Iowa State Bystander.

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DES MOINES, - - - IOWA.

If murderers were as generous about continuances for their victims as the courts are about continuances for the murderers, how the death rate would decrease in all large communities.

ALTHOUGH the consumption of mustard is about as universal in the United States as in England, it does not seem to be advertised in the newspapers here to the same extent as in the English journals.

THE duke of Orleans intimates that he will hustle for the crown of France The duke is quite a hustler. It will be remembered that he hustled into France and then the French government did some hustling on its own account. He was hustled into jail and then after he had cooled down he was hustled out of France. The duke knows all about hustling.

A VETERAN social observer in New York gives it as his opinion that the out-of-town season is growing longer every year, and that society people linger later and later with the autumn in their country homes. The country is everywhere beautiful in September and October, and if the out-of-town season is longer it must be that society's head is longer too.

THAT the Japanese won a substantial victory at Ping Yang is highly probable, but the report that the Chinese who fought behind earthworks lost 16,000 men while the Japanese who were the assaulting party lost only thirty killed and 270 wounded, should be taken with a grain of salt. The returns are suspicious enough to warrant a recount.

FROM an interesting history of the development of the trotting horse, by Budd Doble, in the New York Herald, it appears that the trotter has lowered the mile record fifty-five seconds in ninety-two years. In the year 1800 the 2:59 record was regarded as a great triumph for the fleet steeds of the period. Nancy Hanks trotted a mile on September 28, 1892, in 2:04.

A NEW YORK paper, in objecting to the phrase, "It goes without saying," asks, "Why not say at once and be done with it, 'It is an evident fact,' 'It is a natural conclusion,' 'It is a truism,' 'Nobody disputes it,' 'It is admitted?' But what 'goes' without saying? Can anybody tell?" Just as easily as the writer of the above can tell what is an evident fact, or a natural conclusion, or a truism.

CANADA is by no means slow in pushing ahead with important national and internal improvements. It has called for bids on the Pacific cable to be laid between Canada and Australia, the distance being about 8,000 land miles. The bids will be on eight different routes, one of which embraces Hawaii, though this is not likely to be chosen. Three years will be allowed for the completion of the work.

It is reported that a mountain has been discovered in the Adirondacks higher than any peak in the Rockies. This surprising discovery prepares the mind for the possible news that there is a Mammoth cave concealed about the Adirondack preserve, with a whispering gallery, sunken river and all the other orthodox geological attractions. It may be that another Cardiff giant will be found standing as a sentinel at the enterance.

HENCEFORTH Chicago school children are to be taught to write a vertical rather than the old-fashioned slanticular system of penmanship. The theory is, and it seems plausible, that to make vertical letters requires for the maker a healthier position than does the old angular style. The position for vertical letter writing is directly before the desk, the body erect instead of having half of it prone upon the desk, with the tongue out, as has been the tendency in teaching the making of slanting letters. Vertical handwriting is likely to be much more legible than that of the lop sided quality.

THE theory that forest fires are generally started by sparks from locomotives seems to have been contradicted by the census figures of 1890. Of 2,983 forest fires on record it was found that 115 were unaccounted for, thirty-five were started from tobacco pipes, seventy-six from camp-fires, 262 from malice, 628 by hunters, 1,359 by persons clearing land, and but 508 by locomotive sparks. It is claimed by those who have investigated the subject that destructive forest fires are unnecessary, as witness the [illegible] of the state of [illegible] to learn. [illegible] the flame [illegible] state, and Canada, with her thousands of square miles of timbered land, is never subjected to such awful holocausts as Wisconsin and Minnesota have suffered.

GERMANY has her Sedan, France has her Austerlitz, England has her Blenheim and Japan has her Ping Yang. China has the glory of more people that do not know how to fight than any empire of ancient or modern times.

WITH the income of $17,000,000 added to its credit, Stanford university ought to be able to stand alone. It is expected that this will be very nearly the amount that will presently be released to the institution by Mrs. Stanford.

THOUGH immigration has fallen off more than one-half, the arrivals this year are averaging more than 20,000 a month. Such an army of new citizens is large enough in any case, and too large if not of good material.

THE duc d'Orleans says "Exile killed my father," and yet he bore exile for many years, and, after all, exile with a fortune of $20,000,000 is not so very hard to bear, especially when a man has the whole world before him, except the little spot on which he may not set his foot.

SELECTED HAWKEYE MENTION

BAUM WAS MISSING.

Wanted in Wapello County Boodling Cases.

OTTUMWA, Oct. 12.—When ex-County Supervisor J. F. Baum was wanted in the case against him for embezzlement, he was missing. His attorneys said that he was in southern Missouri, and that he had left an affidavit to the effect that his case had been settled. The county attorney stoutly asserted that he had no knowledge of such settlement, and the judge after censuring Baum's attorneys granted a continuance of the case. What added to the suspicious absence of Baum was the fact that he is one of the chief witnesses for the defense in the case against ex-Auditor Hicks for embezzlement. His attorneys stoutly assert that Mr. Baum's absence was as much of a regret to them as to the jury.

WEDDING BELLS.

The Rev. Mr. Baxter, of Knoxville, Married.

KNOXVILLE, Oct. 12.—Rev. George W. Baxter and Miss Mary Cunningham were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's father, Howard Cunningham, the well-known horse man. One hundred and fifty guests were present. The Rev. Mr. Baxter achieved great celebrity a couple of years ago in the sensational trial in which he was the defendant while pastor of the Presbyterian church of Knoxville, resulting in his deposition from the ministry. He is now pastor of the First Congregational church. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter left at once for an extended wedding trip in the south.

FINANCIERS.

Sioux City Credits Commutation Company Meets.

SIOUX CITY, Oct. 10.—The directors of the Credits Commutation Company met behind closed doors. President Plumer, Vice-President Eastabrook and Treasurer Stoddart and the old committees were re-elected. William Faxton was elected member of the general council and W. L. Eaton chosen to succeed him as secretary and general manager. The Credits Commutation was organized to receive the industries of Sioux City which went under during the financial panic and represents many millions of capital.

TRAMP KILLED.

Supposed to Have Met Death While Stealing a Ride.

DES MOINES, Oct. 12.—The body of an unknown man was found beside the Rock Island tracks near Altoona. The body was terribly mangled, one leg being crushed off near the body and the head being badly mutilated. The man was five feet seven inches high, weighed 150 pounds, had red hair and blue eyes. There were no papers on his person by which his identity could be established. It is supposed he was stealing a ride and fell under the wheels.

GRAVE ROBBERS.

Attempted Violation in Lee County.

KEOKUK, Oct. 12.—The town of Donnellson, Lee county, is in a state of great indignation over the attempted robbery of the grave of Miss Donnell, daughter of W. A. Donnell, one of the wealthiest citizens of the county, and after whom the town is named. It has been discovered that the grave had been disturbed. The earth has been removed, the box lid taken off, and the glass door of the casket broken. At this point it is thought the ghouls were scared away, as the body was not disturbed

RESULT OF A DRUNKEN ROW.

Verdict of Murder in the Second Degree.

KEOKUK, Oct. 12.—The trial of Frank Watson for the killing of Otto Patterson in a drunken row July 4, which has been in progress in the district court the past three days, has been concluded. The jury found him guilty of murder in the second degree, the punishment for which ranges from ten years to imprisonment for life. Sentence will be passed later.

WELL DIGGER KILLED.

Bucket of Dirt Fell on Him Crushing Him to Death.

ELDORA, Oct. 11.—A workingman employed in digging a well, used a large wooden bucket attached by means of a hook. Henry Hodges, aged 54, was at the bottom of the well, when the bucket loaded with dirt became detached and fell, crushing Hodges beneath its weight. He was [illegible] alive, but can't survive.

FELL TWENTY FEET.

[illegible] CITY, Oct. 12.—A ladder upon which John Ruppert and John Schubert were descending from a house which they were roofing slipped and threw Ruppert to the ground, a distance of twenty feet, breaking his leg and otherwise injuring him. Schubert saved himself by catching hold of a tree.

HIS BODY FOUND.

IOWA CITY, Oct. 10.—Uriah Kimes, Jr., of Pleasant Valley township, Johnson county, was found dead at the foot of a culvert on the Rock Island railway in Iowa City. The body had lain there two or three days, and was terribly mangled and both legs broken. It is presumed the man was drunk and was walking along the tracks and fell off the embankment, a distance of fifty feet. He was about 40 years old and unmarried.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Wife Murder and Suicide at Marble Rock.

MARBLE ROCK, Oct. 10.—George Reams murdered his wife, breaking her head with a chair, then cutting his own throat. He will die. Domestic trouble.

THIEF AT LARGE.

NASHUA, Oct. 11.—A valuable mare and a new buggy were stolen from the barn of Simon Jepson, a farmer living six miles southwest of Nashua. The thief is supposed to be a tramp.

GOES UP FOR LIFE.

Murderer Bellew Receives His Just Deserts at Ft. Dodge.

FORT DODGE, Oct. 10.—Jack Bellew the confessed murderer of Joe Tiffany, was sentenced to life imprisonment. After sentence was pronounced, Bellew stated to the court that he had been assured a light sentence if he would plead guilty and save the county the cost of a trial, and he did not consider the sentence a light one. The judge failed to agree with him and considered that punishment fit for the crime. Bellew was at once taken to the penitentiary at Anamosa. He maintained to the end an indifference that seemed inhuman. He first shot his victim and then finished the job with a club. He committed the crime for money. The public is well satisfied with the sentence.

CONDENSED ITEMS.

The State Grange held a profitable session at Des Moines.

Elzo Davies was killed in a runaway accident while moving a family from Everly to Estherville.

At the Sioux City Inter-State Fair races, Robert J. defeated Joe Patchen in three straight heats, the time being 2:06, 2:06, and 2:03¾.

While ex-County Treasurer Charles Meyer was out driving at Dubuque recently with his niece, Miss Mabel Rieff, the horse became unmanageable and ran away. Miss Rieff was thrown about fifteen feet, striking on her head. She was taken to her room at the Lorimer House and three physicians summoned, who declare her injuries are very serious, as her skull is fractured and she remains unconscious. She was later taken to Finley Hospital.

Sioux City dispatch: Another sensation has been sprung in the county boodle cases by the filing of information against two of the members of the board of supervisors, charging them with obtaining money under false pretenses. Supervisors Hunting and Strange are thus made defendants in criminal cases, the specified charge being that they presented and aided in passing various bills against the county which were fraudulent. It is understood that similar charges will be filed against at least one other member of the board, and in time others implicated in obtaining money from the county on false bills or through overcharges will be prosecuted in the court. Strange was arrested and placed under $3,000 bonds.

At Adel recently fire of a mysterious origin started in the livery stable of A. D. Morse, and before it was extinguished property valued at about $60,000 was destroyed. The insurance is not more than one-third. Eight horses perished in the stable, the loss there amounting to about $3,000. The fire jumped to C. D. Bailey's dry goods store, which is a total loss amounting to $25,000; insurance $8,000. Row & Book's grocery store went next, the loss being $6,000. J. Tice's restaurant was a total loss, including household effects, worth $3,000; no insurance reported. G. W. Campbell's merchant tailoring establishment sustained a severe loss, including one brick and one frame valued at $2,500; no insurance. At this point the fire jumped across the street to the Masonic Temple, which is a three-story structure, occupied below by G. Roland's general store. The damage to the Masonic Temple and Roland's amounts probably to $2,000, with no insurance reported. The opera house was entirely destroyed. It was a two-story double brick building valued at $10,000 and there was only $3,000 insurance. J. G. Roland's loss on his two story brick building is put at $5,000.

A clever forgery has been recently unearthed at Eldora. Mrs. F. L. Willis, of Hubbard, owns eighty acres of land. Her husband was in need of $2,200. She refused to mortgage her land. Willis, determined to raise the money, went to Eldora and arranged with a loan agent for the money. Returning to Hubbard, he made out the papers, forged his wife's signature to the mortgage and the notes, forged the name of W. E. Keenman as notary and walked into Keenman's office, stole his seal and made the impression beside the forged signature. Returning the papers to Eldora, the same were accepted by the loan agent, who immediately sent him a draft for the notes, payable to Mrs. Willis. Willis a fourth time forged his wife's name to the draft and afterward it cashed it at the Hubbard bank. This occurred in June. In August, being hard up for money, Willis again went to Eldora, arranged for a loan of $500 by second mortgage on the same land, and by a repetition of the same forgeries succeeded as before. The affair was not discovered until now. Willis was at once arrested at Hubbard and is now in jail awaiting trial. He is a very sharp man, but has been in a number of scrapes before. Six years ago he was arrested at Ackley on the charge of having set fire to his store building for the purpose of getting the insurance. It now looks possible for him to serve a term in Anamosa.

Burglars cracked the vault of the First National bank, at Brooklyn, but were unable to get into the safe. Their plunder consisted of some stamps and small change, worth in all less than $100.

A dispatch says: Please arrest said boy, Elmer E. Eddy, 14 years old, light hair, blue eyes, full, round face, black clothes bound with braid (Prince Albert), white shirt (coarse muslin, with old linen front), jeans pants underneath, blue cap, coarse shoes, dark socks. Please arrest and wire at once to Leander Eddy, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

2 One George Johnson and two or three other men were brought up to Albia from Hiteman under arrest by United States Marshal Wray charged with violations of the United States revenue laws. The marshal and his squad came into the city from the direction of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy depot and when about 150 yards south of the depot a lot of fellows in ambush in an alley rose and fired at the marshal, and George Johnson and his chums ran away and made their escape. Several small shot struck the marshal in the back, but he is not thought to be badly hurt.

ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS

MINE HORROR.

One Dead and Four Entombed With No Hope of Rescue.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Oct. 10.—One man is dead and four are enclosed in the mine, with all avenues of escape cut off, and twenty smothered by smoke and after damp, and the most disastrous mine fire ever known in the western anthracite coal fields is now raging in the Lukefielder colliery, as the result of a carpenter's negligence. Fifty-five other workmen employed in the mine had thrilling escapes, and they were compelled to grope their way through the smoke and noxious gases to reach air and safety. The fire started in the area way of shaft No. 1. The officials hold a man named Buffington, who is dead from suffocation, responsible for the disaster. George Brown and Anthony Boberthick, miners, Robert, a driver boy, and a Polish laborer, name unknown, are in the mine without hope of rescue. The mine is a mass of flames and cannot be approached from any direction. Buffington was engaged in retimbering the shaft, and disobeyed orders by lighting a naked lamp in the air course. A spark set fire to the timber and the current carried the flames through the dry wood with amazing rapidity with the results given. Buffington did not heed the warning of his comrades to fly for his life and was smothered. The men in the mine except the four escaped by another opening. It has been decided to drown out the fire, but it will require six weeks to fill the inside workings with water. Operations cannot be resumed at the mine for at least two years. It employed 900 men and boys.

CAN'T CUT WAGES.

Decision by Judge Woolson in the Wabash Case.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Oct. 12.—In the United States circuit court Judge Woolson gave a decision in regard to the petition last May by receiver J. F. Barnard, asking for permission to reduce the wages of the employes of the Omaha & St. Louis (Wabash) railway in accordance with a schedule drawn up by him The employes whose wages were to be affected filed a protest, and L. W. Ross was appointed master in chancery to hear the evidence on both sides and render an opinion on the facts involved. He heard the evidence last summer and recommended the schedule proposed by the receiver be concurred in. The evidence was heard by Judge Woolson at the term just closed. In his decision he recites the doctrine laid down in the recent decision of Judge Caldwell, that "The employes must be paid fair wages, even though no dividends be paid," and holds that the rule must govern, always keeping in mind the general rule that a court must turn the road out of the hands of receivers just as soon as such a thing can be safely done."

ANTI-HILL DEMOCRATS.

Everett P. Wheeler Named for Governor.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—The third state ticket has been put in the field by the democracy of Kings county, and it is expected it will be endorsed by the independent democrats throughout the state. The ticket presents as the candidate of the anti-Hill democracy for governor, Everett P. Wheeler, of New York City, and endorses the candidacy of the regular democratic nominee for lieutenant governor and judge of the court of appeals, Daniel L. Lockwood and Charles F. Brown. After having decided upon its candidates, Shepard's committee nominated Hon. Charles S. Fairchild for chairman of the campaign committee. Everett P. Wheeler is about 60 years of age and a lawyer of New York. He was one of the original founders of the old county democracy organization, one of the members of the committee of one hundred which organized the New York state democracy, and he is a member of the present committee of seventy.

THEY WILL FIGHT.

Corbett and Fitz Sign for July Next or After.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Corbett and Fitzsimmons agreed to sign articles for a fight to a finish at Jacksonville, Fla., for a purse of $11,000 and bets of $10,000 a side any time after July 1, next, the date to be left to the choice of the club, probably next fall. The arrangement was the result of a meeting of the men and their managers. It was not brought about without a wordy exchange, and it looked once or twice as if the principals would come to blows. Representatives of the Auditorium and Olympic clubs, of New Orleans, and the Florida Athletic club, of Jacksonville, Fla., were present and bid for the privilege of bringing off the fight. The Olympic club offered $50,000, but as its representative was not empowered to make a deposit, the contest went to Jacksonville.

JAPS AT CHE FOO.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—A dispatch to the Times from Yokohama repeats the report of the capture of Che Foo, and adds that the Japanese landed troops at Tarascada, near Port Arthur. The correspondent at Hong Kong telegraphs that the Chinese have closed the city of Foo Chow in preparation for a siege. A panic prevails at Pekin. The correspondent at Tien Tsin cables that 5,000 Russian troops are posted on the Corean frontier facing the Japanese forces at Hun Chun.

AMERICAN WHEAT.

Outlook Not Very Promising for Its Producers.

LONDON, Oct. 9.—The Times in its leader says that without an advance in prices the American farmer must eventually abandon wheat growing. The chances for advance are very small, as the railroads and steamers are likely to raise freights, because they have been carrying grain for almost nothing, and Argentine and India have not yet reached the lowest prices at which they can sell at a profit.

SELLS HIS DISCOVERY FOR $1,000,000.

Chemist Frank Schrage's Great Cure for Rheumatism Purchased by a Syndicate.

Only a few years ago Frank Schrage was a poor German immigrant without a home. Less than a year ago his only source of livelihood was the small income from his small drug store on North Clark street, Chicago. To-day he is a millionaire, as that fortune has just been paid him by a syndicate for a discovery in chemistry which is a sure cure for rheumatism. The contract was closed last week and the syndicate is granted the right to make use of the discovery, but the ingredients are not made known. Chemists have analyzed the discovery, which is in liquid form, but have not been able to discover the exact contents of the preparation. In not a single instance has the discovery failed to cure a victim of the disease, and hundreds of aggravated cases were presented for cure. The men who [illegible] right to use the discovery before they paid over their $1,000,000. C. F. Cook of Cook, Lyman & Seibas; H. E. Rycroft of Bartlett, Frazer & Co.; L. E. Murphy, H. J. Sheldon, E. B. Sackett and other members of the board of trade are some of the prominent business men it cured. D. B. Lyman, president of the Title and Trust company, is the lawyer who closed the deal, and C. F. Loesch, attorney for the Pennsylvania railroad also had something to do with it. One hundred thousand dollars in cash was paid and notes of $100,000 each, payable one each year, given.—Chicago Times.

Our reporter learns that Swanson Rheumatic Cure company, 167-169 Dearborn street, Chicago, is the company referred to above.

CAMPAIGN OF '96.

Views of Gen. Lew Wallace Regarding It.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 8.—Gen. Lew Wallace, the noted author, passed through the city on his way to the Pacific coast, where he will deliver a series of lectures. When asked as a friend of Gen. Harrison's what he thought was the attitude of the general in relation to the presidential nomination in 1896 he said: "I want it understood first of all that I do not pretend to speak authoritatively on this question, but my opinion is that Gen. Harrison will not be a candidate for the nomination in the active, pushing sense; in other words, he will not make a fight for the nomination. Candidly, I do not think he wants it. I believe Russell Harrison, in his statement to the press, has stated his father's position correctly. I believe David B. Hill will be the democratic nominee for president. He was the only democrat in the senate who showed any sagacity during the last session. But I do not finally believe he will accept the gubernatorial nomination in New York. He has everything to lose and nothing to gain by so doing. He has squeezed the orange thoroughly and is willing to give the rind to whoever may want it." Concluding, the general said: "I wish I felt as sure of eternal salvation as I do that this country will go republican in 1896."

BUILDING COLLAPSES.

Considerable Number Killed or Injured.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—A flimsily constructed seven-story building, uncompleted, collapsed during a gale. It fell upon and crushed a two-story building next to it, at 72 Monroe street, occupied by two families, with boarders. So far four bodies have been taken from the ruins: Bertha Krons and an unidentified woman, a man and a baby. Nine badly injured were also taken out: David and Fannie Krons, Louis, Bessie, Louis J. and Maurice Abrams, George Robinovitz, Joseph Brady and Timothy Dolan. Some of these are so badly injured that they may die. Four others less severely injured have been recovered from the ruins, and six are still to be accounted for. Following are the dead as far as known: Mrs. Bertha Krons, her son, Abraham Krons, Mrs. Jennie Steinman and her son, Myer Steinman, I. I. Abrams, Mrs. Bessie Abrams, Solomon Krons. The missing are Rose Abrams, aged 18, and Ella Abrams, aged 7, daughters of the above. The owner of the building has been arrested and the contractor is wanted.

TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE.

Two Hundred Persons Reported Killed.

PANAMA, Oct. 10.—A dispatch to the Star and Herald from Grenada, Nicaragua, says: "A terrible catastrophe has occurred here. The military barracks has been blown up and the whole quarter of the city has been badly damaged. The number of dead is estimated at 200 and the number of wounded much greater."

I. O. O. F. in Michigan.

HILLSDALE, Mich., Oct. 11.—Two hundred delegates assembled in this city yesterday to attend the annual encampment of the Michigan grand encampment of the I. O. O. F.

The Fat Man's Joy. Tilden's Patent shirt for fat men. W. Tilden, Des Moines.

Dr. A. Polasky, Eye and Ear Surgeon; office 418 Walnut St., Des Moines.

Park & Odell, Lawyers, Des Moines, Ia. Refer to any bank in Des Moines.

Hansen's Radical cough cure. Immediate relief and cures when others fail.

A certain scientist claims to have succeeded in tracing all man's diseases to the fact that he wears clothes.

All Chinamen start the journey of life on equal footing. Rank is conferred by the emperor, never inherited.

The man who would pay his debts if he could doesn't get along nearly as well as the man who could pay his debts if he would.

Paul Du Chaillu, who has studied 1,200 ancient sagas in Denmark, says they record the descriptions of five distinct voyages of the vikings from Iceland to this country.

In Sitka, when an Indian wife has lost her husband by death, she goes into mourning by painting the upper part of her face a deep black.

A woman about to sign a deed, the lawyer asked her whether her husband compelled her to sign. "He compel me!" said the lady; "no, nor twenty like him!"

He, tenderly—Do you believe in love at first sight? She, meaningly—I certainly believe that the more one sees of certain persons the less one likes them! And he changed his mind about proposing to her.

THE EASTERN WAR.

Chinese Greatly Excited by Japanese Movements.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 9.—The masters of Chinese junks from Che Foo report that they sighted a fleet of seventy Japanese transports and war ships entering the gulf of Pe-Chi-Li. After steaming westward some distance they altered their course to the northeast. The report has caused the greatest excitement here and elsewhere. It is believed this is the expeditionary force of 30,000 men from the Second Japanese army corps, convoyed by the Second Japanese squadron, which left Hiroschima September 26, under sealed orders, in command of Field Marshal Oyama. It is reported the Chinese are in full retreat from Moukden, which is threatened by the Japanese forces advancing from Corea and those landed near Possile bay, bordering on Corea and Manchuria. It is believed here the retreat from Moukden was the result of a hasty withdrawal for the purpose of opposing the projected landing of the Japanese expedition in the bay of Pei-Chi-Li or in the gulf of Lao-Ten. The Chinese have been hurriedly strengthening the fortifications of New Chwang in anticipation of a Japanese attack at that post. China has authorized the raising of a loan of ten million pounds sterling. One million has already been placed privately.

LOST $1,000.

An Illinois Farmer Victimized by an Old Game.

CARLYLE, Ill., Oct. 7.—Henry Keistel, a farmer living eight miles south-east of here, was victimized by three-card monte-men. Two well-dressed strangers called at his house, stating they wished to purchase his farm. After surveying the premises they accepted Keistel's terms. The two men and Keistel drove to town to close the deal. On their way to town they met a rural looking stranger, who displayed a gripsack full of money, stating it contained $12,000. He offered to wager $5,000 that Keistel could not pick three certain cards out of a deck. Keistel's companions exhibited $4,000. Keistel then drove to town and drew $1,000 out of the bank. They then accepted the wager, placing all the money together in a tin box, which was then locked. Heistel won the wager, his two companions telling him to take the box home with him and they would call the next day and divide. Upon arriving at home Kiestel opened the box. It contained waste paper. His $1,000 had disappeared. The swindlers escaped.

JAPS ARE ON TOP.

Chinese Do Not Deny the Mikado's Fleet Has Pe-Chi-Li.

TIEN TSIN, Oct. 12.—The Chinese officials no longer deny that the Japanese fleet command the gulf of Pe-Chi-Li. The Japanese admiral makes a leisurely visit to every important station weekly. A fleet of eight Japanese cruisers have sounded the entrance to the harbor of Wei-Hai-Wei and made observations at Port Arthur, keeping out of range of guns of the fort; returned to Wei, Hai-Wei, hovered around the entrance, drawing a few shots from the forts and finally steamed away toward Takua. Spies have been arrested at Port Arthur for cutting the wires connected with submarine torpedoes.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Yokohama says that the Japanese government has decided to raise an internal war loan of £10,000,000, which, together with the new taxation for war purposes, will bring the resources of the government up to £26,000,000. A minority in the cabinet favored a foreign loan, owing to the recency of the last internal one.

BERLIN, Oct. 12.—It is stated here that China has asked Germany to use her good offices with a view of terminating the war between China and Japan.

IOWA PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

DES MOINES, Oct. 8, 1894.—A Canada patent was issued October 3, to F. D. Stalford, of Des Moines, for his trace fastener for which a U. S. patent was granted to him July 31, 1894. The device is made of a single piece of wire that can be readily applied to a single-tree to securely retain a trace that is detachably connected with the end of the single tree.

I. Harvey, of Hartley, Iowa, has been allowed a patent for a wagon tire heater and hydro-carbon burner upon which tires can be readily placed and advantageously heated without using the old fashioned way of placing wood upon tires resting upon the ground and burning the wood and allowing much of the heat to be absorbed by the ground and carried off and wasted in the atmosphere.

I. T. Evans, of Des Moines, has been allowed a patent for new and useful improvements in his drag harrow for which the U. S. patent No. 210,311 was granted to him Nov. 26, 1878.

Three U. S. patents were issued to Iowa inventors last week. Printed copies of the drawings and specifications of any one patent sent to any address for 25 cents. Valuable information for inventors free.

THOMAS G. AND J. RALPH OBWIG, Solicitors of Patents.

Salt dissolved in alcohol will remove grease spots.

A gentleman must kiss every lady he is introduced to in Paraguay. It is the custom of the country.

"Well, Anna, have you found the rose for my hair yet?" "Yes, madam; but now I cannot find the hair."

Buss, to kiss; rebuss, to kiss again; blunderbuss, two girls kissing each other; omnibus, to kiss all the girls in the room.

He, floundering in the water—Quick, quick; give me your hand! She, coming up the last time—Oh, this is so, so sudden.

Lily—Mrs. Candour intimated the other night that your hair was not your own. Daisy—"His false! Lily—That's what she said.

The khedive of Egypt, like the Chinese emperor, takes more stock in his mothers advice than in that of any of his counsellors.

Mrs. Woolraff of Little Valley, N. Y., and Mrs. Howland of Napoli, N. Y., are two regularly ordained Congregational ministers.

A small mouth, according to a celebrated professor of physiognomy, shows great indecision of character and not a little cowardice.

Anything for a Change.

Gasswell—Have you heard of the increase in Hiland's family?

Dukane—No.

"Hiland is a father now."

"I'm glad of that."

"I can't imagine why you are glad. He'll talk about the kid continually."

"Certainly, but it will be a relief from his eternal talk about himself."

Always the Way.

"Jones failed in his last newspaper venture?"

"Yes."

"No ability?"

"Not a bit."

"What's he doing now?"

"Teaching a school of journalism."

A Wrong Diagnosis.

Wife—The doctor tells me that he thinks you have enlargement of the heart.

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