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CITY NEWS

Lowest prices—Mason's.

Read the Kimball Piano Co. removal Ad.

Easter Sunday brought out many new hats.

Mr. John Lemmen of Rock Island spent Easter in our city.

"Prince" McClain returned from Kansas City last week.

Robert Woods has been suffering with a severe sore throat this week.

J. H. Mixon, Jeweler, No. 312 West Third street. Tunes Pianos and repairs organs.

Wait for the Grand Concert and promenade to be given by the Brotherhood Band, about the 20 of May.

Wedding bells will ring on or about the 25. One of our leading young men will lead his bride to the altar.

Mr. Buckner left last week for Boston, Mass. No doubt a great many of the fair sex are sad.

Mrs. Gus Comley, who has been very sick for sometime, is improving. She was able to sit up a while this week.

WRITE The African Monarchs of America. They have something to tell you. Sioux City, Iowa.

Miss Nellie Leftridge, one of our society bells, left last Friday for St. Joseph, Mo. for a few week's visit.

Dr. Wilson who has been in our city for sometime has located in Marshalltown. We wish the doctor success.

Miss Saddle Miller, who is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Buckner, is quite sick with an attack of pneumonia. It is hoped that she will recover soon.

A. D. Gorbin, a successful citizen of Davenport, was in our city Thursday, enroute from Omaha to his home. He called at our office.

Best Milliners on Earth—Mason's.

The Sir Knights looked well Sunday. Many of them had on new uniforms, and the Rev. Phillips preached a very interesting sermon for them.

Mrs. McKee of Van Meter has sold her farm at that place and purchased property in Adel, where she will make her future home.

Mrs. Susan White, who has been sick for several months, continues to grow weaker. Her relatives and friends are doing all in their power to restore her to health, with but little hopes of recovery.

Mrs. Emma Woods, at one time a resident of this city but now of Des Moines, Iowa, and one of the sweetest dressers it has been our pleasure and satisfaction to see, is a visitor in our city this week—St. Joseph Radical.

Miss Beatrice Hicklin was elected delegate last Friday evening to represent the A. M. E. Sunday School in the district Sunday School convention, which will meet in Cedar Rapids, May 30 and 31. C. B. Woods was elected alternate. The school is on the increase.

In our write up of Judge Bishop for Supreme Bench, we could not get the name of the college that his sister taught until now. It was the La Moine Institute in Memphis, Tenn.

Spring Bonnets ready—Mason's.

WE WANT colored organizers for the best thing on earth for colored people. African Monarchs of America, Sioux City, Iowa.

Wm. Walker, who has been confined to his room for the past week by sickness is improving. He says it was very hard for him to remain at home Sunday, it being Easter and such a lovely day.

Mr. J. H. Mixon has moved to 312 W Third street. When you have a watch, clock or any kind of jewelry that needs repairing take it to him. He will give you first class work at the very lowest prices.

The singing society under the direction of Prof. Holt furnished music for the Knight Templars' sermon. They showed marked improvement, and there are some splendid voices among them. We would be glad to hear them in a concert in the near future.

Mr. John Hardy, formerly of this city but now of Omaha, sang a bass solo entitled "Little Children Let Us sing," at St. John's A. M. E. church last Sunday night. Mr. Hardy was one of the leading singers of this city and we are glad to know that his ability has been recognized by the people of Omaha.

Spring Hats are ripe—Mason's.

The dramatic play "Joe Ruggle or the girl miner" was given last Monday night at Webster's hall, under the direction of Mrs. F. G. Goggins for the benefit of Corinthian Baptist church. The hall was well filled. The play was in four acts and nine people in the cast. In part the play is Madge and her sister are ill treated by their father and they decide to leave home, and Tom Howarth and Joe Ruggle agree to assist them in escaping. They go to California, and Madge assumes the character of Mark Lynch, a young miner. Miss Anna Herald assumed the role of Madge in a very pleasing manner, and Miss Mattie Barksdale was her sister and she acted her part well. Mr. George Mason made a good Joe Ruggle. Mr. Lucian Brown as Hans Vons Bosh was well fitted for his role; he and Miss Herald seemed to be the favorite with the audience. Mr. Oscar Davis as Tom Howarth was somewhat nervous, especially in the last act when he was making love to Madge. It was said by some one in the front row that Miss Mattie Barksdale looked very sweet in the last act. It was well said for she did look very beautiful. The play was very well rendered, but like all amateur in performing, it was too long a wait between acts, and then again part of the audience was very noisy and that certainly makes the performers feel despondent when there is so much confusion, they seem to think that their efforts are not being appreciated. There is a certain class of "would be men" that attend most all public entertainments, and they don't possess as much gray matter in their cranium as an ordinary St. Bernard, consequently they do not keep good order; such persons as those should be exiled to some jungle or oasis where their noise would not prevent those who attend entertainments from hearing what is being said.

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The Oklahoma Opportunity

is a book descriptive of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Reservations in Oklahoma to be opened this summer, with 2,000,000 acres available for public settlement. This publication contains complete information as to soil and climate, a sectioned map of the district, conditions of entry and the Act of Congress opening the Reservation. The Great Rock Island Route is the only line running to and through the reservation. The Oklahoma Opportunity and the Western Trail, giving more facts of interest to Homeseekers will be sent free by JOHN SEBASTIAN, G. P. & Chicago.

Monday night of last week, at Webster's hall, occurred the first concert of the season given by the Brotherhood band. About 9 o'clock Mr. W. R. Humburd, master of ceremonies, announced that it was time to begin the program, and after a short address by him the band played a selection; then Miss Annie Herald, the popular soprano of the city, rendered a solo. She responded to the encore, "Serenade." A very beautiful selection was played by the band. Prof. and Mrs. H. Prampkin played a cornet duet. The manner in which they performed on their cornet was proof that they are artists; they played a love song for an encore. Mr. K. N. Hyde delivered a very forcible address; among other things he said it was a very enormous task to keep a band together, and that beyond doubt the Brotherhood band had attained a higher degree than any band that has been organized in this city the past 30 years. An ovation was then played by the band, after which Mr. Humburd thanked the large audience for their presence and good behavior. A selection by the band concluded the program. Refreshments were then served. They will give another concert in May.

GO TO THE

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Beef served with a full line
of vegetables. Ice Cream
served every Sunday.

THE ENTERPRISE INVEST-
MENT CO.,
Des Moines, Iowa.

The H. B. S. entertained Revs. Hubert and Phillips at the residence of Madam Denney Thursday afternoon. Remarks were on the line of helping the unfortunate girl or boy; the Circle was delighted and appreciated the words so fittingly spoken. The Circle will meet with Mrs. E. T. Banks of Enos avenue.

There will be a sacred concert given at the Auditorium Sunday evening, April 21st. This concert will be given by St. Paul's A. M. E. church choir, who are under instruction of Prof. George I. Holt. There is no doubt that this will be one of the best sacred concerts ever given in this city. This concert will be given for the benefit of said church. Further particulars will be in the next issue of this paper.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Fatal Quarrel Over a Crap Game at
Carbondale.

As a result of a fight among colored coal miners for the possession of fifteen cents in a crap game at Carbondale Saturday night one man lies at the point of death, another is seriously if not fatally injured, and a third is slightly wounded. The injuries were inflicted by Henry Hollins with a 44-caliber Colt's revolver. His victims, all colored, were:

William Miller, aged 17 years; shot through the abdomen; is dead.
Henry Brown, aged 33 years; shot through both wrists and hip; may recover.
Sam Johnson, aged 35 years; shot through left calf; not serious.
The men, with several others were engaged in a crap game at the house of William Vandaver, No. 118, located on top of the hill at the east portion of the town, known as "The Hill,"

and surrounding Mine No. 2. Hollins said Brown owed him 15 cents of the stake just divided. Brown said he did not.

"I ain't afraid o' you, 'Yank' Hollins, even if you has got er big gun," Brown said.

At that Hollins stepped back and drew an enormous revolver from his belt and opened fire. He shot six times in six seconds, emptying his cylinder, five of his shots taking effect. With the first shot, which struck Brown in the left wrist, shattering the bones of his arm, every man in the room jumped for the door. That Hollins was the last out is evidenced by the fact that every wound received was in the rear portion of the part of the body struck.

Hollins followed his victims out doors and started out of town in a southeasterly direction, soon disappearing. A crowd immediately collected and a posse of special deputies sworn in by Constable Hugh Braniff and headed by him went in pursuit of Hollins. The shooting took place about twenty minutes of 9.

MORRIS FOR SUPERVISOR.

It is a pleasure for the BYSTANDER to announce the name of Frank Morris, who is a candidate for his second term as a member of the 1st Supervisor district, which is West Des Moines. Mr. Morris is one of the old settlers in this county and has held several minor offices with credit to himself and friends, and his term on the county board has been honest and honorable. He has been true to the West Side in the court house location, and like other candidates he is asking for his second term which without a doubt he is entitled to. He is an active republican party worker, always found advocating the principles of the party, and is a self made man. He is congenial, social and a progressive man and has made an excellent member of the Board. His many friends are working hard for him.

DR. HEATON FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

The East Side has many candidates for representative this year, but few are better known and more highly esteemed than the Dr. W. H. Heaton. He is an old settler and a public spirited man, and has served in various places and in each of them he has been outspoken for what he thinks is right and equitable. He is well educated and by his age and experience would make a valuable and influential member. He is a life long republican, a good speaker, active party worker, a good friend of the colored race and will not be afraid to speak for them. This is the first time that the doctor ever ask for a county office during his long residence in Polk county, and the people will make no mistake if they should choose the doctor to represent them.

LOVERIDGE FOR SUPERVISOR.

Our genial friend, John Loveridge of East Des Moines has announced his name as a candidate for member of Board of Supervisor from Lee township or East Des Moines. Mr. Loveridge needs but little introduction to the voters of East Des Moines, as he is now the Alderman at Large from East Des Moines, and his service as member of the City Council has been in the interest of his constituents and what he thought to be right. Mr. Loveridge is a stone mason and has made a success. He is an active republican worker, and by his ripe age and experience will make a most excellent member of the County Board. His friends are working hard for him.

WHILE IN A VEHICLE.

About 900 persons a day on average visit the white house in a round. The number rises from that to 1,500 to 2,000, and the house for visitors are not many, being from 12 a. m. to 2 p. m. In spite of this constant tread the beautiful old-gold figured carpet in the east room looks as well as when it was first put down.

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Kimball Co. Will Positively
Close Out Entire Stock
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Best, Most Reliable

Makes—An Unprecedented
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Organ Buyers

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Factory Prices—Easy Payments to
All—The Big Sale Began
Last Monday.

READ THE FOLLOWING FOR
PARTICULARS.

To those who may be interested in the purchase of either a piano or an organ we have a proposition to make to make that will interest you.

Having leased for a long term of years the three-story building, No. 520 Walnut street, we not only desire but positively will close out all our present stock at our warehouses, 407 Walnut, before removal April 22, to our new warehouses.

No cost or former prices shall deter us in the matter, as we shall simply mark every instrument in the house in plain figures, paying no attention to cost, at prices that positively insure the quick sale of every instrument on hand.

We have a two-fold reason for closing out this entire stock regardless of cost or former prices. First, every business man knows that old styles will accumulate in the course of a term of business years, and we desire to go into our new quarters with a complete new stock; second, we now have large orders at the various factories for our new warehouses and we could not possibly find room for both stocks.

Our present stock of pianos and organs consists of the best, oldest and most reliable makes, such as "Kimball," new "Hallett & Davis," "Whitney," "Hinze," "Dunham," "F. G. Lighte" pianos, and "Steinway," "Arion," and "Needham" pianos and various makes of organs.

Beginning today we will inaugurate the biggest piano and organ sale that ever occurred west of Chicago. Persons wanting instruments can afford to come hundreds of miles to attend this sale.

To fully appreciate what we have to offer at this sale, the high character of the goods, the ridiculously low prices, the easy terms, a call of inspection and investigation is necessary.

As an example to show how all the stock is plainly marked to clear out at this sale, we quote the following:

Brand new "F. G. Lighte" upright parlor cabinet piano mahogany case, former price \$190, sale price \$97. Another one, same make, two inch taller case, former price \$225, sale price \$108. Terms \$10 or \$15 cash, \$5 to \$7 per month buys them.

New and standard made "Dunham," "Needham" and others, \$275 and \$350 pianos, sale price \$137, \$153 to \$198. Terms, \$20 cash, \$6 to \$8 per month buys them.

Elegant new "Hallett & Davis" and other \$400 and \$450 pianos, in all the various fancy woods go at this sale for \$237, \$263 and \$298. Terms, \$25 cash, \$10 per month buys them.

The "Kimball," "Steinway" and "Hallett & Davis" pianos represent the very best piano maker's art. This is your only chance to get the best makes for even less money than you ordinarily have to pay for the cheaper makes.

We offer the highest possible grade of \$500 and \$600 cabinet grand pianos at \$318, \$327 and \$347. Payments, \$25 cash, \$10 per month buys them.

We will ship anywhere to reliable people on the easy payment plan of purchase. The prices we quote are cash prices, we shall make no difference between cash and on the deferred payments.

Used upright pianos, all makes, go at \$80, \$95 to \$125. Terms, \$10 cash, \$5 per month buys them.

Organs, Organs, Organs. We shall close out a large number of organs at prices never before heard of. Organs worth \$65 go at \$32. Elegant new organs with French plate mirrors, worth \$75, \$90 to \$125 go at \$43, \$57 to \$68. Terms, \$5 cash, \$3 to \$4 per month buys organs, some of which are in piano cases.

Used organs \$10, \$20 to \$30. Terms, \$2.50 per month buys them.

Square pianos, your own prices and terms.

Attend the sale early. The stock will go quick. The sale positively closes in ten days.

Store 407 Walnut street open every

night until 9:30 during the sale. A five-year guarantee will accompany the sale of each new instrument. Every instrument sold by us must be satisfactory to the purchaser, or you get your money back or another instrument.

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COMPANY.

C. B. McNERNEY, Mgr.

Caught a Dreadful Cold.

Marion Kooke, manager for J. M. Thompson, a large importer of fine millinery at 1658 Milwaukee avenue, Chicago, says: "During the late severe weather I caught a severe cold which kept me awake at night and made me unfit to attend my work during the day. One of my milliners was taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a severe cold at that time, which seemed to relieve her so quickly that I bought some for myself. It acted like magic and I began to improve at once. I am now entirely well and feel very pleased to acknowledge its merits." For sale by all Druggists.

SAYLOR ITEMS.

We are having sunshine thus far this week, and we hope it will continue.

Our program was well rendered Sunday. Rev. Haggard rendered us a grand sermon. Papers were read by E. M. Hendricks and E. F. Toppin at 2:30 and also Lawyer Rush of Des Moines spoke to the school, after which all marched to the baptizing ground and viewed the young convert baptized, Sister Ida Mack Pearsley. It was performed by Rev. Haggard.

BYSTANDER
Mrs. Addie Jenkins is out again; also Mr. Joe Francis. But we are sorry that Mrs. Bryant is not improving so well at this writing. Mr. James Bryant is also on the sick list.

Mrs. Lizzie Bryant is visiting her many friends of Saylor.

Mrs. Etta Holland gave a social Saturday night. Everything was grand.

Mr. Charley Webb of here was sent to jail for making a rape on his 12-year-old daughter. She filed a charge against him. He is in jail waiting for a trial.

Remember that Saylor is coming to the front. The citizens of Saylor say they will bring her to the front or fill all the station houses in Des Moines with rough women and men of Saylor.

Several of our young girls and boys were visiting the concert last night at Webster's hall. They report a good time. Miss Fannie Burrell said the concert was all right.

Miss Blossom Jenkins was out riding her bicycle for the first time this season.

Mr. Garrett says, "Frasier, ha, ha, ha, I will give you." Wake up Davenport and tend to your business.

CHAS. F. WEST,

(Formerly with Dr. Hood)

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Choice line of

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KNOXVILLE.

Miss Jessie Jeffers doesn't seem to get well very fast.

Mrs. Celia Jeffers is reported some better.

Our school had to be closed on account of the smallpox, there being about four cases in our city.

Mr. W. P. Bird is on the sick list, but is better at this writing.

The Baptists had fire exercises at the church Sunday evening.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet at Mrs. W. P. Bird's Thursday afternoon to sew. Mrs. T. and Mrs. B. were the only ones that were colored.

Miss Examinie Jeffers is reported some better at this writing.

The Lord was good to those who had new dresses and hats by letting them have a fine Easter Sunday. I think they ought to be good to Him by being better Christians.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. and Mrs. John Davis lost their darling baby.

Mrs. George H. Hackney disappointed us very much by not paying us the visit that she had promised us.

CHURCH AND CLERGY.

The Rev. S. G. Fitzgerald, D. D., has been pastor of the Third United Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, for 25 years.

The Rev. C. S. Abbott, pastor of Christ church, Newark, N. J., has completed a quarter of a century as pastor of the church.

The Rev. A. C. Eggleston of Windsor, Conn., has accepted the position of financial secretary of Wesleyan academy at Wilbraham, Mass. He has been a trustee of the academy for many years.

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DES MOINES, IOWA.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL

Des Moines, April 12, 1901.
Secretary of State Martin will exact a fee of \$2,000 from the Union Pacific railroad on account of the filing of the amended articles of incorporation, \$100,000,000. Last year the company increased its capital \$25,000,000 and Secretary of State Dolson neglected to collect the filing fee. The company cited the precedent, but this was ineffective and the charge will be made unless the attorney general decides differently. Mr. Mullen's opinion is well known on questions of this character, and it is thought that he will rule that in all cases where an increase of capital is made the maximum of filing fee must be paid.

A rate of three dollars for the round trip from Des Moines to Council Bluffs on account of the return of Congress has been granted the C. & N. W. railroad and it is expected that in addition to the reception committee appointed to meet the Chinese minister that there will be a large number of friends who reside in Des Moines that will also accompany the party. The G. A. R. post will be uniformed and will carry side arms and banners. A brass band will also accompany the excursion. The other committees are making arrangements to give Congress a hearty welcome.

"A wonderful improvement has been made in the condition of the county asylums where the insane are kept in the past year," said Judge Robinson, of the board of control. "Under the recent order of the board, the inspection of the county asylums has been begun by the physicians from the state hospitals. The board has received no formal report so far. In fact, the physicians making the inspection have until July 1 to complete their report. But we learn the county hospitals thus far visited are making an earnest effort to comply with the board's rules and inspectors have found little to criticize."
Since the board of control issued the rules for the government of county hospitals, patients have been transferred from the institutions in Davis, Monroe, Warren and Madison counties, and the institutions closed so far as the keeping of insane is concerned. The patients from Davis and Monroe counties have been sent to Mt. Pleasant. Those from Warren and Madison counties have been sent to Clarinda.

On the other hand, the board is transferring patients to the Dallas county asylum from Clarinda and to the Fayette and Linn county asylums from Independence. Steps have also been taken to transfer patients to Hancock and Winneshiek asylums from the institution at Independence. The latter hospital is the only one of the state hospitals that is now in an overcrowded condition. It has 100 more patients than it should have. Not all of the surplus can be distributed to the county hospitals that have applied, and Independence will still be crowded when the board of control gets through sending state patients to the county hospitals already mentioned.

A decrease of 150 in the number of convicts in the state penitentiaries in the past two years has been noted by the state board of control. Since last March the number has fallen from 998 to 903. There was a decrease in March alone of twenty-one. The board of control has decided upon an alteration in the penitentiary districts. Hereafter the convicts sentenced to the penitentiaries from Cedar, Clinton, Iowa, Jackson, Johnson and Scott counties will be sent to Fort Madison instead of to Anamosa. Fort Madison has so run down that the contractors who employ prison labor are not able to get enough men to supply their shops.

BLOW TO RUSSIAN PRESTIGE.

China's Refusal to Sign Treaty Regarded as Such.

London, April 10.—In a dispatch to the Times from Peking Mr. Morrison comments upon the blow to Russian prestige in China resulting from the refusal to sign the Russo-Chinese convention. "This blow is all the more severe," he says, "because Japan, whose the Russians have affected to treat with the utmost contempt, has had the largest share in dealing it. There is little doubt that Russia will renew the struggle in some shape. It is a remarkable outburst of popular feeling which has thus enabled China to withstand Russia. All the appeals against the convention concerning Manchuria were addressed to the emperor. It is, therefore, difficult to believe that the emperor dowager has not been affected by the defeat of the policy of which her husband, Li Hung Chang, is the staunch exponent. The emperor has summoned the president of the board of revenue from Peking to prepare for the removal of the court. Probably this only means a removal to Kai-Feng-Fu, in the province of Ho-Nan, which would bring the court into closer contact with the viceroy."

P. C. KNOX TAKES THE OATH.

The New Attorney General Meets With the Cabinet.

Washington, April 10.—Mr. Philander C. Knox, of Pittsburgh, who succeeds Attorney General Griggs at the head of the department of justice, was sworn in at 10:30 yesterday morning in the cabinet room of the white house. There were present President McKinley, Mr. Knox's youngest son, Philander C. Knox, Jr., and Justice Shiras of the supreme court, who administered the oath. Justice Shiras is an old friend of the new attorney general. Mr. Knox was accompanied to the white house by C. O. L. Cooper, who was Attorney Griggs' private secretary, and who may continue with Knox in a similar capacity. After taking the oath Mr. Knox remained with the president until the cabinet assembled.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

RURAL TEACHERS SCARCE.

Difficulty Found in Supplying the Schools of the State.

Des Moines, April 10.—Rural Iowa is suffering badly from a scarcity of school teachers. An investigation into the condition shows that in nearly every county in the state superintendents are spending a large part of their time these days trying to fill vacancies. Things have reached such a point they are appealing to each other for aid, not fully realizing the scarcity in general. Superintendent J. M. Brenton of Polk county received a letter from Miss Libbie Dean, superintendent of Jasper county schools, asking if she could not secure three teachers immediately from the waiting list of this county. Mr. Brenton has but four names on a supply list that formerly contained about 300, and doubts very much if he will be able to fill the order as there are two out of Polk county he is unable to fill. He has inquired of other superintendents in various parts of Iowa and finds all are having trouble to secure enough teachers.

State Superintendent R. C. Barrett has also noticed evidences of the scarcity. At the meeting of the Southwestern Teachers' association in Grinnell a few days ago he says all the county superintendents present, including about twenty from southern and eastern Iowa, complained of the scarcity of teachers. Educational people of the city attribute the condition to the fact that heretofore rural teachers have been very poorly paid and that as there has recently been opened work in other lines which is more remunerative they are gradually forsaking the profession.

SHOOTING AFFRAY AT OSKALOOSA.

John McKinsey and the Barrett Shot by Will Miller.

Oskaloosa, April 11.—John McKinsey, colored, was shot and severely wounded by Will Miller, also colored. McKinsey was hit twice, but neither wound will prove fatal. Another colored man named the Barrett was slightly wounded by a third shot, the ball just grazing the skin.

The trouble occurred in a resort for colored gamblers. McKinsey went into the rooms and found the Barrett and Will Miller in one of the rooms. He immediately opened up on Miller and after a few words had passed he indulged in abusive language and threatened to kill Miller. Miller asked him to repeat what he had said. McKinsey did so and the words were scarcely from his mouth when Miller pulled a revolver and began shooting at McKinsey as rapidly as the weapon could be worked.

The inmates of the rooms could not get out of the place fast enough and all but fell over each other in their efforts to get out of range of the gun. Several fell over chairs and tables, were stepped on by others and were worse hurt at the time than the man who was shot.

Miller escaped from the room, but was subsequently captured.

BOY'S HEROIC ACT.

Runs Onto a Bridge in Face of Approaching Train to Save a Child.

Waterloo, April 12.—The bridge of the Illinois Central belt line was the scene of an act of heroism on the part of an 8-year-old boy that saved the life of a little playmate. The two boys had been playing on the tracks and the younger of the two walked out on the bridge just as the west bound passenger train swung around the curve near by. It was too late to retreat or reach the other end of the bridge, and the older lad ran out, seized the boy and jumped to the ground twelve feet below, just as the engine struck the bridge. The boys were uninjured.

PRESENT AN ULTIMATEUM.

Commitment of Marshalltown Give Mayor Pierce a Week to Settle.

Marshalltown, April 11.—The city councilmen, after hearing the report of the committee of the whole on the subject of the alleged shortage of ex-Mayor Pierce, adopted a resolution calling on Mr. Pierce to pay into the city treasury the sum of \$300 saloon taxes collected by him and not turned in, and the sum of \$123 due the city for wood, making a total of \$423. The resolution further provided that if the mayor did not pay within the stipulated time suit was to be commenced at once.

CHARGES BROUGHT BY WOMEN.

Two Men Are Accused of Embezzling Large Sums of Money.

Des Moines, April 11.—P. Stephen Harris, an attorney, formerly of Adel, who was arrested at Joplin, Mo., was brought here by Sheriff Matern. Harris is charged by Mrs. Crampton with embezzling \$5,000 entrusted by her to him for the purpose of settling a suit. W. S. Denison is having a preliminary examination on the charge of embezzling the same \$5,000, brought by Mrs. S. E. Persons, the other party to the suit.

Receiver for Carter & Hussey.

Des Moines, April 10.—Judge Holmes appointed L. I. Wilkinson receiver for the Carter & Hussey printing and binding company. Mr. Wilkinson immediately entered on his duties. He will balance up the books and arrange matters for an early sale of the stock. In the meantime bids will be received for the stock, which will be sold, the proceeds to be used in the discharge of the debts of the company.

Dogs Mangle a Boy.

Harwarden, April 12.—A bull dog belonging to a neighbor pounced upon the 5-year-old son of G. W. McCormick and began chewing his arms and legs. Two grey hounds then pounced upon the helpless child and helped in the mangle. The mother of the child chanced to see the affair, but had considerably trouble beating the dogs away. The child was seriously injured.

Fatal Gunshot by Gamblers.

Ottumwa, April 12.—Peter Crips, proprietor of a livery stable, and Bert Houston, a driver, were probably fatally stabbed last night in a quarrel with a number of gamblers. Six gamblers have been arrested.

MRS. HOSSACK IS GUILTY

Jury Says She Is the Slayer of Her Aged Husband.

Indianola, April 12.—Mrs. Margaret Hossack must pay the penalty for the murder of her husband. The jury returned a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment and Judge Gamble will pronounce sentence in a few days. The court room was packed when it was reported the jury had reached a conclusion and was ready to make known the fate of Margaret Hossack. The latter sat calmly in her seat, the rigid expression which she had carried all through the trial changing to that of earnest expectation of either good or evil news. Slowly the twelve men filed to their seats in the jury box. The foreman delivered the verdict to the bailiff, who handed it to the clerk. The latter stood erect. A death-like silence pervaded the room.

"We, the jury, find the defendant, Mrs. Margaret Hossack, guilty as charged in the indictment," he read. The silence continued several seconds, giving way to a low murmur plainly audible around the court room.

The aged prisoner sat looking helplessly and in a sort of dazed condition at the clerk. Then, suddenly seeming to realize the meaning of the verdict, she sank back in her chair and for the first time during the long and trying ordeal gave completely away to her feelings.

She was surrounded by her friends, whose sobbing could be heard through the hall and into the open court yard, continuing until Sheriff Hodson led the prisoner back to the jail, awaiting final judgment. Senator Berry announced that he would move for a new trial.

JOHN MUIR IS ACCUSED.

Said to Be the Author of an Extensive Scheme Through the Mails.

Des Moines, April 10.—John Muir, a live stock shipper residing at Thornton, has been held to the federal grand jury by Commissioner Rogers of Clinton on a charge of using the mails to promote a fraud. His arrest was caused by United States Postoffice Inspector W. M. Ketcham.

Speaking of the case, Mr. Ketcham said: "Two years ago the department commenced to receive letters from points in Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, the Indian territory and Texas complaining of the perpetration of a fraud through the mails by a man working through small towns in northern Iowa. I was detailed to the case several months ago and have given it almost my undivided attention since. Letters were mailed to live stock dealers in the states mentioned from little towns in northern Iowa offering to sell to the recipients, who were always live stock men, slides to be secretly attached to Fairbanks scales. It was represented that these could be attached where they would not be noticed and would net the person using them an average of \$50 or more a carload for their stock. Continuing, the letters offered to sell the devices for \$50 each and directed that the money should be sent to addresses given other than those from which the letters were mailed. In short, the system of sending and receiving mail was very much after the manner employed by green goods men. Several of the persons to whom the letters were addressed admitted that they had been suckered enough to send on the \$50 and that they received in return a little lead device or slide to insert in the corner of the scales where the weights are, which, if it could be used without being detected, might accomplish the purpose. It was intended for, but which could not well escape detection. The correspondence was finally traced to Muir, who was placed in the sword box and made what amounts to a confession, after which he was arraigned before Commissioner Rogers."

STORMS CASE AFFIRMED.

Must Serve a Life Sentence for the Rattibon Murder.

Des Moines, April 12.—The supreme court has filed an opinion affirming the decision of the district court of Iowa county in the A. D. Storms murder case. The defendant was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Fannie Rattibon and a daughter, January 23, 1898, at Burlington. He confessed to the crime to Chief of Police Griener, which confession was admitted as evidence and resulted in a conviction. The appeal of the case was on the grounds that the confession was procured from Storms under duress by frightening him with threats. The supreme court holds that the confession was voluntary.

WILL BUILD THIS YEAR.

Sixth City Extension of Great Western to Be Immediately Constructed.

Sixth City, April 11.—The Tribune says: "On unquestionable authority the Tribune is able to announce that the Chicago Great Western railroad will be constructed into Sixth City from Clarion, Iowa, this year. The project has advanced beyond the speculative stage. The financial arrangements are made, and the actual work of construction will begin in the near future."

Davenport Business Man Sidelined.

Davenport, April 11.—Tired of life, William Meier, a veteran grain broker and a prominent citizen of Davenport, hanged himself with a clothes line to the rafters of the wood shed in the rear of his Scott street residence yesterday. He left home as usual yesterday morning, stating to his wife that he "was going away." Mrs. Meier placed no significance in the remark, as he had been acting rather queerly recently. When found he had been dead for about two hours. He was 59 years of age, and has been prominent in business circles of this city for more than a score of years. His wife and nine children survive him. The funeral will be held Thursday.

Awful Crime Unearthed.

Creston, April 12.—What is thought to be the disclosure of a terrible crime was made by the Creston police. The body of an infant was discovered buried in the debris of a coal shed on a deserted property on the south side. They are seeking evidence.

NEWS IN GENERAL

LOOMIS IN PORTO RICO.

Sees No Reason Why a Squadron Should Be Sent to Venezuela.

San Juan, P. R., April 12.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Scorpion arrived here from La Guayra, Venezuela, having on board Francis B. Loomis, the United States minister to Venezuela. Minister Loomis will sail for New York today on board the Red Line steamer Caracas. He was non-committal as to the exact situation, saying he was not recalled, but was simply on leave of absence.

Continuing, Mr. Loomis said there was no probability of the United States severing diplomatic relations with Venezuela.

Mr. Loomis will not report at Washington from here by cable. He left Mr. William R. Russell, the secretary of legation, in charge at Caracas.

Answering a question on the subject, Mr. Loomis said he saw no necessity for sending the United States squadron to Venezuelan waters, though he admitted that it was possible this might be done. Venezuela is now quiet and there is no immediate apprehension of a revolution. The minister said he believed President Castro is capable of handling the situation. He made no direct statement regarding the possibility of trouble between the United States and Venezuela, remarking that he could not talk on the subject before reaching Washington, but so far as he knew the entire misunderstanding was due to the asphalt controversy and that in his opinion months will elapse before it is settled in the courts. He refused to deny that a certain anti-American ring would be glad to see him recalled. Mr. Loomis thought there was nothing serious in the situation.

CARTER LOOT LOCATED.

Government Said to Have Found All of the Stolen Millions.

Washington, April 9.—One of the first official acts of Attorney General Knox was to direct the institution of suits against a number of prominent business men in New York, Philadelphia and Savannah, Ga., on the ground that they were the accomplices of Oberlin M. Carter, formerly a captain in the corps of engineers, U. S. A., who was convicted some time ago of having swindled the government out of \$2,500,000 while he had charge of the harbor improvements at Savannah, Ga.

The department of justice has information in its possession which, it is said, incriminates a number of prosperous business men as having had a share of the stealings and upon which Carter will be prosecuted upon criminal charges when he has served out his present five years' term in the Leavenworth penitentiary. It was stated at the department this morning that the agents of the department of justice had traced every penny of the sum said to have been stolen by Carter and had found it in the hands of business men who had shielded the ex-captain during the ten years covering the extensive frauds. A sworn statement has been made by Carter to the effect that he had only \$772,000, and that if \$2,500,000 was taken the balance must be in the hands of outsiders who were interested in the operations. This has been investigated, with the result that all of the funds have been traced and the possessors will be made to tell where and how they got the money.

AGUINALDO SIGNS MANIFESTO.

Objections to Two Sections Were Finally Overcome.

Manila, April 10.—Although the officials are uncommunicative, it is nevertheless said that Aguinaldo has signed the peace manifesto. Chief Justice Arellano drafted the document. Aguinaldo strongly objected to two clauses of the manifesto, and considerable argument was required to overcome his objections.

Col. Aba, the insurgent leader of Zamboanga province, with thirteen officers, eighty-three men and ninety-two rifles, surrendered to Lieut. Col. Mancel C. Goodell, commanding the marines stationed at Olongapo, on Subig bay. General Malvar, with about 300 men and as many rifles, is expected to surrender shortly at Sikang, in Cavite province.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SATISFIED.

Russia's Latest Utterance Accepted Just as United States Accepted It.

Washington, April 11.—The Japanese minister, Mr. Takahira, has received official advices from the foreign office at Tokyo, entirely dispelling the alarming reports as to a Russo-Japanese rupture, and showing that the Japanese government accepted the latest declaration of Russia on Manchuria with the same sense of satisfaction that it had been received in the United States. Mr. Takahira called at the state department and informed Secretary Bay of the gratifying turn of events.

The position of Japan, as now defined in the highest official quarters, is practically the same as that of the United States.

King Oscar Will Arbitrate.

Washington, April 12.—King Oscar of Norway and Sweden has accepted the post of arbitrator on the Samoan claims of the United States, Great Britain and Germany, although it has been made known that his illness thus far has prevented his giving active consideration to the subject. The German case has been made and is now at Stockholm. The United States case is about completed. The British claims probably are in Stockholm by this time, although definite word has not come as to that. King Oscar will have general charge not only of the determination of the amount of the claims, but also will have the more important determination of what claims arise as a natural result of military operations during the last uprising in Samoa.

The Carr's Health Is Shattered.

London, April 9.—"The health of Emperor Nicholas has been shaken by the recent commotions," says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Express, "and he will probably abdicate if the next child of the empress should be a daughter."

BRADLEY'S STARTLING STORY.

Declares Taylor Told Him Goebel Would Not Live Twenty-four Hours.

Frankfort, Ky., April 11.—Ex-Governor W. O. Bradley, who was chief counsel for Ex-Governor W. S. Taylor in the gubernatorial contest, before the legislature last year, gave sensational testimony in the trial of Captain Garnett Ripley, who is charged with conspiracy with others, to bring about the murder of William Goebel. Mr. Bradley detailed a conversation which he said he had with Captain Ripley, while the latter was in charge of his military company during the occupancy of the state capitol by the Taylor troops last spring, in which Ripley told him of frequent conferences with Governor Taylor prior to the assassination. The witness said that Ripley told him he was in the executive office the day before the shooting, and complained to Taylor because he had not called out his (Ripley's) company, and told him when he did he would have the company ready. Taylor replied: "My God, haven't you brought them yet? Goebel will not live twenty-four hours," or "cannot live twenty-four hours, I have forgotten which," declared the witness.

Judge W. H. Yost, assistant counsel with Bradley in the contest here, according to the witness, was present, and heard the conversation. In response to a question as to whether he (witness) heard of any conspiracy to kill Mr. Goebel, the witness stated that on January 5, the day the train load of mountaineers arrived, some one, he could not now recall who, told him that parties in the crowd were waiting in front of the state house to kill Goebel.

The defense asked witness if he knew anything of any connection to Ripley with these occurrences. Governor Bradley said he had not, so far as he knew. He said that Ripley's company was disbanded about that time.

CATTLE INDUSTRY IS HIT

British Army to Be Fed Home-Grown Beef.

Washington, April 12.—The department of agriculture has received a dispatch from a prominent packing company of Chicago, announcing that they have just been advised that the English government has excluded all beef except home bred from the British army contracts. This, it is stated, is to be effective June 1 next.

The Chicago concern has asked the agricultural department for any assistance it can render. It is pointed out that the action of the British government is a severe blow to American beef and cattle exporters and producers, and means not alone the loss in government trade, but it is feared it will serve very materially toward inciting a prejudice on the part of Great Britain against the beef and cattle of this country.

No official confirmation of this reported contemplated move has reached the department, according to statements of officials. Steps have been taken, however, looking to acquiring whatever information it is possible to get.

To demonstrate the importance of the move contemplated, it is pointed out that the value of our exports of live animals to Great Britain amounts to \$10,000,000, while the total of animal products exported from the United States to Great Britain is stated to be, in round numbers, \$200,000,000. It is pointed out here that this proposed embargo may really be a sequel, in greater or less degree, to the proceedings instituted at New Orleans against shipment of horses and mules from that port for use in the South African campaign. While this is, of course, merely conjectural, it is very strongly hinted that the New Orleans incident probably is the direct inspiration for the step. It is pointed out that if the British really decided to take the action reported in the advices just received, they might turn to Australia for their meats. It is claimed, however, that meats cannot be gotten there in as good quality nor as cheap as in the United States.

LOGAN STATE UNVEILED.

Addresses Made by the President and Senator Depece.

Washington, April 10.—The heroic bronze equestrian statue of Major General John A. Logan, which rests on an imposing bronze pedestal in town circle, was unveiled yesterday in the presence of the president, cabinet, the widow and relatives of the gallant soldier, many of his comrades in arms, and a vast multitude of people. The sculptor, Franklin Simmons, who was knighted by King Humbert of Italy, as a tribute to the artistic character of the work, also was present. Master George Tucker, a grandson of the honored warrior, pulled the unveiling cord at 2:45 o'clock. The folds of the large American flag fell away and the dashing figure of "Black Jack" Logan, seated on his charger, stood revealed amid a roar of cheering that echoed far down the intersecting streets and avenues. The president and members of the cabinet had been escorted to the statue by a military parade under command of Colonel Francis L. Guenther, of the Fourth United States artillery. Addresses were made by President McKinley and Chauncey Depece.

STARVING TO DEATH.

Sad Condition of Workmen in Porto Rico, as Told by Petition.

New York, April 10.—Senator Santiago Iglesias, delegate of the Federation of Labor of Porto Rico, who arrived on the steamer Ponce from San Juan, is the bearer of a petition from the workmen of Porto Rico to President McKinley.

In this petition, which bears 6,000 signatures, the Porto Ricans say: "Misery, with all its horrible consequences, is spreading in our homes with wonderful rapidity. It has already reached such an extreme that many workers are starving to death, while others that have not the courage to see their mothers, wives, sisters and children perish by hunger commit suicide by drowning themselves in the river or hanging themselves from branches of trees."

GEN. BOTHA NEGOTIATING

Attempting to Arrange Peace Terms With Kitchener.

Capetown, April 11.—It is understood that although General De Wet at his recent interview with General Botha, refused to surrender, General Botha regarding him as irresponsible, undertakes to negotiate in behalf of the entire Boer forces. The British authorities here consider that if General Botha surrenders, De Wet's following can be easily taken.

As explained here, this action was determined in part by General Botha's discovery, at a recent meeting, that General De Wet's intellect had weakened, and that his influence with his followers was diminishing and that a continuance of campaign in view of General De Wet's irresponsibility, rested with General Botha alone.

London, April 11.—The report that General Botha has renewed the negotiations with Lord Kitchener is not yet officially confirmed, but it is generally credited and received with satisfaction, except by the ultra-jingoists, who fear that the government will renew the terms recently rejected.

Regarding General DeWet's mental condition reports have been very conflicting for some time. His recent inactivity points to there being some truth in the rumors which allege that long continued hardship under the harassing British pursuit, have unhinged his mind.

On the other hand a correspondent of the Times quite recently acknowledged the "wonderful foresight and fertility of resource" which characterized DeWet's retreat from Cape Colony.

As during the previous abortive negotiations the British press again loudly insists on "unconditional surrender," but with the budgetary necessities staring the country in the face if negotiations are re-opened the case, as the Daily Chronicle remarks editorially, "may reckon on fair treatment" at the hands of the British.

CHINESE INDEMNITY CLAIMS.

American Attempts to Have the Amounts Greatly Reduced.

Washington, April 10.—The state department has heard further from Mr. Rockhill, our special commissioner at Peking, touching the effort making there to reach an agreement respecting the indemnity to be demanded from the Chinese government. Mr. Rockhill's principal effort, acting under direct instructions from Secretary Hay, is to induce the Chinese to reduce the indemnity to the amount which the financial experts, headed by Sir Robert Hart, have decided to be within the ability of China to pay. The United States government has felt that on no account should the total indemnity claim exceed \$20,000,000, and has steadfastly sought to make that figure the outside limit of the claim. For itself the state department claims \$25,000,000 indemnity, and has supplied Mr. Rockhill with data for the presentation of an itemized account showing the expenditures made by the government of the United States in the transportation of our military contingent to China, its maintenance there, and the just claims of the missionaries who were American citizens and suffered in property and person from the boxer outbreak.

In its desire to avoid oppressing China, and to secure a speedy settlement of the Chinese question, the United States government stands willing to make a heavy cut in its claim, provided the other nations represented at Peking will abate their claims in proportion. It is entirely possible that if Mr. Rockhill can induce the other ministers to make a cut of 50 per cent in their indemnity claims he will do so; though the apparent result be the loss to the United States of \$12,500,000.

The administration is satisfied that the great danger of the situation at Peking lies in delay. Had the representations of Mr. Rockhill been heeded, the officials are confident that the formidable rebellion which has now broken out under the lead of Gen. Tung Fu Shian, in Shen Si province, would never have occurred.

BOER CAPITAL TAKEN.

British Victory Is Offset, However, by the Loss of Seventy-five Men.

London, April 10.—Lord Kitchener, reporting to the war office under date of Pretoria, says:

"Plumer has occupied Pietersburg with slight opposition. He captured two locomotives and thirty-nine trucks."

The capture of Pietersburg is regarded here as important. The place is the terminus of the railway and has been the capital of the Boer government since the evacuation of Pretoria. The whole northern railway is now in the hands of the British.

According to Lord Kitchener's dispatch only one officer and one man was killed. The Boers evacuated the town during the night prior to Plumer's arrival, after blowing up two trucks laden with ammunition.

Lord Kitchener further reports the capture of sixteen prisoners, fifty horses and the depot of war stores at Boschmanskop, Orange River Colony.

As an offset the commander-in-chief reports that a detachment of a hundred men of the Fifth lancers and Imperial Yeomanry were attacked by 400 Boers to the northward of Aberdeen, Cape Colony, and that after several hours fighting the British were surrounded and captured, with the exception of twenty-five, who succeeded in making their escape.

Plague Ravages in China.

Peking, April 12.—Robert M. McWade, United States consul at Canton, China, reports that 1,000 deaths from the plague have occurred there during the past six weeks, and that there are thirteen cases of smallpox on board the United States monitor Monterey. Only one death has resulted on the Monterey, and the other cases of smallpox are progressing favorably. The meetings of the foreign ministers in Peking have been postponed at the request of M. de Giers on account of the Eastern holidays.

A PRETTY COMPANION

By Louise Bedford.

CHAPTER V.—(Continued.)

"Were you looking for anything, Mason?"

"There! then you heard me shut the drawer!" said Mason, with smiling sincerity. "Yes, miss. Mrs. Mortimer was asking me for some certain rings that I've mislaid somewhere, and I could almost have declared for certain that I had left them in that rathband drawer of yours before you came."

"There were no rings there," said Janetta coldly. When Mason left the room Janetta opened the drawer and peered in. There were gloves and handkerchiefs, which had evidently not been touched; but on the top of all were Neville's letters, which Janetta kept bound together by an elastic band. One of them had been taken from the packet, and was half drawn from its envelope, and thrown back hastily into the drawer.

"It's very queer and uncomfortable," thought Janetta. "I can't conceive what object the girl has in wishing to read my letters. She shall not have the privilege! I don't want any one here to guess how anxious I am about the boy. I wish I were sure that he had broken with all his old friends; no effort of mine will keep him straight if he won't try himself."

She slipped the letter back into the packet, locked the drawer, and put the key into her pocket. Her earthly paradise seemed falling her all in a minute. Then she remembered how often she had found Mrs. Mortimer's eyes fixed upon her when she received one of Neville's letters with a queer, suspicious expression in them; and she laughed aloud as the thought darted through her mind that possibly Mrs. Mortimer was crediting her with a "young man" of her own, and was ready to make mischief about him.

But, even if this were so, it did not explain the reason why Mason should be foraging about among her letters. She finally decided to make no mention of what had occurred, but to be careful about keeping her possessions under lock and key for the future.

CHAPTER VI.

Clarice was not at all well for the next few days, so that it was not difficult for Janetta to avoid any intimate conversation with Captain Merivale.

Her latent suspicion of Mason was fanned into a flame by the fact that one afternoon, when she ran in late from the town, having gone on some commission for Clarice, she heard voices talking in the shrubbery near. One of the voices was a man's, the other Mason's.

"I shan't do it, I tell you! There are plenty of people in the house who'd find me out, and that new one is as sharp as a needle!"

Janetta hurried on her way, feeling very uneasy. What was it that Mason was declining to do, and to whom could she be talking? That the "new one" referred to her she was tolerably certain. Perhaps it would be wise to mention the circumstances to Mrs. Mortimer. Accordingly that evening, when Clarice had gone to bed, she returned to the drawing room and related to Mrs. Mortimer what she had overheard.

"It seems to me, Miss Howard, that you are making mountains out of molehills," said Mrs. Mortimer calmly. "Mason is an excellent servant, most civil and obliging; her character is beyond suspicion."

"I could swear to her voice," said Janetta, a little hotly. "Has she a young man, do you know?"

"Oh, yes. Is there a law of the Medes and Persians that parlor maids should be exempt from love-affairs?" asked Mrs. Mortimer. "She's engaged to a very respectable fellow who does not live here. Indeed, I happen to know that he's not in the place at present, for she only asked my leave today for a few days holiday to go and visit his people. She told me that she had not seen him for more than six months. I really think, Miss Howard, that it will be wiser if you leave the management of the house and servants to me."

"Certainly I will in future," replied Janetta, swallowing her vexation; "but it is the second time that I have had suspicions about Mason's straightforwardness."

"A letter for you, miss," said a voice behind her, and Mason, with a perfectly immovable face, handed her a letter on a silver waiter. It was from Neville, and Janetta slipped it into her pocket; and she felt somehow as if her actions were noted alike by both Mason and Mrs. Mortimer.

"Straightforwardness, indeed!" muttered Mrs. Mortimer angrily, when Janetta bade her good-night and went off to her room. "She's none too straightforward herself, with letters from one man nearly every day of her life, and playing fast-and-loose with Miss Seymour's lover under her very eyes, only she's too infatuated to see it. It will be seen that Mrs. Mortimer was letting her jealousy run away with her judgment."

That letter made Janetta very anxious and miserable. It was an urgent demand for money. "I literally haven't a copper to bless myself with," wrote Neville. "The landlady's using awful language, and if you can't help me I believe soon she'll turn me out into the street. I know you won't want to draw any salary yet; but isn't there some more in the bank that you can lend me for

a bit? I'll pay you back directly my beggarly screw is given me. Do come to the rescue, there's a dear girl! The minute I can hear of something better I mean to throw up this clerkship!"

For once in her life the softening veil of almost motherly love and affection that Janetta had for her brother was torn aside, and she saw him as he was—weak, selfish, unscrupulous. She knew that she had left him with enough money to keep him in comfort for two months at least, and the first was not yet over.

All through the night she lay tossing and wretched, wondering what to do for the best. In the wide world she had not a single friend of whom she could ask advice. Fifty pounds was all that was left of the wreck of their little fortune, and she dare not draw it out.

Supposing that by any unforeseen circumstance she was thrown out of her present situation, she must have some small reserve fund, so that she could support herself until she could obtain something else.

Clarice would have been the first to notice her heavy eyes the following morning, but that her heart was full of her own troubles.

"He's going tomorrow, Janetta," she said, when the girl entered her room. "I can't think what is the matter with me. I never cry at the thought of his going; but today I could sob my heart out. I've a weight like lead on it. I feel something as if I had come to an end of it all."

"An end of what?" questioned Janetta kindly.

"Of life—or, rather, of the love which is my life. He's going right away from me, and he may be going to his death!"

"You can trust him to God's hands," said Janetta gently.

"Oh he may forget me."

"You trust him too well to think of that."

"I shall feel that he has passed beyond my reach; there is something which seems to warn me that I am losing him forever."

When Clarice was dressed and carried to her boudoir, Harry Merivale came and sat down by her, and Janetta watched the restless look die out of Clarice's face, all doubt and discontent dispelled by the sunshine of her lover's presence. Then she slipped quietly from the room, and went to the study to answer her brother's letter.

She did not begin it at once, her heart was full of her friend, and her misery at her lover's departure; and yet, was she so greatly to be pitted? She thought of the adoration she had seen written but now upon her features, of the tender, loving sympathy of his.

To love and be loved, after all, were the two chief factors of human happiness, and that Clarice had. One difficulty Captain Merivale's departure would remove from her path—she would not need to make excuses to avoid going out with him. Their acquaintance would be brought to an abrupt termination.

Then she opened and re-read her brother's letter, and the oftener she read it the more perplexed she became, as to what the answer should be. Despite her love and warning, Neville was steering straight for the rock on which their father had wrecked his life! Janetta laid down her head upon her arms and sobbed aloud.

"Miss Howard, Clarice wants to know—" Captain Merivale stood in dismayed astonishment behind Janetta's chair, the question he came to ask dying on his lips. This man, who would have faced an army without turning color, was inclined to run away at the sight of a woman's tears.

"I'm sorry—I'm afraid I've intruded upon you," he stammered.

"Yes—no—at least, it doesn't matter," said Janetta. "I'm in trouble, but no one can help me out of it. What did Miss Seymour wish?"

"Forgive me," said Harry gently; "but in your great kindness the other day you assigned to me the position of friend. If you feel me to be such, can't I help you? If you are alone in the world, as Clarice hinted to me one day, it is possible that just a common, everyday fellow like myself may be of use to you, might give you advice, for example, on any business matter that is bothering you."

There was a dawning hope in Janetta's heart that here was the friend she needed; this kind, capable, cultured man of the world would be able to tell her what was the really wise thing to do about Neville.

"I have one brother, and I'm in trouble about him," she said simply.

"Yes," said Harry, seating himself in a chair with grave attention. Then bit by bit Janetta told him the story, just the simple facts; and Harry, as he listened, saw how the girl's life had been one long self-sacrifice, and offering for the salvation of another, who apparently declined to be saved. His heart burned with indignation.

"And you wish to know if it is right to throw good money after bad, to rob yourself of your last farthing so that your brother may be saved for a week or two longer from the consequences of his own willfulness?" he said, when Janetta paused for a moment.

"It does not seem to me a difficult question to decide. If you want to complete that young fellow's ruin, you will go on letting him depend upon you as he has done hitherto. You tell me that he cannot live on his salary, and that you have taken this situation

in order to supplement it. Mind, I think it is a wholly wrong principle for a brother to take help from a sister; but, still, you have promised to help him. Very well, stick to the exact letter of your promise, and don't go a farthing beyond it."

"I'm passing through town tomorrow, and will go and see him if you like. It might not hurt him to hear the opinion of a man about his behavior."

"Oh, no!" cried Janetta quickly. "I could not bear to think that I had ever discussed him with anybody. It's the first time in my life that I have done it, and I'm only driven to it now because I am at my wits' end."

"Well, then, write him a short, wholesome refusal. You can't think what good it does. It brings a young fellow to his bearings," said the Captain, with a smile, remembering such a refusal himself.

Janetta rose. "I can't thank you enough. I must have been fanciful the other day, but I was silly enough to think that you were vexed with me when I said I hoped always to keep you and Miss Seymour as friends."

Harry looked down at the beautiful, wistful face with an odd twitching of his own.

"You drive me hard," he said. "Shall I tell you something, that you, and you alone, are the cause of my sudden departure to-morrow, that there are moments in the life of a man when all he can do is to run away?"

"Miss Howard, I did not know upon what rock I was drifting until that appeal of yours to my friendship; and then, like a flash of lightning, the true state of things was revealed to me. Friendship with you? Impossible! Friendship could not satisfy me! Had I been free—"

Janetta heard him thus far with eyes that grew larger every moment with terror and despair.

"No, no!" she cried; "please stop! You must not say it, and I must not listen. Forget that you have ever said or thought it. Ah!" she cried, wringing her hands, "what have I done but betray my best, my kindest friend?"

He could have taken her hands; but she snatched them from him and flew from the room. Just outside the door she glanced at the girl's red eyes and disheveled hair with cynical contempt.

"Is Captain Merivale in the study?" she asked. "Miss Seymour wants to speak to him before he goes out."

Janetta did not stop to answer, but ran upstairs to her room; and Mrs. Mortimer heard the key-turn in the lock.

A very agony of shame shook Janetta's whole frame, and she threw herself sobbing on her knees. A mist of falsehood and wrongdoing seemed enveloping her like a cloak, and for the first time in her life she found it difficult to discern right from wrong.

Her heart was her witness that she had intended to do no hurt to the friend to whom she was bound by every tie of gratitude and affection, and yet Captain Merivale's unfinished sentence had awakened an answering echo in her heart, had roused her to the awful knowledge that she, on her side, loved him with an intensity as great as Clarice's own.

"I can redeem the past. I am sure it's not too late for that!" she said, springing to her feet in feverish misery. "He has no clue as to my feeling for him—that is my own secret; and when he gets away from me he will return, as in honor bound, to his proper allegiance. He leaves to-morrow and I need never see him again."

(To be continued.)

Turntable for Trolley Cars.

A turntable for trolley cars has been patented by an Ohio inventor. It is so arranged that when the car is driven on it the front wheels rest upon two rollers coming up through the track and, by gently starting the motors, these revolve under the car and communicate their motion through proper gearing to the turntable itself, and thus the car is turned around by its own power, the trolley swivelling on its base and staying on the wire. The crew of the car do not have to descend from it, and it is asserted that the apparatus works very quickly and successfully in practice.

Curzon's Visit to Goa.

Lord Curzon recently paid a state visit to Goa, the little Portuguese colony in western India. He entered the territory by rail, but Lady Curzon went thither by sea in the Indian marine steamer Olive. They were received with full honors by the governor-general of Portuguese India, Col. Galhardo. Goa is probably the most prosperous of Portuguese possessions. Its harbor, Mormuga, is the finest on the coast of Malabar, and the railway which now connects it with the Indian system secures a great amount of traffic.—L. A. Boyd in Chicago Record.

Teacher Abandoned Reform.

A teacher in Grundy county, Missouri, determined that his pupils should adopt what he termed as reformed pronunciation, among other things, that "mamma" and "pappa" must have the accent on the last syllable. Then he wrote this sentence on the board: "Mamma see what a pretty rose I have." On asking for correction of this sentence a speckle-faced, bullet-headed young gentleman suggested: "You want to put a comma after mamma, I guess." Right here the teacher abandoned his reform.

"Opportunity for a Christian means responsibility." There are abundant opportunities for usefulness, but alas! few Christians realize or accept their responsibilities.

STORIES.

One day at Burlington House, Tennessee, said to have asked the guests a conundrum which he had just made: "Who are the greatest women in the world?" The answer was: "Missouri, the Misses Ippi and Sara Gossa."

Embassador Choate is fond of telling of how the late William M. Evarts replied to an impossible toast at a Harvard dinner which he (Choate) presided over. Instead of asking the men who were down for speeches to respond to the regulation toasts, Mr. Choate read off a question to each from one of the college examination papers, and then called up his victim. The query which fell to Mr. Evarts was this: "Why is it that the stomach, which continually digests food, is never itself digested?" Evarts, in response, said: "I have attended a good many Harvard dinners before this, and long ago, as a result of my experience with them, before setting out from New York to attend one of these feasts, I always divest myself of the contents of my stomach and hang them up in my wardrobe."

DEERING AT PARIS IN 1900.

The Famous Chicago Harvester Company Received More and Greater Honors than Were Ever Before Accorded an American Exhibitor in the History of Expositions.

America may well feel proud of the interest which her citizens took in the Paris Exposition and the elaborate exhibits which were prepared with consummate skill and displayed in a manner not excelled by any other country. Those of Harvesting Machinery in particular were most complete and interesting. The Deering Harvester Company, of Chicago, America's foremost manufacturer of this line of goods, was accorded the position of honor, having contributed more to the advancement of the art of harvesting than any other manufacturer, living or dead, and with a greater array of important inventions to its credit than any other company in the world.

Visitors to the Exposition were prompt to accord the Deering exhibits supreme honors, and it only remained for official mandate to ratify the popular verdict, which was done in a manner as substantial as it was well-merited. Each one of the seven Deering exhibits secured the highest award in its class.

In addition to four high decorations, the Deering Harvester Company received twenty-five awards, or twenty-nine in all, as follows: Decoration of Officer of the Legion of Honor, Decoration of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, Two Decorations of Officer of Merite Agricole, a Special Certificate of Honor, The Grand Prize, Six Gold Medals, Six Silver Medals and Eleven Bronze Medals, including Deering Col. Laborator Medals.

The Decoration of the Legion of Honor was instituted by Napoleon Bonaparte when First Consul in 1802, and is only conferred in recognition of distinguished military or civil achievements. It is the highest distinction in the gift of the French Republic.

The Decoration of the Merite Agricole is an honor of, but slightly less importance, which is conferred upon those who have contributed greatly to the advancement of agriculture.

An Official Certificate of Honor was accorded the Deering Retrospective Exhibit, which showed the improvements in harvesting machinery during the past century, and excited the highest praise of the French Government Officials who had entrusted to the Deering Harvester Company the preparation of this most important exhibit. By special request this exhibit has been presented to the National Museum of Arts and Sciences at Paris, where it has become a permanent feature of that world-famed institution.

The Deering Twine Exhibit and Corn Harvester Exhibit, both of which received the highest awards, have by request of the French Government been presented to the National Agricultural College of France.

There was no field trial, either official or otherwise, in connection with the Paris Exposition, but the most important foreign contest the past season was held under the auspices of the Russian Expert Commission at the Governmental Farm of Tomsk, Siberia, August 14th to 18th. All the leading American and European machines participated and were subjected to the most difficult tests by the Government Agriculturist. The Expert Commission awarded the Deering Harvester Company the Grand Silver Medal of the Minister of Agriculture and Domain, which was the highest award.

The Deering Harvester Works are the largest of their kind in the world, covering eighty-five acres and employing 3,000 people. They are equipped with modern automatic machines, many of which perform the labor of from five to fifteen hands.

This Company is also the largest manufacturer of Binder Twine in the world, having been first to produce single-strand binder twine, such as is in general use today, making over a third of the product of the entire world. The output of its factory for a single day would tie a band around the earth at the equator, with several thousand miles to spare. The annual production would fill a freight train twenty miles long. Made into a mat two feet wide, it would reach across the American continent from ocean to ocean.

Deering machines are known as LIGHT DRAFT IDEALS, consisting of Binders, Mowers, Reapers, Corn Harvesters, Shredders and Rakes.

This company exhibited at the Paris Exposition an Automobile Mower, which attracted much attention, and exhibitions were given with one of these machines in the vicinity of Paris throughout the season.

A thankless man never does a thankful deed.

WILL HONOR A HERO.

MONUMENT TO BE ERECTED TO GEN. MONTGOMERY.

He Fell at Quebec Fighting for the Cause of the Young Republic and Its Constitution—Almost Forgotten Even in History.

The city of Quebec is to be embellished by a monument to the memory of an American hero, the Massachusetts Society of Sons of the Revolution having decided to erect there a memorial shaft to Gen. Richard Montgomery, who fell in the desperate attack upon that city.

Gen. Montgomery was one of the first eight brigadier generals of the revolution, and had not an untimely death cut short his brilliant career he would undoubtedly have been one of the most distinguished generals garrisoned on the pages of American history.

The spot where he fell, pierced by an English bullet, is very imperfectly marked by a wooden signboard high up on the cliff. This is far from worthy of the gallant general whose fall it so cruelly commemorates. Walter Gillman Page in a visit to Quebec last year visited this historic spot, and the result of this visit was the determination on his part to secure a more fitting memorial.

Was of Irish Origin.

Gen. Montgomery was an Irishman by birth. During his youth he served in the British army and took part in the old French and Indian wars. After the close of this seven years' struggle he went back to England. But so warmly had his sympathies turned to the new world that he returned before the outbreak of the revolution and settled in a beautiful country place on the banks of the Hudson.

He was chosen a member of the first provincial congress that met in



GEN. MONTGOMERY.

New York in April 1775, and shortly after was appointed a brigadier general in the Continental army. As he had his wife good-bye he said: "Trust me, you shall never blush for your Montgomery."

Gen. Montgomery fell while leading his men in the attack of December 31, 1775. Through the courtesy of the British general, who greatly respected him, Gen. Montgomery was buried with all the honors of war within the city walls of Quebec.

EVARTS GOT HIS FEE.

His Unanswerable Argument When Reduction Was Intimated.

From a story related by a New York lawyer it can be inferred that the late William M. Evarts held his services at a good round figure. It also seems that he was clever in avoiding any reduction in his charges when the time for payment came. The lawyer says, "I was employed once in a suit of considerable importance in which my client was a lady. To insure success it was thought advisable to secure the services of distinguished counsel, and accordingly I was authorized to employ Mr. Evarts. After talking over the matter with him, on rising to go, I said to Mr. Evarts that it would be the proper thing to give him a retainer, and asked him for what amount I should make out a check in his favor. 'Oh,' said he, 'I guess \$1,000 will suffice,' and thereupon I tendered him the paper for that sum.

"Not long afterward the suit was settled to our satisfaction, and again I called on Mr. Evarts, this time to pay him in full for his services, which had not been of an arduous nature.

"How much do we owe you?" I said.

"Call it \$5,000," he responded, without a moment's hesitation. I thought this a little steep in view of the circumstances, and I started in with a mild protest.

"You know Mr. Evarts, that you've had \$1,000."

"Yes," he said, with a dry smile, "but I've spent that."

"This was an unanswerable argument, and all further effort at reduction ceased."

Two Monster Locomotives.

The two largest locomotives in the world have just been placed in operation on the Pittsburgh, Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad. They are now hauling the great Carnegie ore trains between Albion and Conneaut, O. Following are some interesting statistics of these steel monsters: Weight, each, 376,000 pounds, or 188 tons; diameter of the smallest ring in the boiler, 78 inches; water supply, 7,500 gallons; length, 64 feet 8 inches; working steam pressure, 220 pounds to the square inch. The connecting rod alone weighs 1,700 pounds, and is made of armor steel. A man of average height can easily stand erect in the fire box.

If you don't refer to a young lawyer as a legal light he is apt to be quite put out.

If You Have Dyapepsia send no money, but write Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis., Box 181, for six bottles of Dr. Shoop's Bismuth; express paid. If cured, pay \$5.00—if not, it is free.

Borrowing is but one step above begging.

Cholera Morbus has killed many a child. Malt's Lightning Pain Killer will cure this disease. See at druggists.

Every fool thinks he is clever enough.

The system cannot be in good condition when the bowels are constipated. Take Garfield Tea, it cures constipation and effectually regulates the liver.

A man who is not spoken of is not abused.

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Ladies who take pride in beautiful, clear white clothes should use Russ' Bleaching Blue. Refuse imitations. Sold by all grocers.

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Love may laugh at the locksmith but never at the goldsmith.

Have you ever experienced the joyful sensation of a good appetite? You will if you chew Adams' Peppin Tonic Fruit.

Woman is a conundrum that man never seems to give up.

Ask your grocer for DEFIANCE STARCH, the only 16 oz. package for 10 cents. All other 10-cent starch contains only 12 oz. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

Under white ashes lie often glowing embers.

When he departed for a short vacation, a Missouri editor left a minister in charge of his paper. He had been superintending things but a few days when a letter came from a "way-back" subscriber, which read: "You know I—well I paid my subscription the last time I was in Lexington. If I get any more such letters I will come down and maul h— out of you." The minister answered: "I have been trying to maul that thing out of the editor for ten years, and if you really come down and maul it out of him, then, my dear sir, I have twenty members of my church you can operate on."

An old Scotch farmer once went to have a troublesome tooth extracted. Said the dentist, after looking at the offending molar: "It is a very ugly one. I would advise you to have it out by the painless system. It is only a shilling extra." He showed the farmer the apparatus for administering gas, remarking that it would cause him to fall asleep for a minute and before he awoke the tooth would be out. After a slight resistance the sufferer consented, proceeding to open his purse. "Oh, never mind paying just now!" said the dentist, kindly. "Hoots!" answered the cautious old Scot. "A' wasn't thinking of that; but if I'm gae'n to sleep A' thoct A' wad like to count ma siller first."

A WOMAN'S HEART.

Mrs. Samuel G. Dyer Tells a Harrowing Tale of Suffering.

McCarron, Mich., April 8.—(Special.)—Mrs. Samuel G. Dyer of this place has given the following interesting letter for publication:

"For years I suffered intense pain in the region of the heart. I doctored with the best physicians. Some of them would relieve me for a short time, but the pain always returned. My heart was so bad that I would have to sit up in bed for hours, to get relief. I would lie awake almost all night. I am 62 years of age, and no one can understand how much I suffered with this Heart Trouble.

"About a year ago I heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills, and commenced to use them. From the first my condition improved. The pain in my heart gradually grew less, and my general health much better, and now I can say positively that I am entirely cured. I can sleep all night, and enjoy almost perfect health. I thank God for the cure that has come to me through the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"I have thought long over the matter of giving this letter for publication, and am doing so now without any solicitation whatever, and simply because I feel it to be my duty to express the profound gratitude I feel for my recovery, and to let others who may be suffering as I was know how they may find a cure. I know that nothing else but Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me, because I have taken no other medicine for over a year. I feel better now than I have for many years, and it is all due to the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Mrs. Dyer's case and its cure has attracted a great deal of attention, and her letter is a splendid tribute to the curative properties of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

W. S. Gilbert, of Gilbert and Sullivan opera fame, was one day standing on the steps of his club house in London, when a stranger approached and asked: "Does a man belong to your club with one eye named Walker?" "I don't know," was the answer, "what's the name of his other eye?"

MUSCATINE NEWS.

Last Monday afternoon quite a number took the train for Wilton to attend a birthday surprise party on Mrs. Sidney Mayweather. The affair was planned by her daughter, Mrs. Ida Holbrook. The guests returned on the midnight train reporting a splendid time.

Miss Mary Atkinson of Muchakinock is in the city, the guest of her cousin, Miss Lella Johnson.

Sunday was Easter and also quarterly meeting. Presiding Elder Jundry was present. An excellent sermon was preached by Rev. Gordon at the morning service. At 1:30 o'clock the Sabbath school rendered an Easter program. At 3 o'clock S. P. Johnson preached an interesting sermon, after which sacrament was administered. In the evening, Elder Biddy attempted to preach but owing to a severe cold was unable to finish his discourse. Rev. Gordon came to his aid. The choir rendered a few Easter anthems. Miss Alice Maxey sang a beautiful solo, entitled "Calvary." Love feast and quarterly conference were held Monday evening.

Wm. Greenway, Jr., is reported sick.

What is the attraction on East Seventh for Messrs. Samuel Barnes and Henry Seay? Is the question asked by many.

Quite a few of our girls donned Easter bonnets Sunday while the men—where, where were they?

Mrs. Wm. Davey and Mrs. Barnes and baby are on the sick list.

The social given last Wednesday evening by "we girls" proved a success in every way. They will give another one next Thursday evening. They contemplate giving "The Ten Virgins" and "The Milkmaid's Convention" in the near future.

Muscatine has a great deal of work. Some good honest colored people could get all they could do. Either sex can get work.

Mrs. Fannie Tromes has remodeled the croquet ground and is patiently waiting for the ground to dry, and she is not alone.

Mrs. S. Loyd and daughter Bessie went to Rock Island last week.

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CLINTON BREVITIES.

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T. W. Stepp left Friday for Keokuk, after several days rest from business at that city. He was joined by G. H. Wade of Cedar Rapids, with whom he is associated this season.

Mrs. M. B. Anderson of DeKalb has returned home after a short stay in Clinton, the guest of Mrs. F. E. McNeil.

The musicale given by Mrs. Estelle Bush Emerson and pupils on Wednesday evening April 3 at Bethel A. M. E. church was listened to by a large and appreciative audience. She was ably assisted by Prof. Damon and other talent. The overtures rendered by the professor's orchestra are worthy of more than passing note. The program as rendered by the pupils reflects much credit upon their instructor. Mrs. M. B. Anderson of DeKalb rendered valuable assistance, rendering a vocal solo which was heartily encored. Mrs. Emerson made no mistake in engaging her for the occasion. The proceeds went to the trustee fund. Refreshments were served by the stewardess.

Bethel A. M. E. church has undergone a much needed cleaning process.

Mrs. Geo. McDorman and Alice Harris of Dixon, Ill., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dodson Easter.

Bethel church never looked more beautiful than on Easter. Upon entering the church the eye was greeted with a profusion of palms, potted plants and flowers in full bloom, which threw out a rich fragrance, all encircling and filling the altar. The choir loft in the rear was equally beautiful with a like decoration and white covers on the chairs making a very pleasing effect. The special music rendered by the choir in the evening was considered very fine. The choir on this occasion was Mary Moreland, soprano; Aline Simpson, alto; Jas. W. Cooper, soprano; A. A. Bush and T. G. Dozier, tenors; N. E. Stewart, bass; and Anna B. Cooper, organist.

William Emerson was in Moline last week on business.

A communication from Bishop Grant says he will visit Clinton the last of next month.

Miss Hampton and assistants are to be commended for the interest and taste displayed in the Easter decoration of the church. The children were the recipients of eggs at Sunday school.

Wm. Emerson is raising his house and otherwise improving it.

Northern Wisconsin Railway Farm Lands for Sale.

The North-Western Line has for sale in Northern Wisconsin, at low prices and easy terms of payment, about 350,000 acres of choice farm lands.

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HITS OF INFORMATION.

Egypt exported last year 65,000 tons of sugar, 55,300 of which went to America.

In Pennsylvania the trolley is carrying the mail and thus supplanting the star routes.

The agricultural output of the state of Colorado for 1900 will approximate \$90,000,000 in value.

It is estimated that 125,000 Americans who visited Europe last year spent there \$60,000,000.

regions in the Northwest. Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Superior, Ashland and other towns on "The North-Western Line" furnish good markets for stock and farm produce. For further particulars address: Geo. W. Bell, Land Commissioner, Hudson, Wis., or G. H. MacRae, Assistant General Passenger Agent, St. Paul, Minn.

A Testimonial from Old England.

"I consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the best in the world for bronchitis," says Mr. William Savory, of Warrington, England. "It has saved my wife's life, she having been a martyr to bronchitis for over six years, being most of the time confined to her bed. She is now quite well." Sold by all Druggists.

A MILE A MINUTE.

High Speed by a Trolley Car in Philadelphia.

In whatever other respects Philadelphia may be slow she has a trolley car which sweeps through the city in the gray hours of dawn and which, taken day by day, is swifter than anything else of its kind or class in the world, says the New York Sun. It starts from the heart of the city just after the newspapers are out of press and tears away through the silent streets in a northerly and westerly direction, up and down hill and along valleys, with occasional stops to throw out bundles until twenty-seven minutes later it rests on the northern summit of Chestnut hill, fourteen and three-quarter miles away. This is at the average rate of thirty-five miles an hour, including at least one stop every three-fourths of a mile. Sometimes on its route it has run a mile in a minute and an eighth and it has made the distance in twenty-five minutes, including the stops, which is just the schedule time of the steam express trains for practically the same distance between the same places, though on neither the Reading nor the Pennsylvania railways do the trains make any stops. Sometimes, as on market day, there are interruptions, when sleepy teams get on the lines of metals, and occasionally another trolley car gets behind time and doesn't give it the right of way promptly, but despite the occasional delays, for two years, in all conditions of weather, facing rain or snow, with mechanical incidents adverse to its career, it has made on an average thirty-five trips out of thirty-five on time and only once has it been longer than forty-five minutes in covering the distance. On that occasion the wreck of a hay wagon was on the road and for this the Eagle Flight trolley was not responsible. From the fact that this car carries the morning newspapers for distribution it might be thought to be a journalistic enterprise in Philadelphia, but this is not the case. It is an experiment by the Union Traction company to test the maintenance of high speed and the evenness of schedule time under conditions peculiarly favorable for securing exact factors for all the problems it is sought to solve. Every trip is observed by electrical experts, the induction is estimated, the power measured, the state of the metal, the thermometrical and barometrical conditions noted as well as the humidity and fog at the different elevations along the line, and when 1,000 trips have been made the data thus gathered will be considered, with a view of formulating a result to be applied in such directions of economy and accelerated speeds as may be opened up.

Explosives Confined and Unconfined.

There is a widespread apprehension in regard to the devastating effect of high explosives. When unconfined the effect even of large charges of them upon structures is comparatively slight. At the naval ordnance proving ground, so long ago as 1884, repeated charges of dynamite, varying from five pounds to 100 pounds in weight, were detonated on the face of a vertical target consisting of eleven one-inch wrought-iron plates bolted to a twenty-inch oak backing, until 440 pounds of dynamite had been so detonated in contact with it, and yet the target remained practically uninjured, while at Braamfontein the accidental explosion of fifty-five tons of blasting gelatin, which was stored in railway vans, excavated but 30,000 tons of soft earth. Thus at Fort Lee, on the Hudson, but two tons of dynamite placed in a chamber in the rock and tamped brought down 100,000 tons of the rock; at Lamberis, Wales, two tons and a half of gelatin dynamite, similarly placed, threw out 180,000 tons of rock, and at the Talcan Mawr, in Wales, seven tons of gunpowder placed in two chambers in the rock dislodged from 125,000 to 200,000 tons of rock.

The Ages of Men.

A great man does not always attain a ripe old age; in fact, hardly half of the greatest men of modern and ancient times have reached the limit of age set by the Bible. Among statesmen: Mirabeau was 42; Pitt, 47; Caesar, 55; Richelieu, 57; Cromwell, 59; Frederick the Great, 74; Disraeli, 75; Bismarck, 83; Talleyrand, 84. Of great conquerors: Alexander the Great died at 32; Napoleon at 51; Hannibal at 53; Mariborough at 72; Blucher at 76; Wellington at 83; Xenophon at 86; Moltke at 91. The age of the deities of philosophers was: Spinoza, 44; Descartes, 53; Aristotle, 62; Socrates, 68; Linnaeus, 70; Copernicus, 70; Galileo, 78; Kant, 79; Plato, 82; Newton, 84; Humboldt, 89. The longevity of great writers, poets, varies from Byron, 36, to Sophocles, 90. The painters death came at ages varying from Raphael at 37, to Titian, at 99.

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Annual Certificate for Publication.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 1st, 1901.

Whereas, The American Fire Insurance Company, located at Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania has filed in this office a sworn statement of its condition on the thirty-first day of December, 1900, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4, Title 9, of the code of Iowa, relating to Insurance Companies; and whereas, said statement shows that said Insurance Company has complied with the laws of this State relating to insurance.

Therefore, in pursuance of law, I, Frank F. Merriam, Auditor of State, do hereby certify that said Insurance Company is authorized to transact the business of Fire Insurance in the State, by Agents properly appointed, as required by law, until the first day of March, A. D. 1902.

I further certify that the statement shows—

1st. The actual amount of paid-up Capital of said company, Dec. 31, 1900 to be..... \$ 500000.00

2d. The aggregate amount of Assets of said Company, Dec. 31, 1900, to be..... \$2477069.00

3d. The aggregate amount of Liabilities of said Company, including the amount required to safely reinsure all outstanding risks, Dec. 31, 1900, to be..... \$ 2229708.58

4th. The aggregate income of said Company for the year 1900 to be..... \$1433708.98

5th. The aggregate expenditures of said Company for the year 1900, to be..... \$1606216.07

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of my office the day and date above written.

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Proposed Highway for Bicycles.

A perfect highway from New York to San Francisco, in as near a straight line as it is possible to make it, with a width of 120 feet, for the use of automobiles and bicycles, as well as for the use of the farmer, is a thing that the Automobile club of America will try to bring about. The subject was seriously discussed at a banquet, in honor of members of the National Highway Commission, at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, when plans were made and the route announced. Besides a direct path from New York to San Francisco, passing through Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha and Ogden, the club wants a highway along each coast. Congress will be asked to appropriate one-third of the expense, and the states, counties, townships and cities en route will be asked to pay the rest; the owners of property benefited to donate the right-of-way. The club and highway commission have on their list of membership the names of some of the foremost men of America.

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Apply arnica to a bruise if the skin is unbroken.
A hot bath taken at night affords refreshing sleep.
Lemons stewed separately in dry sand keep fresh.
Dry hair turns gray sooner than moist tresses do.
If your clothes catch fire instantly roll on the floor.
Crawl out of a room where there are smoke and fire.
When you want to cut whalebone, warm it by the fire.
Sufferers from dyspepsia should not drink while eating.
Cut glass needs scrubbing with warm water and soap.
Bruised clothes kept among furs frighten moths away.
When the dirt is removed rinse it well with cold water.
The busy housewife should get an hour's sleep in the afternoon.
If possible, hold a wet towel to your face while escaping.—Boston Journal

TRICK OF VOICE.

How One Lawyer Keeps the Judge From Sleeping.

There is said to be a lawyer in Philadelphia who possesses a trick of the voice to which a certain measure of his success in United States Supreme court practice is due. The trick consists in waking a judge. Whether it is a common practice for the high dignitaries of the federal supreme bench to indulge in a nap in the course of a long and tedious argument, such happenings are not unknown, and it is well for an able logician of the bar to be prepared for it. The trick of waking a sleepy judge would seem to be something in the nature of slamming a law book under his nose or connecting his personality with the current of an electric battery. But the trick is explained as purely a matter of sound involved in the skillful control of the voice. It is said that a barrister practiced in the art and rhetoric of addressing the bench can gather all the waves of sound from his throat into a focus and deposit it in the office of the judge's ear with the general effect of a bomb. The trick, however it is accomplished, is said to have been worked repeatedly with success on the late Judge McKenna, whose habit of going to sleep on the bench was once a notorious subject of comment in the litigation over the Berliner telephone patents. This queer trick of the voice, while it is said to be the peculiar property of one celebrated lawyer, is probably attempted often with varying success by others.—Philadelphia Record.

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Boletero jackets are very popular in the kingdom of small costumes, and the attempt to produce the effect of stolens is seen in one little gown, where narrow lace revers are carried down the entire length of the front, as shown in the illustration. Another pretty effect is made by two box plaits in front, one at either side from the yoke to the hem, and two in the back, giving a long effect to the waist, which is defined with a narrow velvet belt ending in small velvet rosettes at either side of the front on the plaits. The skirt gathers on to the waist between the plaits, which apparently are a continuation of those in the waist. A sailor collar of lace covers the shoulders in the back and opens in front over a yoke of tucked white silk or batiste.

Thin gowns of point d'esprit for party wear are variously trimmed with ruffles, lace insertion and rows of colored satin ribbon. A pretty feature of the small girl's costume is the coat and hat to match.—New York Sun.

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Police Make Greatest Raid of Modern Times.

PLANT FOUND IN BROOKLYN.

Plates of Swedish and Scotch Currency Are Revealed—Notes of 100 Kroner and 20 Pounds the Principal Counterfeits—Big Game in Toils.

New York, April 12.—The discovery of a host of counterfeiting molds sought all over the world and the bringing to light of the greatest and most complete plant for making spurious money ever discovered was the result of a raid made on a building in Grand avenue, Brooklyn, consequent upon the capture of John A. Skoog. Chief Hazen regards the raid as the most important made since the origin of the secret service and says that in three European countries at least the results will be a matter of relief to the authorities. The long sought for plates for the 50-kroner notes of the Bank of Sweden and the 100-kroner notes of the Bank of Copenhagen were among those found, and the plates for the less famous £20 note of the Bank of Scotland are at last in the hands of the authorities.

Contents of Big Plant.

The plant which was raided contained several heavy stamping machines, being very nearly as large and valuable as those of the United States mint. Extensive warehouses were in connection with the establishment given over apparently to legitimate purposes, but in reality stocked with all the appliances which the counterfeiters needed in their work. The greater part of the plant was given to the counterfeiting of notes rather than coin, but several molds were found for the smaller gold pieces and 25-cent pieces. The authorities affirm that at least fourteen important plates, all of which are such good impressions as to be a constant source of danger, have been recovered, and the danger which is abolished by the capture of these renders the work of the secret service markedly less difficult.

Will Check Much Counterfeit.

Nearly half of the important bills against which the secret service men have directed their efforts in the past decade are now out of harm's way, and the federal authorities are well pleased that they have been of so signal assistance to the revenue guardians of other countries.

Skoog's Illinois Record.

Chicago, April 12.—John A. Skoog, after escaping from the county jail at Joliet, eluded the secret service officers of the country for more than four years. He is reputed to be one of the most notorious counterfeiters in the country. So dangerous is Skoog considered by the government officials that they have persistently kept up the search for him ever since he saved his way to liberty and have declared that they would rather capture Skoog than any other escaped prisoner now at large. After his arrest Skoog attempted suicide and is now under a doctor's care. Skoog was arrested on Jan. 28, 1897, at Hopkins' theater in this city. At the box office he tendered one of the \$20 "Manning head" counterfeit silver certificates, of which the secret service men say he had made a specialty. The bill was accepted and, pocketing his change, Skoog walked into the playhouse. The manager detected the counterfeit a few minutes later, however, and Skoog was arrested as he sat in his seat watching the play. To Secret Service Operatives Porter and Gallaher Skoog made a confession which led to the finding of his plant. At his house near Fifty-first and Justice streets they discovered a complete outfit for making eighty-five \$20 bills and more than \$3,000 worth of bogus Swedish kroner notes. As the Cook county jail was being reconstructed at the time of Skoog's arrest he was taken to the county jail at Joliet to await action on his case by the United States grand jury. Early in the morning of March 22, 1897, he made his escape, with two other counterfeiters—James Foley and Jacob Johnson. The latter two saved the window bars of the jail while Skoog smothered the sounds by playing an accordion.

Leaves Creditors in Lurch.

Berlin, April 11.—The Boersen Zeitung prints a special dispatch from Budapest to the effect that Count Rainere Galfy has fled to the United States, leaving debts amounting to 200,000 crowns. The court almanac of Berlin only mentions the name of one Rainere, Count Galfy von Erdod, chamberlain and first lieutenant in the Prince Windesgratz' regiment of hussars, No. 11, in garrison at Stein-Am-anger, Hungary.

Killed Going to Jail.

Tucson, Ariz., April 11.—Joe Alexander, who yesterday was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Mrs. J. J. Burns at Yuma, was instantly killed while on his way to prison by a shot fired from a thick underbrush.

Frank King, a brother of Mrs. Burns, has been arrested on suspicion.

Former Mayor of Havana.

Havana, April 11.—Sener Gener, secretary of justice, has resigned in order to accept the office of mayor of Havana. Former Mayor Rodriguez has assumed command of the Rural Guards of the island. When the reorganization has been perfected there will be need, in the opinion of General Wood, of military forces.

GREAT CHANCE FOR MORGAN.

London Paper Says Financier May Settle Panama Canal Question.

London, April 11.—The Pall Mall Gazette today discussing a cabled suggestion that J. Pierpont Morgan's visit to Europe concerns not only the steel trust but the Panama canal project, considers it probable that the strong feeling of British ship owners in favor of the Panama route has had some influence with Mr. Morgan, and says: "Mr. Morgan now has the chance of bringing the great moneyed people and ship owners of Great Britain and those of the United States together on this question of an intercanal. His presence in this country may consolidate the ideas on this question and bring about a working arrangement suitable to the maritime nations of the world."

TRANSPORT BURNS AND SINKS

Damage to the Rawlins and Cargo Estimated at \$110,000.

New York, April 11.—Fire was discovered in the second hold of the transport Rawlin early today. A quantity of hay was stored in the hold and the firemen endeavored to confine the flames to the one part of the vessel. The Rawlins was at the government pier, Brooklyn, and was to have sailed for Cuba this afternoon. The fire was under control after about two hours' work by the firemen, but the Rawlins listed to port from the immense quantity of water pumped through the port-holes by the fireboats, and sunk in the mud at her pier. The damage to the transport is estimated at \$30,000 and to the cargo at \$80,000.

DAILY MARKET REPORT.

Chicago Board of Trade.

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
April	.69%	.70	.69%	.69%
May	.70	.70%	.69%	.70%
July	.70%	.71	.70%	.70%
Corn—				
April	.44	.44	.43%	.43%
May	.44	.44	.43%	.43%
July	.43%	.43%	.42%	.43%
Sept.	.43%	.43%	.43%	.43%
Oats—				
April	.25	.25	.24%	.24%
May	.25	.25	.24%	.24%
July	.24%	.25	.24%	.24%
Pork—				
April	14.20	14.45	14.20	14.37%
May	14.25	14.55	14.25	14.47%
Lard—				
April	8.15	8.22%	8.15	8.17%
May	8.15	8.22%	8.15	8.17%
July	8.05	8.15	8.05	8.10
Sept.	8.05	8.15	8.05	8.10
S. ribs—				
April	8.15	8.22%	8.15	8.15
May	8.17%	8.22%	8.15	8.15
July	7.87%	8.00	7.87%	7.95
Sept.	7.85	7.97%	7.85	7.90

Will Not Permit Gambling.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 12.—Information came today that Hammond and Roby are to be invaded by gamblers. A gambling house is being erected near the Roby race track. The track will begin operations next Monday. The governor is considering the appointment of a metropolitan police board for Hammond, and in this may be a solution of the whole gambling trouble. Thus far it is said that he has rejected every name suggested for commissioner. The attorney-general said today: "Roby is not going to run while I hold this office. If there is no law to close it up we will make one. The recent decision of the Supreme court in the Roby case is very discouraging, yet Roby shall not be permitted to continue."

Falls and Kills Himself.

New York, April 12.—Bernard Frost, for a number of years a member of the Consolidated Stock Exchange, once worth \$500,000, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid at the Hoffman house. Soon after taking the acid an announcement was made on the floor of the exchange that Frost had failed. The failure was a small one, as Frost had recently been unfortunate in speculation and all his wealth of a few years ago had flown. The broker died just after a physician arrived. The news of the suicide caused a profound sensation in Wall street, where Frost was popular.

Weeks Son of Son-in-Law.

Prescott, Mich., April 12.—Mrs. Geo. P. Bowen of Reno, aged 69 years, after having been married three times and borne fourteen children, has tried matrimony again. Her fourth husband is James C. Smith of Churchill, 22 years old, a son of one of her sons-in-law, William H. Smith, who six years ago, then a widower of 65 and a father of ten children, wedded Miss Maggie Emma Gunn, aged 20, her daughter by her second marriage. The result of the union was three daughters.

Consisted of Asking a Bribe.

Lansing, Mich., April 12.—D. Judson Hammond, former representative in the state legislature from Oakland county, was convicted in the Circuit court here of soliciting a bribe of \$500. He will appeal to the Supreme court, and his attorneys hope to secure a reversal. An attempt was made by his counsel to prove a conspiracy on the part of the principal witnesses against him to destroy his political future.

Youth Arrests Mail Thief.

Peru, Ill., April 12.—Joseph Mazur, 15 years old, employed as night agent at the Rock Island depot, Spring Valley, Ill., accomplished the capture of Joseph Baladzinski, who had stolen the contents of a mail pouch thrown on the depot platform from the mail car of train No. 21 when it passed through Spring Valley at 5 o'clock in the morning.

GOLD THEFT ON LINER.

Cash Valued at \$22,750 Stolen from Vault of the Wilhelm der Grosse.

New York, April 11.—The robbery at sea of the specie room of the North German Lloyd liner Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, the story of which is told in a cablegram from Cherbourg, France, seems a mysterious crime. Apparently there has been a complete failure to locate either the missing gold bullion or the men who took it, although the search of passengers and ship at Bremen again this morning may furnish material for the investigations. Three bars of gold, aggregating in value \$22,750, shipped by the National City bank of New York, were stolen from cask No. 4 of the specie room somewhere between this port and Cherbourg. The advices to Oelrichs & Co., agents for the company, came in German, and on the point as to whether the specie room was broken open or entered by beating the locks admits of translation either way. The specie room of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse is iron-bound and almost as strong as a vault. Its door was secured by a patent lock, for which there were but two keys. One of the keys was kept by the chief officer, the other by the purser.

BRADLEY ACCUSED TAYLOR.

Former Governor Gives Important Testimony in Goebel Case.

Frankfort, Ky., April 12.—Former Governor William O. Bradley gave startling testimony today in the trial of Captain Garnett D. Ripley, who is accused of conspiring with others to bring about the death of William Goebel. Mr. Bradley was chief counsel for the former Governor W. S. Taylor in the gubernatorial contest case before the legislature. The witness said that Ripley told him he was in the executive office the day before the Goebel assassination and complained to Taylor because he had not called out his (Ripley's) company. Taylor replied: "My God, haven't you brought them yet? Goebel will not live twenty-four hours," or "Cannot live twenty-four hours," the witness declared he had forgotten which. Judge W. H. Yost, associate counsel with Bradley in the contest case, according to the witness, was present and heard the conversation.

Saved by Heroism of Nurses.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 12.—Fire which broke out in the women's building of the insane hospital at Mount Jackson, just west of the city limits, at 3 a. m., was got under control before serious property damage was done. Great difficulty was experienced in controlling the patients of the two wards and getting them to a place of safety. This was accomplished by the female nurses—Margaret Wiltman and Kate Nolan—being severely scorched while engaged in the work of rescue. None of the patients was injured. The asylum department kept the fire in check until the department arrived from this city. The property loss will not exceed \$1,500. The cause of the fire is not known.

School Boys to Mew.

Chicago, April 12.—Printed language lessons today superseded the oral and written methods in many of the first grades in the Chicago public schools. The idea is that of W. W. Spear, superintendent of the third division, on the theory that "all arts are learned by imitation, and that if things are put in their proper environments they will be learned unconsciously." In addition to the intellectual exercises the children are taught to mew like a cat, bark like a dog, and to imitate other sounds, which include crying and laughing. They are also taught to associate the words "shake hands," "bow," "jump," "hop," "skip," "dance" and "run" with the acts by actual performance.

Few Porto Ricans Emigrate.

Washington, D. C., April 12.—Contrary to the general impression there is little emigration from Porto Rico, and since the landing of the American troops on the island only 3,600 Porto Ricans have left their native land to seek their fortunes elsewhere. Three shiploads of emigrants have left Porto Rico for Hawaii, one went to Cuba and one to Ecuador, the total numbering approximately 3,000.

Head of Army Congratulated.

London, April 11.—Gen. William Poole of the salvation army is to-day celebrating his seventy-second birthday by attending a series of meetings, at which he is receiving the congratulations of "the force."

Telegrams from all parts of the world are coming in. The general is in good health.

Train Wrecked and Burned.

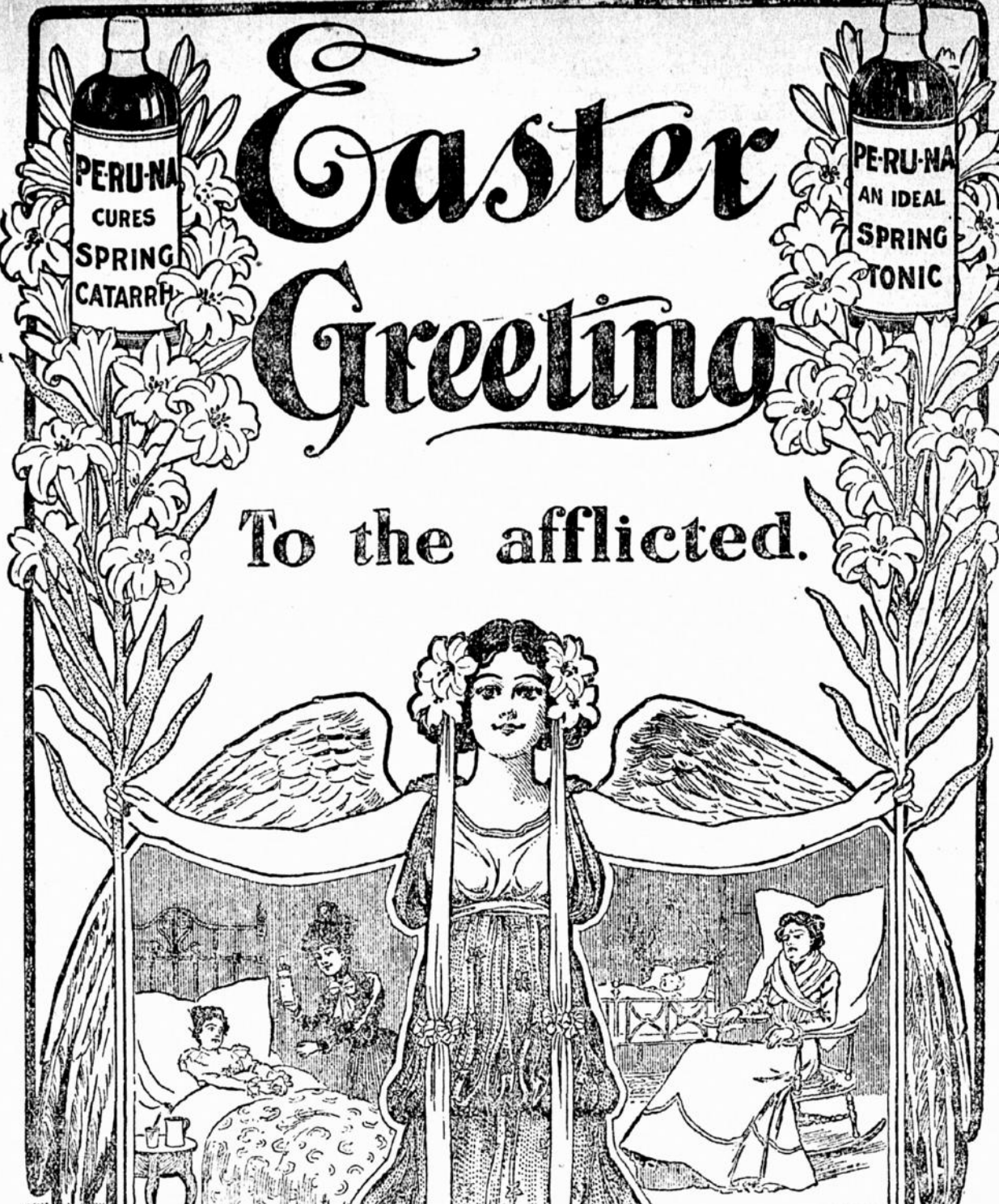
San Francisco, April 12.—The north-bound passenger train running over the new coast division and known as the New Orleans express, was wrecked near Bradley today. No one was injured. Seven cars were burned, including the mail car, two baggage cars, two standard sleepers and three tourist coaches.

Elevating Tracks in Davenport.

Davenport, Iowa, April 12.—The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway company today commenced the work of elevating its tracks through this city, and will expend \$100,000 on the improvement, which will include the finest depot in the state.

\$1,000,000 Gift From Armour.

Chicago, April 12.—J. Ogden Armour met Dr. Frank W. Gunsberg yesterday afternoon on the street near the Board of Trade and announced to him the gift of \$1,000,000 to the Armour institute, made jointly by his mother, Mrs. Philip D. Armour, Sr., and himself.



PERUNA
CURES
SPRING
CATARRH

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Easter Greeting

To the afflicted.

If every one in the world were healthy and happy on a glad day Easter would be. But the sun rises every Easter morning on a multitude of sick and afflicted. The Easter lilies gladden the hearts of the sick and well alike.

But to the sick something more than the Easter lily is necessary to bring that hope and cheer which every one expects on Easter day. The well need no physician, but the sick need a remedy.

Nearly one-half the people in the United States are suffering from some form or phase of catarrhal ailment. These ailments take different forms at different seasons of the year. In the springtime catarrh assumes a systemic form, producing nervousness, lassitude and general languor.

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A Spring Tonic.
Mrs. D. W. Timberlake, Lynchburg, Va., says: "There is no better spring tonic than Peruna, and I have used about all of them."

The Best of Tonics.
Hon. W. C. Chambers, Chief Justice of Samoa, says: "I have tried one bottle of Peruna and I can truthfully say it is one of the best tonics I ever used."

A Great Tonic.
Hon. M. C. Butler, Ex-U. S. Senator and Ex-Governor of South Carolina, writes from Edgefield, S. C.: "I have been using Peruna for a short period and I feel very much relieved. It is indeed a wonderful medicine and besides a great tonic."

A Good Tonic.
Captain Percy W. Moss, Second Arkansas Volunteers, writes from Paragould, Ark.: "I find Peruna a very good spring tonic, and will readily recommend it at any time."

A Grand Tonic.
Mrs. Gridley, mother of Captain Gridley, of the "Olympia," writes: "I used Peruna and can truthfully say it is a grand tonic."

Builds Up the Entire System.
Miss Jennie Johnson, 3118 Lake Park avenue, Chicago, Ill., is Vice President of Chicago Teachers' Federation. She writes: "Peruna restores the functions of nature, induces sleep and builds up the entire system."

For Overwork.
Mr. Tefft Johnson, a prominent actor of Washington, D. C., writes from Fourteenth and "I" streets: "In the effort to improve a condition impaired by overwork, I have found nothing that has done as much good as Peruna."

Makes Steady Nerves.
D. L. Wallace, Charter Member International Barbers' Union, 15 Western avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, writes: "I now feel splendid. My head is clear, my nerves are steady, I enjoy my food and rest well."

For a Worn-out System.
Mrs. Catherine Tefft, President "Val-Kyrien Association," 8649 Cottage Grove avenue, Chicago, Ill., writes: "I often advise Peruna in cases of a worn-out system and a broken down constitution."

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Mrs. John Williams.
forms, and no woman should allow herself to reach such a perfection of misery when there is absolutely no remedy in it. The subject of our portrait in this sketch, Mrs. Williams of Englishtown, N.J., has been entirely cured of such illness and misery by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and the guiding advice of Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass.

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AN OCEAN-TO-OCEAN LINE

Morgan-Hill Syndicate Gets Control of Burlington.

DEAL IS ACTUALLY CLOSED.

Objections Overcome by Large Additional Purchases of Stock—The Effect of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Will be Interesting.

New York, April 12.—A transcontinental line of railroads stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean is assured. J. Pierpont Morgan and James J. Hill have secured control of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, which forms the connecting link between the Erie railroad in the East and the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads in the Northwest. The deal is actually closed. Mr. Morgan's approval of the final arrangements is essential, but his approval is regarded as a matter of course. An official announcement of the consummation of the deal awaits only formal cable sanction from Morgan, and that is expected tomorrow. Certain points of objection by old Burlington stockholders to the offer of purchase made by the Northern Pacific-Great Northern interests have been overcome by large additional purchases of the Burlington stock by the Morgan and Hill interests. On the highest authority it may be stated that these interests have acquired at least one-half and possibly a majority of the capital of Burlington stock. "We have enough Burlington stock," said a member of the purchasing syndicate today, "to insure without doubt the success of the proposed transfer of the control of the road to the Northern Pacific and Great Northern. I do not think there will be any reluctance on the part of the minority shareholders of the Burlington in accepting the liberal offer made by the Morgan-Hill interest for their holdings." The effect of this Burlington deal on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul is certain to produce interesting results. Should Mr. Hill's plans involve a close combination between the Northern Pacific and the Burlington the St. Paul road would be at a disadvantage. Foreseeing such possibilities the St. Paul management has considered the practicability of extending its lines to the Pacific coast. The estimated cost of building a St. Paul extension from St. Paul to the Pacific coast is about \$45,000,000.

DOINGS OF THE LAW MAKERS.

ILLINOIS.
Wednesday, April 10.
A measure was introduced into the house in the shape of a bill reported by the committee on insurance. This bill was sent in as a committee bill. That means that it bears the name of no member of the house as its author, but the committee stands sponsor for it. The bill proposes to make the state superintendent of insurance an elective officer. It provides that in November, 1902, a superintendent of insurance shall be elected in the same way that other state officers are chosen. The term of office is fixed at four years. The salary of the superintendent is placed at \$3,500 per year, and the duties of the proposed elective official are the same as those now devolving on the appointed incumbent of the position. The elected insurance superintendent is required by the bill to give a bond of \$100,000. The introduction of this bill called out animated discussion from both sides of the house.

WISCONSIN.
Wednesday, April 10.
Assemblyman Dahl won a distinct victory in the lower house with his Torrens land bill. It had originally been reported adversely, but he succeeded in getting it ordered to a third reading, and today he carried it to passage by a big vote.

WORRY CAUSES SUICIDE.

Wife of Monmouth College President Takes Her Life.
Monmouth, Ill., April 12.—Althea Cooper Lyons, wife of Dr. S. R. Lyons, president of Monmouth college, committed suicide by hanging herself in the attic of her home. Her friends declare she had been on the verge of nervous prostration for several days on account of worrying about her husband's position at the college. There has been a contest in the board of trustees for some time over President Lyons, a faction declaring he is not the man for the head of the college. They have attempted to secure his removal, but so far the friends of the president have forestalled all such attempts.

Stricken While in Court.
Louisville, Ill., April 12.—Bloomer Smith, a prominent citizen of this county, died suddenly in this city of apoplexy. He had brought his 15-year-old daughter to the County court to be examined for insanity and while the commission appointed by the court was preparing to try the case he was stricken. Two hours after he died at the hotel, where he had been conveyed Smith was 61 years of age.

Position for Mrs. Nation.
Topeka, Kan., April 12.—The "Home Defenders" is the name of a new fraternal organization just launched at Fort Scott. Ex-Mayor Goodlander of that city is at the head of this order. He came to Topeka today to confer with Mrs. Carrie Nation, and to persuade her, if possible, to become the general field agent of the company.

Dewet Reported Insane.
London, April 12.—For weeks past reports have been current to the effect that General Christian Dewet had lost his reason in consequence of his incessant anxiety, his inability to rest or even sleep, owing to the unrelenting pursuit of his men by British columns.

Arthur Simmons, the venerable negro attendant at the white house, was doing in his chair the other day, when an usher rushed upstairs and said: "Man down here wants to see Mr. Cortelyou." "Can't see him," replied Arthur, with dignity. "But this man says he's got to see him." "Don't care nothin' about that," said Arthur, preparing to resume his doze; "nobody can see Secretary Cortelyou; he's gone into his sanctum sanitarium."

Congressman Brick of Indiana has a constituent who thinks he should have a pension because he sent a substitute to the civil war. "I am old and feeble," he wrote to Mr. Brick, "and I don't suppose I shall live a great while, but I need money while I do live. I think the government owes me something. I paid a man three hundred dollars to take my place in the war when I was drafted, and he was killed in action. Now, I think I am entitled to a pension or should get the three hundred dollars back. Will you please see that I do?"

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Lumbago

Both disable and cripple, but

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A Missionary Pronounces on the Farming Possibilities of Western Canada.

Just at present considerable interest is being aroused in the fact that a few new districts (of limited acreage) are being opened out by the Canadian government in Saskatchewan and Assiniboia (Western Canada), and any information concerning this country is eagerly sought. Mr. W. R. Corser, of Higginsville, Lafayette Co., Mo., was a delegate there during last summer, and writing of his impressions he says:

"I found surprising yields of grain of all descriptions. One farmer I visited threshed of 175 acres:

- "600 bushels of wheat from fifteen acres, 40 bushels to acre.
- "600 bushels of barley from ten acres, 60 bushels to acre.
- "15,000 bushels of oats from 150 acres, 100 bushels to acre.

The samples were all No. 1.

"I also saw a considerable number of stock. Swine do well and there is no disease amongst them. They are a good source of income to the farmer. The cattle on the range beat anything I ever saw. Fat and ready for beef, fully matured and ripened on the nutritious grasses of the prairie. I am firmly convinced that this country offers better facilities for a poor man than any I have ever seen."

Information concerning these lands can be had from any agent of the government whose advertisement appears elsewhere in this paper.

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Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist today and get a sample bottle free. Sent in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

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For children teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, always cures colic, cures all the troubles of infants.

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That awful pain! Internal or external. Mull's Lightning Pain Killer instantly cures. Safe for invalids and children. 25c.

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Carelessness is the twin brother of dishonesty.

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It is the raised stick that makes the dog obey.

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If you take up your home in Western Canada, the land of plenty, give up your old home, give up your old friends, give up your old life, and you will become wealthy in growing wheat, reports of delegates, etc., and full information as to how to get railway rates can be had on application to the Superintendent of Immigration, Department of Interior, Ottawa, Canada, or to N. Hurlbut, 205 Fifth St., Des Moines, Iowa. Special excursions to Western Canada during March and April.

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DES MOINES, IOWA.

(FRIDAY, APRIL 12.)

ROCK ISLAND AND MOLINE NOTES.

The ladies of the Eastern Star of the Twin Cities gave a masquerade ball Thursday, the 20th ult., in Rock Island. To say it was a decided success in every way is putting it mildly. The hall was crowded to its greatest capacity. The costumes worn were not only unique and pretty, but showed considerable time and taste. Dancing was the order of the evening. Supper was served from 10 o'clock.

Miss Cora Phoenix of Muscatine is visiting her sister and friends in Moline.

We are pained to have to note the illness of Mrs. Walkup and death of their dear little baby. At present Mrs. W. is getting along as well as can be expected.

Thursday evening, the 4th inst., at the opera house in Moline occurred the best up-to-date entertainment of its kind ever given in the tri-city by local talent. The daily paper devoted one column of its paper to the merits of the entertainment. It consisted of a comedy, embracing plantation singing, buck, wing and jig dancing, slack wire walking by Mr. Maxey, solos by Mr. W. Turek, Mrs. Genevieve Tohrer and Miss Lulu Jones. All credit is due Mr. and Mrs. Buscy, who planned the entertainment and who labored so hard rehearsing with those who participated. The proceeds were for the benefit of Rev. Sandy McDowell and wife.

The Tabernacle in Rock Island has issued invitations for a calico ball to be given at Turner hall the 18th inst.

Mrs. C. J. Toliver left Monday a. m. for an extended visit with relatives in Newton, Iowa, and friends elsewhere.

Easter services in Moline were held in the evening. Each member of the Sunday school participating carried out his or her part admirably. Their collection, both morning and evening, proved that the congregation was a liberal one.

SIoux CITY.

Easter has come and gone. "Christ has risen," rang out from millions of throats on that gladsome day. "Christ has risen indeed."

The children of Mt. Zion Baptist church rendered their program in the morning, and an excellent program was carried out by the elder ones in the evening. The choir rendered some good music. As we do not know the names of all who took part, we are unable to send them in.

The exercises by the children of the A. M. E. Sunday school were held in the afternoon. The little church was nearly full. The children deserve great credit for the excellent way in which they carried out their program. Mr. H. Warrick sang a pleasing solo, with Mrs. C. A. Dean as accompanist. Miss F. Hankins read a paper. Mr. Sturgis, superintendent of Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday school, was called upon and made a few encouraging remarks, followed by Mr. Early, superintendent of the school, after which the Easter eggs were passed around. A very nice program by the elder ones in the evening closed the services for the day. Program for the evening: Song by the chorus club, "All Hail the Power"; prayer, pastor; song, "Gloria"; by chorus; missionary address by pastor, Rev. T. A. Clark; song by the chorus, "Hail the Gladness Day"; recitation by Mrs. E. Grant, "Triumphphant"; solo, by Mr. J. W. Norris; recitation, Miss Jessie Rose, "Lead Kindly Light"; song, by chorus, "Victorious King"; paper, Miss J. Probean; solo, "Calvary"; Beverly Clark; recitation, Miss Clara Killam; recitation, Mrs. Jas. Washington; solo, Mr. H. Warrick; song, by chorus, "Lift Up Thine Eyes"; solo, Mr. Jas. Washington; song, by chorus, "Hosanna to Our Risen King"; collection; recitation by chorus; doxology; instrumental march, Mrs. C. A. Dean. The songs by the chorus club were under the supervision of Mrs. Dean. The members of the club were Mrs. E. Grant, Misses J. Morgan, L. Clark and J. Putnam; sopranos, Mrs. M. Thompson; alto, Messrs. Norris and Warrick; tenor, Messrs. Beverly and Bert Clark; and Mr. G. Ferguson, bass.

Mrs. H. Thompson is able to be out again.

Mrs. Clark was out Sunday for the first time. She does not feel very strong.

Rev. Mr. Wilson of the Bluffs will be here next Sunday to be installed as the new pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church.

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 bites, 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.

Are you going to entertain? If so you will need invitations, call and see our samples, our prices are the lowest.

Votes Counted by Tickets.

Under the Pennsylvania election law votes are not counted for the candidate, but for the ticket or tickets on which his name appears. In the Chester county election all parties agreed upon Joseph Hemphill for common pleas judge, and this is the way the official vote was declared: Joseph Hemphill, republican, 8,162 votes; Joseph Hemphill, democrat, 4,371 votes; Joseph Hemphill, fusion, 1,643 votes; Joseph Hemphill, scattering, 374 votes.

NOTICE TO REDEEM FROM TAX SALE.

State of Iowa, Polk County, ss: To John T. M. Pierce: You are hereby notified that on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1892, the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa was sold for taxes for the year 1891 which real estate is described as follows, to-wit: Lot Twenty (20) Block Ten (10) Jack's Plat, Addition to, and now forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa.

That the same was, at such sale, purchased by E. A. Davis and a certificate issued to him by the Treasurer of Polk county, Iowa, and by the said Davis the certificate was duly assigned to J. H. Phillips, and he is now the owner and holder of said certificate, and the right of redemption will expire, and a Treasurer's Deed for said property will be made, unless redemption from such sale be made within ninety days from the completed service hereof.

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CARRIER PIGEONS.

Their Use on Land and Sea is Steadily Increasing.

Here is a new word for you, columbophilism. It means raising and training messenger pigeons. Within the last few years this industry has grown wonderfully. The governments of Belgium, Germany, France and the United States are training these birds to serve as messengers from army stations. The United States makes use of them more especially from ships. Nearly every one of our big ships carries a coop of homing pigeons, as they are called, which are released as occasion demands, and almost without exception the birds go with unerring swiftness to their home on shore, carrying a tiny tube fastened to one leg, which contains a message written on the thinnest of paper. They can be depended upon to go a hundred miles at a speed of fifty miles an hour when they are three years old. Special attention has recently been paid in France to the use of carrier pigeons by the cavalry. The bird is placed in a wicker tube lined with hair to deaden the effect of the jolting. Three such tubes can be carried in a basket, which is attached to the rider's shoulders in the same way as a knapsack. The bird's feet are drawn up and its wings are folded when it is placed in the tube, and a light form of folding cage is carried, in which the birds can rest and eat during a halt. Twelve men are sent every year from the French cavalry ranks to attend a course of instruction in the treatment and handling of pigeons at the military pigeon station at Vangirard. The sense that guides the pigeon back to its home is as much a mystery now as it ever was. When set at liberty, it immediately rises in the air in a spiral, higher and higher, as if getting its bearings, the way it goes in the right direction. A nightfall the bird goes into camp near water, and early next morning resumes the journey.—Little Chronicle.

What a Girl Did.

A girl named Ackerman, aged 14, daughter of an English laborer, has just completed her education. She has never missed being present since the school was opened, and in completing her 3,451 attendances is said to have walked 6,000 miles. She has passed every standard successfully and in the three subjects on first grade drawing obtained "excellent" prizes in free-hand and model, as also in the three stages of the specific subjects, literature, domestic economy and animal physiology, and in one stage in physical geography. She has also obtained 26 other prizes for good attendance, sculpture and knitting, etc.

Counting Years in Japan.

Mr. B. Mayehatake, a young Japanese who has been studying in Chicago, gives an explanation of the method by which time is reckoned in the chrysanthemum land. The Japanese year begins on our January 1, but instead of counting from the birth of Christ a reckoning is made from the reign of Japan's first emperor, Zimu. Our 1901 is the year 2561 in Japan. When a new ruler mounts the throne a distinctive name is given to his reign and a sort of petty calendar is kept of the years of his government, just as we keep track of the age of our republic, writing in legal documents: "Year of our Lord 1901, and of the independence of the United States the 125th." The name for the present mikado's rule, which began thirty-three years ago, is Meiji. This word is pronounced Mayzee, and means "peaceful government." Therefore, the current year in Japan is Meiji 34 as well as Zimu 2561.

SMOKELESS FUEL.

Tests Being Made at a Railroad Power House.

Test for the elimination of the smoke nuisance, and a revolution in method of combustion, are under way at the Fourteenth street power house of the Illinois Central railroad, says the Chicago News. Fed by automatic hoppers, a battery of boilers is being operated by the consumption of coal dust. Fires that burn with the fury of volcanoes rage under them, while from glass peepholes arranged at every point of vantage, combustion experts watch the developments. As though to complete the suggestion of a volcano, the fires produce no clinders. Streams of lava form in a small pool on the floor of the ash pit, and are removed in a solid mass from time to time. Apparatus that is under test is the property of the Schwartzkopf Coal Dust Firing company, a German concern. Schwartzkopf, a son of the famous Teutonic torpedo maker, made the first steps toward perfecting the system, which was completed by the discoveries of Arthur C. Hesselmeier, an American attached to the German navy. The European concerns immediately purchased Mr. Hesselmeier's ideas, and he is now in Chicago conducting the actual tests that are being made by Edward Trumbo at the railroad power house. Illinois coal of a cheap grade is reduced to a fine powder and by means of a draught is automatically fed into a combustion chamber. Only the faintest suggestion of smoke trails away from the tall chimney, and it is asserted that the customary pressure of steam being maintained, with a large saving of fuel.

FACTOR IN POLITICS.

New Federation of Australia Must Hereafter Be Considered.

Australia is to Great Britain the most valuable of all her colonies, writes Hugh M. Lusk in the North American Review. The external influence of Australia in the south Pacific is bound to make itself felt before long. Those who know Australia best will have the least doubt that she will find means ere long to use that influence for purposes beneficial to herself. Her people were far from pleased with what was done in the case of Samoa; and it is safe to say that no such policy of concession will ever command the assent of united Australia. The sphere of her first interests will, for the present, be confined mainly to the Pacific and Indian oceans to the south of the equator. She will be interested in the Loyalty group, where France is established, and in the New Hebrides, where she is very anxious to establish herself. She will be solicitous about the Solomon Islands, part of which are at present recognized as German territory, and she will take a very deep interest in the future of New Guinea, part of which belongs to Germany, and the rest, beyond the British section, is understood to form part of Holland's great but little used estate in the eastern archipelago. These will undoubtedly be Australia's first cares, but she will not be content with these for very long. Siam, French and southern China and Borneo are natural markets for her trade, which in the next ten years will be a rapidly increasing one, and in relation to all these, she will expect to exercise large influence.

Immense Herring Traffic.

The annual North sea herring voyage, which begins off the Northumberland coast, has resulted, on the completion of the first stage, in a catch of over 15,000 crans of herrings, valued at about £70,000. A cran contains, according to size, from 600 to 1,000 fish. As the fish move southward, the big fleet of several hundred sail follows, and it is now making its headquarters at Grimsby, whence its operations will shortly be transferred to Yarmouth and Lowestoft, where the fishing continues until Christmas, and affords employment to many thousands of both men and women, says Tit-Bits. Last year at Yarmouth alone no fewer than 348,000 herrings were landed, and as this year steam fishing boats have largely replaced sailing vessels, it is expected this great total will be far exceeded, for in a single week 12,000 crans have been taken on the northern grounds, giving a return of over £14,000 to the fishermen.

Most Tongues Have No Bible.

The terms of the Arthington bequest, of a great sum of money to the various missionary societies has resulted in the disclosure of the fact that there are hundreds of tribes without a version of the Bible in their tongues, in spite of the splendid efforts that have been made. It is estimated that there are 2,000 languages and dialects in the world, and the British and Foreign Bible Society have had the Bible, the New Testament, and portions of the scriptures translated into a little over 400 of them. That leaves, roughly speaking, 1,600 different tribes and peoples who have not the word in their own language or dialect. Many of these tribes live in Central Africa, others in Siberia and "Holy" Russia.

Dentist's Sponges in Windpipe.

Sponges which are used in surgical operations once in a while are left in the bound, and then death is bound to ensue soon or later. A young English collier named Finney had eleven teeth extracted under ether by Dr. Griffiths, and when efforts were being made to restore him to consciousness he sprang from the chair, fell back and died. Sponges had been placed in his mouth to absorb blood from the gums, and one of them, which was left in his mouth by inadvertence after the extractions had been made, entered the windpipe and caused suffocation.—New York Press.

CAMPAIGN EXPENSES.

In National Contests the Heaviest Outlay Is Near the Close.

The most expensive work of a national campaign is done during the last three weeks before the election. Every doubtful state and city is closely watched by men prompt to discover every change in the political tide, and money is transmitted in large sums to the localities in which it is believed it will produce the best results. A few days before the election in 1888 West Virginia received \$44,000 from the democratic national committee and the Republicans sent \$50,000 to the same state. About the same time the Democrats sent \$100,000 into Indiana; and three nights before the election Chairman Quay of the Republican national committee sent \$300,000 from New York to trusted lieutenants in Fort Wayne, Ind. A fortnight before the election in 1896 the Republicans became doubtful about Iowa, says World's Work. Chairman Hanna at once resolved upon a personal canvass of every doubtful voter in the state. He proposed that every voter not classed on the polling lists either as a downright Democrat or a downright Republican should be visited by some zealous and tactful member of the Republican party. Before election day the thousands of such men in towns, in cities and in the country were sought out and appealed to by the Republicans most likely to win them; and this canvass is said to have cost the Republican national committee more than \$200,000. Reckoning all the expenses in all the states, it may be roughly estimated that a presidential campaign, including also congressional, gubernatorial and lesser campaigns, causes the total expenditure of perhaps \$200,000.

EARLY STEAMERS.

Incidents Concerning Beginning of a Line of Boats.

The Collins line of American steamers was established in 1847. Two years later, on April 27, 1849, its first vessel, the steamer Atlantic, sailed from New York. The line was withdrawn in 1857, soon after the government had refused to renew the mail contract with it. The history of its steamers briefly told, is as follows: On September 27, 1854, the Arctic came into collision with the French steamer Vesta and was sunk, only a few of her passengers being saved; on January 23, 1856, the Pacific sailed from Liverpool with 240 persons on board, including the wife of Mr. Collins, and was never heard of afterward; the Atlantic was broken up in New York in 1879; the Adriatic, built at Greenpoint, N. Y., by Steers, was sold to the Galway company, and was afterward used as a coal hulk in England; the Baltic was in the government service during the civil war as a supply vessel, and was afterward sold at auction; her machinery being removed and sold as old iron, she was converted into a sailing ship and used as a grain carrying vessel between San Francisco and Great Britain until 1880, when she was broken up. When the civil war began the New York and Havre Steam Navigation company, to which the Fulton and Arago were chartered, was withdrawn; the Arago was then sold to the Peruvian government, while the Fulton became a United States transport vessel for awhile, but she soon became useless and was broken up.—New York Weekly.

Benjamin Harrison's Lunch.

Ex-President Benjamin Harrison, one of the ablest men who has figured in our public life, has always been handicapped by his unresponsive, cold manner. When he was in the senate, at Washington, D. C., in the early '80s, he always brought his luncheon to the committee room. He carried it in his coat pocket and would eat it while he went on with his work. One day when he got it out as usual from his pocket he looked it all over ruefully, for it did look rather flat and dubious. He finally remarked to those near by that he guessed he must have sat on it accidentally. One of his colleagues—one who had recently been ignored by Harrison—spoke up impulsively: "Well, by Jove, Harrison, if you've sat on it, I'll bet you a sixpence it is frozen solid," and of course a shout went up from the whole committee. Harrison took the joke kindly and joined in the laugh.

Shot an Exulting Englishman.

The British and the Boers at Pieters Hill were crouching behind boulders scattered over a wide surface. The moment a man on either side emerged from his cover he was at once the target of the enemy's bullets. A Boer, partly, it seemed, in bravado, made a sudden sally to join a neighbor. An Englishman who had long watched the rock and was becoming sick with hope deferred, took aim and brought the daring one down. So delighted was he with his luck that he threw himself on his back behind the shallow shelter of his boulder and kicked his heels into air. In his transport his heel rose above the rock, as he was instantly made aware by a bullet transfixing his fluttering ankle.—New York Tribune.

Diseased by Eating Dead Rats.

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