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the market with his wagon the price went down twice as fast as it had gone up. Some statesman has remarked that there was a fatality about attempts to force up the price of the necessities of life.

The Standard Methods Shown Up.

Attorney General Hadley has secured the much discussed testimony of H. Clay Pierce of the Waters-Pierce Oil company in St. Louis. It amounts to this: he admits the division of trade territory, which he says has existed for thirty years.

Very Important Issue.

The Journal has reason to believe that there is on foot a determined effort to reorganize the school board for the purpose of ousting Dr. Jordan. One evidence of it was the attempt to get upon the ticket a name similar to that of ex-Mayor Pratt with a view to eliminating him from the board.

Littlefield's Lesson.

Congressman Littlefield's own opinion that Samuel Gompers helped rather than hurt him is confirmed by the opinions of press correspondents who declare their belief that if it had not been for the appearance of giving a victory to the labor leader Littlefield would have been defeated.

A Gigantic Coffee Corner.

William J. Bryan, "Coin" and Chawley Towne would have a good time in Brazil. Brazil is trying an experiment in fixing the price of coffee not dissimilar from the plans of this trio for the free coinage of silver at a fixed rate with gold.

Guardians of Health.

To the Editor of the Journal. To whom should samples of milk and cream, suspected of containing preservatives, be sent for analysis? Will you also state whether there is any official business it is to inspect the premises and bottling departments of the various companies selling spring water.

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LOOKING FOR A NEW CROP

Troy, Kan., Chief. A Hiawatha man, having heard of a man who had successfully raised a \$2 bill, wrote to his congressman for some of the seed.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- 1776—New York city captured by the British. 1789—James Fenimore Cooper, American writer of romance and history, born. Died 1851. 1814—British repulsed in attack on Fort Bower, at entrance of Mobile bay. 1830—Porfirio Diaz, president of Mexico, born. 1835—Richard Olney, secretary of state in Cleveland's cabinet, born. 1857—William H. Taft, secretary of war in Roosevelt's cabinet, born. 1862—Surrender of Harper's Ferry, after two days' fighting. 1863—President Lincoln suspended the habeas corpus act. 1865—Jumbo, famous show elephant, killed in railway collision at Italy. 1904—Son and heir born to king of Italy.

WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK

The Basset's Creek Diversion. To the Editor of the Journal. The leading editorial in the Tribune of yesterday, which charges the local improvement associations of this city and the park board with a conspiracy to have indorsed with an attempt to loot the city treasury, is particularly offensive to thousands of public-spirited citizens, members and supporters of these associations.

Interest on City Funds.

To the Editor of the Journal. I very much need the necessity of asking you to admit to your columns this brief communication, but I do so in justice to myself, and to give the public the facts relating to the city funds.

Reply to Hopkins.

To Mr. Joseph R. Hoffman and Others: I have noticed your inquiry addressed to the candidates for the legislature in the forty-third district, relating to facilities for travel afforded from Hopkins to Minneapolis by the Minnesota and St. Paul Suburban Railway company. I wish to say that if I am nominated and elected it will be my pleasure to study the interests of my constituents in all particular, and to give the special request you make to use my influence in securing adequate and sufficient transportation facilities and such services as will promote the convenience and comfort of the public served by that railroad.

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OMAHA CANDIDATE STARTS QUEER SUIT

Special to the Journal. Omaha, Neb., Sept. 15.—A unique injunction suit was filed in the district court today by John O. Yeiser, an independent candidate for nomination for the state legislature at the primary election, to be held next week.

WASHINGTON AS A COUNTRY GENTLEMAN.

WASHINGTON AS A COUNTRY GENTLEMAN.—A new insight into George Washington's character is to be gained from a volume of his letters, edited by George Washington, a volume of letters to Tobias Lear and others between 1790 and 1799, "showing the first American in the management of his estate and domestic affairs together with a diary of Washington's last days," kept by Mr. Lear. It is enough to indicate the real value of the work to say that Mr. Lear, who was a Harvard graduate, was first tutor of Washington's adopted children, then his private secretary, and also his military aide with the rank of colonel, and was also related to the general by marriage. The relationships gave him an opportunity of knowing the "First American" intimately, both in a personal and business way. Such a man's record is of far value from a biographical standpoint, and the book is sure to command attention. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

A More Beautiful City.

An interesting project for great municipal improvements was described by its originator in The Sunday Journal tomorrow.

BOOKS

MARK TWAIN'S MODEL, IMMORTAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY.—Mark Twain's autobiography—such part as is to be printed in a periodical—begins in The North American Review for Sept. 7. Of course it is too soon to say that the work is immortal, and of course, also, there is not enough of it in this first installment to warrant one in pronouncing it a model autobiography, yet we do not hesitate to call it a "model, immortal autobiography." We do this upon the authority of Mr. Clemens himself, for he says in his introduction: "I intend that this autobiography shall become a model for all future autobiographies. And a little further on he says, alluding to a conversation with W. D. Howells in relation to the work: "I told Howells that this autobiography of mine would live a couple of thousand years, without any effort, and would then take a fresh start and live for the rest of the time."

Weight of Opinion Against Him.

The business men and farmers of the second district as a rule do not follow his argument, no matter how hard they try. If the question of revision or no revision were submitted to the voters of the second district, it is pretty certain that three-fourths of them would vote for revision. Yet they keep on sending McCreary to congress because they like the man and believe him sincere.



MARK TWAIN Throwing W. D. Howells Out of His Window—An Incident that Might Have Been.

We wish Howells had been a little less warm and friendly. What a rare item of news it would have been to see Mark Twain had thrown W. D. Howells out of his window, and to tell how he did it. We have no grudge against Mr. Howells, on the contrary, we have the greatest liking for the man. But such an incident as that suggested would have been a piece of "literary activity" which we have never been permitted to record in this column.

Campaign Ammunition.

The campaign has its full quota of scandals. The Guttersten papers are harping on McCreary's vote for the party in his trip to Europe on the Lincoln monument commission, and his alleged connection with the tariff-protected trusts.

Too Many Want the Place.

One factor never to be lost sight of in the second district is the would-be congressmen who want to retire McCreary, but don't want anybody else to do the job. Under the convention rule, these men would have entered the field two or four years ago, and by carrying their own counties would have retired McCreary. The primary law is one of the best friends the schoolmaster ever had. Among those credited with aspirations to go to congress are George W. Somerville of Brown, Sen. Putnam of Faribault, Judge Quinn of Martin, E. T. Smith of Jackson, George W. Benedict of Mankato, Ed. Jones of Pipestone and Ed. Weaver of Mankato. Some of these gentlemen are credited with taking a hand in getting Guttersten to run, with the idea that he couldn't win, but would have beaten McCreary for another time.

Over a Thousand Lieutenants.

The congressman's campaign in the district at large is in the hands of himself and his son. Mr. McCreary is keeping in close touch with every county, and has a check on every precinct through his local lieutenants. Guttersten is busy in Lake County, where he has several voters in each one of the 286 voting districts. Not all those written to

SCHOOLMASTER IS HOLDING HIS JOB

responded, but he got returns from nearly every precinct, and expresses the utmost satisfaction with his general tone. He said to The Journal: "I have received more than a thousand replies from the inquiries sent to my friends, and from this information I am satisfied that I shall carry every county, and that I will get a larger percentage of the total vote cast than I did two years ago."

Strong in Blue Earth.

"I will carry Blue Earth county overwhelmingly, with a larger plurality than last time. My opponent will not get more than three or four precincts. Friends of mine are willing to bet that he will not get more than one in three in Lake Crystal, his home town."

Expected to Carry Rock.

"Rock county I will carry. Two years ago it was the only county in the district which I lost, many voting for Mr. Guttersten. I have confidence enough in the intelligence and fairness of the voters of Rock county to believe that they will all be influenced against me by the violent attacks of my miller. I believe they will react in my favor this time."

Guttersten Claims Nine.

Gilbert Guttersten feels confident of winning, and only concedes two counties in the district to McCreary. They are Blue Earth and Brown, and he claims a plurality sure in such old McCreary strongholds as Faribault, Martin and Murray counties, and is even stronger in the new counties of Jackson, Nobles, Pipestone and Rock. A more conservative Guttersten view, expressed by friends of his in Mankato, concedes not only Blue Earth and Brown, but Martin, Jackson and Murray counties to McCreary.

As Reynolds Sees It.

"I went over the district two years ago at the same time in the campaign. That year there was more interest displayed in the campaign, from the fact that it was the first time McCreary had been elected to congress. I think Mr. Miller had many personal friends over the district. This year there is not so much interest displayed in the outcome, on the surface at least. They are doing a good deal of talking, however. Public questions, especially tariff revision, are receiving quiet and calm consideration. From all I could learn Mr. Guttersten, if not nominated, will give Mr. Miller a hard shave. The feeling against Mr. McCreary I found to be much greater than two years ago. People think he is standing with the tariff, and are sure that he is a man of ability and standing in the party, and has in some respects made a creditable representative. They feel that he is somewhat arrogant, and not willing to concede that other people are doing a good deal of thinking, and certainly in Rock county, where he is growing, and will be heard from in the primaries."

Situation in Blue Earth.

Blue Earth county, the home of both candidates, is conceded to McCreary by the majority of his friends, but his plurality. Two years ago he got 2,145 votes, to 1,419 for Miller. In Mankato the vote was nearly two to one, 874 to 447. Outside the city it was more even, with 271 votes for McCreary to 278 for Miller. Guttersten is generally expected to gain at Lake Crystal, and the town has organized a Guttersten club with 157 members. The town clerk has expressed the opinion that Guttersten won't carry his home town. He may also gain over Miller in the south end of the county.

Drift Both Ways.

From surface indications it seems probable that Guttersten will gain materially over the Miller vote in Faribault county, and also in Pipestone. McCreary will gain in Blue Earth, probably in the most outlying of the other counties the drift is hard to determine. Faribault county is a storm center of trouble for McCreary. He went down to Blue Earth yesterday. There are several districts where he has been there, and McCreary is holding up the appointment till after election. That is causing some feeling, and many former McCreary men, both in town and in the district, have declared their intention of voting for Guttersten, mainly on the issue of revision. Mr. McCreary went to Mountain Lake yesterday. Guttersten is busy in Jackson county, where he has several voters in each one of the 286 voting districts. Not all those written to

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It has been mainly a newspaper campaign, with the press largely in favor of Guttersten. In reply to the charge that the only newspaper men for McCreary are postmaster editors, the congressman cites the record to show that of thirty or more papers favoring him, only eight are run by postmasters. Of course some of the others are would-be, and some of the Guttersten editors are "wanted-to-be's."

Vegetable Weather Predictions—Earthquakes Also Forecast with Ease.

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