

NEWS OF DOW CITY

Mrs. F. L. Hoffman was at home over Sunday. The L. D. S. church is being remodelled inside. Miss Jean Goddard was a Dunlap visitor Thursday. Asa Butterworth was at home between trains Monday. Mrs. David Rudd has a friend visiting her from Rolfe, Iowa. Francis Lawrence spent her vacation with friends at Mt. Vernon. Mrs. Ira Gillmor has been visiting with her aunts, the Misses Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson are the proud possessors of a new daughter. School commenced Monday and the teachers feel rested and ready for work again. Mrs. Hart of Missouri Valley was in town Friday securing a class in embroidery. There is a great scarcity of houses in town. Who'll be the first to supply the deficiency? Gladys Slocumb gave a party to a number of young friends Friday evening. All report a good time. R. A. Slocumb has bought the lot south of the Nettie Graves' property and expects to build this spring. Mrs. Wm. Kewan has been very sick but is slowly recovering. Mrs. Kewan of Charter Oak has been taking care of her. Mrs. Blanch Seeman has come to Dow City to spend a part of the summer at home. They have rented their house to parties in Denison. D. L. Houston spent a few days with his family. Mrs. Houston will spend the summer with him in Colorado and if the climate suits her, they may make it their home. Dow City people have it in for the Illinois Central railroad. The only two trains that it was possible for us to get to Denison on and back in one day, have been made through trains, and we are as bad off as we were with only one railroad. The livermen are the only people satisfied. The republican caucus of Union twp. will be held at Green's hall, Dow City, Friday evening, April 20, at 8 o'clock.

AN ARION LETTER.

Don Talcott Sundayed with his parents in this place. Wm. Eggers shipped two car loads of hogs over the I. C. road. L. C. Butler went to Denison Tuesday to serve on the jury. Wm. Marr now occupies the house recently vacated by Pat. Hederman. Many of the Easter bonnets were left at home owing to threatening clouds. Rev. Jones, district missionary, will preach in the church Wednesday evening. Mr. Parmatier has recently moved into the brick building where he has been serving lunches; he says he is well pleased with his new location. Rev. Tibbets preached a fine Easter sermon. The choir rendered some good Easter songs and in the evening the program was successfully carried out. The Baynor boys, who left this place a short time ago for Sioux City, write to their friends here that they have been fortunate in getting good positions. They are good steady young men and their friends are glad to learn of their success. One day this week one of our neighbor friends was very much alarmed when undertaking to open one of her bed room doors she found that it would not open, although not locked. She at once called her husband suspecting that burglars were in the room. His efforts were also in vain; he at once secured the marshal and a carpenter to remove the hinges of the door, and behold it was only a bed slat that had fallen against the door, and held it closed so all escaped uninjured but had been considerably frightened.

CUTS HIS THROAT.

Deed of a Farmer Suspected of Trying to Cremate His Family. WINTERSET, Ia., April 16.—At the home of John Sterling, a farmer living two miles north of Bevington, hay was piled under the house and barn Wednesday and set on fire. Mrs. Sterling and her children managed to save the house. The barn, stacks and cribs and every outbuilding on the place were burned. A month ago Mrs. Sterling applied for a divorce after having Sterling arrested for beating her children by her former husband, John McMichael. The justice gave Sterling time to get bonds and dismissed him. He was not seen afterward. After the fire his tracks were found leading from the house. Thomas Casey, a farmer, discovered him in a hole in a straw stack on the McDonald farm. He ordered Sterling to come out, and on his refusing to come out, he fired to the stack. Sterling remained in the stack until the flames reached him, and then cut his throat with a jackknife, plunging through the flames and falling at Casey's feet. The man was horribly burned and nearly bled to death before Casey could obtain medical assistance. The physicians say he will live.

CHARTER OAK CHATS

O. A. Griffie was a Sioux City caller Friday. W. A. Antrim spent Sunday with his wife at Omaha. D. J. Butler of Arion was an Oak caller Saturday. Miss Lillie Jones visited at Ute the last of the week. Mrs. C. F. Garrett called on Ute friends Saturday. Fred Davis was at Sioux City on business the last of the week. Clarence Shropshire of Denison spent Sunday with friends here. P. W. Harding transacted business at Denison the first of the week. Rev. Sangen of Craig, Neb., preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday. Mrs. Harthun and Seymour of Denison came to the Oak Monday afternoon. Frank and Miss Pearl Bates of Holstein are visiting their sister, Mrs. G. B. Goin. Miss Nellie Pennell spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister Hattie at Sioux City. Miss Elsie Kewan returned from Dow City Monday and will attend school here again. A. Criswell moved this week into the cottage on Main street lately vacated by Dr. Waterhouse. Riley Johns and wife spent Sunday with friends at Mapleton. They expect to move to that place soon. Nellie Perry returned from Omaha Saturday. Maggie Myers accompanied her to visit her a few days. Mrs. R. W. Butterworth returned on Saturday from Omaha, where she had been to have her eyes treated. Mrs. Nelson's team ran away with her Saturday, throwing her out and breaking a rib and bruising her considerably. Emil Schurke went to Omaha Saturday evening, returning Monday with his wife who had been there during the last week. The warm rains have caused nature to look very springlike and the good housewives are keeping painters and paper hangers very busy helping to beautify their homes accordingly. Misses Maud and Anna Hall of Denison visited over Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Yeager. Maud went to her school near Mapleton Monday and Anna to her school near Schleswig. The Epworth League will give a Cupid social next Friday evening in the empty building south of the City Hotel. The quotation books are finished and will be on sale at that time. Everybody is cordially invited. Married, Monday, April 16th, at 9 a. m., at the Catholic church, Mr. Peter Smith of Willow township and Miss Nellie Capps of Charter Oak, Father Cooper officiating. We unite with their many friends in congratulations. Ned Capps and wife were down from Sioux City to attend the wedding. Appropriate Easter services were held at all the churches here Sunday morning. In the evening all denominations attended the second annual Easter concert given by the Presbyterian choir assisted by the orchestra. A fine program was given which was highly appreciated by the large audience. A reception will be held at the Presbyterian church Friday evening in honor of Mrs. E. A. Abbott and daughter who will soon move to Seattle. As they have been faithful workers in the church and Sabbath school and Miss Florence the leading soprano in the choir for so long a time, they will be greatly missed in both church and social circles.

WHEAT QUIET BUT FIRM.

Foreign Crop Damage Reports the Steady Influence—Corn Strong. CHICAGO, April 16.—The wheat markets were quiet but firm today, influenced by foreign damage reports, the corn strength and better foreign bids, May closing 3/8 over Saturday. May corn closed 3/8 up and May oats 3/8 depressed. At the close provisions were 5/8 higher in lard to 1/2 lower in pork. Closing prices: WHEAT—May, 65 1/2; July, 68 1/2. CORN—May, 36 1/2; July, 40 1/2. OATS—May, 23 1/2; July, 25 1/2. RICE—May, 12 1/2; July, 12 1/2. LARD—May, 47 1/2; July, 47 1/2. CASH QUOTATIONS: No. 2 red wheat, 69 1/2; No. 2 spring wheat, 66 1/2; No. 2 corn, 35 1/2; No. 2 oats, 23 1/2. Chicago Live Stock. CHICAGO, April 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 19,000; steers generally 1/2 lower; butchers' stocks steady; good to prime steers, \$4.90-\$5.00; poor to medium, \$4.10-\$4.75; selected feeders, \$4.00-\$4.30; mixed stockers, \$3.40-\$3.60; cows, \$3.00-\$3.50; heifers, \$3.10-\$3.75; canners, \$2.50-\$2.90; bulls, \$2.80-\$4.25; Texas bulls, \$4.50-\$7.50; Texas steers, \$4.00-\$5.25; Texas cows, \$3.30-\$3.70. Hogs—Receipts, today, 34,000; tomorrow, 25,000; estimated; hogs slow to 1/2 lower; top, \$5.75; mixed and butchers, \$4.40-\$5.70; good to choice heavy, \$5.00-\$5.75; rough heavy, \$4.40-\$5.50; light, \$5.00-\$5.25; bulk of sales, \$5.50-\$6.00. Sheep—Receipts, 16,000; sheep about steady; lambs 1/2 lower; good to choice wethers, \$4.00-\$4.45; fair to choice mixed, \$3.00-\$3.50; western sheep, \$3.00-\$3.35; yearlings, \$5.00-\$6.50; native lambs, \$5.00-\$7.40; western lambs, \$4.00-\$7.40. Kansas City Live Stock. KANSAS CITY, April 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 8,000; native killers fairly active, steady; Texas strong; heavy native steers, \$5.00-\$5.25; lightweights, \$4.70-\$5.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.50-\$5.35; butchers' cows and heifers, \$3.35-\$4.50; canners, \$2.75-\$3.35; fed, \$3.00-\$4.00; 4.00; Texans, \$4.00-\$4.35. Hogs—Receipts, 9,000; few choice grades steady; others, 1/2 lower; heavy, \$5.00-\$5.50; mixed, \$4.00-\$5.00; light, \$3.25-\$5.50; pigs, \$1.50-\$3.00. Sheep—Receipts, 4,000; best grades 50 higher; some grades, \$4.00-\$4.50; Colorado native, \$3.90-\$4.30; mountain, \$3.75-\$4.15; stockers and feeders, \$4.50-\$5.00; culls, \$3.00-\$3.50.

HAPPENINGS AT VAIL.

Lou Mahon visited with his family last week. Arthur Grant returned Sunday from his Chicago stay. Nine car loads of stock were shipped from Vail Sunday. Dr. Fitzgerald is having the front of his drug store building painted. A. Dannett and Blanche Grote of West Side were Vail visitors Saturday. Glenn Paine and Irma Wagner spent Sunday visiting with Denison friends. Eleven head of horses were sold Saturday at a horse sale at the stock yards. Mrs. Jerry Ryan returned Saturday from an extended stay with a daughter in Chicago. The room occupied by Fanske, the jeweler, has been very much improved by a coat of paint. Mrs. P. Novotny and son, Emil, went to Dunlap Thursday afternoon returning in the evening. Leonard Bebe, the genial foreman at the Observer office, went to West Side Saturday evening to attend the dance at that place. Jas. McAndrews went to Sioux City Friday to meet his daughter, Bertha, on her return from Centerville, S. D. Miss McAndrews is very much improved from her recent sickness. The Vail base ball club will give a grand ball at the opera house Friday night which promises to surpass any thing given here for some time. The Denison orchestra has been engaged and good music is assured. The proceeds will be used to buy a full outfit for the team. Sunday morning at 10 o'clock occurred the marriage of Miss Nellie Kirk to Mr. Thos. Fitzpatrick at St. Ann's church, the Rev. Father Murphy officiating. Miss Stella Fitzsimmons and Mr. John Fialhe acting as bridesmaid and groomsmen. After the ceremony dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Kirk. The bridal party left on the noon train for a short stay in Omaha. The bride is well known in this county as one of its most prominent school teachers. Mr. Fitzpatrick is one of Denison's most popular young men, well known and well liked by all for his good qualities. Our best wishes go with the newly wedded pair.

IOWA HAPPENINGS.

Salute Chose Meeting Place. LAMONI, Ia., April 16.—Independence, Mo., was chosen as the next place of meeting by the Saints' conference and April 1, 1901, as the time. State Appointments in Iowa. DES MOINES, April 16.—Governor Shaw has announced the following appointments: Dairy commissioner, B. P. Norton, Ceresco, reappointed; adjutant general, M. H. Byers, Glenwood, reappointed; inspector general, Major J. A. Olmstead, U. S. A. Iowa Aid for India. DES MOINES, April 14.—Governor Shaw will be the leading speaker at a mass meeting Monday evening, to start an Iowa movement for the raising of aid for famine stricken India. The ministerial union and state and city officers have become interested and the intention is to have a state commission appointed by the governor to take charge of the work and organize it. Iowa Democrats for Bryan. DES MOINES, April 16.—The Democrats of Polk county Saturday named delegates to the state convention May 3. The convention was unanimous for Bryan, adopting resolutions indorsing him and the Chicago platform in whole and in every part, but not mentioning the ratio of 16 to 1. Chairman Huffman of the state committee says Democrats of the state are for Bryan and he expects 90 per cent of the counties to instruct for him. Byers Withdraws from the Race. DES MOINES, April 14.—H. W. Byers of Harlan announced his withdrawal from the contest for the Republican nomination for congress in the Ninth district. Congressman McPherson, recently appointed federal judge, will resign from congress, and Mr. Byers was considered the leading candidate for the succession. He retires in favor of N. W. Macey of Shelby, who, with Judge Smith of Council Bluffs are left the two leading candidates. Silver Republicans to Meet May 3. DES MOINES, April 14.—W. A. Spurrier, national committeeman for the Iowa Silver Republican party, announced that the party will hold a convention here May 3 to name delegates to the convention of the national organization at Kansas City. The state convention will be held on the same day as the national, and although the formal call is not announced, Judge Spurrier says it will probably be a mass gathering. The national convention, he says, will be held at Kansas City the same day as the Democratic convention, and the expectation is that the same candidates will be named by both organizations. Wallpaper Trust May Dissolve. NEW YORK, April 17.—The World says: At the annual meeting of the National Wallpaper company, it is said, a strong effort will be made to dissolve the company, better known as the wallpaper trust. The party of directors working to this end is headed by Colonel Jacob J. Janeway. These directors assert that the organization has never been a success, owing to the fact that it raised the price of wallpaper to a figure where competition was made very profitable, and independent factories were started faster than the trust could absorb.

FORESHADOWINGS.

We may not look across the misty tide Or hear or feel the breath of passing wings. Yet seen and unseen weave their fringes wide And nature teems with clear foreshadowings. Not in wild storms of crashing thunder rung, In deep silence that brood about, Without a word from lip or tongue She sheers the faith that wrestles with a doubt. From brown cocoons the winds have tossed and whirled, Broad wings of gold beat up the viewless air, And dry seed germs that wander round the world Are quick with strange unfoldings rich and rare. The sharded beetle bred in marshy fen Transfigures soars above his riven shell On flashing wings before the gaze of men, A royal birth, a living truth as well. And still, sweet voices speak the ages through; No germ is lost, but lives forevermore. The seed unfolds to fairer life anew, And from the dust strange pinions mount and soar. —Zion's Herald.

RINGS ON YELLOW PINES.

Two Circles of New Fiber Blending Into One Mark Each Year. "It is very curious to note the successive growth circles of our yellow pines," said a veteran lumberman from the Pearl river district. "Until my attention was especially directed to the subject by a forestry expert a few years ago I had no idea that the markings were so beautifully clear and distinct. The tree acquires two rings of new fiber every year, one in the spring and one in the fall, but they blend together and form a single, well defined circle. "During the first ten years these successive accumulations are of about equal thickness, and for the next two decades the diminution is very slight, but after that the rings become thinner and thinner, and when the tree gets into the eighties and nineties the growth is very slight indeed—in fact, a mere film. Nevertheless the ring is always formed as long as the tree lives and can be clearly discerned with a glass after it ceases to be visible to the naked eye. "During the visit of the expert to whom I referred we cut a good deal of timber on my place ranging between 16 and 18 inches in diameter. That tree is 125 years old," he would say, "that one is 100, that is about 140, and so on." Afterward we measured the growth rings with the instruments he carried, and in every instance he had hit the age within a few years. It seemed wonderful, but was simply the result of experience combined with an accurate eye. "There are some very ancient pine trees in the Pearl river district, and many of them figure in the traditions and folklore of the settlers in their neighborhood. There are a couple of such patriarchs on a tract near my mill, and when the standing timber of the place was recently sold I am glad to say they were especially excepted in the terms of the contract. It would have seemed like murder to some of the county folks if they had been cut down."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

PERFORMED TOO WELL.

"The man whom I shall marry," said the proud beauty, "must perform three tasks." "Name the first," said the lover. "Go and umpire a ball game." He bowed and departed. After two months he returned, having been discharged from the hospital cured. "Name the second task," he said. "Go and act as judge of the Asbury Park baby show." Again he departed. In a week he presented himself again. "I owe my life to the Jersey police," he said. "Name the third task." "Attend a meeting of a bicycle club and state which, in your opinion, is the best make of wheel." He went and he returned. "Dearest," he said, "I am still in the ring. At last you will be mine!" "I have changed my mind," said the maiden. "In the first place, I could not marry a man of your present personal appearance. In the second place, I should be afraid to marry a man with such a record for pugnacity. Forgive me." After thinking the matter over he forgave her. He thought he might as well do so. And so they were not married.—Brooklyn Life.

A SPELLING COMPETITION.

The other day Jones said to Brown, "I'll bet you anything you like you can't spell three simple words I'll give you within 20 seconds." "I'll go you. What are they?" said Brown. "Well, here goes," Jones said as he pulled out his watch. "Believe." "Be-l-i-e-v-e." "Receive." "Re-c-e-i-v-e," again Brown spelled. "Wrong!" said Jones. "What?" exclaimed Brown in surprised tones. "I've spelled the two words you gave me correctly. I'm certainly not!" "Time's up!" Jones said triumphantly. "Why didn't you spell the third word—w-r-o-n-g?"

ADVANTAGES OF YAWNING.

"Not only is it healthy to yawn," says a French physician, "but artificial yawning should be resorted to in cases of sore throat, buzzing of the ears, catarrh and like trouble." It is said to be as efficacious in its way as gargling the throat, with which process it should be combined. The chapel of St. Helena at Bethlehem contains 44 marble columns which were taken from Mount Moriah and supposed to have been in the porches of the temple. Chinese streets are the narrowest in the world. Some of them are only three feet wide.

COWBOY BLACKSMITHING.

"Up at my camp near the Four Peaks," told Jim Bark, the well known cattleman, "the boys are all handy with a rifle. We've a lot of guns up there. Most of the new guns were bought during the Spanish war, when we would experiment all day with tree trunks and rough trenches, learning the art of war at home. We found that a bullet from one of the new Winchester, driven by smokeless powder, was good for four feet and more of pine timber and for more than an inch of iron. "I thought the boys had done about everything in the shooting line that could be done long ago, but I was mistaken. I sent them up a wagon. In hauling down some firewood they broke the bolsters all to flinders. The bolsters held up the wagon bed, you know. Well, the boys figured out all right the rebuilding of the wood parts, but came near being stumped on the iron fixings. They got some old iron wagon tires and cut them in proper lengths, but hadn't a way that they could see to punch the necessary bolt holes. Finally the question was solved. One of the boys carefully marked the places for the bolts, stood the piece of the against a tree and put a bullet, 30 caliber, through the tire at each place marked. It was a novel sort of blacksmithing, but it worked."—Arizona Grapevine.

GARLAND AND THE VIRGINIAN.

Cleveland's first attorney general, Garland—a specimen of what Lincoln called the plain people—was born in Arkansas and "raised" in blue jeans. One day, at the department of justice, he received a visit from a Virginia gentleman of aristocratic manner, who bored him horribly with talk about "first families." "It seems to me, sub," said the visitor or last, "that there are Gyarlands in North Carolina. I once met a gentleman named Henry Gyarland, from that state. May I ask, sub, if he was a relative of yours?" "First cousin," replied Mr. Garland shortly. "He was hanged for horse stealing." A look of ill conceived horror and disgust came over the visitor's countenance. Then, drawing on his gloves, he rose to his feet, took up his hat, and, waving a hand toward the walls of the room, said: "A fine collection of portraits you have here, Mr. Gyarland. Your predecessors in office, I presume?" "Yes," grunted Mr. Garland. The Virginian stalked out, evidently glad to make his escape, and the attorney general, turning to his chief clerk, grinned and remarked: "He'll never bother me any more."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

STOLE WATCH TO GET SQUARE.

"Great Scott, but that's a fine watch!" came from the chorus. "Where'd you ever get it?" "Stole it," answered its possessor calmly. "You don't believe me, do you?" he went on. "Well, I'll tell you how it happened. I was on a western district which enjoyed the reputation of being the toughest one covered by the house. I had some time to kill and so went into one of the gambling joints. It isn't necessary to go into details as to what happened. As luck would have it, there were a half dozen others in the place besides myself who might be considered as possible victims. "When the time came, the lights were put out suddenly, and then we had 'rough house' for about ten minutes. In the middle of it I felt somebody grab my watch and reached after him. I caught some one and felt that he was just putting a watch in his trousers pocket. I gave his wrist a hard wrench and got the timepiece. Then I broke away. When I got to the light, I found the watch was this one. And as I never heard from the owner I have kept it to compensate for the loss of mine."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

IN HANDS OF A RECEIVER.

Commercial Mutual Fire Insurance Company Falls to Reduce Liabilities. DES MOINES, April 14.—The Commercial Mutual Fire Insurance company was placed in the hands of a receiver on application of its president, George A. Jewett. The company had in force \$1,900,000 of insurance, and has been refused a certificate by the state auditor fill the impairment of its assets should be made good. R. J. McKee was named as receiver. The state treasurer received \$5,840 collateral inheritance tax from the Weiss estate in Scott county, and \$900 from the Heldrich estate in Jones county. In the last week the treasurer has learned of the liability of several big estates. The treasurer is now notifying attorneys and representatives of estates liable for the inheritance tax of the provisions of the recent act passed by the legislature.

RULES ON SALOON PETITION.

Supreme Court Holds Signers May Withdraw Names Before Paper is Canvassed. DES MOINES, April 16.—The supreme court decided a case from Fayette county involving the validity of a saloon consent petition. The petition was submitted to the supervisors of the county, showing 48 more than the necessary 65 per cent of voters. Afterward, and before it was canvassed by the board, 70 signers requested that their names be withdrawn. The question was whether a name could be thus withdrawn. The supreme court holds that names can be withdrawn at any time before the petition is canvassed, but not afterwards. This invalidates the petition in that case. "The point has never been decided before in this state and will have an important bearing in a score of counties at present where efforts are being made to secure new permits, necessitated by the invalidating of old ones. The district courts have held both ways on the matter."

HE FIXED THE PICTURE.

On one occasion when the well known English painter, Mr. Val Prinsep, R. A., was engaged at the Royal academy in varnishing a picture he unfortunately upset a high box on which he had been standing, with the result that the sharp corner made its way through a picture immediately below his own, causing a large and jagged hole in the canvas. Horrified at what he had done and dreading to meet the artist to whom the damaged picture belonged, Mr. Prinsep sought the academy secretary and begged for permission to repair the canvas. His request was granted. The severed threads were attached together, the seam was covered with paint, and so skillfully was the tear touched up that the picture was sold at the private view on the next day. Fortunately the painter of the picture, when affairs were explained to him, was rather more amused than annoyed at what had happened.—London Chronicle.

OUR FIRST RESTAURANT.

Until 1830 restaurants were unknown. The first one established in America was started on Park row, New York, by Edward Windust, whose place became the resort of all the famous personages of the earlier part of this century who resided in the Knickerbocker city. Delmonico I started his cafe on William street, and the furnishings consisted of a half dozen pine tables, with chairs to match. Cups and saucers of earthenware, two tined forks, buck bone handled knives and an imposing tin coffee pot completed his outfit. Delmonico waited upon his patrons himself, arrayed in white cap and apron.—Kansas City Independent.

WHAT WE ARE WORRYING ABOUT.

A problem that is now stirring the literary centers of Boston to their base is whether a woman who is engaged in the manufacture of penwipers is a real "literary person" and entitled to membership in the Authors' club. After Boston decides this question she may proceed to relieve the anxiety of a waiting world by deciding whether a quilting bee ought to be classed as a literary function.—Baltimore News.

POVERTY'S DAY DREAM.

Richard Whiteing gained the experience for his vivid pictures of life in the east of London by living among the workers there. Many of his experiences among the submerged tenth are even more interesting than those he has told in print. "Once while talking with a grizzled old woman, who lived in the same tenement, she referred to the queen." "Oh, how I would like to be the queen!" said the ancient beldam. "Why?" asked Mr. Whiteing. "It isn't because of her 'orses, because if I were queen I would 'ave a donkey cart with red wheels, and it isn't because of 'er band of musicians on 'orseback, which goes 'ead of the 'orse guards, for I'd much rather 'ave a Italian 'with a 'ind organ; but, just think, if she wakes up at 3 o'clock in the morning and wants a bite to eat she can touch a bell and 'ave beef and boiled cabbage right away." "A factory girl visited a collection of antique sculptures, and on her return Mr. Whiteing asked her: "How did you like the statues?" "None too much at first, sir, because nearly all of them were shamelessly dressed. That made me mad until I thought that they were awfully poor in them days and didn't 'ave money to buy clothes with. Then, do you know, I felt real bad because there wasn't a single lady in the whole bloom lot of them what 'ad a bonnet to 'er name."—Saturday Evening Post.

ANIMAL RIGHTS IN FLORIDA.

One thing that strikes a stranger as peculiar in this country is the attitude of the public toward the cattle and the hogs. These animals are allowed to roam about un molested, and if you wish to raise anything that they may destroy you must fence them out. Thus all the little gardens in which vegetables are grown and which are called "trucking places" have a fence around them that is certainly "pig tight," for it is often made of ten strands of barbed wire. The wire for a few such plots is worth more than all the pigs in the state, but the hog owner demands it, and it must be done. These owners of cattle and hogs were the first settlers in the state, and they appear to have had their own way in lawmaking ever since. It is a question of the attitude. In the northern states if you own cattle you are held responsible for fencing them in. Here you must keep other people's cattle out if you wish to raise anything.—Cor. Springfield Republican.

EIGHT-HOUR DEMONSTRATION.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The committee on arrangements for the monster eight-hour demonstration to be held in this city on April 28 by 40,000 members of labor organizations announced today that the parade, which will constitute a part of the demonstration, will be divided into eight divisions. A mass meeting will be held at Union square.

SHORTER HOURS FOR CLERKS.

ALBANY, April 17.—Governor Roosevelt signed the bill providing for shorter hours of the drug clerks in the city of New York and of the inspection of drug stores by the local board of health. Under its provisions drug clerks are prohibited from sleeping in the stores or in apartments connected with the stores.

INSURGENTS REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSS.

MANILA, April 17.—General Young reports that 300 insurgent riflemen and bolomen attacked the American garrison at Batoc, province of North Ilocos, yesterday, but were repulsed, losing 108 men. The Americans had no casualties.