best wishes to the happy pair upon their voyage.

51st IOWA ENTERTAINMENT.

The many friends of Company A and H will have an opportunity to attend their minstrel, to be given at the Auditorium, April 28th., under the auspices and for the exclusive benefit of the Brotherhood of Locomotive and Firemen's International Convention, to be held here next September. Tickets and reserved seats can be had at Baker & Trisler Co., 420 Walnut. It will be an interesting entertainment and all should go.

EASTER.

Easter has come and gone, the last one to be observed in the 19th century. The song services, the anthems and solemn chorals with Easter lilies and singing birds, together with special sermons, sounds its presence. Yet it has been nearly 1900 years ago since our blessed Savior triumph over death, and Mary goes out in early darkness and seen the angel which had rolled the stone away.

As we read the old old story over it but renumerate and proclaim in our mind the supreme power of God. While we would like to say this Easter that all christian nations are at peace; yet it is a painful fact that while some christian people are observing Easter with praises and songs England is persecuting a bloody, war with a few christian people in South Africa, who wish to live in their country peacefully; and a few thousand Americans are going through the swamps of the Archipelago hunting the natives to subject them to our rule. We hope these wars may soon terminate and that peace and brotherly love exist.

A WORD TO YOUNG MEN

In America nearly every civilized race is represented; each is trying to better their condition in every way. Our race perhaps is the last to enter the struggling contest in the busy world, as competitors to success. Therefore my young colored man or lady do we realize the urgent necessity to fit and prepare ourselves for each duty that may offer itself along the pathway of life with other races. Do you my young

people realize that you must in early life turn your attention to business, reliability, responsibility; for as we have said all other races have the start of us in America. Consequently we must be honest, studious, punctual and economical; do not spend one moment in idleness, bad company, saloons, billiard halls, card tables or the ball rooms, for our time is limited and only comes to us once. Therefore spend every idle moment in reading or preparing for some duty in life, and keep off the street corners laughing or talking about foolishness, look and study for the higher ideals in life and business.

A HANDY BOOK.

Rev. C. A. Smith, of the A. M. E. Sunday School Union, has published a neat little book containing the names and addresses of the delegates of the 21st General Conference which meets in Columbus, Ohio May 7. It also contains the rules of order, names of the nine Bishops and the places and dates of the sessions of the General Conference since its organization in Philadelphia, Pa., May, 1820. It is very useful to the delegates. There are 9 bishops, 9 general officers and 387 delegates. Rev. Smith is an active candidate for the office of bishopric.

BOOKER WASHINGTON'S COURTESY.

Tuskegee, Ala., April 12.—Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial institute, has issued an invitation to all persons coming to this section to see the total eclipse of the sun May 28 to come to Tuskegee and be present at the commencement exercises of his institution, May 27 to 31. Tuskegee is in the path of the eclipse.—Des Moines News.

It was a little strange that our highly esteemed Admiral, George Dewey, has announced himself as a candidate for President of the United States after having so lately declared that he did not want it. Well George you made a good Admiral, but must wait a little while longer before you can be president of the United States.

FOR CONSTABLE.

The name of Horace Lewis our well known colored citizen has been announced as a candidate for Constable of Des Moines Township subject to the republican convention. Mr. Lewis is one of the pioneer citizens of Des Moines, having spent the best part of his life here and a good republican. He is at present employed as janitor under the custodian at the Capitol; he was a candidate two years ago and now working very hard for the nomination for Constable.

FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE.

Mr. W. H. Stiles the well known attorney has announced his name as a candidate for Justice of the Peace of Des Moines Township. He is an able upright lawyer and enjoys the confidence and respect of the bar and by his long years of practicing, which is twenty-six years and six years County Attorney of Guthrie County which would fit him for the office. He was one of the boys in 1860 when our country ask for loyal men to suppress treason and save the Union he went to the front and served his country. He is a life long republican and has worked many years for its success, a friend to the colored race and glad to see the progress they have made since emancipation, and by Mr. Stiles years of practice, experience and conservative judgment would make an excellent Justice of the Peace. From personal inquiries of those in a position to know, we learn that Mr. Stiles has always been a strong friend of the colored people, and his own sense of Justice and right would assure our people that their personal and property rights would receive the same careful and impartial consideration at his hands as would that of any other citizen.

Mr. C. A. Bass returned to his home in Olive this week and is almost well.

A NICE LAWN

Add more to the value and beauty of a place than any other adornment. Its soft velvety green turf is restful to the eyes, and gives real enjoyment. A good lawn can be easily and cheaply made by following our instructions. Old lawns can be quickly made fresh and beautiful again. Ask for copy of our Lawn Circular full information. It is free.

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FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE.

The name of Mr. F. E. Duane is before the republican voters as a candidate for republican nomination for Justice of Peace at the coming County Convention. He was born in Illinois in 1862 where he graduated from the High School, he then went to Dakota, where he studied law one year, then going to Minnesota and entered the law department of Ann Harbor where he graduated in 1887, and later he was elected one of the District Attorneys in Minnesota, came to Des Moines in 1892 where he was admitted to the bar, but entered the insurance business, which occupation he now follows. He is a good republican and solicit your support.

CLINTON.

Mrs. Sarah Phillips is still quite ill with doubts of her recovery.

Saturday evening Sheriff J. E. Moran went to Cresco and brought Jas. Graham of that city to Clinton who is charged with desertion by his wife formerly Miss Nellie Cook. Sometime ago Graham was brought here on information sworn to by Miss Cook charging him with improper relations, he married her to avoid punishment and then deserted her hence the second arrest.

Decorators have taken possession of the interior of F. E. McNeil's ice cream parlors, when completed this popular resort will be one of the prettiest in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mitchell of Fulton, spent Sunday in Clinton.

A very neat Easter programme was rendered at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday evening by the choir and others we were very sorry to note the absence of the flowers which every one expects to see on that occasion; what our people needs is more get up about them when they are appointed to perform a duty they should do it with an earnestness, or give it into the hands of persons who are not alone content to remain at a standstill in the community as to advancement, had this been done in this instance no doubt our church would have received this needed attention and therefore would have been like other churches.

The concert given by Professor Damon and orchestra at Fulton on the 11th inst. was listened to by a fair sized and appreciative audience, we understand they will be heard from again in the near future in like manner, they have a number of dates ahead also for parties.

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

Easter Sunday was most appropriately celebrated at the A. M. E. church and a large attendance was had throughout the day. The large Easter chorus under the direction of Geo. H. Wade was at its best in rendering some excellent pieces to the delight of all present. The Sunday School held their exercises in the afternoon and the children did excellent.

Mrs. Della Marshall received the sad intelligence of the death of her father, Mr. Washington in Denver Colo., she has our sincerest sympathy.

Elita Davis and Jeff. A. Clay were married Thursday evening April 12th at the residence of the bride's parents on 9th Avenue. Rev. Bass officiating.

Next Sunday is quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church, every member should by all means be present.

We regret very much to learn of the death of Mrs. Bennie Person's sister in

Mr. Joseph Wood has gone home to have an operation performed, we wish him success.

Mr. Jones who has been sick all winter is very low at this writing of little hopes of his recovery.

The Easter exercises at the Baptist church was a very pleasant affair.

Mrs. L. H. Johnson has moved from Bromley street to Woodbury.

G. W. Green the popular barber has moved his shop from Main street to South First Avenue number 29, call and see him.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland are still at the same old stand and are as prompt to see to the need of all who comes.

Every colored citizen of Marshalltown should subscribe for the Bystander.

EVANS NEWS.

The Easter Exercises that was held at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon was well attended. The singing by the children, orations by Rev. Clark, Oscar Smith, Albert Raley and Miss Maudie Steele, Solo by Mrs. Johnson were well rendered as well as others we have not mention. The church was well decorated. Mrs. Hale of Muchakinock is visiting relatives in the city.

Miss Neal of Montezuma is visiting her sister Mrs. Smith.

Lawyer Woodson and Taylor Duke called a meeting in Burgess Hall last Tuesday evening in behalf of the Afro-American race. They want to send a delegate to the convention which will be held in Philadelphia. Rev. Tate, President, Taylor Duke, chairman quite a number were present. Address of Welcome by Rev. Tate. The speech by Lawyer Woodson of Muchakinock and Rev. Jones of Centerville were splendid.

Mrs. Willes is on the sick list.

Mr. Scott of Colon setup the Knight's of Temple Saturday night.

DUBUQUE NEWS.

Mrs. Aaron and daughter spent Easter Sunday in our city.

Mrs. Gertrude Evans of Chicago is in the city.

Rev. Johnson preached an able sermon on Easter morn his text being The Resurrection of Christ.

The programme last Sunday was conducted by Mrs. Rober and Mrs. C. Green. An entertainment will be given Friday evening.

The wedding of Miss Blanch Martin and Mr. Harry Marshall has been postponed on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills spent last Sunday in Chicago.

Mrs. Johnson who has been on the sick list is convalescent.

DAVENPORT.

Easter exercise at the Third Baptist church took place at 2 p. m. Sunday, under the direction of the Superintendent J. T. Mabry. Quite a large crowd was out. Those who spoke aside from the program were Rev. L. E. Christy and Mr. Eugene Green, pastor and superintendent respectively of Bethel A. M. E. church, and Rev. M. J. Burton, pastor of the Third Baptist church. The program was a nice one and was enjoyed by all who was present.

Mrs. Francis Baker, assistant superintendent and teacher of the Willing Workers class in the Third Baptist Sunday School, received a nice china flowered cake plate Easter from Miss E. C. Baker and Mrs. Lydia Moss, two of the scholars in the class, as a mark of appreciation of her teaching.

Easter exercises were held at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday night at 7:30, under the direction of Mr. Green, superintendent of the Sunday school. Quite a nice crowd turned out to hear the program, which was a very fine one. After taking up a very nice collection, Mr. Green called up J. T. Mabry, superintendent of Third Baptist Sunday school, who made a few remarks, and then eggs were presented to the scholars and congregation also.

The Quick Step club of the Third Baptist church gave a lost hen's nest so-called Monday night. As the weather was bad only a small crowd was out. Mrs. Sarah Weathers found the nest and won the prize.

The Odd Fellows will give a grand reception and open their new hall for public inspection next Thursday, April 26, at Odd Fellows' hall, on Brady and Fifth streets.

Mr. M. C. Going of Kansas City, Mo., is in our city and is stopping at 106 Pleasant street.

J. T. Mabry is again able to be up and around from his recent relapse of the malarial fever.

Please have your subscription ready for the agent by Saturday afternoon, April 21.

THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best in the world. A few weeks ago we suffered with a severe cold and a troublesome cough, and having read their advertisements in our own and other papers we purchased a bottle to see if it would effect us. It cured us before the bottle was more than half used. It is the best medicine out for colds and coughs.—The Herald, Andersonville, Ind. For sale by all Druggists

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL

DES MOINES, April 20, 1900.

In view of the large number of cases of small pox in Des Moines and Iowa, the city council has authorized a committee to contract for the construction of a permanent hospital for contagious diseases, at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. The building will be put up on the ground of Mercy hospital, to the north of the hospital building, and work upon its construction is to begin at once.

The Manchester & Oneida Railway Company has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The road will be built from Manchester to Oneida, both being in Delaware county. The capital stock is \$75,000. The new road will give Manchester an outlet to both the Great Western and Milwaukee railroads. It was charged at Manchester that the Illinois Central influence prevented the Great Western building a spur down to Manchester from Oneida. Oneida is about ten miles north of Manchester.

Adjutant General Byers plans to have all of the Iowa National Guard regiments, hold their camps in Des Moines simultaneously during the coming summer. He is working on the project now with hope of success. He is urging the government to turn over to the state the tentage which the Iowa guard is entitled to, and if this can be arranged, the arrangements for holding the camps in Des Moines, or near it, can be easily fixed. If this matter hitches, it will be difficult to secure the necessary tentage in Des Moines. It is believed that this will be one of the most enjoyable reunions of the guard ever held. Brigade encampments have been held heretofore but never until the time of Camp McKinley were all four regiments mobilized. Sixty per cent of the members of the reorganized guard were also members of the old guard that went into the Spanish-American war. The holding of the camps together will give the veterans unequalled chance for reunions. And General Lincoln, as senior colonel, would be in command, to the gratification of the entire guard.

Auditor of State Frank Merriam is at Colorado Springs and the department at the capital is in receipt of a long letter from him conveying the intelligence that he is getting along nicely.

The state executive council, in session recently, directed Secretary Davidson, of the council, to co-operate with the auditor's department in getting up the necessary blanks for the reports of the express, telephone and telegraph companies so that the properties of these corporations may be assessed and taxed by the council in accordance with the new laws of the last general assembly.

Plans for the completion of the state historical building were ordered by the council. The legislature appropriated \$21,000 for the completion of the building. The third floor will be finished and the necessary furniture and fixtures will be bought by bids.

A number of cases of small pox have been reported from Fort Dodge and a letter has been received complaining of laxness on the part of the local authorities and asking the board to intervene.

The governor has received and indorsed over to the treasurer of state a warrant on the treasurer of the United States for \$4,311.67, being the amount due the county of Delaware as indemnity for swamp lands erroneously sold by the government.

The auditor of state has sent a letter to the Scott County Savings Bank of Davenport saying that branch banks cannot be operated under the banking laws of Iowa. The question was raised about six months ago when the Scott County Savings Bank opened a branch next door to the Davenport Savings Bank because of the strong rivalry existing between the two. The matter has hung fire in the auditor's office for some time, although the Davenport Savings has protested loudly. Finally it said it would start a branch itself if branch banks were in order. This called for the decision just rendered, that the Scott County Savings Bank must either capitalize its branch or close it.

Governor Shaw announces that he will go to Washington, D. C., to help push the claims of the Louisiana purchase states. He will be one of the 17 governors, representing the 17 states of the Louisiana purchase, who have been asked to join the delegation from these states and appear before the congressional committee to ask for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the St. Louis world's fair to be held in 1903. The congressional committee will meet April 27, and the governors have all been notified of their invitations to be present through Secretary James Cox of the world's fair committee.

The executive committee of the State Agricultural society has selected the Fifty-first Iowa regiment band for the state fair this year.

Chicagoans With Boers. LONDON, April 20.—According to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marquez, nearly half the members of the Chicago ambulance corps, when offered Mausers on their arrival at Pretoria, tore off their Red Cross badges. Adelbert S. Hay, United States consul, notified the Transvaal government that he must report the circumstance to Washington.

Paris Show Opened. PARIS, April 15.—The exposition of 1900 was opened yesterday, but it will be at least a month before anything but buildings is to be seen. The day's ceremonies were a peculiar mixture of sumptuous splendor in the Salles des Fêtes and widespread confusion elsewhere.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

WHERE THE SMALLPOX IS.

Larger Number of Cases at Present than in Many Years.

DES MOINES, April 20.—The local authorities all over the state seem impressed with the notion that the state board of health can help them in caring for the smallpox cases. As a matter of fact it cannot. It cannot compel a local health officer to perform any act. It is authorized to make legislation for the management of infectious diseases when they appear, but it can only rely on local health authorities to enforce these. If the local authorities fail to do so, the remedy lies with the citizens, who may, if they choose, compel the authorities, by mandamus, to perform their duty. The number of cases of smallpox in the state now is said to be greater than in many years and they are widely scattered. The disease is in mild form, and few deaths have resulted. There are twenty-one cases in Oskaloosa and cases are reported, generally in considerable numbers, at Davenport, Fort Dodge, Lincoln township, Hamilton county, Grant township, Hardin county, Mariette, Liberty and Taylor townships, Marshall county, Marshalltown, Green Mountain, Saylor township, Polk county, Des Moines, Ruthven, St. Anthony, Grinnell, Highland township, Palo Alto county, Toledo and other places.

HE FAVORS ALLISON.

Walter Wellman Tells of McKinley's Preference.

DES MOINES, April 18.—Walter Wellman, the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Times-Herald, says that President McKinley has decided that he would like to have Senator Allison as his running mate in the campaign this year and announces that the president is waiting to hear from Allison in regard to his acceptance. Wellman speaks in glowing eulogy of Allison and says that Senators Spooner, Wolcott, Fairbanks and Representative Dooliver are on the list as possibilities. Senator Allison's term will expire in 1903. At the expiration of a term as vice-president in 1905, Senator Allison would be 76 years old. This would practically end his career. But the presidency is out of the question with Allison and it might be that he would accept the vice presidency to round out his career.

THREW HIMSELF UNDER A TRAIN.

A Horrible Case of Suicide Near Dyars.

WATERLOO, April 19.—David Ahlers, a well-to-do German farmer, committed suicide two miles south of Dyars, by deliberately throwing himself in front of a north-bound passenger train on the B. & C. R. & N. The engineer saw the man walking on the track towards the train. After repeated warnings, which failed to make him leave the track, the train was stopped only a few feet from him. Ahlers then stepped off the track, but when the train started up again he plunged headlong in front of the engine. His body was horribly crushed and mangled. Ahlers was a married man, 50 years of age. Domestic troubles are assigned as the cause for his act.

Seek Bank Wrecker's Pardon.

SIoux CITY, April 20.—A petition is being circulated asking President McKinley to pardon Frank M. Dorsey, of this city, convicted and sentenced to six years in prison for wrecking the First National bank of Ponca, Neb. Former Congressman G. W. E. Dorsey is in Washington, supposedly to secure clemency. As one judge of the federal court of appeals dissented from the opinion sustaining the sentence, execution of the sentence will be deferred.

Clerk Defaults.

CEDAR RAPIDS, April 20.—Wellington Richards, a clerk in G. H. Boyson's pharmacy, has confessed to being a defaulter in the sum of more than \$3,000 and the exact amount will never be known. His operations have covered a long period of time, and the fact that Mr. Boyson kept no regular set of double entry books, materially assisted him in securing the money that for a long time was not missed.

Small Pox at Toledo.

TOLEDO, April 20.—Two cases of small pox have developed in Toledo. Editor Russell, of the Independent, and Neil Harrigan, a printer in the employ of the Toledo Chronicle, are the patients. It is thought that about ten or fifteen families have been exposed and they will probably be quarantined also.

Allison Story Vigorously Denied.

DEBUIQUE, April 18.—Senator Allison has not and does not express a willingness to accept the second place on the republican national ticket. The report is without foundation. Senator Allison is at home to remain a few days and the above statement is made on his authority.

Prominent Des Moines Man Suicides.

DES MOINES, April 18.—Frank S. Jaquith, formerly a well known wholesale shoe dealer of Des Moines, committed suicide by shooting. His body was found in a secluded lane in the woods southeast of his residence near Greenwood park. The motive for taking his own life is unknown, but it is presumed the act was committed during temporary derangement brought on by illness and attendant despondency.

The name of Shakespeare can be spelled 4,000 different ways. The poet himself spelled it 22 ways.

IOWA POPULISTS.

Select Delegates to the National Convention at Sioux Falls.

DES MOINES, April 18.—The populist state convention met at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium yesterday and selected nineteen delegates to the national convention to be held at Sioux Falls, S. D., in May. The resolutions adopted reaffirm the national platform adopted at St. Louis in 1896; arraigns the "administration of Wm. McKinley as being recreant to every principle of the constitution, the declaration of independence and the pledges which were made to the people before its advent into power;" denounces the administration's policy toward the Philippines; says the party is unalterably opposed to imperialism and militarism; favors an income tax; extends sympathy to the Boers; voices the opposition of the party to polygamy and slavery; "fostered by President McKinley in the Salu archipelago;" favors rigid legislation against trusts; pledges the support of the Iowa populists to W. J. Bryan, and denounces "the recent financial legislation known as the currency bill." Delegates were selected as follows: General J. B. Weaver of Colfax, W. H. Robb of Creston, Geo. E. Reiff of Woodbine, J. C. Stockton of Leon, J. E. Anderson of Forest City, Dr. H. A. Evans of Albion, E. H. Gillette of Des Moines, O. A. Clarke of Fremont county, S. B. Crane of Des Moines, John R. Clark of Albion, J. C. Baker of Emmetsburg, A. J. Blakely of Grinnell, Matt Ewart of Ewart, Matt Saddle of Mitchellville, S. W. Johnson, of Jefferson, C. F. Davis of Bloomfield, Geo. W. Wilcox of Jefferson, John Kent of Dallas county, R. B. Richmond of Dallas county.

MOTHERS' CONGRESS.

Mrs. Roosevelt Will Probably Be at Des Moines.

DES MOINES, April 18.—Plans of the local committees for the coming session of the Mothers' Congress in this city, are progressing. Many arrangements have already been made for the convenience and comfort of the visitors who will be here for the congress, but there are many others yet to make. One of the most interesting topics which it is hoped to bring before the congress is a paper on the subject of "The Condition of Homes in Cuba," which Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt will be asked to deliver. Mrs. Roosevelt is at present in Cuba investigating the conditions of the country there, and if she does not think her investigations are too superficial to put them into form for the congress, she will probably report some of them at that time.

BREVITIES.

A tornado did considerable damage in the north part of Hamburg wrecking Fred Johnson's sheds, corn cribs and wind mills. His stock was considerably injured by flying missiles and his house was removed from its foundation. The residence of Lark Miller and John Crane were complete wrecks, but no one was seriously injured. There was considerable damage done to other property in the destruction of small buildings, etc.

A fire occurred at Osceola recently. The total loss is estimated at something over \$20,000 with insurance of \$10,000. The Dugue block, one of the best in town, was entirely destroyed, together with the various stocks of goods in the building. The loss on the Dugue block, including stock of goods, fixtures, etc., will exceed \$18,000, the insurance on which was \$9,000. The flames were first discovered in this building about 1:30 in the morning. Adjoining buildings were damaged to the amount of \$2,000 before the fire was under control. Insurance on the damaged buildings is \$1,000. Following is a list of the losses: J. H. Dugue, building, \$6,000; Osceola Sentinel, \$4,000; A. T. McFarland, 2,500; A. T. Johnson estate, building, \$1,000; F. L. Gutches, building, \$1,000; A. D. Reddish, \$5,000; Will Harris, \$100; John Ryder, \$50.

Fort Dodge dispatch: As the result of a determined stand on the part of the board of equalization of Rolfe, the total assessment of moneys and credits of its citizens has been raised \$700,000, and many prominent business men of the town stand in a bad light with the tax paying public. It had been an open secret that certain citizens were not giving in a complete list of their personal property, some, in fact, practically evading taxation altogether. The city council, in the capacity of a board of equalization, raised the estimates of the city and experienced intense opposition from those affected. Lawyers were hired by both town and citizens and an investigation resulted in the unearthing of large amounts of personal property not given in, showing that the county has been victimized for years. As an example, Robert Bruce was raised \$1,600; D. Ferguson & Son, from \$3,800 to \$10,000 on moneys and credits; C. A. Grant & Son, \$8,000; B. F. Martin, \$1,000; W. I. McEwen, \$300; C. F. Follesrude, \$10,000, and Pocahontas Land & Loan Company, from \$37,000 to \$400,000. The total amount increased in this town of 400 is \$642,000.

Logan dispatch: H. W. Byers has withdrawn from the congressional contest in the Ninth district. The cause of the withdrawal of ex-Speaker Byers is purely local considerations in Shelby county and out of respect for his friendship to Judge Macy, his fellow townsman. The candidates who are asking for the republican nomination for congressman from this district are Hon. T. B. Swan, of Atlantic; Judge Macy of Shelby; ex-Congressman A. L. Hager, of Greenfield, and Judge Walter I. Smith, of Council Bluffs. Others have been mentioned, but these four seem to be the only ones who are actively in the field and asking for support.

NEWS IN GENERAL

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BOERS MAY USE DYNAMITE.

Threats of Blowing Up Johannesburg Reiterated.

LONDON, April 20.—The arrival of General Carrington at Beira, Portuguese East Africa, and the reiteration of the report that the Boers intend to blow up the Johannesburg mines, are the only items of news that mark the war cables. Weeks must elapse before Carrington will be able to concentrate his force on the borders of the Transvaal or approach Mafeking. According to a rumor in circulation at Lorenzo Marquez, the Boer force has been sent to intercept Carrington, but it is not thought to be of sufficient strength to cause anxiety. The Natal Mercury is responsible for renewed fears concerning the mines, in printing accounts from newly arrived refugees saying elaborate preparations for the destruction of all Johannesburg shafts has been carried on under supervision of the state mining engineer, who is alleged to have requisitioned all copper wires in town for the purpose of making connections.

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Stories Being Sent Out from Bloemfontein.

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MONTENEGRO SURRENDERS.

Leading Filipino General Capitulates to Colonel Smith.

MANILA, April 18.—General Montenegro, one of the insurgents' best fighters, surrendered to Colonel Smith in the mountains near Camaling province, Pangasinan, where General Macabulos has been trying to reorganize the Filipino army. Colonel Smith, with five companies of the Seventeenth regiment, nearly surrounded the force of Montenegro, who, discouraged by the impossibility of making the men stand against the Americans, surrendered. Macabulos escaped. The insurgents attacked San Jose in the province of Batangas and Santa Cruz on the lake, fruitlessly.

TURKEY MUST PAY LOSS.

Ultimatum May Be Delivered Soon by Uncle Sam.

NEW YORK, April 19.—The Tribune's Washington special says: "The United States charge d'affaires at Constantinople will be directed to inform the sultan that this government must insist on the payment without further delay of \$100,000 indemnity for outrages on American missionaries and destruction of their property, unless prompt action on the sultan's part anticipates the ultimatum and the debt is discharged before resort is made to drastic measures."

GENTLE TIP TO THE SULTAN.

He is Told to Remember the Fate of Spain.

LONDON, April 19.—The Vienna correspondent of the Times says: "By further resistance to the claims of the United States the sultan will expose himself to grave consequences which he probably has not foreseen. The United States government is accustomed to indulge in empty threats. If the sultan for a moment supposes he would find protection from any European power, let him remember Spain."

IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Report That Boers Are Preparing to Remove to North.

LONDON, April 17.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing Saturday, says: "President Kruger attended a conference of the Boer commandants at Brandfont on Thursday. It is believed that a decision was reached to withdraw the Transvaal forces to the north of Vet river, preparatory to a general retreat across the Vaal river, if hard pressed, leaving the Free Staters to their own resources."

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AMERICANS KILL FIFTY.

Twelve Hundred Tagalos Attack the Fortieth Regiment.

MANILA, April 18.—Twelve hundred Tagalos attacked Case's battalion headquarters of the Fortieth regiment at Cagayan, Island of Mindanao, on the 7th. The Americans had fifteen casualties, while the attacking force fifty were killed and thirty wounded or taken prisoners. The enemy, numbering 150 riflemen, the remainder being bolomen, archers and mounted spearmen, swooped down in a howling mass at daylight, surprising and killing three of the sentries. They swarmed the streets in small parties some bearing scaling ladders by means of which they attempted to enter the houses. The Americans tumbled out of barracks and formed in the plaza and the companies began sweeping the town. The subsequent street fighting lasted twenty minutes. Twelve wounded Americans are now on board the hospital ship Relief. The enemy withdrew in great confusion.

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TEN PERSONS INDICTED.

Charged With Complicity in the Murder of Governor Goebel.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 19.—The Franklin county grand jury has returned indictments against ten persons, charging them with complicity in the murder of William Goebel. The principals named are Henry E. Yountsey, E. S. Howard, Boyd Howard, Harland Whitaker and "Tallow Dick" Coombs (colored). Those indicted as accessories before the fact are Secretary of State Caleb Powers, Captain John T. Powers, ex-Secretary of State Charles Finley, W. H. Culton, and F. Wharton Golden. In the indictments, three other men are indirectly referred to as accessories, though no indictments were reported against them. They are Governor W. S. Taylor, Green Golden and Captain John Davis.

Favorable to Illinois Canal.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Senator Mason has been authorized by the senate committee on commerce to report favorably the joint resolution heretofore introduced by him providing an estimate of the cost for a canal for navigation between Lake Michigan and the Illinois river.

Dalgetty Still Surrounded.

PRETORIA, April 18.—The latest official reports from the Orange Free State are to the effect that General De Wet is still surrounding Brabant's (Dalgetty's) forces, though the British are strongly intrenched in Boer fashion, indicating that they are colonials.

Estimated Boer Losses.

LONDON, April 15.—The Daily Mail publishes the following dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez:

"The actual Boer losses to the end of March, including prisoners, are estimated at 12,000. At present there are several thousand Boers in Natal and 35,000 in the Free State."

Russia May Intervene.

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SHIPPERS MUST PAY TAX.

Decision as to Use of Stamps on Express Packages.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The supreme court has decided the case involving the stamp act as it applies to express packages, the question involved being whether the shipper or carrier shall pay internal revenue charges on packages. The opinion was handed down by Justice White and was favorable to the express companies. There were two cases before the court involving the question at issue, but the opinion is based upon the case of the American Express Company vs. Attorney General Maynard, of the state of Michigan. The case came to the supreme court from a decision of the state supreme court of Michigan, which decision was adverse to the claims of the express companies. The opinion just rendered reversed this opinion.

Philippine Commission's Expenses.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Complying with a resolution of inquiry the president has sent to the senate an itemized statement of the expenses of the Philippine commission. The statement includes the following items:

Compensation of \$10,000 each to Commissioners, Schurman, Worcester and Dwyer.....	\$ 30,000
Per diem allowance to commissioners after their return to the United States.....	5,365
Secretary to commission.....	12,220
Transportation.....	13,087
Household expenses in Manila.....	9,262
Medical services.....	11,511
Miscellaneous.....	14,968
Total.....	\$117,000

The president also transmits with his endorsement a recommendation from Secretary Hay for payment of the other members of the commission at the same rate as to the other members. He says they have received nothing for their services in excess of their regular salaries.

Great Ships for the Pacific.

President Hill of the Great Northern Railroad says that for his proposed transpacific steamship line he has ordered vessels that will carry 20,000 tons, or a measurement capacity of over 28,000 tons. In other words, he will have in operation, eighteen months hence, vessels equal in carrying capacity to the Campania and the Lucania combined. The deck room of each vessel will amount to over five acres.

Andrews Will Go to Nebraska.

CHICAGO, April 19.—Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, superintendent of the public schools of Chicago, who was lately offered the position of chancellor of the University of Nebraska, has decided to accept the place. He has presented his resignation as superintendent of schools to take effect May 1. After that Dr. Andrews will take a two month's vacation and will go to the University of Nebraska July 1.

Oranges are refreshing and feeding but are not good if the liver is out of order.

Rob Cleverdale's Adventure.

By Seward W. Hopkins.

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CHAPTER XL.

The following morning Rob rose early and aching from a bed on which he had tossed in wakefulness since he had heard the words of Lemuel Starne. Capt. Elvin nodded to him when he stepped out into the large room, and it once led the way to the dining-room.

"Eat heartily," he said. "You have a day of hard work before you."

It seemed to Rob that every bone in his body ached from the excessive exertion of his walk the day before. But he was so thoroughly aroused to the necessities of his situation that he grimly bore it without a word, and fell to on the breakfast as if he was really a happy boy.

Breakfast over, Capt. Elvin lighted a cigar and offered one to Rob.

"Thank you, sir, I don't smoke," said Rob.

"Not smoke! A nephew of Torrevo not smoke!"

"But I was not always with my uncle Ricardo," said Rob.

"True. Boys in New York do not learn to smoke as early as they do here. Well, Ricardo, come. Let's get to work."

The Englishman led the way to the office again, and pointed to a desk on which there were paper and writing materials.

"That is your place," he said. "You are young for this trust, but Torrevo spoke highly of you. He said you could be trusted. But, after all, I am not going to trust you far. You will know the names of the men you write to, and that is all. Now, I will give you three forms of letters. They are in cipher, and no one except those who receive them can read them. Then I will give you a list of names for each

and perhaps in a week or two you will have something to remember this occasion by."

Rob thought he would, too, if his own plans did not fail.

Elvin stood over him while he studied the names on the lists.

List number one was made up of names and addresses in cities of South America, most of them being in Argentina. Some were even in New York, a few in London and Paris. There were about 300 in all. List number two, or those to whom the cipher was to be sent, were men in the republic, most of them with some kind of a military title. Rob's curiosity was aroused at this, and he resolved to read the cipher, if possible. There were about a hundred of these names. List number three, to whom the "Loyalty" letter was to be sent, were scattered all over the world, but most of them were civilians in South American countries.

It was clear to Rob that he had more than one day's work before him. He began at once. He was methodical in habit, and as he wrote a letter from form number one he would address an envelope from list number one, and then check off that name. Elvin watched him do this a few times, and then, with a satisfied nod of his head, he walked out.

Of course, letter number one was not clear to Rob. It was evidently a form previously agreed upon among the conspirators, to be sent under certain conditions. Rob soon had it word for word in his memory, and wrote the letters rapidly. But it took him till late in the afternoon to finish list number one. He had stopped for lunch, but ate alone. Capt. Elvin did not return.

It had begun to grow dark, and Rob

his uncle was killed, perhaps Elvin would take all his property and wealth.

With his heart filled with boyish courage, Rob wrote the letters in cipher, as he had been ordered to do. Then he addressed envelopes from list number two.

The message in form number three meant nothing to him. The nearest he could come to a guess was that it informed the persons to whom it was sent that the "Black Cat" had brought another cargo of contraband goods. But what had loyalty to do with smuggling? No, it was another revolutionary message, and the "Black Cat" had perhaps been taken as the symbol of the revolutionists.

Fortunately, Elvin remained away, and Rob had an opportunity to carry out the design he had formed. He wrote a letter to his uncle.

"Dear Uncle David," he wrote, "I was not drowned when I was thrown overboard from the Royal Mail. I was picked up by a smuggler, and am now a prisoner among some men who are smugglers, and also conspirators against the government of Argentina. The head man's name is Richard Elvin, and he thinks I am the nephew of Torrevo, the captain of the schooner that picked me up. If he knew I was writing this, he would kill me. The man who threw me overboard was Lemuel Starne, the same one who is trying to marry my cousin Elsie. He is a scoundrel. He is really the son of Elvin. He comes here, and I am afraid he will recognize me. So, as soon as I get this off with a lot of letters I am writing to other conspirators, I am going to slip out of the window and go back to the schooner 'Black Cat.' Captain Torrevo told me to come back if I was in danger, and I think I am. I could have gone last night, but I wanted to finish the job they set me at, so that I could get this letter off to you. There are three kinds of letters I am writing, and I can only read one. That is the very one that seems hardest to read. It is in cipher, but I made it out. It is being sent to several generals and colonels and captains in Argentina, and says: 'Everything is ready. You will at once assemble your forces and join me here—Vin.' The name Vin means Elvin. 'Here' means a house not far from the river, at a spot called Black Cat Bay. If I get back to the schooner I will be safe until Elvin finds me. But I hope you will come after me, or send someone. I warn you against Lemuel Starne, whose name is Elvin. He is trying to get Elsie and your money. He tried to kill me to prevent me from reaching you. Please try and get me away from these men. I am afraid they will kill me yet. Your loving nephew, 'ROB CLEVERDALE.'"

Rob addressed an envelope to "David Horton, Buenos Ayres," and slipped the letter, folded neatly, into it. Then he placed this among the letters of number one, that he had written the previous day and which Elvin had looked over.

(To be continued.)

ARCTIC MOSQUITO.

The Most Terrible Insect Pest in the World.

Nothing that has ever been written about the Arctic mosquito begins to come up to the real thing," said a guest in the St. Charles corridor to the New Orleans Times-Democrat man. "I went up the Yukon river in the summer of '96, representing the Alaska and Dominion Trading company, and we struck mosquitoes as soon as we got into the hills. They are twice as large as our familiar bayou species, and their sting is like the prod of a hot needle. They sweep along the valleys in dense clouds, and if they catch a man unprepared they are liable to blind him before he can escape. I heard stories of children being stung to death, and can readily believe them. Whenever we went ashore we wore heavy hat nets and took the utmost precaution, and were certain to suffer more or less. One of our party cut the tongues out of his shoes and a narrow line of sock was exposed under the lacing. Next day he was bitten there at least a hundred times, and his feet were so terribly inflamed that the shoes had to be cut off. Another man, a fireman in the boat crew, got drunk on Alaska whisky one afternoon and lay down to take a nap in the corner of the engine room. I noticed him a little later, and was horrified at the solid brown mass of mosquitoes that had settled on a small exposed section of his cheek and throat. In an hour his face was swollen out of all resemblance to anything human, he was unable to swallow, and was burning with fever. It was a week before he was able to be about. I saw a number of cattle near Fort Hamilton that had been made stone blind by stings near the eye. The Arctic foothill mosquito is without doubt the most terrible insect pest in the world."

Engaging Frankness.

Edith—There is one thing in particular that I like Mr. Tactin for. He is so frank, you know. He always tells me of my faults without the least hesitation. That was the agreement I caused him to make. Bertha—Do you mean to say that you do not get angry with him? Edith—Never. Bertha—Tell me some of the faults he has found in you. Edith—O, he hasn't found any yet. When I ask him to name them he always says that I am faultless.—Stray Stories.

It Didn't Count.

Boggs—Come and have a drink. Biggs—Why, I thought you swore off. Boggs—O, that was only a New Year's resolution.—New York Journal.

TEAR OFF RED CROSS.

Chicagoans Take Up Guns to Fight British.

THE BLOCKADE OF WEPENER

Continues Although Relief Is Reported to Be Near—Large Things About to Happen—Fate Against British Army—Boers Head Off Making Relief Force.

London, April 20.—According to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Lourenco Marques, nearly half the members of the Chicago ambulance corps, when offered Mausers on their arrival at Pretoria, tore off their Red Cross badges. Adelbert S. Hay, United States consul, notified the Transvaal government that he must report the circumstance to Washington.

There is a steady flow of foreign volunteers to the Transvaal. Hitherto these adventurers have been attached to the various commands. Now, it is said, they are to be formed into a special legion, with continental officers, and there is a rumor that the command will be given to a distinguished French soldier, lately retired, who is now in the Transvaal or is nearing the end of the journey thither.

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What is to be done with Sir Redvers Buller and Sir Charles Warren occupies everybody's attention. The papers continue to comment earnestly upon Lord Roberts' censure of these commanders. They ask if more errors are not likely to occur, together with fruitless waste of life, in the event that men who have been declared incompetent by their superior continue to command 40,000 troops. It is now generally accepted that the government had a purpose in the publication of Lord Roberts' dispatch and that the recall of Gen. Buller and Gen. Warren has probably been decided upon.

Spenser Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, proceeds to criticize the omission to supply the needful remounts, clothing, boots and stores and the rolling stock to convey these to Bloemfontein. Precisely the same reasons, he remarked, have prevented the relief of Mafeking. He cites Gen. Morgan's raid into Kentucky in 1862 as an instance of the portability against the Boers if the British had a sufficient number of horses, and he concludes thus:

"But fate is against the British army, and one would like to know who helps fate in these affairs." The Lourenco Marques correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Wednesday, says: "Two hundred and fifty Boers started today from Waterval Onder, marching through the Zoutpanne district, to intercept Gen. Carrington's force." The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Wednesday, says: "A correspondent with Gen. Chermide reports that the Third division has advanced eight miles east of Reddersburg and gone into camp where the Irish rifles surrendered. Four hundred Boers had just evacuated the position. Gen. Chermide had no further contact with the Boers."

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Practically no developments have been reported so far in today's South African cables. A dispatch from War-

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ODD INVITATION TO DEWEY.

Paducah, Ky., Wants Him to Pull the Latchstring.

Washington, April 19.—Representative Wheeler of Kentucky today presented to Admiral and Mrs. Dewey a unique invitation to visit the City of Paducah, Ky., while on their proposed western trip next month. The invitation was inclosed in an oak casket trimmed with gold and silver. It is on a thin sheet of birch, which bears the seal of the City of Paducah, and reads as follows: "To Admiral and Mrs. Dewey:—This town is yours. Pull the latchstring—we will do the rest. Don't surprise us, but inform us when you pull." The invitation is signed by the mayor and prominent citizens of Paducah. Inside the casket are twelve quart bottles of twenty-year-old whisky and a cut glass decanter incased in silver. Admiral Dewey said the invitation was a beautiful piece of work. He did not give Mr. Wheeler a definite answer, but said he would communicate his reply in a formal letter.

ALTGELD AND HILL IN PARLEY

Former Illinois Governor Says There Was Little Politics in Visit

Albany, N. Y., April 19.—Gov. Altgeld changed his mind about returning home yesterday and instead spent the day with ex-Gov. Hill. "We did not talk much politics," he said as he took the train last evening, "but we had a good visit and a good time." Ex-Gov. Altgeld said they did not call on Gov. Roosevelt while at the capital because they were told he was attending the republican convention. When told that this was a mistake he expressed regret and said: "I should have liked to have seen Gov. Roosevelt." Ex-Gov. Altgeld would not talk about Bryan or the coming national campaign.

Seek Relief from Death.

Toledo, Ohio, April 20.—A petition of voluntary bankruptcy was filed in the United States court, in which the liabilities are set at \$683,727.88 and the assets \$4,850. The petitioners are John W. Wickham, Sr.; John W. Wickham, Jr.; and Addison H. Winchell, formerly members of the firm of Winchell & Co., an extensive fishing concern. The firm was a member of a syndicate, the other principal members of which were Post & Co. of Sandusky, N. Y.; Howell & Son of Toledo, and George E. St. John of Port Clinton. Through their business relations these and a number of smaller firms became indorsers of each other's paper and the liabilities of each became practically a part of a joint liability.

Boy Fights a Catamount.

Richmond, Va., April 20.—Charlie Gallagher, 10 years old, was nearly killed by a large catamount within two miles of the town of Clifton Forge, where his father, Bryant Gallagher, lives. The boy, with several companions, was gathering wild flowers in a ravine when the animal sprang on Gallagher from an unseen cover. The other boys were badly scared and ran away. Young Gallagher fought the catamount manfully, and was almost stripped naked and was torn until he was bleeding from head to foot. William Wilshire, killed the catamount, which was a female. Its savage attack was supposed to be on account of the boy approaching near her cubs.

Scott's Wounds in the Back.

Frankfort, Ky., April 20.—Although the commonwealth put its most important witnesses on the stand in the trial of Col. David G. Colson, charged with the murder of Lieut. Scott, the impression is that the cause of the prisoner has not suffered. The strongest points brought out by the prosecution were that most of the wounds in Scott's body were inflicted in the rear, and that Colson fired at Scott after the latter had fallen. Several witnesses testified that there appeared to be more than two men in the affray. Capt. Ben Golden, a witness for the commonwealth, testified that Colson fired the first shot.

Father's Considerate Gift.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 20.—Clara Palmer, 18 years old, was convicted of petty larceny and sent to the penitentiary, her parents disowning her and refusing to pay her fine. Her father called at the penitentiary. He was told that he could not see his daughter, so he left a package for her. It contained a piece of rope and this note: "Dear Daughter: As you will be of no further use to any one in this world, I present to you this rope. Please hang yourself. Your Father."

Park at Mrs. Lincoln's Grave.

Rockport, Ind., April 20.—Gov. James A. Mount and the Indianapolis members of the Nancy Hanks memorial association met the Spencer county commissioners and the citizens of Rockport and Lincoln county at the latter place and agreed upon the purchase of sixteen acres of original forest surrounding the grave of the mother of Abraham Lincoln. The county will purchase the land and the association will then ask the next legislature to appropriate a sufficient amount to park the grounds.

DRUGGISTS AND THE WAR TAX

Hearing for Reduction Before House Ways and Means Committee.

Washington, April 19.—The house ways and means committee gave a lengthy hearing to representatives of proprietary medicine manufacturers on the question of reducing the war tax on that class of goods. Among the many representatives of the trade who were heard was George P. Englehard of Chicago, president of the Druggists' Association of that city, who argued that the tax was class legislation, as the only medicinal preparations exempted were the products of foreign uncombined chemicals, mainly from Germany. Members of the committee strongly questioned Mr. Englehard's statement, holding that the taxation of such common drugs as arnica and paregoric was not contemplated by the framers of the law, and should be resisted in the courts. Other interests in the drug trade made their pleas, and the committee indulged in a general discussion of the revenue derived from the war tax. Mr. Boutelle favored a reduction for the proprietary medicine manufacturers.

S. M. CUTCHEON DEAD.

Was Lincoln's Intimate Friend and Prominent in Michigan.

Detroit, April 19.—Sullivan M. Cutcheon, ex-speaker of the Michigan house of representatives and prominent in local business circles, died at his residence here early this morning, aged 67 years. Mr. Cutcheon was born in Pembroke, N. H. While superintendent of schools at Pittsfield, Ill., in 1858 he became an intimate friend of President Lincoln. Mr. Cutcheon was chairman of the Michigan delegation at the republican national convention of 1868 which nominated General Grant for the presidency. He was also chairman of the committee which revised the Michigan constitution in 1873, and was United States district attorney for eastern Michigan under Presidents Hayes and Arthur.

FIRE IN MATTRESS FACTORY.

Panic Among Girl Employees Averted by Foreman's Coolness.

New York, April 19.—Fire today caused a loss of about \$75,000 in the big mattress and iron bed factory of Charles H. Rogers & Co. at 161, 163 and 165 West Eighteenth street. The fire was discovered in the cellar near the engine-room in No. 163. The engineer and a boy employee, Charles Scates, discovered the blaze. The boy ran up to the third floor at once, where there were thirty girls at work under the supervision of Lou Kopins, whom he told of the fire. Kopins then said to the girls: "Girls, the place is afire. Be nice and quiet and self-possessed and go out." The girls were hurried, but there was no panic, and, led by Kopins, they descended the stairs to the street, arriving safely.

Death Planned with Care.

Charlotte, N. C., April 20.—The suicide of Mining Engineer J. J. Newman at Goldhill, N. C., by the use of dynamite was deliberate. Newman wrote a diary before making preparations to kill himself, saying the last entry was ten minutes before the end. He then put his watch and the diary behind a tree, fifty yards away, and went to his office, tied five sticks of dynamite together, laid himself upon the floor, put the explosives upon his breast and lit the fuse. The explosion tore his head from the body, blew one arm fifty yards away and wrecked the building. In his diary Newman requested that his remains be interred without a coffin at the foot of a certain large tree in the neighborhood. Newman was a brother of President Walter George Newman of the Union Copper Mining company, which has extensive works at Goldhill, N. C.

Took Part in a Death Dance.

Vancouver, B. C., April 20.—George Hunt, a half-breed, and Agowkuku, a full-blooded Indian, stood trial here for cannibalistic practices. Hunt was accused of participating in the Hamatas, or death dance, and Agowkuku was charged with eating human flesh. Agowkuku was adjudged guilty and sent to prison. Hunt was acquitted. Hunt is the Indian who had charge of the British Columbia Indians at the Chicago World's Fair. Many witnesses swore that George Hunt cut up a body provided at this special dance, and Agowkuku swore that he got a prize for allowing a piece of flesh to be bitten from his arm.

Jealous Woman Makes Scene.

Toledo, Ohio, April 20.—A marital row, a badly damaged man and a runaway caused excitement at the Union depot this afternoon. A woman pounded her husband until he was covered with blood. The woman who wielded an umbrella said her name was Mrs. J. F. Gunnie, and amid sobs and sighs, managed to tell her story. "I am from Fort Wayne, and have been haunting this depot for several days to find that man you just saw me thrash. He is my husband, and I will take good care that her folks will know of her actions. That will be punishment for her."

Big Tunnel Caves In.

Raton, N. M., April 20.—The Raton tunnel, which penetrates the peak of the range between this place and Trinidad, Colo., on the main line of the Santa Fe route, caved in at both ends, as a result of the terrible rain and snow storms which have been raging here for the past three days, and the traffic is entirely suspended. Over fifty carloads of dirt has been removed and the sliding land still keeps filling in.



ELVIN WATCHED HIM DO THIS.

form. Now, take your pen and write this down."

"I am ready, sir," said Rob, dipping his pen in the ink.

"The blue flag waves," said Elvin.

"Have you got that?"

"The blue flag waves," repeated Rob, writing it down.

"I will go on. The blue flag waves. La Plata smooth and friends find easy sailing. Splendid anchorage in Black Cat bay. Three days from this a storm is expected. Cover your house well."

"I have that down, sir," said Rob.

"Very well. Mark that form number one."

"It is marked number one, sir."

"Now another. Are you ready?"

"Ready, sir."

"Write these letters, one after another, and write them very plainly."

"Yes, sir," said Rob.

"FWFSZUJHTSFBZ, ZPVXJM

MBUPODFTTFCMFPZVSPSPDFT

BOBKJONFISF."

This was a terrible jumble to Rob, who knew nothing about writing in cipher.

"Got that all down?" asked Elvin.

"Yes, sir."

"Read them over."

Rob repeated the letters.

"Correct," said Elvin. "It is an easy cipher, but none of the letters will get into the hands of the government, and even if one did, I don't think there is any one who would bother to make it out. Now take this down."

"I am ready, sir."

"Loyalty to loyalty, and Black Cat sends greetings."

"Is that all, sir?"

"That's all. You will sign to each letter you write the name Vin. You understand, it is the last syllable of my own name."

"Yes, sir."

"Now, here are three lists of names. You have the first letter marked number one. Did you mark the cipher number two?"

"Yes, sir."

"The short one is number three. These lists of names are numbered one, two and three. You will send a letter of each number to every person named in the list bearing the same number. Do you understand that?"

"Yes, sir."

"Here are envelopes. There are stamps. Do it all up in good shape,

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Those on the sick list are Mesdames G. W. Rhinehart, S. Grandison and Wm. Harrison.

Mrs. Wm. Spotts went to Lincoln Neb. last week to make a short visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Fidler is in Keokuk.

Mrs. Bartlett has recovered from the grip.

Mrs. A. Mason is better.

Mrs. E. Wicks is not so well.

Last Sunday morning at 10:00 A. M. April 15, at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arbuckle occurred the wedding of their daughter Miss Edith to Mr. Henderson Tansel by Rev. G. W. Rhinehart of the A. M. E. church. The bride looked beautiful in white organdies trimmed in pale blue ribbon, carrying a bouquet of flowers, the groom wore the conventional black. Miss Maud a sister of the bride was the maid of honor and was dressed in white. Only a few of the friends of the bride and groom were invited. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion. Both bride and groom are well known and highly respected. The best wishes of their host of friends follow them through life's journey.

Miss Lydia Bartlett has been elected delegate to represent the Sunday School at the Sunday School convention which convenes in Keokuk June 14 and 15 Miss Iona Mason was elected alternate.

Rev. Weyranch of I. W. U. filled the pulpit at the A. M. E. church last Sunday morning. He preached an excellent sermon on Easter.

Mrs. Ed. Tyndall and daughter Grace of Ottumwa were the guests of Mrs. Tyndall's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Arbuckle last week. Mrs. Tyndall came to attend the wedding of her sister Miss Edith.

Easter was most appropriately observed in this city last Sunday by our churches. Sunday afternoon at the Second Baptist church an Easter programme was rendered which was a credit to any one. The church was crowded to listen to the children singing their anthems, solos, trios and essays. The church was beautifully decorated with pictures, cedars and flowers. Much credit is due Miss Maude Arbuckle for her untiring skill in drilling the performers.

Sunday evening at the A. M. E. church the Sunday School rendered their Easter programme, as usual it was good, the music rendered by the choir was good, the children's chorus was fine also, the trio by the little flower girls was good. Louise Mason had a paper on Missionary and the programme ended with a dialogue from the little folks entitled "The Linger Sellers dream". The church was crowded and the audience were greatly indebted to Misses Lydia Bartlett and Cora Taylor for their untiring patience.

Miss Mary Moseley went to Ottumwa last Saturday to spend Easter with her sister Mrs. Shelton and brother Mr. Earl Moseley.

The H. V. D. club of young ladies is growing in interest, every meeting being more interesting than preceding ones.

Rev. G. W. Rhinehart was called to Keokuk last week to attend funeral of Rev. Alexander.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mr. Burt Jones returned home on Monday from his three months stay in Des Moines.

Miss May Carter of Mt. Pleasant spent Tuesday in Ottumwa attending the funeral of Rev. Alexander.

FRASER.

Rev. J. Underwood and family arrived in Fraser Friday morning. A merry crowd of women and men gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Coleman's Friday night and gave the newly married couple Mr. and Mrs. J. Underwood a nice reception with their cow bells tin pans.

Easter was very dull here.

Rev. J. Underwood closed his revival services last week with three converts and five reclaimed. Sunday there will be five candidates baptized.

We are glad to see so many of our Small-Pox people out.

SIOUX CITY.

Mesdames Cobin and Thompson are convalescent.

Mrs. E. A. Comley and son Henry returned to their home at Winnebago, Minn., Saturday morning.

Mrs. R. Hems has been on the sick list.

Mr. E. B. Early left for his home at Topeka, Kansas, last Wednesday.

Mr. John Wilson has returned from Yankton, S. D.

Miss Mattie Baker gave a birthday party on last Tuesday evening. Quite a number of her friends were present and spent a very pleasant evening.

Mr. G. C. Carr has moved his shop and printing office to 205 Pearl street.

Mr. J. W. Taylor has opened a barber shop at the Vendome hotel, where he is prepared to do first class work.

A very neat program was rendered by the Sunday school on Easter Sunday. The church was tastefully decorated. Rev. F. A. Clark preached an excellent sermon in the morning on "The Facts and Results of the Resurrection of Christ." In the evening missionary Easter services were held. Rev. Mr. Clark delivered a missionary address. Mr. J. Washington sang a solo; Mrs. Marshall sang three selections; Mrs. J. Washington recited, and Mrs. E. Grant read a paper, thereby closing a very successful Easter Sunday.

The handshaking social which was to be given on Monday evening, was postponed on the account of the rain.

Easter came with its showers and

only an occasional Easter bonnet was seen.

There will be a donkey social soon. The donkey is here.

Mr. Locke Warrick has opened a first class hotel at the corner of Third and Jackson streets, and is now prepared to accommodate all strangers coming to the city.

KEOKUK NOTES.

Mrs. Tamar Bland, wife of John Bland, died Thursday noon, April 12, at her home. Thirteenth and Morgan streets, aged 38 years and 11 months. She was a patient sufferer for more than a year from lung trouble. Tamar Harris was born in Lewis county, Mo., came to Keokuk with her parents, Alfred and Louisa Harris, in 1873; was married to John Bland in 1885. She was a member of the A. M. E. church from childhood, and lived a consistent christian; was a faithful wife and a loving mother. There are left to mourn her death, her husband and five little girls, Estella and Della, aged 12 years; Aurella, aged 10 years; and Mabel and Myrtle, aged 8 years; and three brothers and two sisters, and other relatives. At 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon occurred the funeral, conducted by Rev. Reeves, in the presence of a large number of sorrowing friends. Pall bearers were F. D. Bland, Wm. Bland, F. Fields, C. Bland, W. Fields, and A. Fields.

Wednesday, April 11, at 2 o'clock, occurred the funeral of the Rev. Alexander, from the A. M. E. church, conducted by Rev. Reeves, assisted by Presiding Elder Bundy, Rev. Higgins of Burlington, Rev. Williamson of Muchachinock and Rev. Rhinehart of Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Alexander was formerly Mrs. Hackett of this city, and has a host of friends who sincerely sympathize with her in her great sorrow.

Sunday, April 8, at 3 o'clock p. m., occurred the funeral of Luther Scott, conducted by Rev. T. Reeves. He leaves a widowed mother and two brothers to mourn his death. The community sincerely sympathize with the family.

Mrs. Anna Bland, who has been quite sick the past week, is improving slowly.

Mrs. Patsy Johnson is quite sick at the residence of her son, Selby Johnson, who has also been sick several days, but is some better.

Mrs. Albert Fields has been confined to bed with la grippe, but is getting better.

Mr. Orange Fields is confined to his home with la grippe.

Mr. Argy Washington, an old and respected citizen, died about two weeks ago, and was buried from Pilgrim Rest Baptist church. There are left to mourn his death his wife, one son and one daughter, James and Mrs. Will Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. James Diggs and Mrs. Davidson leave Wednesday morning for St. Paul, where they go to make their home. They carry the best wishes of a host of friends for their success.

Mrs. McAdoo of Nashville, Tenn., is in the city visiting her uncle, Mr. Charles Alden. Mrs. McAdoo is a sister of the late William Stewart.

Messrs. Spencer and Stephen Harris left for their home in St. Paul Sunday evening, having been called here because of the sickness and death of their sister.

Mr. William Hampton left for his home in Des Moines Tuesday morning. Mrs. Hampton will remain a few days, the guest of her sisters, Mrs. Logan and Harris.

A grand reception was given by the U. B. T. lodge in their hall on Eighth street Thursday evening, in honor of Dr. Claid D. Martin. Dr. Martin is one of Keokuk's popular young men, and is the first colored student to graduate from the medical college. Therefore, Keokuk is justly proud of him.

Mrs. Fidler of Mt. Pleasant is in the city, visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Beckley.

Mrs. V. Lynch, who has been sick quite a while, is still poorly.

BEAUTIFUL WEDDING.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa.—Special to the Bystander.—At the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Davis, 776 Ninth avenue, occurred the wedding of their only daughter, Miss Amelia Etta to Mr. Jeff Adam Clay of Chicago, Rev. J. Bass officiating.

The bride was gowned a la mode in white voile over pink otmar silk, with laces and ribbon, her hair being arranged a la pompadour.

The groom wore the conventional black full dress suit.

The bride is one of the handsomest young ladies in the city, her grace and gentleness making her much loved by all.

The groom is a rising and promising young man of Chicago.

The bride's table was decorated with a white silk lace center piece over pink satin, in the center of which stood a cut glass candelabra festooned with smilax, pink carnations and white tulips. Garlands of white ribbons, pink ribbon bows, smilax and pink carnations and white tulips finished the table decorations. The bride cake stood in the center front of table.

MUSCATINE NEWS.

Mr. Henry Lee arrived from Muchachinock to spend a vacation of three weeks.

Miss Cora Phoenix spent Sunday in Moline.

Messrs. Perry and Roberson have left the city to accept positions as cooks near Burlington.

Mr. Steve Melton has accepted a position near Tipton.

Miss Emma Boyd returned from Cedar Rapids Monday evening.

Mrs. Ousley has gone to Cedar Rapids for an indefinite period.

The D. Y. V. Y. K. club met at the home of Miss Florence White Tuesday evening. It was decided to give an entertainment at the church Thursday evening. Debate, "Resolved, that labor is more against itself than capitalism." Affirmative, Mrs. Pearson and Mr. Brooks; negative, Mr. S. Barnes and Mr. I. P. Johnson. A pleasing musical program will also be rendered.

Rev. Gordon is planning for a grand rally day the first Sunday in May. Rev. Christy of Davenport will assist him.

Miss Cora Thomas of Albia read a very interesting paper at Sunday school Sunday. The subject was "Faithfulness."

Announcemet Cards.

Please announce my name as a candidate for the office of county clerk subject to the decision of the republican county convention.

John C. Tate.

Please announce my name as a candidate for county auditor subject to republican county convention.

Fred A. Cope.

Please announce my name as a candidate for Justice of Peace of Des Moines Township, subject to the decision of the republican county convention.

John L. Thompson.

I respectfully solicit the nomination for Justice of the Peace for Des Moines Township subject to the republican primaries.

Wm. H. Stiles.

Please announce my name as a candidate for Constable of Des Moines Township, subject to the republican convention.

H. H. Lewis.

I hereby announce my name as a candidate for Justice of Peace of Des Moines Township, subject to the republican Convention.

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AFRICA IN THE NEXT CENTURY

Dark Continent Is Undergoing a Wonderful Transformation.

From the Forum: The twentieth century Africa promises startling contrasts when compared with the Africa of the nineteenth century. With an area four times as great as that of the United States, a population of 150,000,000, a soil and climate capable of infinite variety of production, a rapidly expanding commerce, and the greatest known supplies of ivory, gold and diamonds, its development under the modern methods which are now being applied to it is practically assured. The home of the oldest civilization, it is the last of the continents to yield to the touch of the newest civilization. But yesterday enveloped in darkness of mystery without and ignorance within, it is today illuminated by the searchlight of modern methods, and as its importance and attractions are being recognized, with this recognition must come development. With 2,000,000 Europeans scattered over its vast area, acquainting themselves with its natural conditions and requirements, with the steamer, the railroad, the telegraph and the telephone carrying light and knowledge and civilization to its darkest corner, Africa cannot long remain unknown or unknown. It was only after the explorers—Livingstone, Speke, Stanley and others—had discovered, through persistent and heroic efforts, that there existed vast navigable water ways above the falls near the mouths of the great streams which flow from the interior that European nations awoke to the physical and commercial possibilities of Africa, and then, in a twinkling, the dark continent was seized upon and divided up and became, as by magic, a vast European "hinterland." Between 1834 and 1898 an area two and a half times the size of the United States, and containing a population of 100,000,000, was parceled out by an agreement of the European powers. At present scarcely a foot of African territory remains unclaimed.

AS TRUE AS GOSPEL.

Speak well of your friend, of your enemy, say nothing.

He who says what he likes will hear what he does not like.

A man's manners are the mirror in which he shows his portrait.

If cheerfulness knocks for admission, we should open our hearts wide to receive it, for it never comes in disguise.

YOUNKER BROS.

Basement Bargains.

Things Too Good to Overlook Tomorrow.

Ladies Wash Jackets—Only 30 left—worth 75c to \$1.00—to close out at—

10c each.

Two dozen Children's Crash Skirts to close out at—

25c each.

150 dozen Children's School Handkerchiefs to close out at—

2c each.

Fancy Ribbons, No. 50—no less than 40 pieces to be closed out at—

10c per yard.

Men's Socks—100 dozen splendid grade of Cotton Socks worth 12½c per pair—

3 pair for 25c.

Sale of colored and white Pique—These goods are seconds and are worth 25c and 35c per yard—in Blue, Pink, Navy and Black, to be closed out Saturday at—

12 1-2c per yard.

Remnants of Dress Goods—about 300 odd lengths of Wool Dress Goods in this lot—just the thing for children's school wear, to be closed out Saturday in the basement at

A Big Bargain.

5,000 yards of Calicoes—Turkey Red and Grey—worth 7c per yard—to go in the basement Saturday at

5c per yard.

Seersucker Gingham—One lot worth 15c per yard—to close quick at

9c per yard.

White Goods Specials—One case of fine quality white India Linens at

10c per yard.

Wash Goods Bargains—One case of fancy colored Dimity Lawns—very pretty and dressy patterns—to be closed out Saturday in the basement at

5c per yard.

Great wash Goods Sensation—5,000 mill ends of Genuine Scotch Gingham, all desirable lengths, from 2½ to 10 yard lengths. No piece will be cut. These goods are worth 10c to 25c per yard. They will be placed on one big table in the basement and sold Saturday at

10c per yard.

Ladies' Shirt Waists worth 50c and 75c each, to be closed out Saturday in the basement at

25c and 35c each.

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For yourself and family is what you do when you bring in a barrel of FALCON Whole Wheat flour for the family bread and jems. Made by a special process, this is the best health flour on the market. Its continued use will save you doctors bills. Put up in 10 and 24 pound sacks, old by all grocers. Ask for a trial sack. If your grocer does not have it he will get it for you. Made and guaranteed by

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NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION FROM TAX SALE.

To J. P. Baumgardner:

You are hereby notified that the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot 12, Ozone Ridge, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for taxes of 1895, on the 9th day of December, 1896, to George G. Wright, who assigned the same to D. T. Patton, trustee. That the certificate of purchase thereof has been assigned to and is now owned by B. F. Loose, and that the right of redemption will expire, and a treasurer's deed for said real estate will be made unless redemption from such sale be made within ninety days from the date of completed service of this notice. You will govern yourself accordingly.

Dated the 23d day of November, A. D. 1899.

B. F. LOOSE.

By Ezra D. Marshall, attorney.

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION FROM TAX SALE.

To J. R. Sheeley:

You are hereby notified that the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot 15, block 4, Foundry addition, now in-

cluded in and forming part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for taxes of 1895, on the 4th day of December, 1894, to W. G. Hamlin, who assigned same to J. S. Caskery. That the certificate of purchase is now owned by B. F. Loose, and that the right of redemption will expire, and a treasurer's deed for said real estate will be made unless redemption from such sale be made within ninety days from the date of completed service of this notice. You will govern yourself accordingly.

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If troubled with rheumatism, give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial. It will not cost you a cent if it does no good. One application will relieve the pain. It also cures sprains and bruises in one-third the time required by any other treatment. Cuts, burns, frost-bites, quinsy, pains in the side and chest, glandular and other swellings are quickly cured by applying it. Every bottle warranted. Price 25 and 50 cts. For sale by all Druggists.

STREET CARS IN ENGLAND.

London Decision That Would Cause A Revolution in This Country.

A London magistrate has just made from the bench a statement which, if it is ever duplicated by a competent court in this city, would or might have consequences terrible even to imagine. It seems that on one of the urban railways there had been a crowded train. A woman had tried to force her way into a compartment already fully occupied and her efforts had excited a mild protest from one of the passengers already seated. The protesting remarks were taken amiss by the woman's husband, a fight followed and then an arrest of the pugnacious husband. It is not a matter of any consequence whether he or the other man was at fault for the scrimmage; what is at least interesting is the fact that the magistrate before whom the case came formally announced that nobody has a right to enter a railway carriage which is already full. Those who take tickets at the starting point, he said, are entitled to seats and tickets taken at intermediate stations are subject to there being room for the holders. If the company issues tickets in excess of the number of seats provided the holders may bring an action for damages, wait for the next train or demand the return of their money. Persons in a carriage which is full have a legal, as well as moral, right to prevent others from endeavoring to enter it and the sooner the public understands this the better, as no one has a right to inconvenience passengers already in their places. Such is the English law, according to this interpreter of it. Patrons of our own elevated and surface cars are not likely even to ask if there is any such law in this country. They are as well habituated to traveling in cruel discomfort that the impulse to make effective protest against it has been lost.

PERSIAN RUGS OF IRISH MAKE.

Doft Weavers on the Old Sod Turn Out a Perfect Imitation.

Just a year ago some manufacturers of artistic textiles touring in Donegal resolved on establishing a place for the making of hand-tufted carpets of the description generally known as "Turkish" or "Persian." The peculiarity of this fabric is that from its nature it must be a hand production. The tufts are tied by the fingers in knots in longitudinal warps, which are stretched between two long parallel beams. The carpets are made to the size and shape of any room. The design is placed in front and the girls from three to a dozen, according to the size of the carpet, select the colors indicated row by row, which are tied, then bound down by "shoots" of woolen web drawn across the entire width and beaten firm by small iron-toothed hammers. There is interesting variety and pleasure in the work, and it is such that individual skill and workmanship come largely into play. Altogether, it is just such an industry as is suited to the rural districts of Ireland. No steam power is required and there is therefore no handicap on the commercial side by the absence of coal. The first year's experiment with the Irish girls has proved that they are admirably adapted for the work. The girls show a nimbleness of fingers and sharpness of eye for color and form that have quite astonished their teachers and they take to the work with a spirit and cheerfulness quite refreshing. So convinced are the promoters of its ultimate success that they have planned out a broad scheme that will spread the work all over the west of Ireland and give employment to many hundreds of girls and boys.—London Furniture Record.

Mendicant Students.

Concerning the poorer students of Russia the Saturday Review says: Their mendacity is passive rather than active. Unlike the mendicant friars, they never ask, but they know much will be given them. They know, too—strange fact in a strange country—that the university is open to all, irrespective of means or position. Thus the university becomes the poor Russian's golden opportunity, for here, as elsewhere, there are many posts, for which graduates alone are eligible. A stroll through the streets of Moscow during term time furnishes abundant evidence of the popularity of the university. The uncompromising military blue and green uniform which stamps the student, and which he can never, save under dire penalties, exchange for plain clothes, is to be met with at every turn. A few rich students are caught sight of driving; the many are on foot.

A Cat's Long Jump.

New York Correspondence Pittsburg Dispatch: How far can a cat jump without hurting itself was partially exemplified in Brooklyn. A pretty white cat ran up a tree to get away from a dog, and at last crawled out on a small branch at least sixty feet above the ground. The branch was not much more than a twig, and the cat could not turn around. She sat up there on the swaying limb and meowed. At last the twig broke, and down came the cat. She alighted on the ground on her feet, looked around for a moment, and then bounded away. Which shows that a sixty-foot drop does not hurt a Brooklyn cat, whatever it might do to cats of other places.

Mildified Alcohol.

The solidified alcohol which a Berlin firm has been sending out in a tin vessel intended to serve as a pocket lamp and stove, is reported to consist essentially of 62 per cent of alcohol, 20 of soap and 18 of water. A similar product is readily made by dissolving scraped tallow soap in warm alcohol.

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...shot, box is stuffed;
...gentle, never player;
...really bluff;
...rivers murmur sweetly
...down grass is blue;
...sublimely shotgun
...into you;
...sky is ever lovely,
...sweet songs are sung,
...innocent bystander
...in his lung.
...the ladies all are pretty
...the gentlemen are brave;
...the just-observed bystander
...a decorated grave.
...where they drop their "g's" so softly
...they hold a chat with you;
...the innocent bystander
...has to be dropped, too,
...where the candidate who's beaten
...he no and says he's not.
...thereupon the said bystanders
...try off a load of shot.
...There the breeze is ever singing
...rough the leaves a serenade
...and you see the constant nashing
...the bowler's gleaming blade
...she's down there in Kentucky,
...sitting still I come for her,
...but as long as things are this way,
...on this spot I'll never stir,
...must leave her in Kentucky—
...afterward I'll not meander—
...I'm not afraid, but I
...am just an innocent bystander.
...Nearly 100 persons lost their lives
...the great lakes during the past sea-
...son.
...Hope is believing that the unexpected
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CONGRESS.
SENATE.
Washington, April 13.—The senate was not in session.
HOUSE.
The house voted upon the joint resolutions providing for the submission of the constitutional amendment to provide for an election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people. The majority resolution left it optional with the states whether their senators should be elected directly or by legislatures. The minority resolution made it incumbent on each state to elect by direct vote. The minority resolution which was offered as a substitute was voted upon first and carried, yeas 138, nays 20. Vote was taken upon the adoption of the amendment, resulting yeas 240, nays 15. The remainder of the day was devoted to the consideration of private pension bills. During the course of the debate there were several sharp attacks upon Talbert (dem. S. C.) for his course in delaying action on bills.
SENATE.
Washington, April 14.—Beyond the passage of eighty-three private pension bills and some general measures of minor importance, the senate transacted little business today.
HOUSE.
After an hour of routine business the house devoted its session to hearing eulogies on the late Governor Oliver P. Morton of Indiana, in connection with the acceptance of his statue, which has been placed in Statuary Hall at the capitol by the state which he served. Fifty-three private pension bills were passed.
SENATE.
Washington, April 16.—During almost the entire session the senate had under consideration the Alaskan civil code bill. The amendment providing for the mining of gold along the beach in the district was perfected, after a discussion lasting nearly four hours. The house joint resolution in favor of a constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by the people, after an address by Butler of North Carolina, was referred to the committee on privileges and elections.
HOUSE.
The house today entered upon the consideration of the naval appropriation bill, with the prospect of a severe struggle ahead over the question of armor plate, building ships in government yards, and the provision in the bill for the coast and geodetic survey. The bill carries \$14,000,000 more than any previous naval bill. Foss, the acting chairman, and Cummings, the ranking member of the minority of the committee, defended the bill. Kitchen of North Carolina, one of the members who signed the minority report, criticised what he termed the general extravagance of the bill.
SENATE.
Washington, April 17.—The principal event in congress today was the speech of Senator Hoar of Massachusetts, in which he reviewed the history of the Cuba and Philippine questions, praising the former and severely criticizing that of the latter. The address was brilliantly written and rich in citation from history. He praised the Philippines and pleaded for a return to safe American precedents.
HOUSE.
The second day of debate upon the naval appropriation bill in the house today was devoted to the subject matter of the bill and was as a rule devoid of interesting features. General debate was closed today.
SENATE.
Washington, April 18.—Mason's resolution authorizing the secretary of the navy to have struck bronze medals for distribution among certain officers and men of the North Atlantic squadron, commemorating naval engagements between the forces of Spain and the United States in the waters of the West Indies and on the Cuban coast, and appropriating \$25,000 for same, was passed. The Alaskan code was under consideration during the day.
HOUSE.
The debate on the naval appropriation bill under the five-minute rule today drifted into politics, and for the greater portion of the afternoon the members fought bitterly on questions across the political aisle. Williams of Mississippi and Grosvenor of Ohio were the leaders in the fight.
SENATE.
Washington, April 19.—The Foraker resolution providing for the administration of civil affairs in Porto Rico pending the appointment of permanent officials under the recently passed Porto Rico law, passed the senate today.
HOUSE.
The house spent practically the entire day debating a proposition in the naval bill designed to turn over to the navy the North Atlantic squadron, commemorating naval engagements between the forces of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. The bill carried an appropriation of \$100,000 for this purpose. In the end an amendment by Cannon providing that the survey shall be performed by the coast and geodetic survey, and appropriating only the regular \$10,000 for ocean surveys, was adopted.

UNCLE SAM AND ABDUL HAMID,
London Papers Keenly Watching the Result of the Controversy.
LONDON, April 20.—Keen interest is manifested in the threatened action of the United States against Turkey, particularly in view of the sultan's recalcitrancy in connection with the increase of the custom duties. The fourth collective note of the ambassadors objecting to an increase of three per cent in the duties on account of the bad condition of the Turkish finances, without a previous understanding with the powers, was handed to the Turkish government yesterday, but Turkey maintained such a firm attitude that the suspicion is growing that some covert intrigue is frustrating the effect of the notes.
ROBERTS READY TO MOVE.
Remounts and Equipments Have Arrived at Bloemfontein.
LONDON, April 20.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says:
"The requisite remounts and equipments have arrived and all the provisions are now here. Lord Roberts is now ready. Several lots of concealed arms and ammunition have been discovered here this week. The epidemic of enteric fever is abating."
Serious Situation in Ashanti.
ACCRA, Gold Coast Colony, West Africa, April 20.—Governor Hodgson wires from Kumassi that the other tribes are rising again, and he asks for assistance. The loyal Bekuis have been attacked by the Ashantis, and 500 have been killed. It is feared that this will compel them to join the rebellion. Evidently the matter is extremely serious and was minimized until it was too late.
Great Ships for the Pacific.
President Hill of the Great Northern Railroad says that for his proposed transpacific steamship line he has ordered vessels that will carry 20,000 tons, or a measurement capacity of over 28,000 tons. In other words, he will have in operation, eighteen months hence, vessels equal in carrying capacity to the Campania and the Lucania combined. The deck room of each vessel will amount to over five acres.
Andrews Will Go to Nebraska.
CHICAGO, April 19.—Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, superintendent of the public schools of Chicago, who was lately offered the position of chancellor of the University of Nebraska, has decided to accept the place. He has presented his resignation as superintendent of schools to take effect May 1. After that Dr. Andrews will take a two month's vacation and will go to the University of Nebraska July 1.
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