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NO DOUBLE TRACK.

Illinois Central Officials Laugh at Globe-Journal's Article.
(From the Dubuque Herald.)
Many railroad officials of the Illinois Central are laughing at the article that appeared in the Globe-Journal this week to the effect that the Central would soon have a double track to Waterloo. They say that there is not the least bit of truth in the statement. Furthermore, were the Central contemplating a double track it would be between Dubuque and Chicago and not Dubuque and Waterloo.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii,

has made her shroud prior to her departure for her native land. This is in accordance with a custom of the natives, who consider it disgraceful to be buried in garments bought or prepared by strangers. The shroud is of heavy white satin, lined with purple silk.

Insurance Graveyard.

"The rapidity with which the insurance graveyard is filling up reflects great credit upon the system adopted by the state auditor," said a local insurance writer to a Gazette reporter recently. "It shows that some very systematic investigations have been going on. The failure of the Commercial Mutual of Des Moines developed some interesting facts. This company owes in excess of \$14,000 according to the official report, and has about \$40,000 in premium notes. Of course, the makers of the notes have paid for all the insurance they have had up to the failure of the company, and now they are called upon to put up \$14,000 for a dead horse. The Commercial Mutual Insurance company was organized March 1, 1894, for the transaction of a fire insurance business, parties insuring becoming members of the association by giving of taking out such insurance, giving notes for the premium according to the face of the policy, annual assessments to be made for the purpose of paying the losses after the total amount of such losses had been determined. A guaranty fund limited to \$500,000, divided into shares of \$100 each, was provided, and guaranty notes to the amount of \$25,000 given by the organizers of the company upon which the salaries of the officers and cash to the amount of \$2,150 had been credited. "March 1, 1900, the liabilities of the company were \$4,000, due to banks and brokers for money borrowed and upon losses unpaid. When the company made application to the auditor of the March 1st for his certificate to carry on the business of the company during the year 1900 he refused to issue the same unless the company should reduce their liabilities from \$14,000 to \$6,000, which they were unable to do. "Some recent additions to the roll of (de) honor are: "Iowa Mutual Fire Association, Des Moines. "National Church Mutual of Lisbon. "Commercial Mutual, Des Moines. "It has been plainly intimated at headquarters that there are several other companies in the state of the same type that will undoubtedly go the same route within a few months. A number of Cedar Rapids parties have been caught in these recent failures."—Cedar Rapids Gazette.

William Jennings Bryan thinks the young man in politics will decide the battle of 1900. He says in the March issue of "Success": "A slogan of the coming campaign will be, 'Give the young man a chance.' I think that his chance today depends more upon his relationship to some rich man than it used to, and more than it ought to. In other words, as wealth is concentrated in the hands of a few, it is more potent to help or to harm, those who are beneath its immediate influence. "The young man of today is powerless to avoid this, except as he may secure legislation which will protect the God-made man from injury at the hands of the man-made, the corporation-made person. "In the meantime, he must endure it. The American youth, when protected by a just government, has more opportunities than the youth of any other nation. An industrial despotism however, would prove as destructive to the highest manhood as a governmental despotism. American boys aspire to something higher than clerkships under monopolies. "When success depends upon merit, instead of favor, as it always should, intelligence, industry and honesty are the three most necessary qualities. A man's success cannot be measured until he dies. A business man may be counted among the successful one day, and he may be a bankrupt the next. A man in public life may be popular one year, and may be forgotten the next. In public life, a man's success depends more upon his ideas, and upon his honesty, than upon his ability either to speak or to write. If his ideas agree with those of the people, he will be popular. If in addition to having popular ideas, he is able to present them well, his influence is increased. A popular idea is an idea which the majority of the people believe to be conducive to the welfare of the country. "In regard to the young man in politics, there were never better opportunities for him whose sympathies are broad enough to take in all the people, and who has the ability to defend his convictions, and the courage to abide by them. Such a man should, if he can, obtain a college education, though it is not indispensable. No education however limited, can be a disadvantage, anywhere, unless it makes the possessor feel himself superior to those about him, and leads him to depend upon his diploma, instead of depending upon his usefulness to others day by day."

Andy Johnson's Cow Milking.

Milking cows, it is said, made Andy Johnson president of the United States. In the early days of Tennessee, Meredith P. Gentry and Andy Johnson were candidates for governor of Tennessee. Railroads were scarce in those times, and the traveling being done in buggies and on horseback. Gentry and Johnson, although opponents for the highest office in the gift of the people of their state, were always the best of friends. During their campaign they rode together in the same buggy, and usually slept in the same bed. In those times, in hamlets and villages, there was usually a squire who was lord of his section and who controlled the votes of his neighborhood, and on this account he was naturally sought after by the candidates. It was one of these squire's farms that Johnson milked the cow that made him president.

Bright and early in the morning Colonel Gentry slipped out of bed, went to the kitchen, picked up two buckets, went to the well and filled them. He thought that the proper way to get votes was to first win the friendship of the women. As he was returning from the well he met the squire's wife. This tickled him very much. He thought that luck was surely with him this time and that he would keep Andy Johnson from getting the votes in that neighborhood at least. He was giving the squire's wife much taffy, when she said, "Yes, I think that Mr. Johnson is a very nice man too; he is over the fence milking the cows." After the election it was found that Andy Johnson was elected by a very small majority, which Colonel Gentry remarked came from milking those cows. Colonel Gentry was one of the smartest men in the south, considering Johnson's superior. From governor of Tennessee Johnson became president of the United States, which great honor was achieved by milking cows.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Ropy Milk and Cream.

A New York milk dealer was troubled with ropy milk to an extent that he was rapidly losing his trade. Unless his milk was used at once, being drawn it would become ropy. If it stood over night, even in a temperature of 50 degrees the cream would cling to a table fork and spread out in a stringy mass. The Cornell Experiment Station entered upon an investigation. The milk was found to be all right when it was taken from the stables. At one time the night's milk was held over night in deep cans set in cold water, and the morning's milk was aerated and strained in the dairy room. The brass-strainer used for straining all of the milk into the deep setting cans proved to be in a filthy condition, owing to lack of thorough cleaning. The strainer was found on two different days to be capable of contaminating milk with the specific organism which caused ropiness. Two out of four deep setting cans examined were in a like condition. In another case an examination of the milk as drawn from the different cows failed to show any ropiness, and the contamination was traced to the cans used for holding the milk over night or during delivery. The strainer in this case could not be charged with the contamination. The indications were that in both of the above cases a more thorough scalding of the utensils would bring relief, and it was suggested that the smaller utensils be totally immersed in boiling water for three minutes and the larger cans be filled to the brim with boiling water for a like time. This suggestion adopted and immediately the trouble disappeared. Owing to the unusual ability of the bacillus causing ropy milk to grow at a low temperature, keeping milk submerged in ice water or in a refrigerator would not prevent the ropiness, and might even cause this particular bacillus to predominate in the milk over

"Slim Piet."

(The following tribute to General Joubert, who was known to the Boers as "Slim Piet" or Sly Peter, was written for the Chicago Times-Herald by S. E. Kiser and is one of the few really good poems brought forth by the war.)
Your feet, "Slim Piet,"
Shall tread no lonely rock—
No heavy load for me
No more the ruck and shock
Of warshall feet your years!
Sweet Peace hath smoothed your brow
And put your sword away;
And they that were your foes
Are twining laurels now
In hallow wreaths, to lay
Where you repose!

You closed your eyes,
Ere yet the foe's hand
Had grasped the prize!
Therefore your name shall stand
For all that might have been—
Ere yet your tomb's chosen men begin
To sigh and say:
"If he had lived!" And so
Through all the ages they
Will let the wondering peoples know
How "Liberty was stricken low"
When Death led you away!
The honors Fortune gave
You in propitious days
You carry to the grave,
And who hath higher praise?
No Waterloo
For you,
No blot upon your glorious page!
No futile frothing
And no regretting—
No dodging old age!
To win and die to die
Ere losses come
Exalts men to the sky,
And leaves the critic dumb!

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The Kicker Went About Landing His Protest in a Rather Unconventional Manner, but the Chances Are He Got What He Was After.
"Yes," said the tall, loose jointed man at the telephone, "that's the number I want—329."
"Double two nine?" queried the voice at the central office.
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"That's the voice of the other end of the wire."
"Is Mr. Spotschack in?"
"Is it something important? He is much occupied."
"So am I. Yes; it's a matter of some importance, and I want to talk to Mr. Spotschack personally. Yes; I'll hold the wire—that is, I'll hold the phone!"
"Hello!" mapped somebody at this juncture.
"Hello! Is that Mr. Spotschack?"
"Yes. Who is it?"
"You are the head of the firm of Spotschack & Co., are you not?"
"Yes," was the impatient answer.
"What do you want? Who are you?"
"I want to talk to you, Spotschack, in street. I want to enter a complaint."
"What about?"
"I bought an icebox at your store a few days ago, and—"
"Call up the household goods department, and you'll find I have no time to spare to look after such things."
"You've got as much time, perhaps, as I have. I haven't any complaint to make to the household goods department. The head of the firm is the man I want to talk to. I bought an icebox at your store a few days ago for \$16.75. I might have got it cheaper somewhere else, but that isn't the point. Having bought it and paid for it, I had a right to expect it to be delivered within a reasonable time and in fair condition. It didn't come for four days, and when it did come—"
"Say, you, I employ men to hear complaints of this kind!"
"I have no more to say. You're the responsible man of the house. The system is yours. If it doesn't work smoothly, it is your fault. When that icebox came four days after purchase, one of the castors was missing, the varnish was scuffed off, and I had to spend more than a dozen places, and it looked as if it had gone through a hard season at a cheap boarding house!"
"If there's anything wrong with it," roared Mr. Spotschack, "send it back! I can't take it up my fire!"
"Stand a little farther away from the phone, Mr. Spotschack. Your voice sounds as if you had your mouth full of mashed potatoes!"
"Who the devil are you?"
"I think I gave you my name and address—Gwilliams, 1195 Pumpernickel street, next door to Lazarus J. Spillhorn. You don't know me from a stuffed alligator, but you may have heard of Spillhorn. Don't you allow yourself to get hot, Mr. Spotschack, over an icebox. The incongruity of such a thing ought to be apparent even to the head of an overgrown junkshop!"
"If you were here, sir, I should kick you out of my office!"
"You would probably need some help. If that icebox had simply been defaced a little, I shouldn't have made any fuss about it, but the stupid ass you sent to deliver it!"
"Even't you sense enough, you infernal idiot, to know that I don't look personally after the little details of a business amounting to millions of dollars a year?"
"If you don't grasp every detail of that business, you Cheap John notion peddler in a gilt binding, you are not fit to be the boss of it! Don't try to crawl out of the responsibility by throwing the blame on some boy. If that icebox had simply been defaced a little, I repeat, I shouldn't have made any fuss about it, but the fellow you sent to deliver it didn't have any more sense than to tumble it on the sidewalk!"
"Bring it back, thank you!"
"Again let me tell you, Spotschack, not to use such language over the telephone. Some remote ancestor of yours may possibly have been a gentleman. Try to emulate him, Spotschack. In the meantime please accept the assurance of my distinguished consideration, and

the icebox will remain in my dwelling until your order. If it is replaced properly and within a reasonable time, you will not hear from me again. If it isn't, I shall call you up, Spotschack, personally a dozen times a day through all the public telephones in town. I have not the patience to call at your store to make the complaint. Your system of making exchanges is too complicated, and I believe in going to headquarters with all kicks anyhow. Never allow yourself to think, Spotschack, that you are too big a man to listen to a complaint from your meanest customer. I think that's all. Good morning, Spotschack!"—Chicago Tribune.

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