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STAMPS FOR SALE AT THE COUNTING ROOM.

PERSONALS.

W. M. Steel of Kansas City is at the Carey.

J. N. Davis of Greensburg is a guest at the Carey.

James McMurry of Topeka is in the city on legal business.

James McNeil of Oil City, Pa., is visiting friends in the city.

W. E. Cochran of Topeka is among the guests at the Carey.

A. B Lowenstein of Kansas City is doing business in the city.

J. S. McIntyre of Arkansas City was doing business in town yesterday.

Ed Wadsworth of Herrington was in town yesterday for a few hours.

H. P. Craig, of Gainsville, Texas, is spending a few days in the city.

Colonel S. R. Hallowell left last evening for Columbus, Kan., on legal business.

Joe Nirdlinger is in Cleveland on business.

O. J. Wood of Topeka, a member of the legal staff of the Santa Fe railway, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Mattie Colvin has returned to her home at Columbus, Kan., after a pleasant holiday visit to Wichita.

D. S. Dillman of Medford was in the city yesterday and reported matters in the strip very satisfactory.

The highest style of the art from the finest pictures in the world's fair art gallery in the counting room windows.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carter left yesterday for Davenport, Iowa, after a very pleasant holiday visit with Mrs. L. S. Carter.

Rev. Black and wife have been spending a few days with Mrs. Soliday, on the West Side. Rev. Black is the father of Garfield Black, the boy orator.

The ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps will hold a reception today from 2 to 4 o'clock p. m. in the parlors of the Metropole, in honor of Mrs. Jones, department president. All are invited.

The funeral of Mrs. David Ross will take place from the home on North Emporia at 2 o'clock this afternoon, instead of at half past two, as was announced yesterday morning.

Linnie Shaw, wife of Charles Shaw, died at 12:30 yesterday after a long and painful illness. The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Friday, 419 Riverview avenue. She was the mother of Mrs. F. M. Scott.

The will of the late Thomas Martin of Union township was filed in the probate court yesterday. It makes his wife, Ruth Martin, executrix without bond, to have full management of the estate till her death.

Mrs. G. E Shasted of Salina arrived in the city last night to visit Dr. Shasted, but being unable to locate that gentleman she went to the Carey, where she will remain till this forenoon, at which time she will renew the search.

Mrs. Permelia Richards, grand chief of honor, who has been in the city since Sunday, visiting and transacting business connected with her lodge, left this morning for Newton where she will install the officers of that lodge tonight.

Mrs. Jones, department president of the Woman's Relief Corps, is the guest of Mrs. Helena Mason. This evening at 7:30, at the parlors of the Metropole, the members of the Woman's Relief Corps will tender a reception to the department president, to which all ex-soldiers and their wives are invited.

Scrofula in the Neck

The following is from Mrs. J. W. Tillbrook, wife of the Mayor of McKeesport, Penn.:

Willie Tillbrook.

"My little boy Willie, now six years old, two years ago had a bunch under one ear which the doctor said was Scrofula. As it continued to grow he finally lanced it and it discharged for some time. We then began giving him Hood's Sarsaparilla and he improved very rapidly until the sore healed up. Last winter it broke out again, followed by **Erysipelas.** We again gave him Hood's Sarsaparilla with most excellent results and he has had no further trouble. His cure is due to

Hood's Sarsaparilla

He has never been very robust, but now seems healthy and **daily growing stronger."**

HOOD'S PILLS do not weaken, but aid digestion and tone the stomach. Try them. 25c.

HE GAVE 'EM FACTS

COL. HALLOWELL MADE A GREAT SPEECH YESTERDAY.

Lawyers Pronounced it One of the Most Logical Arguments They Had Ever Heard—His Remarks Made Quite an Impression on the Judges.

"Hallowell is making a great speech."

That was the expression of every lawyer who attended yesterday's session of the contest court.

At 9:30 he commenced his argument in favor of the contestee, and did not finish till nearly 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

A good audience was present and the judges as well as the spectators followed the line of argument with more than usual interest.

Colonel Hallowell laid strong emphases on three points particularly. They were:

First—The question of recognition.

Second—The matter of the Second precinct of the Sixth ward.

Third—The legality of an election where a majority of the voters were disfranchised.

Colonel Hallowell asserted that the recognition of the district as it stood at the time of the recent election, and as it has existed during the past eight years, is beyond doubt. He stated that Randall, Duncan, Van Ness, Allen, Haden and Mathias Bush have all been elected under the apportionment of commissioner's districts by representative districts, and that no man ever dared to challenge

ONE OF THE COLONEL'S CLIMAXES.

their election. "Neither," said he, "did anybody ever question the legality of the district until Webb and Schaup went into the big ring of the Sixty-seventh district to play marbles. Webb beat Schaup, and the latter came into court crying and playing the baby act.

In 1889 the legislature passed a special act allowing the commissioners of Sedgwick county $1,000 a year for their services, and as the commissioners in question were elected in the districts as they now stand and have stood since 1886, that body recognized them as legally elected commissioners, and hence recognized the districts which they represented. He also showed how and where the commissioners recognized the districts by canvassing votes and admitting members elected without objection. In many other ways he demonstrated the recognition of the districts by showing how both Webb and Schaup canvassed the districts, that they were nominated by delegates from all the townships in the Sixty-seventh representative district, and not by Minneha, Gypsum, Wichita and Rockford. He said that under no circumstances would Schaup be elected; for if all the townships would be thrown out except Minneha, Wichita, Gypsum and Rockford, the election would be illegal and quoted Judge Cooley very liberally who is accepted as authority on such matters. It would be illegal because 1,100 votes in the district would be disfranchised. They were not furnished with ballots, etc., and hence could not exercise their franchise for the office of commissioner. "Suce an outrage would be against the genius of our institutions," said Colonel Hallowell, "and would not be tolerated in a country like ours." According to all the best authorities no election can be legal in any district or other political subdivision of a country, when a part of the legal voters are disfranchised because they are deprived of the means of exercising their franchise.

Colonel Hallowell cited many authorities in support of this proposition and the court listened attentively to them

The matter of the second precinct of the Sixth ward was dwelt on at some length by Colonel Hallowell. He insisted that if they were to decide that the votes only of the townships of Wichita, Minneha, Gypsum and Rockford should be counted that the vote of the second precinct of the Sixth ward should be included in Wichita township and the vote cast by the people thereof should be counted. At the time the change was made by the legislature making the commissioner's district co-extensive with the representative district, Wichita township, was then as is now, in the Third district, and at that time also all of the Second precinct of the Sixth ward was in Wichita township, and hence in the Third district. Since that time, however, the city council took that part of Wichita township embraced in the Second precinct of the Sixth ward into the city. The position of the contestor is that the legislator could not form a commissioner's district, and upon this proposition their whole case rests. On that theory, then, the attorneys of the contestor contend that the council by its act in taking a part of Wichita township into the city did not or could not change the line of the Third commissioner district and that if the theory of the contestor is correct the second precinct of the Sixth ward is still a part of the Third commissioner district and the votes cast therein should be counted with the votes of Wichita township. In that event Webb would have a clear majority of 21 and should be given the seat to which he was elected. No matter which end of the dilemma will be taken, there seems to be no way of beating Webb out of his seat.

It would be vain to attempt to describe Colonel Hallowell's speech adequately. It was very eloquent and powerful and was replete with logic. His climaxes were very dramatic, and altogether his speech was pronounced by attorneys to be one of the best efforts of his life.

Judge Sankey followed and spoke for about three-fourths of an hour, when the court adjourned till this morning, at which time Mr. Sankey will resume the argument, and finish about noon.

A nice, bright little baby boy, six months old, the mother abandoned by the father, and the baby abandoned by the mother, was left at the orphans' home yesterday afternoon, which can be secured for adoption by the right parties, or by any one who wanting such a baby as their own can satisfy the home that they are all right. Here's a chance for a baby that will soon be crawling and walking and doing his own eating.

GARFIELD POST INSTALLS.

Officers of the Post and of the W. R. C. Publicly Installed Last Night.

Yesterday was a red letter day in G. A. R. and W. R. C. circles. All day men and women were busy making preparations for the event to take place in the evening. Early in the evening the hall was comfortably filled and at 8 o'clock Mrs. Tobias, president of Garfield Relief Corps, called the audience to order and announced that Mrs. Lucy R. Jones, department president of the W. R. C., was present and would install the officers. Mrs. Jones was escorted to the altar where the corps was turned over to her and she proceeded to install the following officers:

President—Una M. Kessler.
Senior Vice President—Sarah Mercer.
Junior Vice President—Maria E. Little.
Treasurer—Maggie J. Rochelle.
Chaplain—Margaret Lee.
Secretary—Emma La Paz.
Conductor—Helena Mason.
Assistant Conductor—Ada R. Oliver.
Guard—Catherine Ely.
Assistant Guard—Mary F. Snyder.

At the close of the installation ceremony Mrs. Mary W. Buckner stepped forward and calling for Mrs. Tobias, the retiring president, presented her, in behalf of the corps, with a beautiful gold recognition badge. Mrs. Tobias very gracefully responded in a few appropriate words.

Commander Campbell then introduced Judge S. M. Tucker who had been invited to deliver an address on this occasion. The judge said he wished he had the ability to express in words what he felt in his heart in regard to the grand army. "It embodies within itself the highest order of patriotism. It contains within its membership the best and the bravest defenders of their country. A man who would use the grand army for political or personal aggrandizement is unworthy to be called a comrade. The grand army is not an organization of colonels and brigadier generals, but it is composed of soldiers and sailors. It is one in which the private in the rear rank and the sailor before the mast is entitled to the same consideration as the general and the commodore. All that is asked is, Did he do his duty to his country in her hour of peril? If he did, he is entitled to full membership in this noble association. Comrades, while perhaps no two of us may have shared the same blanket, or the contents of the same havresack, or 'drank from the same canteen;' we may not have shared the proceeds of the same raid upon a rebel farmyard, or shared the hardships of the same march, or the dangers of the same field, yet we are comrades and brothers by virtue of our participation in the common dangers and common triumphs of our arms. We are comrades by virtue of our common hopes and common aspirations, and we meet on this occasion as survivors of a great and glorious struggle for liberty and the rights of man.

"The Grand Army of the Republic! No prouder name could have been found. No prouder position can be found in this country, or any other, than that of members of this grand army. What the old guard is to the Frenchman, the Grand Army should be to every soldier and sailor who fought for their country when the red hand of treason sought to drag her from her proud position among the nations of the earth. The friendships which exist in this association are such as can exist in no other. For my part, I ask no prouder name for myself than to be called a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. I ask no prouder or richer inheritance for my children than the knowledge that fought for the preservation of this Union."

Judge Tucker spoke for forty minutes in a very earnest, eloquent and patriotic manner, to the delight of the boys and the entire audience.

At the conclusion of the address Judge Campbell announced that R. A. Campbell of Hutchinson was present, having been detailed by the department commander to install the officers of Garfield Post. He was introduced by the officer of the day and installed the following officers:

Post Commander—Henry Schad.
Senior Vice Commander—John Martin.
Junior Vice Commander—H. A. Hill.
Quartermaster—J. C. Kirk.
Chaplain—L. W. Bicknell.
Surgeon—L. C. Jones.
Officer of the Day—George W. Huckins.
Officer of the Guard—E. E. Bigelow.
Adjutant—B. H. Downing.
Quartermaster Sergeant—W. R. Kessler.
Sergeant Major—H. D. Heiserman.

Judge Campbell, in turning over his command, said: "Post commander, a badge presentation has taken place here tonight, and I wish to make one to you. This is your official badge. I received it twelve months ago, and it is just as pure now, I trust, as it was then. I have esteemed it an honor to wear it, and I hope that when you come to lay it down, twelve months from now, it will be with as much honor as you now receive it."

It was a sentiment that was a credit to his head and heart.

R. A. Campbell, the mustering officer, was then introduced and made a brief but earnest adddress, full of good advice, and advising the boys to be true to themselves and true to each other. He was listened to with great pleasure.

When Mr. Campbell had finished the post commander introduced Garfield Black who, he said, was probably the best elocutionist of his age in the country. The young man recited "The Deathbed of Benedict Arnold," in a masterly manner, and responded to an encore with a humorous selection.

This ended the evening's program.

ANOTHER GOOD MEETING.

The congregation at the First Methodist church last night was a large one, and the interest in the revival was as intense as it has been at any time since it commenced. Rev. Don Colt delivered a powerful and touching sermon, and one which penetrates to the hearts of the people. Mr. Colt always goes for the heart; he knows that if he touches that organ he will reach the soul, and not a little of his success as a minister lies in this fact. Last night was no exception and many souls were converted to God. The meetings are very interesting and instructive and an evening spent there during the revival would be a profitable investment to anybody.

ART TRIUMPH.

Don't fail to look at those twelve beautiful art gems taken from the world's Columbian exposition in the EAGLE counting room window. They are reproduced by a special process of printing—a series of the finest paintings exhibited. Each of these pictures was awarded a premium or was not entered for competition. The name of the artists are of world-wide fame. The portfolio will be a beautiful souvenir to those who still retain their catalogues with marked references to these special paintings. There is but one firm publishes them and the EAGLE has the exclusive right to handle them in this city. There will be a limited number of them given out. Will be ready for delivery next week, when notice will be given.

John Kittrell, who was sent to the penitentiary from this county last week for ten years, was put to work in the coal mines. Norton and Wright were also put in the coal mines. The latter, having been sent up for life, have a gloomy prospect before them, toiling 600 feet under the ground with no reward except the right to live in a dungeon.

ON WALTER'S TRAIL

SEARCHING FOR CALDWELL'S ASSISTANT POSTMASTER.

The Young Gentleman Touches Our Postmaster for $200, but Mr. Ball Will Pay It—He Took Everything in Sight Including Some Silver Spoons.

They are after Donaldson. Yesterday Postmaster Ball of Caldwell and his principal bondsmen, S. H. Horner, were in the city and had a long conversation in the private office of Postmaster Jewett with Examiner Cochran of the postoffice department and a detective, with reference to the robbery of the postoffice at Caldwell Sunday night.

Postmaster Ball is just getting over a severe fit of sickness and he naturally feels despondent over the turn of affairs.

"Yes," said he, "Donaldson my assistant is evidently the guilty party, and we must try and get him and bring him back."

"Were you secured by bond?"

"No. I knew Walter Donaldson so long that I did not think it necessary for him to execute a bond to me for his honesty. Neither I nor anybody else ever thought of the possibility of him tureing out to be a thief; such a thing did not enter into my mind for a moment."

"How much did he get away with?"

"I have not found out accurately yet, but I think it will amount to not less than $2,000."

"Was it all postoffice money?"

"No. The most of it was, however. In addition to the postoffice funds he took over $100 that bolonged to a lodge of which I was treasurer, and he also stole some sixty or seventy dollars that belonged to my son. The fact is, he took every thing he got his hands on. He

WALTER DONALDSON.

made a draft for $200 on your postoffice here in Wichita and our office is responsible for that also. He came very near getting away with $500 or $600 more that belonged to the store which we run in connection with the office. Until Saturday the young man that runs the store kept this amount of money in the postoffice safe, but something prompted him that day to put it in the bank, and he did so. Saturday night Donaldson said to him: 'Say, what's become of that roll you had in the safe?' and the young man told him he had banked it. His answer rather surprised Donaldson, but no notice was taken of the matter then. It is evident that Donaldson wanted to make away with this sum also."

"How long has he been stealing?"

"I am satisfied that he never commenced till after the 16th, when I took down sick. About that time he made out his monthly report, showing about $900 to transmit to the department. He had this report already to send to Washington, but about this time the temptation came to him, and instead of sending the report he threw it in an empty letter box, where it was found after he left. He also left the receipts all in shape, and destroyed no evidence of his guilt. He had been with me three years, and I never knew anything wrong with him before. I would have trusted him with a million dollars, if I had it, and not be uneasy."

Harvey Horner lost some jewelery and souvenir spoons in the robbery. They were sent to him from Wichita for a New Year's present but they never got farther than Donaldson's hands. He evedently converted them into money or made a present of them to somebody.

The belief is that he had a confederate in the robbery. This conclusion is arrived at from the fact that Donaldson left Caldwell without a grip or any form of a baggage. He hopped on the train as he was only going up to the crossing, but he afterwards told the conductor that he was going up to Kansas City to take a civil service examination, and would be out only a few days. There is some evidence that there is a woman in the case, and the officers are working on this theory. There is also a belief that if there is a woman in the case, that she is a Wichita woman who is quite well known.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

J. H VINCENT.

He will be here Monday night, Jan. 8th, and will deliver his famous lecture "Tom and His Teacher." This will be good news to hundreds of our people. Especially will it please the children, as his talks are more entertaining to them than any fairy tales or stories about Christmas. The place will be given in tomorrow's morning paper.

THE SPOONERS.

Another enthusiastic audience witnessed the third performance of the Spooners last evening. The bill was "Inez," a four-act romantic drama dealing with a Yankee in Old Mexico during the time of Maximilian. Edna May and Cecil assumed the parts of two Spanish dancing girls, and won the applause of their audience by their clever work and excellent specialties. B. S. Spooner, as Cylas Grit the Yankee bounty jumper, furnished the comedy for the evening and kept the audience in one continual laugh. The others in the cast who deserve especial mention are Charles Runnel as Emperor Maximilian, Marc Robbins as Francisco, and George Gardner as the Mexican nobleman. Tonight the company will produce "Eccles' Girls," with B. S. Spooner as Eccles, and Edna May and Cecil in the title roles. Grand family matinee Saturday.

PEERLESS LODGE D. OF H.

Their Officers Installed Last Night in the Presence of a Large Number of Members.

At the regular meeting of Peerless lodge D. of H. last night, Miss Permelia Richards, grand chief of honor, installed the officers, assisted by Miss Mary L. Dutton as grand past chief and Mrs. S. E. Harmon as grand usher. After the installation the regular business was resumed. At the close short talks were made and the grand chief exemplified the secret work. The following officers were installed:

Past Chief of Honor—L. E. Carlton.
Chief of Honor—Lora High.
Lady of Honor—Cora Feun.
Chief of Ceremonies—Mamie Fleming.
Recorder—Flora B. Bowers.
Financier—Bertha Hillis.
Receiver—Sarah High.
Sister Usher—Annie Sheehan.
Inside Watch—Ed Gould.
Outside Watch—May Turner.

NOT VERY HAPPY.

Mary E. Hatfield Asked for a Divorce From Daniel, Her Husband.

Mrs. Mary E. Hatfield filed a petition in the District court yesterday asking for a divorce from her husband, Daniel B. Hatfield, and also asked for alimony, attorney's fees, etc. Mrs. Hatfield was married over a year ago, and in that time she alleges that Daniel has called her unmentionable names, and made allegations injurious to her character as a wife and a woman. She also alleges that he has treated her with extreme cruelty; that he swore at her, cursed her and on several occasions threatened to kill her. In fact she recites a dreadful tale of woe in her petition and if half of it is true her husband is not a Daniel in nature if he is a Daniel in name. He gets a pension of $30 per month and she desires to get a part of it.

WHAT EDITORS SAY.

Garrettsville Journal, Garretsville, Ohio: "'Shepp's World's Fair Photographed.' Their success two years ago with 'Shepp's Photographs of the World' has placed their name in every household in the land."

The New Era, Lancaster, Pa.: "'Shepp's World's Fair Photographed.' You can sit in your parlor and pass it all before you at your leisure, without fatigue, and receive new pleasure with the turning of every leaf."

Rockford Daily Register, Rockford, Ill.: "'Shepp's World's Fair Photographed.' The book in its entirety gives a delightful and statistical history of the greatest exposition the world has ever known."

Utica Press, Utica, N. Y.: "'Shepp's World's Fair Photographed.' The pictures are exceedingly well taken, and the selection of exhibits has been wise. It is accompanied by as many pages of text as there are full page illustrations, making it one of the most complete and attractive souvenirs of the great exposition ever presented. It is printed on fine paper and handsomely bound."

Reading Times, Reading, Pa.: "'Shepp's World's Fair Photographed.' The work has just been issued, and is expected to demand a publication of at least two million copies in this country alone."

Reading Morning Herald, Reading, Pa.: "'Shepp's World's Fair Photographed.' Even the fire works have been caught in a series of spirited photographs that are remarkable."

Republican and Leader, La Crosse, Wis.: "'Shepp's World's Fair Photographed.' The text matter covers the entire page opposite each photograph, and expands into an amount of reading that surpasses anything of its kind ever before produced."

The Item, Lynn, Mass.: "'Shepp's World's Fair Photographed.' The descriptive text tells the story of the exposition in expressive language. Some of the finest examples of photography as applied to printing are found in this book."

SUED FOR LIBEL.

Mr. Brunner, the Auctioneer, Sues Hillis and Kinkead.

Yesterday James A. Brunner, through his attorneys, brought suit for libel against L. Hillis and J. C. Kinkead, placing the amount of his damages at $5,000. The alleged cause for the suit is that the defendants placed Mr. Bruner's name in what is known as the "dead beat list." This is a book gotten up by the Merchants' Protective association in which the secretary records the name of every person who is charged by a member of the association with being a bad pay. Mr. Brunner states that he is a man who has always paid his debts and dealt fairly with everybody, and that the fact that his name has been put on the dead beat list has injured his good name and credit to the extent for which he asks damages.

RAILROAD RACKET.

Mail clerks reported a wreck on the Missouri Pacific near Coffeyville night before last, caused by the removal of a rail by some miscreants whose purpose was robbery.

Tee Dalton gang, or at least a part of it, was seen near Cross night before last.

The Rock Island trains are still heavily guarded for protection against robbers.

John Mack of Nickerson was in the city yesterday.

Conductor Charles P. Elliott has returned from his holiday visit to Illinois.

NUMBER TWO.

No. 2 of Shepp's World's Fair is ready for delivery. Coupon No. 2 is in this morning's paper. Send or call for No. 2. One coupon and 10 cents.

GOOD FOR STOCK.

Colonel Carlin, a well-known stockman residing near Yates Center, is spending a few days in the city. Colonel Carlin has been in Kansas twenty-four years, and says that this is the finest winter he has seen in that time, and the most favorable for stock. Considering the expense of feed this year he considers the open winter a great blessing to stockmen.

Stop and see that new display of art in the EAGLE window as you go by.

Lulu Simmons has returned from a visit to Pawnee county, where she visited her uncles.

J. B. McGee a prominent citizen of Trinidad, Colo., is in the city prospecting and will probably locate here. He describes Colorado as being in a very bad shape from a business standpoint on account of the lack of something to employ the people. He says that Wichita has stood the financial squeeze better than any city in the west.

Freddie Franck, the son of Mr. H. Franck, who was seriously injured by falling from a tree a week ago, is still in a very critical condition, with little hope for his recovery. The manifest sympathy of friends and neighbors for the little sufferer is most heartily appreciated by his parents, but they fear the excitement that the presence of so many callers unavoidably causes the patient is retarding his recovery if not jeopardizing his life, and they request that callers will not ask to see Freddie until he is much improved from his present condition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

NOTICE.

The board of the Children's Home will hold its regular meeting today at 2:30 p. m. A full attendance is desired as business of importance is be transacted.

MRS. J. I. DYER, Secretary.

ATTENTION, HYPATIANS.

There will be a meeting Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the city building to make arrangements for "French" lessons, the study of parliamentary law and the forming of a "Tourist's Club" within the society. Every member is urgently requested to be present. By order of the secretary.

ATTENTION, KNIGHTS OF THE MACCABEES.

Installation of new officers and other important business this Friday night. All sir knights are earnestly requested to be present.

J. G. WINGET, R. K.

ATTENTION, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Commandry drill this (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock at the asylum.

W. S. CORBETT, Captain General.

NOTICE, WICHITA MUSICAL CLUB.

Mrs. Gorst requests all members of the choral department to be present this afternoon at a meeting in the club rooms at 4:15 o'clock. Special work to be taken up.

MRS. L. W. CRAFT, Choral Sec.

NEW YORK STORE

A Great Sale of Remnants of Dress Goods This Week. . . .

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NOTES FROM CITY HALL.

Councilman Johnson is visiting friends in Iowa.

The police force is weaker now, in membership, than it has been for several years.

Very little progress is being made in the paving of the North Main street sidewalks.

Councilman Mellinger is considering a proposition to take a position in the sewer department.

Miss Blanch Martin, the city librarian, has discarded her dress reform suit and is dressed in the mode again.

Draughtsman Mundevello of the city engineer's office was the successful bidder for the making of the assessor's map.

City Engineer Jackson is the literary man of the city administration. He reads after the best authors and is fond of them.

IN A QUANDARY.

The case of the state versus Ira Martindale is occupying the attention of Justice Jones. Martindale is left two alternatives, viz: To go to the penitentiary for ten years or to marry Daisy Norman. It is a position that calls for a good deal of mental reflection and Ira has not yet made up his mind what to do. He will probably finally decide on taking chances with the penitentiary.

CUNNING OF CROCODILES.

They Escape the Net Spread for Them by Burrowing in the Mud.

The following is a fair sample of how cunningly crocodiles, in common with all other wild animals, can conceal themselves in moments of danger, says the Westminster Gazette. After a happy week spent in the jungle with a friend of mine we halted for breakfast, before making the last stage for headquarters and home, at a place called Poonarhyn—Anglice, garden of flowers—and while at breakfast were amused by watching a number of crocodiles, about eight or ten, sunning themselves on the surface of a small lake, or tank, as it is there called, of about an acre in extent. A sudden thought struck me.

"I say, Murray, what fun it would be to try and catch some of these beggars in a net." "Bravo!" said he. "Let's try it presently. Appu, send the horse-keeper to the village and tell him to bring up all the men he can find and some long fishing nets. We will give a good santosum" (present).

The villagers scented some fun, and with the further stimulus of a santosum very soon turned up to the number of thirty. It was now eleven o'clock and scorching hot, the air quivering over the bare, sandy plain in which the pond was situated. It was breast deep, as we knew, including about one foot or eighteen inches of heavy mud. We tied two nets together so as to make one long enough to reach across the tank, about thirty yards, and this was heavily weighted along the bottom and arranged to be drawn with long ropes from each shore.

Immediately behind the net came a line, and men about a yard apart, with long, pointed poles with which to prod the mud along the bottom of the net, and so drive the malingering gentlemen into proper position in front of the net. My friend and his servant (for all entered into the sport) followed close up to the second line.

At it we all now went, splashing, shouting, stamping and hauling, but—a big but—not a sign did we find of a single one of the brutes that we had seen before us when we came to the edge of the water. We dragged that water backward and forward more than once, but our only reward was a deadly thirst that lasted us till late that night.

They had burrowed deeper into the mud than we could reach them, for nothing—I doubt if even a rat—could have escaped unseen out of the water.

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Mackerel Fisheries in Kerry.

A Kerry correspondent of United Ireland writes: Dingle, on the extreme western coast of Kerry, is now the center of very active operations in the mackerel fishery industry. Large takes of mackerel have been taken off the coast, and the recent trade which has sprung up in the curing of mackerel during the autumn season for the American market has brought employment and money to the doors of the Kerry peasant and shopkeeper. Dingle is, in fact, a hive of industry at the present moment, owing to the curing and packing of mackerel for the American market. Every man, woman and child is employed, and thousands of cases are dispatched weekly to Liverpool and Glasgow for conveyance to American ports. The mackerel are found off the coast in great shoals, and a fleet of boats is engaged in capturing them, landing the fish in Dingle, where they are cured and prepared.