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HER HUSBAND AN IOWAN OF SIXTY YEARS.

Story of Degraded Life in the Ozark Mountains of Missouri—Child-Wife, Regarded as the Husband's Slave, Seeks Release from Him in the Courts of Iowa.

Washington, Iowa, April 8.—Clad in dresses that scarcely cleared her knees and with her dark crown hair falling in long curls over her shoulders, Gertrude Trust, 11 years old, to-day filed a petition before Judge Scott for the annulment of her marriage with John Leeper, 60 years old, of Brighton, Iowa, whom she declared, she had been forced to wed when she was 9.

Two years ago, according to her story, she lived with her mother in one of the most inaccessible regions of the Ozark mountains, near Lebanon, Mo. She was then scarcely 9. It was there she first met Leeper. He made a contract, of the details of which she is ignorant, with her mother.

Then a traveling preacher—Buck was his name, so far as the child could remember—came to the cabin. There was a ceremony, and she was told she was Leeper's wife. More than that, her mother told her, she said, that she was Leeper's slave and must obey him in all things.

Leeper was bent and crippled with age. He had already been married three times, the girl said, and she hated him, but did not disobey. Some months after their marriage Leeper returned to his home in Iowa. The girl put off the long dresses her mother had forced her to wear for the ceremony, and was a child again.

About a month ago the old man sent for his child bride. Since then she has lived with a family near his home in Brighton. She begged the family with whom she lived to keep her from the man whom she detested. When they heard her story they refused to let her live with him. Angered, the old man threatened to send his child wife to a reform school unless she lived with him. Neighbors told her story to the authorities, and County Attorney Bailey brought the matter to the attention of Judge Scott, who to-day ordered the police to bring Leeper before him.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

Iowa After a New Plan for Governing Educational Institutions.

DES MOINES, IOWA.—The joint resolution providing for a legislative commission to investigate the feasibility of establishing a board of control for the state educational institutions of Iowa has passed the senate, and is now before the house.

DELEGATE TO ST. LOUIS

Mallon of Hampton Has Much Following in the Third District.

IOWA FALLS, IOWA.—The democrats of the third district are making a strong effort to elect J. N. Mallon of Hampton for district delegate to the national democratic convention at St. Louis.

YOUR HUSBAND LOOKS TOO HARD

Nearly every wife feels that her husband works too hard, and worries because he will not take the rest she knows he needs. She sees how tired and exhausted he is at night and how his sleep falls to rest him.

She knows that his business is killing him—but she also knows that he will stick to his work just as long as he is able to stand.

If he could only take a vacation, if she could only get him away from business for a few weeks—but that is out of the question.

It is in cases of this kind that Rexall Mucu-Tone proves its rare value.

We could do a great work if we could only convince every woman who reads this newspaper that Rexall Mucu-Tone will do her tired-out husband as much good as a vacation—that it will brace him up physically and mentally, replenish his waning vitality and make him strong and well.

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WATERBURY, IOWA.—Two boys, held up and secured a small sum of money, were pursued by the bartender, who captured the younger and the older boy. The older boy, under arrest, says he is Dick Doran of Chicago, and that the dead boy is his brother. He says they were half starved and became desperate.

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Benson County's Bonded Indebtedness Is Only \$27,000.

MINNEAPOLIS, N. D.—Benson county's commissioners have just paid off \$100,000 bonds, leaving a bonded indebtedness of \$27,000, less by \$6,000 the cost of the courthouse and other buildings. The population of the county is fully 10,000 and the assessed valuation about \$2,000,000. The situation is regarded here with much satisfaction.

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Fargo, N. D., April 8.—A new whirl has been given the political machine by the suggestion of Banker H. R. Lyon of Mandan as a candidate for state treasurer. The suggestion of his candidacy comes from sources antagonistic to R. M. Tuttle, the boss of Morton county affairs, and the Department of Commissioner Gilbreath. The latter is slated for the commission on the retirement of Leutz, also of Morton.

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