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Member of School Board May Have Had Deep Thoughts, but Anyway He Was Satisfied.

The athletic young woman who taught the district school was on trial for soundly thrashing seven unruly boys.

"You—you think you can control the situation, do—you?" inquired the president of the school board, who stuttered.

"I can," replied the young woman with considerable decision. "Well, I don't know about this," grinned Silas Weatherwax. "If my boy needs a lickin' I can give it to him myself. I don't believe in miscellaneous lickin's."

The teacher smiled. "Neither do I," she said. "If thrashings are to be administered I think it much better for one person to administer them. And after I have cleaned up the school I may decide to go out and clean up the township."

A moment later when a vote of confidence in the teacher was called for, the "aye" of Silas Weatherwax was the loudest of all.

**Immensity of Nature.**  
They were on a trip in Switzerland, and had that day braved all dangers and ascended one of the highest points in the Alps.

He was very fat, and as he stood panting and mopping his brow at the top of the mountain, he turned to his wife and said, with pathos in his voice:

"See, dear, how small one is in the face of the immensity of nature."  
"Small, indeed!" answered his better half. "Why, you're standing in front of me, hiding the whole of Mont Blanc and the best part of the valley of Chamoni!"—Exchange.

**Easy to Understand.**  
When Senator John E. Hessian and daughter of Manhattan were doing Europe and Asia last summer, says the Kansas City Journal, they took a motor boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. In the party was a New York minister. When the party had finished the ride the minister asked the boatman the amount of the bill. The boatman told him. It was exorbitant.  
"I can readily understand why Christ walked on the water here," said the minister.

It takes a bachelor to think that he understands women.

**RED.**  
It's the Red Blood Corpuscles That Proper Food Makes.

An Ohio woman says Grape-Nuts food gave her good red blood and restored the roses of youth to a complexion that had been muddy and blotchy. She says:

"For 10 years I had stomach trouble which produced a breaking out on my face. The doctor gave me a long Latin name, but their medicines failed to cure it. Along with this I had frequent headaches, nervousness and usually pain in my stomach after meals. "I got disgusted with the drugs, stopped them and coffee off short, and quit eating everything but fruit and Grape-Nuts, with Postum for my table beverage.

"The headaches, stomach trouble, and nervous weakness disappeared almost like magic, which showed that when the cause was removed and good food and drink used nature was ready to help.  
"My blood was purified and my complexion became like a young girl's, while my weight was increased from 90 to 120 pounds in a few months—good, solid firm flesh, when it used to be soft and flabby.  
"I recommended Grape-Nuts and Postum to one of my friends, who was afflicted as I had been. She followed my advice and in a short time was restored to complete health and in about 8 months her weight increased from 100 to 148 pounds.

"Our doctor, observing the effect of Grape-Nuts and Postum in our cases, declared, the other day, that he would hereafter prescribe these food products for gastritis." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason."  
Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

## COMMISSION MEETS

DISPOSES OF SEVERAL RAILROAD MATTERS AT LAST MEETING.

### OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

**From the Capital City, the Various State Institutions and Different Parts of the State.**

**Pierre.**—At the meeting of the state railway commission held here a number of matters of detail were disposed of. A call and demand was made upon the Milwaukee road to put in a sidetrack to the mill of Boyd and Johnson at Andover; complaint as to stock yards conditions at Timber Lake was referred to the attorney for the commission; action on complaint in regard to station facilities at Flaudreau is held in abeyance pending adjudication of the differences without action of the commission; a complaint from Battle in regard to having station opened and heated and lighted at arrival of night trains, was referred to Commissioner Rice. The road has established a station and agent at Rivola, under order of commission.

The Minneapolis and St. Louis road asked permission to take off its passenger service between Conde and LeBeau, with request for permission to put on a daily mixed train. While no direct action was taken in granting the request, the road was given permission to bring its service within its receipts.

The Great Northern road applied for permission to close its stations at Osceola and Amherst, both of which were denied; a call and demand was made on the Great Northern for improvement in its stock yards facilities at Garretson; a call and demand was made on the Great Northern and Northwestern roads to put in connecting track at Mission Hill.

The Rock Island has been granted permission to close its station at Schindler, in Lincoln county.

The flax straw rate on all roads leading to Watertown, has been reduced from 25 to 30 per cent on account of the mill handling such straw at that place.

The complaint in regard to telegraph service at Pierpont has been adjusted in a satisfactory manner to the people of that place; a complaint has been filed by citizens of Carter, alleging discriminatory telephone rates against their town; the local telephone company at Centerville has been granted permission to increase its residence rates to one dollar a month, but their application to increase business rates has been denied.

### Memorial to Kittredge.

Sioux Falls.—At a meeting of the Kittredge memorial committee held in Sioux Falls, the plan of preparing an oil painting of the late United States Senator Alfred B. Kittredge of this city, after discussion, was abandoned, and instead a contract was entered into to have made a marble bust of the senator, the intention being, when the bust is completed, to have it installed in the new state capitol building at Pierre. The contract for the making of the bust was awarded to H. Daniel Webster, formerly of Sioux Falls, but now of Connecticut, who recently completed a life sized statue of Gen. W. H. Beadle, known as the "father of the educational system of South Dakota," which will be dedicated at Pierre during the annual meeting of the state educational association, to be held the latter part of this month. The bust of the late Senator Kittredge will be of Tennessee marble, which the sculptor selects as the best available material for work of this kind. Sculptor Webster is to have a year in which to complete the bust and turn it over to the committee.

### Making War on Firetraps.

Madison.—C. A. Randall, chief deputy fire commissioner, and Inspector Fred J. Buck held a hearing at the city hall on complaints that had been filed against a number of dangerous buildings in Madison. Inspector Buck made an inspection here in August, and as a result of that inspection and consequent suggestions conditions have been changed so that the commissioner found Madison in excellent condition. There are several buildings which are a menace to property in their present condition, but the fire commissioner allowed the owners of these buildings thirty days in which to place them in repair or else to remove them, and in every instance it was agreed that prompt action would be taken in meeting the requirements of the commission.

### Dakota at Land Show.

Pierre.—Through error the date for South Dakota day at the Chicago Land show was given as November 26, when it should have been November 23.

**State School Census.**  
Pierre.—The school census of this state for the present year by figures gathered in the state land department shows pupils in the state to the number of 174,637. The college attendance in the state for the commencement date of last year was 5,777.

### Pardon by Vessey.

Pierre.—Gov. Vessey has, on recommendation of the state pardon board, granted a pardon to B. Perkins, sent from Lawrence county on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

### Wants Exhibits.

Pierre.—The immigration department is inquiring of all educational institutions in the state for views to be exhibited at the Chicago land show. Commissioner Deets also desires and will display any pictures of South Dakota manufacturing plants.

## CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY.

Great Work Being Done in State by This Organization.

Sioux Falls.—Eighteen years ago there was begun, in a very small way, the work of the South Dakota Children's Home Society. Under the management of H. Sherratt, with headquarters at Sioux Falls. As can be easily imagined, there was much opposition and indifference on the part of those who had no real understanding of the nature of the work. Through the trying times of development the society was guided by a master hand, supported by a strong board of directors and a constituency growing larger from year to year. In 1900 the present receiving home was built together with the real estate surrounding it, is estimated at a value of \$45,000. This property is a splendid testimony to the generous hearted South Dakotans. However much the accumulation of valuable property may speak of accomplishments, this is but a very small part of what has been done. Buildings and real property had but a small share in the real work for South Dakota's homeless, dependent, neglected and unfortunate children.

Hours, days, and years of toil into which heart and soul have been thrown with unselfish energy, gives forth a history that would read like a romance of thrilling rescue of children from filth, vice, degradation and humiliation. The histories of the 1,686 children dare not be written for the public. To drag their former woes into public gaze would never benefit them nor those who read their stories. Not a child has come into the home brought on by some other cause. Sad pictures brought into the home at Sioux Falls. One may per chance be at one of the depots on the arrival of three or four children who are being brought in. Their wild, frightened looks convince that their lot has been a sad one. The evidences of former filth and degradation may still be seen. Their parents may have deserted them or cast them aside as is only too often the case or the only living parent is on account of ill health and repeated misfortunes, absolutely unable to provide for these little ones. Where could they go if the Children's Home were not open to them? Boys and girls who through parental neglect have become unruly are often given shelter to save them from the training school or prevent them from being a menace to the community.

Last year 164 of all ages up to 17 years found aid, protection and a home. Out of the conglomerate mass of little humans, apparently undesirable, the Children's Home is making citizens who will be a credit to the state. On their reception an outward regeneration is begun. Soap and water is applied and the principles of cleanliness inculcated. Cleanliness of speech so seldom found among dependents, and cleanness of action is insisted upon. The proper conduct at table and about the home is taught. Externally and internally a reformation is attempted, fitting the child to enter a family home, there to become one of its members. The unoffending babe, unwelcome to its own mother, unloved because of the added burden and responsibility it brings, find in the home the tenderest care until some mother heart is opened to receive it as her very own, where in almost every case it grows into the language of the foster parents. "Nobody's" child, the dependent and abused child, the dependent and home provided. Those who have been in closest touch with this charity are most enthusiastic in their support. Investigation is always welcomed. It has cost lots of money to keep this work going but every dollar has brought its returns in rescued boys and girls.

Sixteen hundred and eighty-six children is no small number to care for and supervise in 18 years; besides, the condition of at least one thousand South Dakota children have been improved by intervention and temporary aid. Every person in the state should have a share in this work. No collectors are sent around to importune one into giving. Voluntary contributions alone have kept up the home for 18 years. The Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons are times when this charity is, and should be, remembered by substantial contributions. In every town and community some general action should be taken to supply the home with funds so that the aggregate income will be sufficient to extend aid to every child in need for the coming year. The home needs money now to meet the demands of the unfortunate child.

### Plan for Meeting.

Pierre.—State Superintendent Lawrence and those in charge of the State Educational association meeting to be held here the last of November predict the largest and most successful meeting yet held. Mr. Lawrence says that from present indications there will be 1,000 in attendance. The biggest number previously was 700 at Sioux Falls in 1906.

### Treasurer's Report.

Pierre.—The annual report of State Treasurer Johnson for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, is in the hands of the printer, and its summary of indebtedness shows on that date, outstanding, \$500,000 of revenue warrants; \$69,283.89 owed to the twin plant fund, leaving a debt on that date of \$569,283.89, less cash in the treasury \$199,238.86, with a net debt of \$370,045.03. As an offset to this is cash advanced to the capitol building fund of \$376,928.85, showing the state clear outside the capitol fund loan.

### Rock Island Reports a Loss.

Pierre.—The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway company has filed its report with the state railway commission, showing operating revenues of \$144,291 in this state, with operating expenses of \$186,039, or a net loss of \$41,748.

### Mistook for Deer; Is Slain.

Bingham, Me.—Harold High, twenty-six years old, a guide, was shot and killed by Doctor Brooks, a New York physician, who mistook him for a deer.

## AGED LIGHT KEEPER

Woman Watched Pacific Coast Beacon for 40 Years.

Mrs. Julia F. Williams Connected With the Government Lighthouse Service for Nearly Half a Century.

Santa Barbara, Cal.—Recently Mrs. Julia F. Williams died at Santa Barbara, at the age of eighty years, with the distinction of having been actively connected with the light station service of the United States government for nearly half a century. All of these 50 years were spent at the little lighthouse station at Point Santa Barbara near this city. For nearly ten years Mrs. Williams filled the position of assistant light keeper to her husband, Albert Johnson Williams, who came to California in 1855. A few years later his young wife joined him.

Mr. Williams assisted in the erection of the first little temporary light station at Point Santa Barbara. The signal lamp was first displayed there in December, 1856. Mr. Williams acted as light keeper for some years before he died, being succeeded by his wife. In February, 1865, after the station had been in the hands of several keepers, more or less unsatisfactory to the government, Mrs. Julia F. Williams was persuaded to accept the position—a position she subsequently held uninterruptedly for the period of 40 years.

Until her two younger boys were married in 1899, Mrs. Williams had never been out of sight of the light station after night, since that February in 1865, when she was duly installed as keeper. Every night for 39 years she had climbed, at sunset, those three flights of steps and lighted the lamp. Every night at midnight, the lamp was trimmed, or the wick



Mrs. Williams and the Light Station.

changed to a new one, by her own hands, and every morning as the sun gilded the eastern mountain tops, the same hands had extinguished the light and drawn the curtain over the lens. The light station shown in the accompanying illustration was built many years ago, and is still in service. The light is a white one, and fixed, and the station a fourth class one. During the long years that Mrs. Williams acted as keeper, there never came a night in which the little beacon failed to throw its friendly and warning beams far out across the ocean; nor has there ever yet been a vessel wrecked at or near Point Santa Barbara.

### MAN CHOPPED OFF HER LEG

Girl Plunged in Austin Disaster Sees Her Leg Amputated With an Axe.

Austin, Pa.—Mary Blantz, a mill worker, told the reporters in the hospital how it feels to have a leg amputated with an axe. "I was busy at work," she said, "when suddenly there lurched through the wall one of the big pulp grinding stones of the mill. Rescuers found me later pinned beneath it. They tried to release me but failed. The great stone was too big to move and I felt as if I should surely die there.

"Get an axe and cut my leg off," I told them. But no man would volunteer. 'Cut it off,' I pleaded. 'You can stand it if I can.' "I looked up and saw Joe Vonage, a friend of mine. 'You do it, Joe, for me,' I pleaded. 'I was in awful pain than what was enduring. 'I—I can't do that, Mary,' he said.

"I asked a big man back of him to do it. He picked up the axe. By the lantern light I saw the descending blade glister. I think he chopped it four or five times before they could pry me loose."

The doctor at the hospital said that the stump had been dressed skillfully and that the plucky girl would recover.

### MAN OVER 100 SWINGS AX

Ohioan Who Says He Was Never Sick, and Has Read Bible 1,000 Times.

Bellefontaine, Ohio.—James Henry Brown worked in the fields cutting corn and striking the axe to prove he was in trim after the celebration of his one hundredth birthday. Brown was born in Highland county, Ohio, in 1811. He is six feet tall, straight as an arrow and says he never experienced a sick day in his life.

"I never touched a drop in my life," said the centenarian. "I occasionally chew tobacco, and smoke a little in the evening. I take three chews of tobacco daily, and that's the limit. "My mother died at the age of one hundred and six years, and my father died at ninety-eight. I am the only survivor of eighteen children. I guess I have the record for reading the Bible. I'll bet I have read the good book through just 1,000 times."

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## CAMPURE AND STORIES

### ANECDOTES OF GEN. SHERMAN

Stories of Western Commander Told by Former Illinois Cavalryman—Was Odd but Popular.

William Tecumseh Sherman was a western product, and the western soldiers who fought under him respected him the more because he was one of them. That he knew when to relax discipline in particular cases without destroying it in general is indicated by the following story told by H. T. Buckley, a resident of Chicago. Mr. Buckley's story is as follows: "Philip Wooster was a prominent man in Kankakee at the beginning of the war. He organized a company of cavalry, of which he was captain, though he was about 70 years of age, and his troopers became Company K of the 4th Illinois Cavalry. I was in Company G. By 1863 Capt. Wooster had seen about enough service and he concluded he was too old to continue in his official position. So he went down to Gen. Sherman's headquarters



"We'll See About That He Growled."

one day with his resignation all written out. "I'm an old man," he told the general, "and I want to go home." "Don't think of it," Gen. Sherman replied. "You are in good condition, and we can't spare you." "But I want to go. I want you to accept my resignation," the captain pleaded.

"Can't do it," said Gen. Sherman. "Capt. Wooster looked sad for a moment and then he pulled out his wig and showed his head as bald as a billiard ball.

"Now, won't you let me go?" he asked. "The general laughed, but 'Can't do it' was all he would say.

"Capt. Wooster hesitated a moment, and then he pulled a row of false teeth from his upper jaw and another from the lower and held them out with the wig toward the general.

"You can go home," said Gen. Sherman. "A man that hasn't any hair on the top of his head or any teeth on the inside of it has a good excuse for getting out of the army," and then he accepted the resignation.

"Gen. Sherman always was a queer sort of stick. He was like the old shotgun I used to have when I was a boy—always going off half-cocked—but he was popular with all the men." "After Shiloh and the evacuation of Corinth we lay eight or ten days in camp at Chewalla, Tenn., and then one morning got orders from Gen. Sherman to take all our baggage down to the station so that it could be sent up to Columbus and from there down the Mississippi to Memphis.

"I was sergeant-major then and Col. Dickey of the 4th Illinois said to me, 'Don't like that order. Go down to the station and see what shelter they have there for our baggage.' I went down and found that there was no shelter of any sort. I reported that fact to Gen. Sherman and all he would say was, 'Burn your baggage, then.' I returned and reported to Col. Dickey. 'We won't burn any baggage,' the colonel said, 'and we won't leave it on the platform to get drenched. We'll take it with us.' But he told me to issue the order to the regiment.

"I did so, and the captains swarmed about me to know what it meant. I told them that the baggage would be exposed, and they asked what I was going to do with mine. 'Take it along,' I said and suggested that they might do the same. So the next morning we started out early with a long train of baggage wagons, and there was never a murmur from Gen. Sherman.

"He did object to another thing, though. There were seventy-one negro contrabands with the regiment, though we were forbidden to let the negroes come with us. There were about an equal number of led horses, and to prevent trouble with the beasts we put a contraband on each one. Along came Gen. Sherman and looked at the mounted darkies.

"'Whose horses are these?' he asked.

"'They are the horses of the 4th Illinois cavalry.' " 'Whose negroes are these?' " 'They are refugees,' I said. 'We had to take them along with us.' " 'We'll see about that,' he growled. 'Black men riding and my men walking' and away he rode.

"When we reached camp that night I told the captains to hide their contrabands, because the general would probably send around a provost guard to corral them. Then, sure enough, there came the provost guard, but they did not find any negroes. In the morning we mounted the contrabands again and Gen. Sherman came riding along. He looked at them a moment, but he did not say a word. He rode straight on. That's the kind of man Gen. Sherman was."



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### RATHER PLEASANT.

Dunn—Ah, you are in this time. I've called five times with this bill, but you've been out. Owens—Indeed? Well, you are out this time. Fine morning, isn't it?

### ERUPTION COVERED BODY

"Three years ago this winter I had a breaking out that covered my whole body. It itched so it seemed as if I should go crazy. It first came out in little pimples on my back and spread till it covered my whole body and limbs down to my knees, also my arms down to my elbows. Where I scratched it made sores, and the terrible itching and burning kept me from sleeping. I tried several remedies all to no purpose. Then I concluded to try the Cuticura Remedies. I used the Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment, also the Resolvent, for about four months, and they completely cured me of eczema. I have had no return of the disease since. I never had a good night's rest after the skin eruption first broke out till I commenced using the Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I had only used them a few days before I could see they were beginning to heal, and the terrible itching was gone.

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