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How would you like to be the mail carrier?

Those eggs from China must be of near-storage variety.

Still this is the kind of winter we are all supposed to like.

The monorail train is the only rival the flying machine has.

Ear tabs may feel heavenly, but they look like the dickens.

The Furnace to the Man of the House—You may begin firing whenever you are ready.

Age cannot stifle the infinite variety of embellishment. An 87-year-old embezzler has been discovered at Rockford, Ill.

In New Jersey a chrysanthemum has been picked 16 inches in diameter. Pretty fair for a little runt like Jersey.

Strawberries at one dollar a quart are on sale in Texas. The Texas shortcake must mean all the name implies.

Those anxious to escape the moving pictures can find refuge in the Coliseum at Rome. You're not allowed to see um there.

That was indeed a grave offense for which a Chinese viceroy has been deposed—misconducting the funeral of the dowager empress.

A Lake Erie freighter with a cargo of flaxseed, has foundered. Many a Buffaloian with a boll on his neck will wait leisurely in vain.

A tale alumnus offers \$100,000 for an adequate remedy for tuberculosis. While appreciating his generosity it would be cheap at the price.

The gold production of this country just about equals the candy output. Unlike almost everything else, candy is never subject to overproduction.

Here is a problem pleasanter to work on than the "twice zero" enigma: How long does it take a cake of butter to melt between two hot buckwheat cakes?

Do business many a married man will clip out and take home a Chicago judge's ruling that a wife has no real right to warm her cold feet on her husband's back.

A woman in Milwaukee was operated on to remove a sponge left in her body by a careless surgeon. The first operation was evidently one of an absorbing nature.

According to the Charleston News and Courier a man is at his best at 33. Undoubtedly he is, only some men are 33 at 21, others not until they are 60, and some men never are 33.

Government scientists are planning to rob the unripe persimmon of its astringent qualities. Doubtless they will next try to make a palatable breakfast food out of wild oats.

A divorce play which had created a sensation in Paris was a flat failure in New York. It was too much like putting on a play with the cooking of an ordinary meal as the main theme.

The new administration in Turkey has decided that Mussulman women must not appear unveiled in the streets of Constantinople. Evidently things over there have begun to slip backward again.

A big batch of members of the Black Hand is said to be planning to leave Europe for America. Some of them have been expelled from countries where they have been carrying on operations and are represented to be seeking a more promising field here. But our authorities have been duly warned, the immigration officials are keeping a sharp lookout and should the Black Handers arrive they will get anything but the glad hand.

Those melancholy days have come, in some respects the saddest of the year, when the English tailor reaches out yearningly to make the American man. There are already plates in the papers of the threatened British styles. Condescendingly we are told that Americans are really though gradually learning how to dress. An approach to the feminine waist is suggested in the London design as a step further in the right way.

The world is full of men who would help others, in a charitable or religious way, but do not know how to go about it. They are willing to give their money if they knew the actual need, or to lend a hand if the object of their care would be really benefited. In lieu of a definite call to duty, in which one may have absolute confidence, there is a suggestion to be made, which is, that a manly, upright, helpful, righteous life is itself a powerful promoter of good in a community.

Although it is well known that oysters are planted, it seems funny that it is the department of agriculture that is to inspect all the oyster beds and the stations from which the bivalves are shipped. The yearly output of oysters on the Atlantic coast is valued at nearly \$20,000,000. A very great part of the trade being interstate, the traffic becomes subject to federal regulation and inspection. We may expect to see the oyster swell with pride and become more cleanly than ever in his person and surroundings as a special ward of Uncle Sam.

A Cornell university professor has mathematically ascertained that the average lifetime is lengthened one year each century. This does not add much to the length of a man's life who lives less than a century.

A singular incident occurred in New York city the other day, when a policeman captured a supposed burglar, sent a bullet through his own finger, the ball then entering the body of the captive. That suggests the old story of the gun that could shoot around a corner.

WOULD TEST GRAIN

Laboratory Is Plan of Iowa Miller's Association.

WILL INCREASE THE YIELD

Analytical Tests Will Be Made in Laboratory for Benefit of Iowa Wheat Growers—Yield 7,000,000 Bushels Annually.

Des Moines, Jan. 21.—Iowa, one of the richest agricultural states in the union, may, in the next few years, become richer by \$5,000,000 a year if the plans of the millers are carried out by the farmers.

By action of members of the Iowa Millers' association in convention here \$5,000 was appropriated for the establishment of a testing laboratory in Des Moines to chemically determine the relative qualities of wheat grown all over the state.

Data secured by such analytical tests will be sent to every farmer in Iowa and recommendations as to the best kind of wheat and other grains to sow will be made. H. A. McDonald, president of the Iowa Millers' association, expressed great confidence in the plans of the millers to increase both the quantity and the quality of the wheat yield.

"Iowa's annual wheat yield" said Mr. McDonald "is about 7,000,000 bushels. By means of the proposed chemical tests we expect to increase the yield to 12,000,000 bushels a year. That means about \$12,000,000 annually in the pockets of the farmers of the state."

Brought Back to Life.
Dubuque.—One of the most remarkable cures ever effected and one which savors strongly of the miraculous is that of Sister Mary Carmelita, member of the Order of Charity at Mount Carmel in this city. Three years ago while engaged in varnishing the floors, Sister Carmelita was the victim of a terrible burning, the flames originating from spontaneous combustion. Two-thirds of her body was sacrificed, the skin having been entirely consumed.

For nearly three years the sister lay upon her bed and it was believed she would never again walk. New skin was the long chance she had for recovery and the outlook seemed hopeless. Fifteen members of the order, friends of the afflicted one came forward and volunteered their skin, undergoing the operation preliminary to the grafting process that meant so much to their friend. The process represented three distinct operations for Sister Carmelita. She passed through them with Spartan fortitude and last week for the first time in three years she took her first steps. The recovery is the most remarkable in the history of skin grafting operations.

Sac County Fair.
Sac City.—The Sac county fair will be held this year Aug. 9, 10, 11 and 12. At a recent meeting of the fair association it was decided to build a stock pavilion in the near future. The following directors were elected: C. F. Brobbel, Robert Leach, Theodore Huser, George A. Heagy, S. L. Watt, W. C. Lookingbill and L. A. Wine. The following officers were elected: W. L. Stum, president; Robert Leach, vice president; S. L. Watt, secretary; G. W. Strohmeyer, assistant secretary; George B. Perkins, treasurer.

Sandwich Causes Death.
Ida Grove.—Col. L. K. Page of Salem, Ore., who recently visited his old home in this city, where for thirty years he was a prominent and much-loved citizen, was taken ill near Salt Lake City while on the way back west and died of ptomaine poisoning. A ham sandwich he ate for lunch caused his death. He was 65 years old and a veteran of the war.

New Sugar Factory at Mason City.
Mason City.—Representatives of the Iowa Sugar company of Waverly announced here that their company would build a factory in this city the coming season. More acreage of beets has been secured within a radius of twenty miles of Mason City than was thought, the total now about 600, with over 400 at Clear Lake.

Dubuque Firm Has Big Loss.
Dubuque.—A \$3,000 loss was sustained by the oxidation of iron in the Klaur Manufacturing company when a weight of snow crushed the roof, exposing to the elements \$150,000 worth of galvanized iron.

Unknown Man Dies.
Estherville.—The unknown man picked up by the passenger train on the Rock Island supposed to be Oscar Hansen, died at the city hospital here. It is thought his body will be sent to the University of Iowa.

Poultry Show at Shenandoah.
Shenandoah.—The Southwestern Iowa Poultry association gave its annual show here and it was the best display of fancy birds ever in this corner or the state. All the leading varieties of chickens, geese and ducks were shown.

Fishermen Fined \$2,000.
Hawarden.—Charged with illegal fishing, ten men were arraigned before Justice King and fined \$200 each. An appeal bond was signed and the case may reach the supreme court.

Knoxville Farmer Demented.
Knoxville.—David Bell, a rich retired farmer from the northern part of Lucas county, was found wandering about the streets of Knoxville in a demented condition and nearly frozes from a night of exposure.

Woman Injured in Accident.
Harlan.—In a wreck on the Northwestern near Kirkman, all the cars left the track and one passenger car was turned over. Miss Cricket had her arm broken. The accident was caused by a broken rail.

Celebrities at Banquet.

Council Bluffs.—Several celebrities were present at the annual banquet of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, held at the Grand hotel. There were 100 guests present.

At the speakers' table were seated the following: Mrs. Dayton W. Bushnell of Council Bluffs, vice president general of Iowa; Miss Harriet Lake of Independence, state regent; Mrs. A. K. Gault, regent of the Omaha D. A. R.; Mrs. Thomas Metcalf of Council Bluffs, vice state regent; Mrs. Anna Johnston of Humboldt, state historian; Mrs. Donald MacRae regent of Council Bluffs D. A. R.; the Rev. Marcus P. McClure and Gen. Greaville M. Dodge.

Judge Smith McPherson, who was to have been present, wrote that he was detained at home, convalescing from an attack of ptomaine poisoning. He sent his address, which was read by another.

To Jail for Six Months.
Logan.—Mrs. Grace Rounds pleaded guilty to the charge of bigamy and was given a sentence of six months in jail. Mrs. Rounds seems to have been of the opinion that her former husband had secured a divorce and that she had a legal right to marry again, but no record was to be found concerning the divorce proceedings on the part of her former husband.

Miss Warren Gets Fine Place.
Ottumwa.—Miss Arletta Warren, now at the state normal at Madison, S. D., has been elected to the chair of English and literature at Parsons' college at Fairfield in place of Miss Cora D. Smiley who resigned. Miss Warren is a graduate of Wooster university and got her doctor's degree from the University of Michigan.

Many Short Course Prizes.
Marshalltown.—Over \$1,000 in prizes has been hung up for the annual session of the Central Iowa Short Course association, to be held during the week of Feb. 7. The sum of \$100 will be paid to children of the graded and rural schools of the county for proficiency in oratory and spelling.

Silas Bailey Falls Heir to \$4,000.
Bloomington.—By the will of Thomas Bailey, a wealthy pioneer at Camp Point, James W. Harlan, of Iowa, is given realty valued at \$50,000. Silas Bailey, a brother, of Des Moines, is given \$4,000 in cash and realty. Other leading heirs are located at Phillips, Maine, and Lynn, Mass.

Small Boy Loses Leg.
Bloomington.—Glen Gandy, age 12, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gandy of near this city, had his right leg entirely amputated at the local hospital, as the result of tuberculosis of the bone, which was caused by wading in poisoned water last summer.

Robber Injures His Victim.
Mason City.—In an encounter with a holdup man at Nora Springs, Jack Gardner, manager of the Clear Lake baseball team last year, had all his front teeth knocked out by a blow from an assailant who demanded his money. Gardner was awaiting a train at the junction.

Senator Ericson to Tour World.
Boone.—Senator C. J. Ericson will leave in about ten days for a seven months' tour of the world, starting from San Francisco, taking in the Philippines and Japan. He will then proceed to Europe and attend the session in May at Oberammergau.

Waterloo Women Robbed.
Waterloo.—While Miss Frances Groat and Miss Tate, teachers in the East Waterloo schools, were attending a lecture at the First Baptist church, their home was entered and ransacked by burglars who stole about \$100 worth of valuables.

No Trace of Murderers.
Marshalltown.—There is every prospect that the brutal murder of Wello Tsosoff, the Bulgarian section hand, will go unavenged and that it will be added to the list of murder mysteries of this county that have never been fathomed.

Muscatine a Model City.
Muscatine.—Muscatine may rightfully claim to be a model city now. For the first time in the history of the county, the grand jury met without a criminal investigation in prospect. It is believed that the condition exists through the abolition of saloons.

Pocahontas Bank Makes Assignment.
Pocahontas.—W. D. McEwen, president and owner of the City Exchange bank, has made an assignment to L. C. Thornton and O. H. Malcom. The liabilities are about \$40,000. The assets are figured all the way from \$60,000 to \$75,000.

Street Car Men Held.
Waterloo.—Otto Woodyard conductor, and W. H. Smith, motorman, of Cedar Rapids, have been bound over to the grand jury charged with criminal negligence as a result of the street car wreck here three weeks ago.

Wife Insane Over Her Husband.
Davenport.—Mrs. Lena Raft, wife of John Raft, who killed himself in the back yard of an undertaker's establishment, became a raving maniac when the news was taken to her.

Paroled Convict Disappears.
Vinton.—George Gilbert, a paroled convict from the state reformatory who has been working here since he was released, has disappeared leaving debts of \$80. The governor will be asked to apprehend him and return him to the reformatory.

Man Crushed Under Coal.
Waterloo.—Crushed under fifteen tons of coal in the Illinois Central yards, Rollo A. Beck, 27 years old, died in an ambulance while on the way to the hospital.

THE SEASON OF INCONSISTENCY.



EARLY SOME MORNING. AND A LITTLE LATER.

DECLARE BOYCOTT ON MEAT

CLEVELANDERS WILL BAR ANIMAL FLESH 30 DAYS.

Wage Earners Plan to Aid Authorities in Probing High Cost of Living.

Cleveland, O.—Superintendents and foremen of 21 large Cleveland manufacturing concerns, to the number of 640, have taken a pledge to boycott meat for 30 days, and will extend it to two months if necessary.

In addition to agreeing to do without meat themselves, the superintendents and foremen have promised to induce as many as possible of the 7,000 employes under them to dispense with the food for the same period. If the employes enter into the pact approximately 30,000 Clevelanders will abstain from meat during the next month.

The pledge follows:
1. We as wage earners, are willing to assist both the state and the municipalities in probing into the high cost of living, particularly the cost of meats, which is prohibitive.

2. This agitation can best become effective by refraining from eating meat for a period of 30 days.

3. If this does not bring the price of meat within the means of poor people, then we will refrain from eating meat for 60 days.

4. We, citizens, do hereby ask our representatives in each councilman's district and the legislative bodies to keep this agitation uppermost in their minds and actions until the result manifests itself.

5. We ask the co-operation of all persons who are interested in fair play and the future of our otherwise prosperous country.

6. This self-denial to take effect January 17 and continue henceforth. "No shops have closed as yet," declared A. S. Pickering, secretary of the dealers' organization, "but we will feel the strike."

Akron and Toledo joined in the circulation of petitions and preachers over the state announced sermons on the topic of high food prices for next Sunday. In Columbus Representative Tidrick of Carroll county offered a joint legislative resolution calling on all congressmen in Ohio to fast for a week, so far as meat and other high priced articles of diet are concerned.

Representative Calvey of Cuyahoga county introduced a resolution calling on the national congress to suspend or repeal the Payne tariff duties on food articles the price of which it is believed is affected by monopolistic control.

SLAYER HAS COLD HEART

Alleged Murderer of Girl Spurns Offer of Forgiveness from Victim's Mother and Sister.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Mrs. Susan Lee, a Dowlette, of Zion City, Ill., and her daughter came here to forgive George L. Marlon, the New York theatrical man, who, it is alleged, murdered her daughter here last August, but she was spurned by Marlon, who declined to pay any attention to her.

Mrs. Lee as a Dowlette believes in forgiving those who have wronged her. When Marlon was brought into court she advanced, extended her hand and murmured that she had come to tell him she forgave him. Marlon ignored her and turned away and then her daughter, Miss Grace Lee, also extended her hand. "We forgive you and have come to help you," she said. Marlon turned away exclaiming "I don't know who you are."

France Honors Correspondent.
Washington.—The cross of the Legion of Honor has been conferred upon Howard Thompson, Paris correspondent of the Associated Press, according to information received in this city Wednesday by his sister.

East St. Louis, Ill.—J. H. Potts, 62 years old, dropped dead from excitement in a bowling alley when his son, Thomas Potts, won the city championship by his team by making a strike on his last ball.

\$173,000 Theft Bill Wins.
Washington.—The house committee on claims Monday reported favorably a bill to reimburse William Boldenweck, assistant United States treasurer at Chicago, for the \$173,000 stolen from the treasury there in February, 1907.

Live Wire Burns Man to Death.
Rochester, N. Y.—Frank Brown, Monday, fell upon a live electric cable in the plant of the Rochester Railway and Light Company, which ignited his clothing, burning him to death.

Southern Lemon Famine Ended.
New Orleans.—The end of a lemon famine in New Orleans and other southern cities came Wednesday with the arrival of the steamship Marie Maxell, long overdue, with a cargo of 6,000 boxes of lemons from Sicily. During the last week lemons have been sold as high as \$15 a box.

Eight Hurt in Car Crash.
San Francisco.—Eight persons were injured, four suffering leg fractures, in a collision Wednesday between cable cars on Castro street hill.

OF WORTH IN HIS BUSINESS

Boy Detective Congratulates Himself That His First Name is Easily Pronounced.

"It's a lucky thing for me," said Bill Butts, the Boy Detective, to himself, "that my folks were plain people and believed in plain names. Supposing, for instance, I had been named after the fashion of my distinguished kinsman, Archie Butts, the military factotum of President Taft."

"I'm out on the case and I've trapped my man. I stand facing him fearlessly with a scowl on my face."

"And who are you?" he asks. "Archibald Williamson De Graffenreid Butts, the Boy Detective!" I answer.

"Honestly, I believe I'd have to go through my man would be on the next block. That's why I say that my folks were sensible, plain people and named me plain Bill, which is of great value in my profession."

PATIENCE UNREWARDED.

President Taft to Lend Support for Raising Sunken Battleship in Havana Harbor.

Washington.—President Taft, it is authoritatively learned, is in favor of raising the wreck of the American battleship Maine, which rests at the bottom of the harbor of Havana, in a friendly republic.

This attitude of the president is of the highest and perhaps decisive importance toward the solution for the time of the question which was permitted to remain unsolved during the administration of President McKinley and his successor, President Roosevelt, who was assistant secretary of the navy for some months prior to the Spanish-American war.

President Taft, in other words, will lend his support to a bill introduced in congress for the raising of the wreck and when it is raised all the world will know whether the explosion originated inside or outside of the vessel.

President Taft evidently does not fear the result.

Rear Admiral Sigbee, who commanded the warship on the night she was blown up, is in favor of raising the vessel.

INDIANA BANK CLOSES DOORS

Directors Order Citizens' National of Evansville Temporarily Closed—President a Borrower.

Evansville, Ind.—The Citizens' National bank of this city has closed its doors, temporarily at least, and is in the hands of J. C. Johnson, a national bank examiner, who will fully investigate its affairs.

A leading banker of the city said he had been reliably informed that the losses would wipe out the capital, surplus and undivided profits, which would make a loss of \$267,000.

It is stated that Capt. S. P. Gillett, president of the bank, was a borrower to the amount of \$50,000, and that William L. Swormstedt, cashier, had paper up for \$20,000. The legal limit to which a national bank officer can borrow from his bank is ten per cent. Capt. Gillett, however, it is said, has made over his home property to the bank.

PNICHOT IS GIVEN OVATION

Ex-Forester Before Civic Federation Who Cheer Him Five Minutes—Makes Brief Speech.

Washington.—When Gifford Pinchot, ex-forester of the United States, walked to the rostrum at the meeting of the Civic federation Monday he was accorded a reception that bordered on riot. Men stood on chairs waving hats and umbrellas, while the women shook their handkerchiefs. The cheering lasted nearly five minutes.

Mr. Pinchot, his face one broad smile, was taken off his feet. He had expressed some doubt as to how he would be received, in the face of the recent expression of executive disapproval. His speech was characteristically brief. He made no reference to the recent controversy.

South Dakota Corn Show.
Mitchell, S. D.—One of the biggest agricultural events of the year in South Dakota, the state corn show, opened here Monday and attracted farmers from all over that part of the northwest. The corn palace, which has been standing for 12 years, has been covered with new corn and makes a fine appearance.

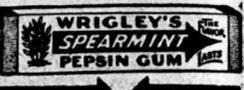
Another Record is Broken.
Los Angeles, Cal.—Fighting against a gale of wind which had driven balloonists to cover, Louis Paulhan of France Tuesday succeeded in making a 45-mile cross country flight in a Farman biplane. He broke the world's record for such an aerial voyage and won a prize of \$10,000.

The world's cross country record for aeroplane flights was held by S. F. Cody, who covered 40 miles in 63 minutes at Aldershot, England, last October. Paulhan made his 45 miles in 62 minutes and 42 1/2 seconds.

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