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The auto can beat the old Gretna Green chaise.

French experiments with an aero mail service may result in a drop in postage.

Still, there is no pity for the poor baseball players, who are bought and sold like so many tubs of butter.

Perhaps the champion idiot and criminal combined is the person who abouts "Fire!" in a crowded theater.

What if the beef prices are going up? The doctors tell us that we have been eating too much of it, anyway.

A New York woman killed another with a hatpin, but the death was due to carrying concealed liquids.

A Newark fan dreamed he was sliding for home—he bumped his head on the floor hard, and found he was home.

A French scientist declares that the body rests more quickly after fast work, but even this is no excuse for the joy rider.

Too many babies are killed by their gushing out loose window screens. It seems like a foolish waste of perfectly good babies.

A Kentucky minister has figured out that heaven is a structure 792,000 stories high. Let us hope that it has adequate elevator service.

Science, it is asserted, has solved the mystery of the Sphinx, but hardly anybody can solve the mystery of a boiled egg until after breaking it.

A Chicago pastor says: "Wait until you are burning with an idea before putting pen to paper." Yes, and then call out the fire department instead.

The bobolinks are flying toward the rice fields of Louisiana. This may mean an early fall and again it may simply mean that the birds are hungry.

Laundrymen prefer Pittsburg as the scene of their convention in 1912. There are reasons why laundrymen should have an affection for Pittsburg.

"Is a chicken an animal?" must be decided by a judge at Fort Chester, N. Y. The half-dollar table d'hôte chicken is suspected of being a mineral.

In due time there will be angry farmers watching with shotguns to keep some trans-continental flier from alighting in their cornfields with his aeroplane.

A Rochester girl refused a young man twelve times because he smoked cigarettes, but not more than one girl in twelve would refuse a man once for that reason.

One nice thing about an aeroplane race is that you can see the racers occasionally even if a tall man or a fat woman happens to be directly in front of you.

The Frenchman who has succeeded in "photographing thought" has perhaps pointed the way to getting the truth from witnesses who find it convenient to forget.

A college professor comes to the front to announce that vacations are dangerous. If he got among a crowd of enraged vacationists he would find them even more so.

A man in Atlantic City has advertised that he is lost. Why should he go to that trouble, when, according to some ministers, most of the people there are in the same condition?

Up in Wisconsin a man dived into the water and caught a 22-pound muskellunge. Down in Texas they are killing mountain lions with jackknives. We need a floss.

"Drop in and dine any day" will not be a fashionable invitation much longer if aviators take up the custom of dropping in through the roof as the one in Atlantic City did.

The announcement that from 1,750,000 to 2,000,000,000 bacteria are contained in a cubic centimeter of ice cream must go unchallenged on our part for lack of time in verifying the figures.

A Boston girl of seventeen years old has become the bride of a Chinaman. Perhaps she wants to be sure that it will never be necessary for her to do the family laundry work herself.

There has been a revolution in Ecuador, but we have not been able to find out whether it was necessary or just indulged in because the revolutionists felt the need of practice.

Several cases have occurred of eyesight threatened or lost by the inordinately long hatpin point. Unless women realize themselves that this is a constant and serious menace and restrict the length of the sharp pin, some steps will have to be taken to protect the general public from this dangerous nuisance.

A Chicago man has been bequeathed a million dollars on condition that he will not drink or gamble until he is sixty. Pretty tough, to have to start such a pace at that time of life.

This has been a summer of intense heat and violent storms. Rarely has lightning struck so often with such dire results, and heavy downpours of rain have played havoc with crops in many parts of the country. Legions of farmers have been enormous, and in many ways the season has been abnormal.

SOLD FOR \$402,000

Atlantic Railway Brings More Than The Creditors Expected

LARGE NUMBER OF BIDDERS

New Purchaser States That Road Will Be Extended Through Atlantic and Guthrie Center to State Capital.

Atlantic.—Col. George Adams of Council Bluffs, president of the Omaha & Iowa railroad, extending from Council Bluffs to Treynor, was the highest bidder on the Atlantic Northern and Southern road at the receiver's sale here. His bid was \$492,050, or \$100,000 higher than anyone expected. The sale was attended by over 1,000 farmers and business men. The bid, if paid into the court, will protect all of the lien holders against the road and some of the judgment creditors. Colonel Adams says he intends to extend the road at once from Treynor to Atlantic and thence through Guthrie Center to Des Moines. It is reported that during the afternoon he received two telegrams from Leslie M. Shaw, advising him to what limit he might go in bidding. The bids will be reported to the district court and the money is payable to the court in ten days, if the court accepts the bid.

Farmer Must Pay Damages.

Des Moines.—Ben Banning, a wealthy farmer living near Des Moines, must pay damages to Miss Lettie Lauer amounting to \$8,000 for breach of promise. The supreme court overruled Banning's motion for a new trial in the case. Miss Lauer was housekeeper for Banning on his farm for a number of years. She filed suit three years ago, alleging that he had promised to marry her, and asked damages in the sum of \$25,000.

Escapes U. S. Marshal.

Council Bluffs.—United States Marshal Bidwell of Des Moines had a series of exciting encounters with Arthur Bridgford of Atlantic, a federal prisoner. Bidwell arrested Bridgford at Atlantic in a bank. Bridgford quickly peeled off his coat and was out of the grasp of Marshal Bidwell, but was overhauled, and while nearing this city, on a Rock Island train, Bridgford again escaped, leaping from the moving train.

Seed Corn Roberts Released.

Council Bluffs.—Judge McPherson, in federal court ordered the release of E. D. Roberts of Red Oak, charged with obtaining money illegally in the sale of seed corn. Roberts escaped prosecution in district court at Vinson on a technicality and his case attracted wide attention. The court scooped Roberts, but dealt leniently with him.

Finiah Big Pack.

Belle Plaine.—The Belle Plaine Canning company has finished the pack of sweet corn for this season, putting up over 1,200,000 cans of fine corn, which is worth to the canning company about \$65,000, and took 650 acres of ground to grow.

Sues Iowa Central.

Sheffield.—A spark from an Iowa Central engine which is, alleged to have caused the fire that destroyed the Hampton Electric Light & Power company's plant last spring is the basis of a suit brought by the light company against the railroad for \$9,500 damages.

Iowa Girl to Marry Nobleman.

Sioux City.—Miss Tess Davidson, daughter of Ben Davidson, a Sioux City merchant, will become the bride of Signor Alde de Zullaine of Venice, a member of the Italian nobility.

Rob Millinery Store of Plumes.

Cedar Rapids.—Nearly a thousand dollars' worth of willow plumes, such as are used to ornament women's hats, were stolen from the millinery store of F. W. Fisher here.

Sioux City Pioneer Dead.

Sioux City.—Ferdinand Hansen, who was for forty years prominently connected with the business life of Sioux City, is dead of Bright's disease aged 74 years.

Iowa Falls Grants Franchise.

Iowa Falls.—At a special election, O. F. Peterson, of Des Moines, was granted a twenty-five-year franchise for an electric light and heating plant here.

Jared Ham Disappears.

Iowa City.—Jared Ham, 55 years old, retired business man, has disappeared. He is said to have had \$2,000 with him when he last was seen.

Christian Endeavor at Oskaloosa.

Oskaloosa.—There were 200 delegates present at the twenty-sixth annual convention of the State Society of Christian Endeavor at the Christian church here. Rev. H. E. Van Horn of Des Moines delivered his annual address.

Wealthy Farmer Killed By Cow.

Moorhead.—Thomas Parrin is dead from the effects of a kick from a cow received two weeks ago. He was 70 years of age and owned 1,500 acres of land.

Class Scrap Hurts Three.

Iowa City.—The sophomore-freshman pushball clash here resulted in the following injuries: C. N. Morse of Nevada, torn ankle; Irving Oliver of Sigourney, wrenched knee cap; Avery Warren of Iowa City, broken nose. The sophomore class won.

Forward Movement Started.

Cedar Rapids.—The Men and Religion Forward Movement in which campaign this city is the center, formally was inaugurated here with a banquet at which 400 men were present.

Charges Bad Management

Des Moines.—F. M. Darnier, of Ames, a member of the board of directors of the Homesteaders' lodge, has filed written charges accusing George A. Young, supreme secretary, and A. H. Corey, supreme secretary, with irregularities in the management of the affairs of the lodge. The state actuary, Harry Winston and George Fairley, are making an examination of the financial affairs of the company.

Iowa Land Going Up.

Mount Pleasant.—Alvin Jones of Chenoa, Ill., has purchased the 160-acre farm of Lawson Jacobs in Wayne township for \$21,440 or \$196.50 an acre. Forty acres belonging to Charles Johnson, southeast of Swedesburg was bought by Fred Schrader of Mount Pleasant for \$8,000, or \$200 an acre.

Sold Minors Liqueur.

Fort Dodge.—H. E. Brand, F. J. Wesley and John Schumann, saloon men of this city, pleaded guilty to the charge of selling liquor to minors, for which they recently were indicted, and were fined \$600 each and \$50 for attorney's fees and the costs by Judge C. E. Albrook.

Weld Elected College Head.

Iowa City.—L. G. Weld, until recently dean of the graduate college of the State University of Iowa and for twenty-five years head of the department of mathematics and astronomy, has been elected president of the Pullman Free School of Manual Training at Chicago.

Manchester Installs Electroliers.

Manchester.—An order has been given to the McDonnell Iron Works of Des Moines for sixty-one five-light electroliers to be placed on Franklin street from the Iowa Central station to the public library and on Main street from the city hall to the river.

Investigate Class Rush.

Grinnell.—The authorities of Iowa college here are investigating the class rush between the freshmen and sophomores, in which several of the former were seriously injured, and it is reported there will be several suspensions.

Cancels Contract.

Atlantic.—J. Bortenlanger, a contractor for the electric light and water plant, has thrown up his contract and the bonding company will complete the job. His contract called for \$43,000 and he has drawn \$21,000 from the city.

Nineteenth Iowa Holds Reunion.

Fort Madison.—The Nineteenth Iowa infantry held a reunion here for three days. The attendance was large, among those present being Lot Abraham, Iowa department commander, and General Leake of Chicago.

Postoffice Robbed at Letts.

Letts.—The postoffice site here was looted by robbers at night, of \$270 in money and the entire supply of stamps. Entrance was gained through a window. The stamps were found on the Rock Island tracks.

Heavy Loss By Lightning.

Mason City.—A loss of \$5,000 incurred here by Northwestern railroad when lightning destroyed an ice house, consuming the building with two passenger coaches, a caboose and several cars.

Will Meet Next Month.

Eldora.—The Iowa Library association will meet for its twenty-second annual session at Mason City, Oct. 10 to 12. A strong program is being rounded out and will be announced soon.

Cuts Throat With Dagger.

Eagle Grove.—A man giving his name as Charles Stevens, was found near death in the railroad station at Woolstock. His throat was cut, and a dagger lay beside him on the floor.

Falls Fifty Feet From Scaffold.

Boone.—Thomas Jones was fatally injured while painting at the machine shops of the Chicago & Northwestern railway. He fell fifty feet, fracturing his skull. He is 24 years old.

Sues Auto Owner For Damages.

Newton.—J. D. Wilson, a gardener, has sued Eli Swihart for \$10,000 damages because his auto frightened Wilson's horse, causing a runaway and personal injuries.

Pythias Grand Lodge Meets.

Dubuque.—The grand lodge Knights of Pythias will meet here this week and for the first time in years there promises to be harmony in place of warring factions.

Religious Movement.

Clinton.—A new men and religion forward movement was started at a big meeting at the Y. M. C. A. addressed by Dr. J. A. Marquis of Coe college.

No Change in Strike Situation.

Oskaloosa.—There is practically no change in the strike situation at the Excelsior coal mines and company officials say that there will be no change on their part. The work at the mine probably will be suspended indefinitely.

Fatally Shot By Veteran.

Davenport.—James Kane, 48, was shot and probably fatally injured by Charles Owen, 70, a civil war veteran, and a hermit who lived in a shack near the outskirts of town.

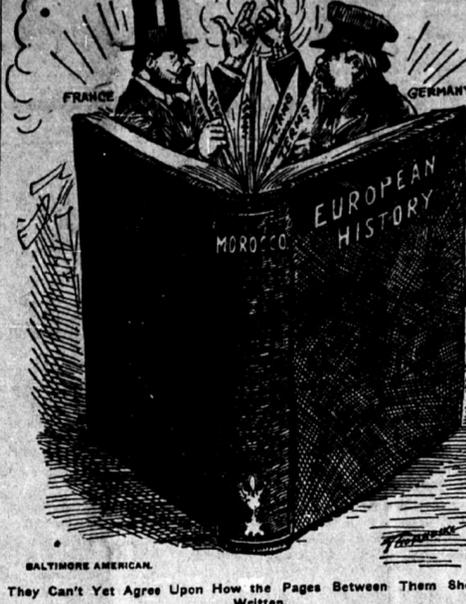
Widow Sues for \$20,000.

Dubuque.—Claiming damages in the sum of \$20,000 for the loss of her husband, Daniel Bergman, his widow has started suit against the Union Electric company. Deceased was an employe of the company.

Presbytery Goes to Toledo.

Mason City.—The Waterloo Presbytery in session here since Monday selected Toledo as the next place of meeting. A young people's conference is to be established probably at Clear Lake.

BOUND IN FULL MOROCCO



They Can't Yet Agree Upon How the Pages Between Them Should Be Written.

CALLED A BORGIA TRUST PLAN IS READY

REORGANIZATION SCHEME OF TOBACCO COMBINE AGREED TO

YOUNG WOMAN SUSPECTED OF CAUSING DEATHS OF PARENTS AND TWO SISTERS.

IS HELD ON MURDER CHARGE

New York.—Attorney General Wickensham attended a conference on the plans for the reorganization of the American Tobacco company.

After the conference it was announced that a petition would be filed with the United States circuit court on October 2 setting forth the proposed plan of dissolution in consonance with the mandate of the Supreme court and that public hearings on the plan would follow.

Mr. Wickensham was asked if the plan outlined was one of dissolution. "I should prefer to call it one of disintegration," he said.

In response to many inquiries regarding the possible prosecution of the United States Steel corporation, Attorney General Wickensham issued a statement in which he emphasized the position of his department that investigation of a corporation does not necessarily imply that disintegration will follow. What steps will be taken cannot be determined until the investigation has been completed, since each case stands on its own footing and depends upon the particular facts. In conclusion he said:

"It cannot be stated too positively that the department is not inaugurating a campaign against the business interests of the country or an indiscriminate attack on all large prosperous concerns. On the contrary, the care and caution with which the law officers of the government are proceeding to the examination of each case should be a guarantee to the country that the department is proposing to enforce the law with care not to unnecessarily injure any interests."

GOVERNOR'S AID IS SLAIN

Member of Staff of Virginia's Chief Executive Shot and Killed on Lovington Street.

Lovington, Va.—In the presence of a large crowd Dr. J. A. Perrit, a member of the staff of Governor Mann, was shot and instantly killed on the street here by Ben Hubbard. Five bullets were fired into Dr. Perrit's head by Hubbard, causing instant death. The cause of the tragedy is not known.

Hubbard was taken into custody at once and indicted and is now lodged in jail. The people are very much excited and incensed against the slayer.

HITCHCOCK POSTMAN IN AIR

Head of Post Office Department Carries Pouch of Letters on Trip in Airship.

New York.—Frank H. Hitchcock, postmaster general of the United States, qualified as an aerial mail carrier on Long Island. The postmaster took a seat beside Capt. Paul Beck of the United States army, in the latter's aeroplane at the Nassau boulevard aerodrome, carrying seventy-eight pounds of mail matter. The two made a seven-minute flight to Mineola, where, upon signal, the postmaster general dropped the mail sack to one of Uncle Sam's carriers.

Autoliet May Get Life Term.

Toronto, Ont.—The court of general sessions here found Alexander Tracey of Port Huron, Mich., guilty of criminal negligence in operating an automobile. The penalty is imprisonment for life.

Charles G. Gates Married.

Uniontown, Pa.—Miss Florence Hopwood of Minneapolis, Minn., became the wife of Charles G. Gates, son and heir of the late John W. Gates, at the home of R. P. Hopwood, an uncle of the bride.

Rain as Lightning's Nemesis.

Rockville, Conn.—During a thunder storm here lightning struck the tower of the town hall, tore off the roof and set fire to the structure. Before the firemen could respond to the alarm the storm broke and a terrific down-pour drowned the flames.

Raiders Die in Battle.

Brownsville, Tex.—Fifteen of a band of Magonistas were killed and four were captured in a fight with a Maderista force at the Santa Rita ranch near Columbus, Mexico.

Dutch Statesman is Coming.

Liverpool.—The Dutch minister of foreign affairs, Jenker de Knaess Van Swinderen, sailed for New York on the steamer Mauritania.

400 HEROES SLAIN

MAGAZINES OF FRENCH WAR VESSEL LIBERTE EXPLODES

Sailors Work Desperately to Save Vessel, Headless of Their Own Safety.

Toulon, France.—An appalling naval disaster attended with enormous loss of life occurred at daylight, when the battleship *Liberte*, one of the finest vessels in the navy, blew up in this harbor. The death loss is estimated from 300 up to 400 or more. The killed include officers and men of the *Liberte*, and also a large number of those from nearby warships.

The precise cause of the fire and explosion is still a matter of speculation. The *Liberte* was anchored in the roadstead, where she had lain since the review of the fleet by President Fallieres on September 4. Around her and not far away were her companion ships, all of which by the very force of the explosion added from their own crews to the list of the *Liberte's* victims. The *Verite* was the nearest at hand, and the flying fragments and bursting shells played havoc with the panic-stricken sailors helplessly watching the fire from the decks.

At 5 o'clock in the morning when the fire was discovered, and many of the *Liberte's* crew were asleep, the alarm was sounded and the order given to flood the hold, a useless effort in the quick rush of the flames.

Almost immediately a series of deafening explosions fell upon the air. The *Liberte* shook from one end to the other, great holes opened in its armor and the terrified sailors, realizing their peril at last, would have jumped frantically into the sea. They were too late. Already the work of destruction was complete. One final and awful explosion infinitely more terrifying than those preceding rent the great ship in two. The huge fragments shattered, and a moment later the *Liberte* was at the bottom of the sea.

ITALIANS ISSUE ULTIMATUM

Turkey Has But 24 Hours in Which to Give Answer to Demands in Tripoli Dispute.

Paris.—War within twenty-four hours will be the result unless Turkey returns a favorable answer to Italy's ultimatum on Tripoli in that time, according to semi-official advices from Rome. If Turkey does not reply to the ultimatum, Italy is prepared to land troops and formally occupy Tripoli.

Turkey has declared that she will look upon this action as cause for war and will resist the invasion with her entire armament. Foreign residents are fleeing the country, spurred by the fear that fanatical Mohammedans are planning a general massacre of Christians.

With an Italian war fleet off the Tripoli coast and an Italian ultimatum in the hands of the sublime porte in Constantinople demanding for Italy the recognized right to establish a protectorate in the African territory under dispute, the crisis has now reached its most acute stage.

Six thousand soldiers were loaded on Italian transports at Palermo, but so stringent is the censorship being exercised by the Italian government that it is difficult to learn whether or not the transports sailed.

FISHER AND TAFT IN ACCORD

Cabinet Official Says He and President Agree on Conservation of Public Domain.

Kansas City.—"I have just come from Hutchinson, Kan., where I had a long conference with President Taft relative to the policy of my department," said Walter L. Fisher, secretary of the interior, addressing the National Conservation congress here. "I find that his views and mine relative to the conservation of the public domain are in complete accord."

"We especially discussed the Alaska situation, and found that we agree completely on a policy for that much-misrepresented country."

"My idea of the proper conservation is a wise development of all the natural resources in the public interest which recognizes the rights of all."

The following officers for the National Conservation congress were elected without opposition: President, J. B. White, Kansas City; secretary, Thomas R. Shipp, Washington, D. C.; treasurer, Dr. Austin Latchaw, Kansas City.

Italy Takes Carnegie Gift.

Rome, Sept. 28.—Andrew Carnegie's offer of \$70,000 to found a herd fund for Italy was accepted by King Emmanuel. A committee to have supervision of the fund has been appointed.

Geese Gather Golden Grub.

Santa Barbara, Cal. Sept. 28.—Thirty gold nuggets, some as large as peas, were taken from the craws of six geese raised by Mrs. Israel Altshuler of this city.

Suydam is Given Decree.

New York.—Walter Lisenpanr Suydam, Jr., the young millionaire of Blue Point, L. I., was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce against his wife, Louise White Suydam, who several weeks ago eloped with Frederick Noble, a plumber's son.

Gladstone Kin to House.

London.—William G. Gladstone, a grandson of William E. Gladstone, was elected to the house of commons from Kilmarnock-Burgh, to succeed the late Dr. A. R. Rainy, a liberal.

Fire on Fishing Boat Fatal.

Seabright, N. J.—Fumes escaping from a gasoline tank into the cabin of a motor launch caused the death of William R. O'Connell of New York and may cause the death of William Hopkins of Sheephead Bay, who was rescued.

Stonewall Jackson's Sister Dies.

Buckhannon, W. Va.—Mrs. Laura J. Arnold, only sister of "Stonewall" Jackson, is dead at the City hospital. Mrs. Arnold was eighty-five years old.

Mother of Jeffries Dies.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Mrs. Alexis B. Jeffries, mother of Jim Jeffries, champion heavyweight pugilist of the world, is dead at 80.

CLASH IN KANSAS

SECRETARY FISHER AND SENATOR BRISTOW HAVE TILT AT HUTCHINSON, KAN.

BOTH ARE LOUDLY CHEERED

Cabinet Official Attacks "Demagogic Progressives" and Draws Warm Retort From Kansan, Who Says Insurgent Fight Will Continue.

Hutchinson, Kan.—An unlooked-for incident that thrilled the thousands in attendance at the state fair grounds, came at the close of what had been a non-partisan celebration of Kansas' fiftieth anniversary of her birth, in which President Taft had participated.

Walter L. Fisher, secretary of the interior, just back from Alaska, made a three-minute speech in which he said some things about the difference between "real progressives of the middle of the road type like Mr. Taft" and "hypocritical, demagogic progressives who oppose every practical progressive policy put forth."

Senator Joseph L. Bristow, who is considered to rank second only to Senator La Follette of Wisconsin among the progressives, followed Secretary Fisher and quickly took up the challenge.

An address by the secretary was not down on the program, but it furnished the most interesting feature of the day. When he arose and faced the big crowd Mr. Fisher was silent for fully a minute. Then he said slowly: "I am one of those that count myself a progressive."

He was interrupted by applause. "I am a true progressive," he resumed, "and I believe in true progressiveness and not in hypocritical or demagogic progressives who declare for a progressive policy and then oppose every practical progressive measure put forth."

"When President Taft said he was trying to keep in the middle of the road the other day, I believe he meant what he said, and I believe that you believe he meant what he said. I am that kind of a progressive. My friends, you should judge men not by what they say, but by what they do."

Senator Bristow was introduced by Governor Stubbs, and was loudly cheered.

"We of Kansas," he said, "may at times have been accused of acting before we thought, but we always have had the courage to contend for what we believed was right, and we have worked out right here in this state the greatest moral civilization in the world."

"We are always willing to grant that the other fellow is honest in his views, and we expect him to grant that we are honest in ours. I want to say to President Taft and to Secretary Fisher, right now, that in working out the problems that confront us, we of Kansas will have our part and have our say to the end that there shall be equal justice to all and special privilege to none."

Both Secretary Fisher and Senator Bristow were loudly applauded. The throng seemed to appreciate the verbal passage at arms and the practical serving of notice by the junior Kansas senator that while he was participating freely and gladly in the welcome to President Taft in this state, there was to be no let up in the factional fight as soon as the president had left the commonwealth.

MADISON EULOGIZED BY TAFT

President Pays Tribute to Dead Congressman at Kansas Semi-Centennial Celebration.

Hutchinson, Kan.—The celebration here of the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the state of Kansas was made notable by the presence of President Taft.

He delivered an address at the fair grounds and was heard by an immense throng of people, thousands coming from the surrounding towns and country.

In opening, Mr. Taft paid a graceful tribute to the memory of the late Representative E. H. Madison, through whom had come his invitation to speak at Hutchinson. He said:

"His death was a great shock to me, as I doubt not it was to his fellow citizens. I had not known him long but can say that I knew him intimately, but I knew him well enough to know the strong qualities of his mind and heart, his judicial instinct, his intense desire to be fair, and his clear perceptions of the law as a jurist, and his level-headedness as a legislator."