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well. I examined his clothes most carefully; I emptied his pockets, passed my hands round his body, legs, and even made him take off his boots—not a single thing.

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He did so, and threw them carelessly on the table.

Only a click: something hard struck the table. It might have been a button—a coin—but my suspicion was aroused. I was up and at it in a minute, feeling the coat all over. Yes, there, just under the arm of the coat, was something sewn in.

Out with my pocket-knife, the sleeve was ripped open, and there were the stolen coupons—the valuable letter—in fact, all of the things but the coin; but what made the noise was a gold medal which Lord Lorimer's father won at Waterloo.

The thief once found out is always a coward. No sooner did he find that he was detected than he fell upon his knees and called upon his lordship for mercy, and—well I cannot say I'm sorry, but he had it.

Dr. Mary Walker.

The recent discharge of Dr. Mary

Yankton Press: In Roberts county a committee was appointed to telegraph the president in regard to the organization of that county. A reply was received from the secretary of the interior saying that it would be examined into immediately.

The foregoing item is going the rounds. It is a correct statement. The instructions from the secretary resulted in the organization of three long suffering counties with an alacrity which shows that the old man can exhibit youthful agility when he receives a kick from behind. Other counties can profit by this hint. Send all applications to the secretary of the interior together with a statement of the facts and propositions (if any) for blood money.

Utah held its election last Monday and a very light vote was the result. Less than 2,600 votes were polled in Salt Lake City, while the registry was nearly 6,000. The Mormons carry every county, having 100 majority in Summit county which went for the Gentiles last November. The Gentiles elected a few justices and constables in mining camps. The legislature is thought to be entirely Mormon.

Minneapolis Tribune: The newspapers of southern Dakota are jubilant over the bountiful harvest of their section, "South Dakota Ahead! North Dakota Despondent!" The North Dakota journals are equally tickled about the crops and shout the same thing reversed. While each thinks the other miserable, both are apparently happy. Let us rejoice.

The taste for frog's legs is now spreading rapidly in this country, after a long period of comparative stagnation. One of the largest dealers in this country, a Boston man, has set a hundred expert frog-catchers at work in the New England states. An experiment in breeding bull-frogs in England is about to be made and a considerable supply of spawn will be sent over for that purpose.

The wife of Senator Wm. B. Allison, suffering aberration of mind, committed suicide at Dubuque on Sunday. She left home ostensibly to visit a neighbor's, but not returning in the evening a search was made for her which was continued availingly throughout the night. An outgoing train Monday morning led to the discovery of her body in the Mississippi river, about a mile below the city, where she had drowned herself in shallow water.

Since the land office was opened at Aberdeen, Dakota, October 2, 1882, up to the opening of the present month, there have been 4,600 filings, representing 725,000 acres of land; the number of proofs was 1,700, representing 250,000 acres, and the total receipts from all sources was $350,000.

Messrs Thorne and Yorke will erect a malt house in Fargo with 100,000 bushels capacity, and a brewing and ale manufactory in connection. The investment of the gentleman will amount to about $100,000.

The Yankton Press truthfully says there is some comfort in the fact that Governor Ordway's term of office will expire on the 24th of next June.

The commissioners appointed by the governor to decide on a standard of grain inspection have agreed to adopt the Duluth standerd.

He Couldn't Leave Her.

Mitchell Republican.

Dr. Wellman reports the cutest and sweetest little love story we have heard from real life. Yesterday as he was waiting at Parker, D. T., for the train, a country lass came in with her fellow in a farm wagon, locked in each other's arms. The young man lived in Iowa and was on the eve of starting home. The train was ready, and on to the platform went his carpet bag. Another embrace and the train pulled out. The lover swung on, and the lassie waved him kisses. The train going down grade, gained a rapid speed; the boy waved his hankerchief, but his heart was in his mouth. Off went the old satchel, off followed the lover, with heels in the air. Over and over went he and at last lit in a mud hole, rolled like a ball against the soft clay bank, and finally got on his feet and started back to see his dulciana. She at the same time was making for him. They met and embraced, regardless of clay or bruises. The Iowa lover was heard to remark, "Ducky, I will never leave till you are my wife." The justice of the peace was sent for and the twain returned to the farm as one.

DAKOTA ITEMS.

The Deadwood treasure coach brought $225,000 in gold bricks to Pierre last wek.

Several residences were struck by lightning at Mitchell during the storm of last Saturday.

Alex. McKenzie is now east negotiating for money with which to build water-works at Bismarck.

Mitchell has pledged the building site and $15,000 bonus needed to secure the Methodist university.

A Mr. Merrill of Blunt, while digging a well, struck a kind of green earth which is said to excel most kinds of soap for washing purposes.

At Bismarck last Tuesday someone opened the safe of the steamer Rosebud and got away with $700. Nels Simonson has been arrested on suspicion.

Miner is without a school house and there are about forty children who have been out of school for a year for want of a place to go. The Sentinel says there are over 100 children of school age in the district, and at least four school houses are needed.

It is thought that lignite will be the principal fuel for Dakota. There are thousands of acres of lignite coal in the western portion of the territory and a heating and cooking stove has recently been patented expressly for the burning of Dakota lignite.

The New Two-cent Stamp.

The postoffice of this city has received from the department in Washington the official circular announcing the reduction, on an after October 1, of letter postage from 3 to 2 cents per half ounce and fraction thereof. Postmasters are instructed to order as small quantities of 3-cent stamps, henceforward, as they can get along with, and to instruct the public of the forthcoming reduction. The circular says that the deparment has adopted a new design for the new 2-cent stamp the head of Washington in profile from Houdon's bust, being placed on a plain tablet; above the oval surrounding the head are the words "United States Postage," and underneath the tablet are the words "Two cents." The embossed stamps on the 2-cent stamped envelope will also have the head of Washington.

Four cent stamps and stamped envelopes will also be issued to cover double postage. The design on the fours is the same as on the twos, except that the head will be that of Jackson. Three-cent envelopes will be discounted, and two and four-cent ones substituted. No change will be made in postage due stamps. No arrangements have as yet been made for the redemption of three-cent stamps and envelopes in the hands of postmasters, or for exchange for those in the hands of private holders. Three and two-cent stamps and stamped envelopes continue good after the first of October, and must be accepted as valid on mail matter. Three cent stamps may be used in combinations with other denominations on letters carrying more than one rate of postage, for instance a three and a one-cent stamp will carry a letter weighing an ounce. The new stamps and envelopes will be issued to postmasters on the 15th of September, and no more three-cent stamps will be issued after the 14th of that month. No three cent stamped envelopes will be issued after the 31st inst. The drop letter rate remains the same as now—and changes are made in rates of postage on second, third and fourth class matter.

Increase of the Negro Population.

The absence of thrift, energy, and management, many think, marks negro character at its best. It is certain that the contraries to these qualities had, under a long condition of servitude, been abnormally developed. Emancipation found the negro without the master's care (and, as a body, slaveholders, at least from motives of self-interest, were humane), without the customary oversight and medical attention, dependent, not self-reliant. No wonder that many of the negroes have been worse off than under their former bondage; that the burden of life has been so often excessive; that infanticide has been so often resorted to, to lessen it; and that death from want and exposure has been so exceptionally frequent. A body of four million slaves, ignorant, uncivilized and trained in habits of dependence, suddenly set free, then invested with the ballot and intoxicated with political power, then checked, and in many instances violently checked, by the necessary and wholesome self-assertion of the white race, that they should have increased as they have done is astonishing, and can be accounted for only by the remarkable fecundity of the African. For the future the adverse influence to population, arising from this cause, will become less and less potent. The negro, adjusted to his surroundings, will work with more ease and effect. He is ascending from the lowest round. Education must give him increased power to accumulate, experience must improve his thrift, and, life passing under better conditions, it is reasonable to think that in subsequent decades he will add five per cent. of increase to that of the past. We put this rate at thirty-five per cent.—*Prof. E. W. Gilliam, in Popular Science Monthly for February.*

A Poor Man's Ruse.

Herr Von——, of Vienna, had tried in vain to make a fortune in many ways. Luck was always against him, and at last to crown his misfortune he fell sick. But on what the doctor declared to be his death-bed an idea with millions in it struck him. He sent for a lawyer and dictated a will in which he bequeathed vast sums of money to his wife, his family, and various charitable institutions. The lawyer, a notorious blab, spread the tidings, and great was the chagrin of numerous acequaintances to think how they had neglected to pay court to the dying millionaire. But Herr Von—— wasn't so sick as the doctor had supposed, and presently he recovered. Then it was that fortune-hunters begged him to invest their money, urged him to accept loans and gave him a credit second to none in the city. At first he coyly refused these flattering testimonials, but was gradually forced to relent, and having lived in clover for a considerable time has just failed for an enormous sum. It is a pity that Herr Von——'s name has not crossed the Atlantic. The subject of such an inspiration ought not to be anonymous in any part of the world.

An oak whose rings showed it to be 120 years old, was cut down in Buckport, Me., recently and imbedded in its trunk at the eightieth ring, a point which was at the surface forty years ago, the woodchopper found, to his amazenent, a diamond pin containing twenty-four brilliants in a silver setting. Nobody knows whose it was or can imagine how it came to be where it was found. This is a tough story.

An affecting scene: An Austin young lady who has enjoyed the advantages of a classical education at a Northern female college, happened to be at home when her aged grandmother was stricken down with a fatal illness. The entire family gathered around the death-bed of the old lady, who, in a feeble voice, said: "Good-bye to you all, I am gwine to peg out." "Grandmother!" exclaimed the young lady, in a tragic tone of voice, "please don't say that. Don't say you'r gwine to peg out. Say that you are going to expire, or that you contemplate approaching dissolution. It sounds so much better."—*Texas Siftings.*

Robert Collyer says one way to be young at 80 is to keep faith in the common manhood and womanhood, and in the ever advancing progress of the day. "Never say that the past was better than to-day is; read the new books, understand all the new ideas; and keep to your faith in God and in man, and in the victory of good over evil."

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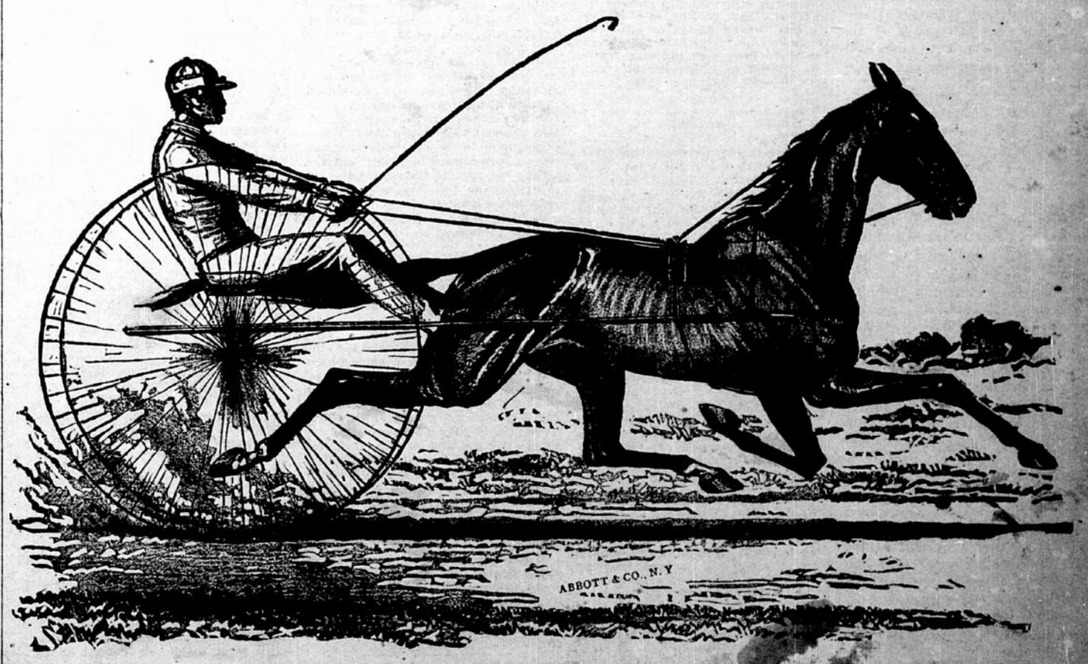

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