LOCAL NEWS.

he contract for the Valley Junction ge is to be let soon.

Some communications withheld this ek for want of space.

The best evening ties are those that p a man home after dark.

It has been said that we are on trial rselves whenever we condemn others.

The old settlers' picnic will be held e first Thursday in August, the 9th st.

The hotel boys played a game of ball his week. The score is too large for publication.

The man or woman who minds his or er own business will always have usiness to mind.

Calvary Tabernacle is being fixed up ly. It will be much improved by brick veneering.

The dining car "boys" enjoyed a easant vacation in the city this week ving to the Pullman boycott and rike.

The rebuilding of the dam has made ating one of the pleasures to be enoyed these warm evenings. The steamers and row boats are in great demand.

Jno. A. Smith and Carrie Goodrich ere united in marriage at 415 Third street, July 4, Rev. Thos. Johnson officiating. We bespeak for them a successful and happy future.

Fred Poorman was accidentally killed Tuesday afternoon while sitting on a beam at the Capital City Gas Works assisting in moving lumber. He fell about ten feet. He was about 30 years old.

Miss Bessie Stewart, while driving home from church Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, accidentally ran against a water plug on Twenty-second street, throwing Mrs. Jenkins out upon the curbing. The accident was painful though not serious.

Drug store saloons are in trouble. They want to be a law unto themselves and keep open as long as they please and sell to whom and how they please. Some even go so far as to annex a saloon, so that none will get away after o'clock. Live up to the law and be by.

man arrested some time ago and e searched and dynamite found digger who occasionally drank and who also uses dynamite g wells. He is more harm- reporter who wrote the rticle about the well digamite.

y took place near the ot, on the south side as stabbed by unwill probably die. rdon is to the man shot oliceman and Skinner is kinner who Henderson and don while on ce force be. The police have lue."

eorge Weams is on l for the rder of L. B. Ridpath in district urt. Judge Balliet is siding. Veams is the first of the three men to be tried for complicity in the same murder. An attempt was made to get a ange of venue and to have the case for the September term, but both refused and the selection of a jury The trial began on Tuesday last several days.

ty dogs were taken to the Monday by boys that ach out of them. They the city whose owner e ordinance recently e brutes from runless. The assesre made returns d and it has at least 8,000 o be taken

in very bad con- many families are using well even if they have to go quite a ance for it. A great deal of the sickness in our city is attributed to the impurities of our water supply. The water should be filtered at least. The price paid for it entitles the consumer to that much protection. It may not be absolutely necessary to use water for drinking purposes since the mulct law went into effect, but some people think they must have water at all hazards.

Ram's Horn says there are too many fathers who will tie up the dog at night and let the boy run loose. If you want to verify this statement call at the corner of Fourth and Court avenue between the hours of 10 p. m. and 3 a. m. There are to be found young men who have pleasant homes, kind parents and interesting brothers and sisters. On the street corners they dance, sing and make night hideous by their boisterous laughter and curious antics. Young colored boys from 12 years upward have opportunities before them and should be made to realize that the street corners afford poor education for anyone.

After the splendid songs by the choir and the instructive sermon by Rev. W. J. Laws, Rev. H. J. Burleigh pronounced the benediction in a strong d firm voice. Probably few in the ence knew that the history of Meth- in Iowa could not be written ut the name of the man who had issed them that evening. Mr. Bur- is 78 years old and spent 45 years time in the ministerial field in was known as a circuit

large business blocks were not counted among the possibilities. During all these years Mr. Burleigh has put the vigor of his manhood into his chosen profession and to-day he is just as eager to do his part in the world. It is not too warm, too cold, too wet nor too dry for him too attend divine services in some of the churches of the city. The years he has lived have been years of usefulness. Although time has dimmed his eye and age bent his form he is as ready as ever to assist in any worthy undertaking.

A goodly number of the colored talent of Des Moines were the objects of much comment in different portions of the state on the 4th. The Renix Bros. Challenge Mandolin Club and Quartette gave a very unique open air performance at Leon, Ia. A minstrel show was given under the management of Smith & Hughes, at St. Charles, by a company composed of Messrs. Billy Carroll, Al. Vaugh, Jno. Armstrong, Jim Strauthers, Jno. Capart, Ben Pernaugh, Press Jones, Lewis Nealy, Al. Smith and Charles Hughes. A quartette composed of C. C. Lewis, J. Smith, Wm. Stewart and O. B. Rivers assisted in the exercises at the Red Men's celebration at High Bridge.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Mr. Ben Carroll is now in Tama City.

Mr. Spotts, of Ottumwa, is in the city.

Mrs. Willis Morton is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Milligan was sick the fore part of the week.

Mr. A. S. Barnett was in Cedar Rapids this week.

Mr. Ed Morton is now one of the Kirkwood bell boys.

Mr. R. D. Brown gave a social hop Wednesday evening.

Mrs. James Martin has been dangerously ill the greater part of the week.

Miss Stella Burnaugh entertained at Dinner Tuesday Mr. W. D. Williams.

Miss Lillian Jackson will arrive in the city Tuesday for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Barton entertained a few friends Monday evening.

A very pleasant dance was given at Mr. McClain's residence Monday evening.

Mrs. Ed. Willitt has been confined to her home by illness during the past few days.

Mrs. M. L. Austin contemplates going to Hamilton, Ill., in the near future.

Mr. Everett Harrison, who has been working for Wm. Christy, returned to St. Joseph Saturday morning.

Geo. E. Taylor, of the Solicitor, was in the city Wednesday. Few recognized him because of his having had his whiskers amputated.

Mrs. Geo. H. Cleggett returned home from Minburn Saturday morning and reports her mother, Mrs. Williams, who has been quite sick, much improved.

Miss Bessie Graves was out of the house for the first time, Sunday, last in several weeks. She is improving and hope it may be speedy and permanent.

Miss Sarah Basfield left Saturday morning for Minneapolis and St. Paul, where she will visit friends. She made many warm friends in the city during her short visit.

Mrs. Lizzie R. Palmer assumes the duties of Supt. John Hardy in the A. M. E. Sabbath school. She is the worthy assistant in that branch of church work. Her many friends were glad to see her. She has been confined to her home some time by illness.

Mr. Shields, of Sioux City, remained over Sunday in our city on his return from Ottumwa. We were glad that he remained and found time to call on us for a few brief moments. We were not suprised in the least that he stopped over, because we know he was "expected."

The moonlight church socail, owing to many other entertainments, was only fairly attended at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Williams. As is usual Mr. and Mrs. Williams spared no pains in perfecting arrangements for a good time and those present fully appreciated their efforts.

Mr. John Hardy left last week for Ottumwa to attend the Afro American State Convention and from there he went to Burlington to be present at the session of the grand lodge A. F. and A. M., of which he is a member and takes great pride in Masonic work. From the latter place he went to LeGrange to visit parents and friends.

Emmett Strauther was a happy boy Thursday evening, it being the anniversary of his birth. The little folks had planned for a surprise, on him and at an early hour they streamed into his parental home and took possession. His sister Ida had charge of the refreshments and the bill of fare was neat and dainty. May he grow to manhood and prove a blessing to good in the community.

Mr. Edward Mosley, the agent, called on us in with the firm convicti going to "write us worth. We "wrote year's subscription to BYSTANDER. He has insurance yet. But resents a good comp want insurance the first chance

A very enjoya Miss Fannie Ad and Mrs. Joh Tenth st

mained in our city longer than he anticipated when talking to us last week. He, like many others, is favorably impressed with Des Moines and her people. Mrs. Williams was here last year and made many friends and Mr. Williams is equally successful in that direction. A happy ending to these visits would be to have them remove to this city.

A picnic was held in Oak Park, near Campbell's Corner Wednesday afternoon. The afternoon was very pleasant and the following named persons were present: Eva Baker, Nina Hamilton, Cora Smith, Hattie Langford, Etta Jones, May Alice Taylor, Edith Stewart, Kinney Hamilton, Burl Smith, Robert Perigo, Moses Strauther, Oscar Turner and Luther Rivers, Misses Julia Blagburn and Mabel Berry acting as chaperons.

Mr. H. M. Jenkins and wife, who are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Barton, are making many warm friends in our city. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are here on their wedding tour, having been married June 28 at Pleasant Hill, Mo., the home of the bride. It will be remembered that Mr. Jenkins was formerly a resident of our city and during his five years' stay made many friends socially and educationally. He is a graduate of the Capital City Commercial College and by his honest and diligent research gained a lasting affection in the heart of its founder, Prof. Mehan, who invited him to a banquet Friday evening. Mr. Jenkins will act as first assistant school teacher to his brother the coming year, who has charge of the Sedalia, Mo., schools. Mrs. Jenkins is affable and no doubt will serve as a loving helpmeet to her husband. The newly married couple were well entertained by Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Barton. They returned home Thursday.

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PASSED AWAY.

The death of Mrs DeGrate, who resided at Oak and Center streets, occurred Monday, July 9, at 11:45 a. m. Deceased was born in St. Louis January 1, 1837, being at the time of her death nearly 57 years of age. Her maiden name was Rosie Jane Coleman. She came to Des Moines some fifteen years ago and was at the time of her death a member of St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, and had been a member of some church constantly for thirty years. Five children, a husband and a large number of friends and relatives mourn her loss. Mrs. Fields of Oskaloosa, Mrs. L. Jones, Mrs. Wm. Crockett, Mrs. Jewett and Mrs. Sheldon of St. Paul are the daughters of deceased. She bore her suffering with a Christian spirit and was a loving wife and mother. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon from St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, where a large concourse of relatives and friends assembled to pay the last tribute of earthly respect.

MARK TWAIN GOES CALLING.

Things Went Smoothly at First, But He Didn't Stay to Say Goodby.

The Rev. J. Hyatt Smith relates the following story: "When I was living with my brother in Buffalo, Mark Twain occupied a cottage across the street. We didn't see very much of him; but one morning, as we were enjoying our cigars on the veranda after breakfast, we saw Mark come to his door, in his dressing-gown and slippers, and look over at us. He stood at his door and smoked for a minute, as if making up his mind about something, and at last opened his gate and came lounging across the street. There was an unoccupied rocking-chair on the veranda, and, when my brother offered it to him, he dropped into it with a sigh of relief. He smoked for a few moments, and said: 'Nice morning.' 'Yes, very pleasant.' 'Shouldn't wonder if we had rain, by and bye.' 'Well, we could stand a little.' 'This is a nice house you have here.' 'Yes, we rather like it.' 'How's your family?' 'Quite well—and yours?' 'Oh, we're all comfortable.' There was another impressive silence, and finally Mark Twain crossed his legs, blew a puff of smoke into the air, and, in a lazy drawl remarked: 'I suppose you are a bit surprised to see me here so early. Fact is, I haven't been so neighborly, perhaps, as I ought to be. We must mend that state of things. But this morning I came over because I thought you might be interested in knowing that your roof is on fire. It struck me that it would be a good idea if——' But at the mention of fire the whole family dusted upstairs, trailing language all the way up. When we had put the fire out and returned to the veranda Mark wasn't there."

Would She Do It.

The Nervous Woman—How long did you say it was before the train leaves?

Station Agent—One hour and a half, ma'am.

The Nervous Woman—Are you sure?

Station Agent—Yes, ma'am.

The Nervous Woman—That would make it safe for me to go out for a short time, wouldn't it?

Station Agent—Certainly.

The Nervous Woman—You are itive?

tion Agent—Yes, m'am. How d you wish to go?

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THEY SWORE OFF.

When He Resumed His Little Vice She Took Up With Her Own.

A prominent young man of this city has been an inveterate cigarette smoker for several years past, and he indulged in the habit to such an extent that it was injuring his health. He has a girl of whom he thinks all the world, and it's a case of vice versa, says the Indianapolis Sentinel. This young lady has a very good complexion, but has an inordinate love for the use of powder, which habit the young man detests as heartily as she does his cigarette habit. They finally agreed that each would [illegible] off—the one from using pow[illegible] and the other from smoking cig[illegible]s.

It was hard [illegible] the young man, but every tim[illegible] hungered for a wad of nicotine ha[illegible] and pictured the form of his fair [illegible] parading down the street with he[illegible] looking like a pan of dough, and [illegible] desisted. This went on for several weeks, and each was remarking how much better the other was looking; but the old craving for the coffin nail came upon the young man once more, and one day he broke over. He thought no one would find it out. But he was seen, the news was carried to the girl and she prepared to get even.

They were to go to see De Wolf Hopper the last night he was here, and the young man called with a cab. The young lady was at the door, her face closely muffled and in her hand a bouquet that cost him a five. Arrived at the opera house, they were entering the door when the young man turned to speak to the fair one by his side. Oh! that face. She had smeared it with powder until it had been necessary to cut eye-holes. It was frightful. "Are you going in looking like that?"

"Just as you say," was the quiet response.

"Well, I say no. I'm not traveling with freaks now. We'll go back home."

And they did. It cost him ten, there were two vacant seats in the opera house, but the young man has not smoked any cigarettes since.

Sealed Letters Thrown Overboard.

The practice of throwing overboard from ships letters inclosed in sealed bottles is centuries old. Hollow copper spheres and oaken barrels have also been used as sea letter carriers in attempts to trace the direction of ocean currents or to send word from persons at sea to friends on land. Barnacles readily attach themselves to these drifting letter holders and sink them. Only a very few of the many messages that have been thrown into the sea have ever been recovered.

Australia's Immigration Problem.

Australia is greatly bothered just now by an Indian question akin to our Chinese problem. The Chinese immigration evil has been checked by strong and restrictive measures and the imposition of a heavy head tax. There is now a great and growing influx of Afghans, Panthans and other Asiatic tribes from the odd corners of India, and these people have become a peril and a nuisance in many ways.

Might Change Her Views.

"Emily," said the young author, tenderly, "what do you think of my new novel?"

"Reginald," responded Emily, with a voice of which every tone spoke eloquently as to her feelings, "Reginald, I have far too high a regard for you now ever to read any of your books."—Chicago Record.

FROM FAR COUNTRIES.

The Salvation army of England has received the sum of $8,000 from members of the Society of Friends in Birmingham.

Two English writers collaborating in producing a novel are going to designate the authorship by using two varieties of type.

The beet root sugar industry, which is on a large scale in Europe, will soon extend into Spain, despite the prevalence there of the sugar cane from Cuba.

A woman who threw a spoiled fish at an actress in a Paris theater has been fined, with characteristic native politeness, "for placing food upon the stage without a license."

JUST IN JEST.

Visitor—Is the editor in? Office Boy—Nop; he's out. Feller just borrowed $2 of him.

Sitter, jocosely—I suppose you want me to look pleasant? Artist—Unless you prefer a perfect likeness.

Endurance is the prerogative of woman, enabling the gentlest to suffer what would cause terror to manhood.

"Remedies for toothache my boy," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "will be found to afford instant relief in every case but yours.

Brown—Tell me truly, do you really admire Wagner's music? Gray—My dear boy, I haven't the moral courage to do otherwise.

Nell—Is Mrs. Dashaway in heavy mourning? Belle—Yes, indeed. The baker sent her a cake with icing on it yesterday, and she sent it back and got chocolate cake instead.

A little Tioga girl whose papa was taking a tonic because he was "run down," poured half the contents of the bottle into the clock when a similar mishap befell the timepiece.

Lena—Fred didn't blow his brains out because you jilted him the other night; he came and proposed to me. Maud—Did he? Then he must have got rid of them in some other way.

"I should like," said the visitor, "to see the editor." "All right," said the office boy; "cost you one dime; they tarred an' feathered him last night, an' he's head man in the museum!"

Martha—Mrs. Skrimper was very thoughtful in inviting you to her house to supper last evening. You ought to make her some little present; something inexpensive, you know, but appropriate. John—How would a cookbook do?

Willie, just home from school and very much excited—What do you think, pa? Johnny Smith, one of the boys, had an argument with the teacher about a question in grammar. Father—What position did he Willie—His last position was down

Niagara's Water Power.

A lively discussion is going on among electricians on the subject of the long-distance transmission of Niagara water power. Early in May there appeared in a leading electrical journal an article in which Prof. E. J. Houston and Mr. A. E. Kennelly went elaborately into the question of how far the water power of the falls could be transmitted by electricity. The gist of their contention was that the power of Niagara Falls can be transmitted to a radius of 200 miles cheaper than it can be produced at any point within that range by steam engines of the most economical type, with coal at $3 per ton; furthermore that "given a sufficiently large output, it might be commercially advisable to undersell large steam powers at twice this distance with no profit, in order to reduce the general expense upon delivery nearer home." The article attracted wide attention not only among electrical engineers, but also in lay circles, and was promptly noticed by newspapers throughout the country. Dr. C. E. Emery, an eminent engineer replied to the article by a series of figures and statistics which went to show that Messrs. Houston and Kennelly had overestimated some of the points on which their conclusions were based, and underestimated others. For instance, the Houston-Kennelly estimate regarding the cost of the hydraulic works is $17.-00 per horse power, as against Dr. Emery's $140 per horse power. The former quotes Prof. Forbes, the electrical engineer of the Cataract Company, as testifying that "there can be little doubt that the efficiency of our dynamos may reach, at least, 98 per cent," and they commit themselves to 96 per cent. Dr. Emery holds that the efficiency of the 5,000 generators will be only 90 per cent. He also makes an estimate which puts the cost of operation higher and the efficiency of transmission much lower than those of the first estimate. He does not believe, in fact, that power can be economically transmitted to Buffalo in the present state of electrical engineering. He says: "Mills, paper manufactories, etc., requiring power for twenty-four hours, can best be located directly at Ningara Falls and secure the undoubted low rates that will obtain there. It is thought that the first transmission installation, which will naturally be for Buffalo, will cost even more than estimated above, as time and some tentative work will be required before the application becomes general. The estimate makes no provisions for subways, which must be constructed to all points reached. The costs may rise so high that even the transmission to Buffalo, will pay ony a small percentage on the cost, and conditions better than those assumed must be found before there will be much of a market elsewhere." To this Messrs. Houston & Kennelly have replied that their figures are correct from first to last, and they mean to stick to them. In regard to the efficiency of the 5,000 horse power generator, they say their own figures of 96 per cent is unjustifiably low and that the efficiency of the Frankfurt-Lauffen plant, where power is transmitted over the conductors to a distance of 10.9 miles, is 95.4 per cent, and the dynamo used in that calculation was only about one-twentieth of the capacity of those used at Niagara. Another combatant has appeared in Francis B. Crocker, of Columbia College, who calls in question the Houston Kennelly figures both in the matter of percentage for annual interest, depreciation and repairs, and the cost of generators, motors and transformers, all of which he says are remarkably low. He thinks the estimates are not "conservative," as they are claimed to be, and that not enough margin has been allowed all around, and he questions whether "the cause of long distance power transmission will be helped by assuming the owest possible costs and expenses and the highest possible efficiencies. It is proverbial that estimates should always be made with ample margin, and in nine cases out of ten, it is absolutely required." And so the fight is waging. When such authorities as these take opposite sides the question in hand is likely to be sifted down pretty thoroughly, and in all probability before the works at Niagara are in actual operation the theoretical status, at all events, of the long distance transmission of power electrically will have been accurately determined.

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