

Iowa State Bystander.

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DES MOINES, IOWA

Mary Owens of Chicago is said to be the only woman in the world who does regular police duty. Every husband can testify that this is incorrect.

According to a recent regulation, pupils in the schools of Saxony will hereafter be required to commit to memory 291 Biblical verses and 193 verses of hymns in addition to the catechism.

An Ohio speculator fainted when he saw that stocks in which he was interested were going down, and when he came to he found that he was many thousands of dollars richer than when he lost consciousness. Yet a few years from now he will tell his grandchildren that he made his money by economy, industry, and the exercise of his superior ability.

Exercise cannot with impunity be neglected, and should be taken regularly and in moderation. Most women would be all the better for walking four or five miles each day, and were they to do so, instead of depending so much on street cars, good complexions and trim figures would be far more common than they are among those who are no longer in their first youth.

The origin of the tiger as an emblem of Tammany is said by W. C. Montanye, a coffee and spice dealer, in New York, to date from the time when William M. Tweed, then foreman of "Big Six" fire company, took a fancy to a picture of a royal Bengal tiger in the elder Montanye's store in the '50's. Tweed adopted the emblem for the American club, and it soon was accepted by all Tammany.

A bill in the New York legislature proposes to give electric railway companies the same rights of condemnation as steam railways, with a view to promoting general competition with existing roads. The propriety of putting electric roads under regulations similar to those placed upon the steam roads with which they are expected to compete has taken form in some of the legislatures, and the Michigan house has passed a bill requiring owners and managers of interurban electric lines to equip their cars with lavatories, drinking water, axes, fire shovels and other appliances, the same as are required on steam railroad cars.

The omnigraph, as a new instrument designed to teach the art of telegraphy is called, consists of a baseboard on which are secured an ordinary key and sounder, between which a disk is mounted, forming on its periphery with teeth. A spring contact adjacent to the wheel engages the peripheral teeth of the disk. Although irregular, the arrangement of the teeth is arbitrary. For if the disk be rotated by means of a small crank shaft geared with the disk shaft, the spring contact is forced outwardly by the teeth, but drops back by its own elasticity and thus makes and breaks the circuit. The experienced telegraph operator detecting these makes and breaks at the sounder recognizes them as the dots and dashes of the Morse alphabet.

Omitting the cost of water and the products of the soda fountains, the American Grocer estimates that the national "drink bill" for beverages of all kinds amounted last year to more than twelve hundred and twenty-eight million dollars. Alcoholic liquors account for more than a billion dollars; coffee, for one hundred and twenty-five millions; tea for thirty-seven millions, and cocoa for six millions. Statistics are given to show that our consumption of alcohol is not increasing, and this, of course, is a thing to be thankful for; but the serious fact remains, that for these beverages—some of which are unnecessary, and others distinctly harmful—there is squandered every year money enough to provide the comforts of life for all who are in misery.

The old Scotchwoman who liked her minister because "he jumbles the joodment an' confounds the sense" would have appreciated a bit of British legislation which the premier seems to view with sardonic amusement. "In an act of Parliament," says Lord Salisbury, "which authorizes us to press forward technical instruction, it is distinctly said that technical instruction does not mean instruction in any art, or craft, or livelihood. Of course it is rather difficult under those circumstances to know what it does mean, but if you will go forward in the act of Parliament you will find that it means the cultivation of foreign languages." This is diverting indeed, but the humor of the thing does not limit its significance. Probably the British legislator did not know exactly what he did want. Assuredly he is not the first man who has found it hard to draw a clear distinction betwixt "you may, you must, you cannot, and you should."

A remarkable flint bowlder has been discovered in England. In a cavity within the bowlder was found a full-grown toad, which must, when young, have entered the hole in the stone by a small aperture. There the unfortunate prisoner waxed to adolescence, and probably may have died of chagrin that he had delayed his exit too long, for the hole afterward became silted up. The bowlder was exhibited recently before the Linnean society, and is eventually to be placed in the Brighton museum.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

WORK HAS BEGUN.

Contractor Has Commenced Grading the Iowa Falls Road.

Des Moines, May 21.—President Soule, of the Globe Construction company, of Chicago, which has the contract for the construction of the new Des Moines, Iowa Falls & Northern road, was in the city yesterday arranging for the commencement of the work on this end of the line. The work of construction was commenced out of Iowa Falls this morning with a considerable force of men and later in the week it is expected to establish several camps along the road between Iowa Falls and Cambridge. It is the intention to cross the Northwestern three miles east of Nevada and to cross the Milwaukee road at Cambridge. Mr. Soule thought that by June 1 work would be commenced at Des Moines, Berwick and Cambridge, and that from that time on would be carried on continuously all along the line until the road bed is completed. The contract held by Mr. Soule calls for the construction of a seventy-nine mile road from Iowa Falls to Des Moines through the Four Mile bottoms and along the north right of way of the Rock Island road.

WICKHAM IS ACQUITTED.

Sioux City Pastor Gets 28 Out of the 46 Votes and Is Vindicated.

Sioux City, May 21.—The trial of Rev. C. M. Wickham before members of the congregation of the First Christian church ended with an acquittal. Twenty-eight of the forty-six persons who had a voice in the verdict declared the pastor innocent of the charges which had been made against him, that he had been lugging and kissing young women in his congregation who were not members of his own family, and that he had attempted to entice Miss Cora Bateman into an act of criminal cohabitation with him. The result of the vote was no surprise.

McPherson After Bankrupt.

Judge of Federal Court Sees Morris Gluecklich of Perry.

Des Moines, May 24.—Judge Smith McPherson handed down an order and opinion yesterday in which he establishes a precedent in bankruptcy rulings that will tend to lessen the amount of fraud practiced in bankruptcy matters. In the case of Morris Gluecklich, a Perry merchant, the court ordered the petitioner to turn over to the trustee \$370.15 in money and 300 cans of canned goods within ten days, or go to the Polk county jail and stay there until the money and merchandise is placed in the hands of the trustee.

T. S. PARVIN IS VERY ILL.

Iowa Pioneer and Masonic Leader of the State Cannot Survive.

Cedar Rapids, May 23.—The family and friends of Theodore Sutton Parvin, secretary of the Iowa Masonic grand lodge, founder of the Masonic library and one of the pioneer law-makers and educators of Iowa, are seriously alarmed at his condition, which has taken a turn for the worse within the past few days. It is now thought that he can live but a short time. Tuesday he suffered greatly and yesterday he was exceedingly weak. He is 94 years old and no man in Iowa is more honored than he.

Spilt in Carroll County.

Carroll, May 22.—Carroll county's republican convention terminated yesterday in a sensational split as a climax to the hard bitter fight that has been waged between the Salinger and Garst factions for the control of the delegates to the senatorial and state convention. As a result of the trouble two delegations will be sent to Cedar Rapids, one for Cummins and Garst, and the other for Cummins and Dewing.

Child Terribly Injured.

Sioux City, May 22.—Mabel Dutton, aged 4 years, narrowly escaped a fearful death here in the park, where she was walking. A man was driving through the park, when his horse became unmanageable and plunged about furiously. She was caught under the animal's feet. She was found to have a terribly bruised and lacerated face, a broken arm and both legs terribly bruised.

Winterset Votes Franchise.

Winterset, May 22.—The proposition to grant the Des Moines Interurban Railroad company a franchise to build and operate an electric line in Winterset yesterday by a vote of 419 to 24. There was very little opposition to the project. The work was done for the proposition by residents of Winterset who wanted the line.

Love Affair Ends Fatally.

Oskaloosa, May 22.—George Boyers at Muchakinoek shot and fatally wounded Susie Larson. Both were colored. They were lovers and the shooting followed a violent quarrel in which Boyers accused Miss Larson of receiving attention from other men. Boyers escaped and has not been apprehended.

Sioux County for Cummins.

Rock Valley, May 24.—Sioux county convention endorsed Ed C. Brown for railroad commissioner and Hon. A. B. Cummins of Des Moines for governor.

Bremer for Harriman.

Waverly, May 22.—A solid delegation for Senator Harriman for governor was chosen by the Bremer county republican convention.

West Des Moines High School Wins.

Grinnell, May 20.—The State High School met was won by the West Des Moines high school by the narrow margin of one point. The scores of the schools securing the first three places were as follows: West Des Moines, 27; Grinnell, 26; Correctionville, 25.

Insurance Agent Arrested.

Dubuque, May 21.—Nic Engle, insurance agent, has been arrested on the charge of embezzling \$1,400 from Mrs. Mary A. Deuns. The late George B. Burch had \$30,000 insurance. It is said the estate will foot up over three-quarters of a million dollars.

NEWS IN GENERAL

KING HAD A NARROW ESCAPE.

On the Shamrock's Deck When Masts Were Carried Away.

London, May 23.—During the race between the two Shamrocks and the Sybarita, in the Solent yesterday, a sudden squall struck the yachts. The topmast of the Shamrock II was carried away and then her main mast went by the board, carrying all her sails with it and leaving her practically a wreck. The top sail of Shamrock I was also carried away in the squall. The squall struck the yachts broadside.

King Edward, desiring to take a more active part in the proceedings than was possible from the deck of the Erin, was taken on board the challenger, accompanied by Sir Thomas Lipton and two ladies. The preliminary starting signal was given from the Erin.

WEST POINT CADETS SUSPENDED.

Superintendent Mills Determined to Enforce Rules of School.

Washington, May 23.—The names of the cadets who have been dismissed from the military academy as the result of the recent disturbances there are as follows: Henry L. Bolby, John A. Cleveland, Tranget F. Teller, Raymond A. Linton, Birchie O. Mahaffey. All these cadets are of the second class. The dismissed cadets are from the following states: Bolby, Nebraska; Cleveland, Alabama; Teller, New York; Linton, Michigan; Mahaffey, Texas.

ENGINEER GETS \$100,000.

The Money Will Be Used to Start the North & South Railroad.

Nevada, May 22.—Word has been received from E. E. Hollister of Minneapolis, chief engineer of the North and South Railway company, which proposes to construct a railway from Osgo, Iowa, to Des Moines, that he is now on his way from New York City, where he has been assisting in financing the bond issue of the company; that he has with him papers which give a bank in this city and one in Des Moines authority to accept drafts to the amount of \$400,000 placed on deposit by the North American Trust company, as a preliminary fund to get the road started. R. A. Elzy of Marshalltown, who had the contract for building the road, will put a large force at work as soon as Mr. Hollister arrives here, which will be some time next week, as he will stop at Minneapolis to attend to some business for the road there. This makes the building of the road a practical certainty and is received as very good news by our citizens, who have taken a great interest in the ups and downs of the project.

AGAR PACKING HOUSE RUNNING.

Des Moines' New Packing House Now in Full Operation.

Des Moines, May 22.—The Agar Packing company ran the machinery at the packing house up to its capacity for four hours yesterday and killed a few over 450 hogs. About thirty head of cattle were also slaughtered. The run of yesterday and the work of the chill rooms since the first chill was made Saturday has demonstrated that all the machinery is in excellent working condition and today the house will be put on a full force and all the stock offered up to the capacity will be slaughtered.

Jumped Into Iowa River.

Iowa City, May 23.—Mrs. Anna Horskay, aged 46 years, committed suicide at 1 o'clock by jumping into the Iowa river just north of this city. She was despondent over the death of her mother two weeks ago. She proposed to her sister that they both jump into the river. The sister treated it as a joke. Shortly after midnight she awoke her husband, kissed him goodbye and then lay down on her bed again. Half an hour later her husband missed her and aroused the neighbors to search. Tracks of bare feet led to the river. The body was recovered.

Big Iowa Land Deal.

Onawa, May 21.—The old Addison Cochran ranch, owned the past few years by J. Z. Adams, was sold last week to A. D. Annis of Council Bluffs for \$55,685. This is one of the largest sales ever recorded in this section, and embraces some of the richest farming land in Harrison and Monona counties. Considerable of this land was entered by Addison Cochran in 1856.

Kick May Prove Fatal.

Riverton, May 23.—George Billings, a middle aged man who has been working on a farm for W. C. Fugitt, one mile south of town, was kicked just above the heart by a horse. It is thought by the attending physician that the wound will prove fatal. Mr. Billings is a married man and has three children.

Herrlott Gets Gutbrie.

Guthrie Center, May 24.—John Herrlott was allowed to select the sixteen delegates to the state convention. His candidacy for governor was endorsed with strong resolutions.

Library for Travelers' Use.

Des Moines, May 18.—The Iowa Masonic library of Cedar Rapids, which is now under the direction of N. R. Parvin, the deputy grand secretary and librarian, is establishing a new and interesting department called "Around the World by Pen and Camera." This is a collection of railway literature about various points of interest. It is intended to make it as nearly complete as possible and furnish a storehouse of information for prospective travelers and for everyone who may desire such information.

ALLEN FAVORS PRESENT PLAN.

Porto Rico's Governor Discusses the Question of Government.

Washington, May 23.—In the first annual report to the president Governor Charles H. Allen of Porto Rico expresses the belief that a scheme of colonial administration such as is found in Danish, French and English West Indies might be safely instituted on the island, but says that the form of territorial government adopted in the United States would not successfully apply.

Governor Allen believes that congress went as far as it could safely venture in the form of government existing on the island, and with good reason devoted to the work it will develop faster under such a form. The people of Porto Rico, he says, will advance more rapidly in their knowledge of civic virtues under a guidance of present methods than could be gained any other way.

The governor says that the climate of the island is an incentive to idleness and urges the introduction of fresh blood and Anglo-Saxon push and energy as a means of dispelling the lethargy and developing the riches of the country to their fullest measure.

BIG STRIKE HAS BEGUN

Machinists the Country Over Demand Nine-Hour Day.

Washington, May 21.—Approximately 50,000 machinists throughout the country struck for a nine-hour day; a scale of wages equal to the present ten hours per day scale, and other demands. This is the rough estimate of President O'Connell of the National Association of Machinists, based on the telegraphic advices that have reached him from the machinists' headquarters in the various cities. The strike thus far has not extended to the allied trades, save in one or two instances, as at Scranton, Pa., where men in a part of the allied trades are out. No machinists engaged in government work are affected. This is due to the fact that on such work an eight-hour day scale already prevails. Railroad machinists, as a rule, are not involved in the strike, though the men on several roads are out. The Central Vermont shop machinists at St. Albans, numbering probably 200, have struck. The Lehigh Valley railroad machinists at Buffalo, Sayre, Wilkesbarre and Elmira are out, aggregating about 500 all told. The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western men at Buffalo, Scranton, Wilkesbarre and intermediate points are out. The Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe men are also out. The strike order, however, does not apply to railroad men generally.

Washington, May 22.—The storm centers of the general strikes of machinists throughout the country yesterday were in the vicinity of Cincinnati, O., and on the Pacific coast. The number of firms that have signed agreements was augmented by about a hundred, which brings the aggregate of the establishments making the concessions to 1,000 in round numbers during the past three or four days. Save in one or two instances, as at Scranton, the allied trades have not yet been affected. It is claimed that the general headquarters of the machinists, however, that where agreements are not effected many of the men in the allied trades will go out in the individual shops where the machinists already are out. The estimate of President O'Connell of the National Association of Machinists as to the number of strikers remains at 50,000 approximately.

MRS. MCKINLEY'S CONDITION.

So Much Improved That She Will Be Removed to Washington.

San Francisco, May 18.—President McKinley described the marked improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition yesterday as a transformation. But, perhaps even the president of the United States may over state the ease in his elation at the prospect of his wife's recovery. Certain it is, however, that Mrs. McKinley's condition improved to an extent that fairly nonplussed the doctors, brightened the anxious and devoted husband and filled the city with joy and thanksgiving.

The sinking spell that was feared in the early hours before dawn when the tide flows out and the vitality of the world is at its lowest ebb, did not come.

San Francisco, May 21.—Although Mrs. McKinley's condition has greatly improved, her physicians have named a week or ten days as the shortest possible time in which she can gather strength to make the trip across the continent. The immediate members of the presidential party will therefore remain here for that length of time, though it is probable that the others will leave for the east during the present week.

They go direct from San Francisco to Canton. At Mrs. McKinley's old home, surrounded with familiar faces and with every comfort, it is expected that her recuperation will be more rapid than if she went to Washington.

San Francisco, May 23.—Mrs. McKinley's condition has improved so rapidly that official announcement has been made that the president expects to start for Washington "at urday."

Dowie Held to Grand Jury.

Chicago, May 24.—The coroner's jury which has for two days been listening to the evidence in the case of Mrs. Emma Lucy Judd, wife of one of the officials of John Alexander Dowie's Zion, returned a verdict holding Dowie, H. W. Judd, husband of the woman, and Mrs. Sprecher and Mrs. Bratsee to await the action of the grand jury.

Rejected Anti-British Resolution.

Brussels, May 23.—The senate by a vote of 37 to 22 rejected a resolution introduced by M. LaFontaine, socialist, declaring in favor of the Transvaal, and regretting that Belgium was powerless to do anything in the matter. The foreign minister, M. De Faverre, replying to the accusations made during the debate, that British soldiers had massacred Boer women and children, and had otherwise ill-treated the Boers, said Great Britain had carried civilization to all the countries of the world, and had everywhere defended liberty of the person and of conscience.

Carnegie's Gift to Universities.

London, May 21.—Andrew Carnegie has given \$2,000,000 to establish free education in four Scotch universities, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and St. Andrews. He stipulates that the beneficiaries be his "Scotch fellow countrymen" only, no English, Irish, colonial or foreigners. The fund will apply to medical as well as commercial education, and will be placed in the hands of trustees, who will pay the expenses of Scottish students benefited under the scheme.

Between the ages of one minute and eighteen years a girl is always interesting.

A FAMOUS OLD HOUSE.

The house of Walter Baker & Co., whose manufactures of cocoa and chocolate have become familiar in the mouth as household words, was established one hundred and twenty-one years ago (1780) on the Neponset river in the old town of Dorchester, a suburb of Boston. From the little wooden mill, by the rude bridge that arched the flood, where the enterprize was first started, there has grown up the largest industrial establishment of the kind in the world. It might be said that, while other manufacturers come and go, Walter Baker & Co., go on forever.

What is the secret of their great success? It is a very simple one. They have won and held the confidence of the great and constantly increasing body of consumers by always maintaining the highest standard in the quality of their cocoa and chocolate preparations, and selling them at the lowest price for which unadulterated articles of good quality can be put upon the market. They welcome honest competition; but they feel justified in denouncing in the strongest terms the fraudulent methods by which inferior preparations are palmed off on customers who ask for and suppose they are getting the genuine articles. The best grocers refuse to handle such goods, not alone for the reason that, in the long run, it doesn't pay to do it, but because their sense of fair dealing will not permit them to aid in the sale of goods that defraud their customers and injure honest manufacturers.

Every package of the goods made by the Walter Baker Company bears the well-known trade mark "La Belle Chocolatiere," and their place of manufacture "Dorchester, Mass." Housekeepers are advised to examine their purchases, and make sure that other goods have not been substituted.

An attractive little book of "Choice Recipes" will be mailed free to any housekeeper who sends her name and address to Walter Baker & Co., Ltd., 158 State Street, Boston, Mass.

The man who runs for an office usually rides there in his carriage after he gets it.

At the coronation of Edward VII. an official order will regulate the length of the train to be worn by each noble lady. The train of a duchess must be just three yards long; that of a marchioness two and a half; a countess, two yards; a viscountess, a yard and a half; while the baroness is limited to one yard.

A railroad attorney just back in Washington from the south went to South Carolina on the same train with Senator Tillman and Mrs. Tillman a few days ago. "We had seats in a parlor car," said the attorney, "and were comfortable if not luxurious. I knew Tillman to be such an outspoken advocate of the 'plain people' that I was surprised, after serving six years in Washington, that parlor cars were not against the principles of true democracy. However, I found that that was not the case, for when the train reached the South Carolina line Senator Tillman and his wife gathered up their belongings and moved forward to a plain, ordinary day coach. They were too wise to ride through their own state in an expensive upholstered car."

Lord Kitchener has a laconic way with him. Not many weeks ago a company of Colonials were detailed off to capture a Boer laager. A friendly Boer volunteered to show the way and left them, when within sight of the fires of the Boer laager, to make the assault as soon as dawn appeared. Dawn came only to find the Britishers themselves surrounded by Boers. There was one gap in the cordon, and for this gap the Yeomanry made, their officer at their head, leaving their Colonial comrades with the guns to tackle the Boers as best they could. In due course the Yeomanry came to General Clements' camp, and he wired to Lord Kitchener: "Company your Yeomanry turned up; what shall I do with them?" The reply was almost immediate: "Keep them as far from me as they kept from the Boers."

The London papers state that \$175,000 were expended in the funeral of Queen Victoria. Nelson's and Pitt's cost \$200,000, and Wellington's almost \$350,000.

Mrs. James R. Smith of Matinsville, Va., is the mother of eighteen children. She lately gave birth to a fourth set of twins.

The late John M. Palmer was one of the wits of public life. When he retired from the senate he was not discouraged, but said: "I come into fashion about every ten years in Illinois."

Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland has redeemed a promise made to his school girl daughter by purchasing for her a \$1,000 automobile. One night recently she asked for an automobile, and Mr. Johnson finally declared he would purchase the best steam carriage in the city the moment she learned to operate one. The subject passed out of his mind until Thursday, when he espied a young woman skillfully operating an automobile at high speed down the street. She brought the automobile up in front of him with a sharp turn. Mayor Johnson went directly to the supply house, turned in the rented vehicle, and the young woman came away with her own automobile.

During the boom days in a small town in southern California, when town lots were staked out all over the country, a Mr. Brown offered to sell a Mr. Jones some of his town lots. Mr. Jones was not ready to buy, but offered in exchange some of his land, asking Mr. Brown to show him the lots. They stepped into a buggy, and after quite a drive came to Brown's lots, some distance from the main part of the town. Mr. Jones thought they were nice level lots, and, encouraged thereby, Brown asked him: "Now, where is your land situated?" "My land?" repeated Jones; "oh, that is between here and the town!" Naturally, the trade did not go through.