### HARTWICK.

Nice spring weather since the cold spell.

Miss Grace Annis, of Sand Creek, as teacher, began the spring term of school here last Monday with a good attendance of scholars.

Seeding is about finished in this section.

Mr. Reeder, of Earlville, and Miss Maude Swinburne, of Delhi, visited friends here Sunday.

Dr. G. H. Fuller and wife were callers at H. H. Porter's last Thursday.

John Curley, the orphan boy who was with Mr. G. B. Davis the past winter, returned to New York, his former home, last Tuesday.

Are you a Buffalo yet? If not, why not.

### COGGON.

Mrs. S. J. Edmunds of Manchester, was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Sherman a couple of days this week.

Chas. Flint of LaCross, Wis., is a guest at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Ary, east of town, having arrived Monday. Mrs. Flint has been here for some time.

At their cozy little home previously furnished at the north end of 2d St., on Tuesday, April 23d, at 4 o'clock p. m., by Rev. F. L. Platt of Central City, assisted by Rev. A. M. West of the Presbyterian church, occurred the wedding of W. L. DeWoody and Grace Flint, both of Coggon. This is one of Coggon's most estimable young couples, and they launch their barques on the high sea of life under most favorable circumstances. Mr. Dewoody is one ot our merchants of DeWoody Bros., and Miss Flint is one of Linn county's most successful school teachers. Both have lived in this vicinity all or nearly all their life, and their scores of friends, including the Monitor, join in wishing them bon voyage.—Monitor.

### EHLER.

Bert Moore and wife spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Montgomery, of this place.

Henry McMullen and family spent Sunday in Coggon.

Bert Henderson went to Chicago with three car loads of stock the middle of last week.

Frank Pierce and wife were shopping in Coggon last Saturday.

The basket social for the benefit of the M. E. church, which was held at Harry Reed's last Tuesday evening was quite largely attended.

Thos. French, of Coggon, is laying a basement wall for Thos. Cashman's new barn.

Wm. Montgomery and wife of Ryan, spent Sunday at the former's home at this place.

Mrs. F. E. Patton and little daughter visited in Coggon one day last week.

Jesse Lenox has purchased the "Roy" house and is moving it onto his farm to be used as a tenant house.

Thos. Lyon was a Coggon visitor Saturday.

### PRAIRIE.

J. E. Davis, of Manchester, spent Tuesday at the home of Mr. H. Davis.

Miss Ella Lyness is teaching in Adams township this spring.

John Mulvehill took advantage of the excursion to Waterloo, Thursday.

Messrs. R. and J. Barry, of Farley, visited friends in this vicinity part of last week.

Miss Edith Carradus is the proud possessor of a new organ.

Miss Grace Annis is teaching near Hartwick this spring.

Messrs. J. and A. McElroy were passenger for Dubuque Friday.

Mrs. John Manley, of Dyersville, spent part of last week, as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Barry.

Miss Clara Stimson is teaching in District No. 3.

Ed. Lyness was a Ryan caller Sunday.

Misses Nora Hicker and Josie Connery visited at the Haennig home, Sunday.

P. Devine, of Ryan, called on friends here Wednesday.

Quite a number from this vicinity attended the funeral in Masonville of Tom Barry, Wednesday.

George Newman "wields the rod of correction," in the Burhans District this spring.

Mr. Gould of Earlville, is visiting at the home of his son, Ancil.

Jas. McGuire spent Tuesday in Dubuque.

### DELHI.

Doctor Terry visited his mother at Independence part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard and son Dale were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Conger at Almoral last Sunday.

Mrs. Gustafson and Paul have returned from a two weeks visit with friends in western Iowa.

John Porter jr. visited his grand parents at Strawberry Point from Saturday until Monday. Mrs. Porter went up and spent Monday with her parents and returned with him.

Mrs. Ida Clark and Mrs. Laura Brown were shopping in Manchester last Saturday.

Mrs. E. R. Stone and Mrs. C. D. Stone visited at the Segar home at Almoral recently.

Elmer Cruise, of Earlville, was in town on business Monday.

Mrs. Flack visited friends in Manchester and Ehler most of last week.

Ralph Heath and family, of Morley, are visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Heath, of this place.

Several from here went to Dubuque, Friday on the I. O. O. F. excursion.

Judge Doolittle was a Hopkinton visitor Friday.

Maggie Fraser was an over Sunday visitor with her sister, Mrs. Mason at Hopkinton.

Rynard Erysman was so unfortunate as to break one of his fingers recently

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Swinburne and son Harry were shopping in Manchester last Tuesday.

Rev. Salesbury was a business visitor at Manchester Tuesday.

Maude Swinburne visited friends in Earlville Friday.

H. R. Holmes and wife, of Manchester, were in town Thursday.

Mr. Kleckner, of Greeley, organized a Mystic Toilers' Lodge here Thursday evening. About fifteen members joined.

Bert Peterson and Mrs. Flack visited in Manchester Tuesday.

### GREELEY.

George Box, of Northfork, Neb., is here.

"Doc" Peterson was building political fences here Monday.

County road work has begun in this section.

Loren Box and wife of Uta, are the guests of their grandparents here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Box, of Baltic, S. D., are guests at the parental home.

As we do not hear any more talk of a base ball club, we judge it has joined the silent majority.

John Rector is suffering with the rheumatism which prevents him going out much.

Nettie Fowler, daughter of James Fowler, met with a very serious accident Tuesday evening. She was out swinging and the frame to which the swing was attached fell and the timbers which were quite heavy, crushed her to the ground and completely shattered her left limb. Dr. Thomas was called and made the sufferer as comfortable as he could under the circumstances, and he informs us this morning the wound is so serious that the unfortunate victim may lose her limb.—Home Press.

### EARLVILLE.

Johnson Allen went to Indianapolis, Indiana, the first of the week to look after business interests there.

Mrs. Ida Crosby was among those who took in the excursion to Waterloo Thursday.

W. J. Miller made a business trip to Marshalltown Tuesday evening, returning Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Brayton and daughter Emma were calling in town Thursday.

Geo. Staehle, Sr., was in Dubuque last week, sitting on the Grand Jury of the United States Court.

Mr. M. Pierce and daughters Lilla, and Mrs. McIntosh spent the day with friends in town Thursday.

Mr. A. J. Loomis of Farley visited over Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Collins, a student at Epworth, spent Sunday with the Misses Robinson and Minnie Simons, who are also students at the Seminary.

L. G. Hersey, H. J. Vanfleet, J. C. Nieman and J. H. Klaus attended a barn-raising of Joe Martin's Thursday.

Rev. Blakely and Mrs. L. G. Hersey attended the meeting of the Congregational Association at Dubuque last week.

W. T. Wood is building an addition on his home for a bath room.

106 tickets were sold here for the Odd Fellow excursion to Dubuque Friday.

W. B. Millen and W. H. Laxson of Epworth Seminary were accompanied home by Mr. Hammond and Mr. Stickford, who spent Sunday with them in Earlville.

### HOPKINTON.

H. H. Wheeless went to Dubuque Tuesday morning to serve on the federal jury.

I. T. Wilson and S. P. Carter went to Story county Tuesday evening, where they will attend a couple of stock sales with the view to bringing home some thoroughbreds.

Thos. Lindsay came down from Manchester Friday and in company with S. P. Carter made a tour of inspection of the bridges in this section, and some along the county line.

John Murray is justly indignant because of the wanton action of some party who shot a covey of quail which had been making their home near his house. The hunter drove by one day last week and bagged nearly all of the covey at a single shot. The full dose of the law is none too good for a sport of this kind, and the fellow ought to be apprehended and be made to pay dear for the violation.

Assessor C. H. Ricketts furnished us with the following items from the footings of his late inventory of the property of South Fork township: The valuation of the real estate is found to be $975,060 and of the personal property $199,408, making the total actual valuation, $1,174,468. The taxable valuation, which is one fourth of the amount given above, is $293,617. The increase over the assessment of last year is $47,064 in actual and $12,766 in taxable value. There are 249 polls in the township, 169 of which are under 45 years of age and 80 above. The assessor found owners for 85 dogs during his rounds, 65 of the animals being males and 22 females. Forty-three births were reported for the year 1900, there being 25 boys and 18 girls. The above figures of course do not include the valuation in the town of Hopkinton.—Leader.

### ALMIRA.

May will soon be here.

Frank Towne was a Ryan caller Saturday.

Mrs. Pat Flannagan visited with her mother Mrs. Britt, of the Bay, last week.

Mr. Antone and family are at liberty to go abroad once more as the scarlet fever sign was removed one day this week.

Seth Hamblin and family visited at the Warrel home Sunday.

Report says Leo. Seerey has the chicken pox.

C. A. Locke from near Central City, was a caller one day last week.

Jim McGuire is having a new dwelling erected on his farm a mile east of here.

Miss Lizzie Behan, from near Ehler, was here Thursday getting her music class arranged so as to begin this week and continue during the summer months

John Seerey is on the sick list.

F. E. Dutton of Milo township, candidate for county treasurer was a caller here Wednesday.

W. M. Michael transacted business at the county seat Saturday last.

Mrs. French of Golden started for California last week for a two months visit with relatives.

Winnie Sheppard was a caller here Saturday.

Dr. Bradley, of Manchester, was a caller here one day last week.

Nellie Barnes is spending this week at Rocky Nook.

Business called Ed Hugh to Ryan Friday.

Will Warrell spent Saturday in Manchester.

### PETERSBURG.

Farmers are busy tilling the soil for their corn crop.

Mr. John Haeger and his sister Kate of New Vienna were pleasant visitors here last Sunday.

Mr. John Hildebrand and Miss Frances Honkomp of New Vienna were united in the holy bonds of wedlock last week Tuesday, Rev. Father Rottler officiating. A reception was held at at the home of the groom's parents, who reside a few miles south of town. All that were present enjoyed it immensely. The Democrat joins in wishing this propitious couple a long and prosperous life in their new vocation. Wonder who will be next.

Mr. George Krapfle is on the way to recovery.

Dr. Anton Thole and daughter, Mina attended the Thole-Krolage wedding at Dyersville Wednesday.

Rumors are out that our town is going to organize a base ball team. A push in the right direction, but hard on fingers.

Frank Vaske and his sister, Rosa, were pleasant visitors here last Sunday

George Littlefield, of Dixon Settlement took in the sights here Sunday.

Mr. John Sherman and Miss Lettie Ovel were united in the holy bonds of wedlock last Tuesday, Rev. Father Rottler tied the nuptial knot. We extend our best wishes to this happy couple in their new vocation.

We are pained to report that Frank Koelker is on the sick roll. We hope to see him around soon.

Farmers are all through sowing.

Dr. J. Mueller, of New Vienna passed through here Wednesday on a sick call.

A bright Democrat exhilarates the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Rolfe jr. since Tuesday Papa again Franz.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Naber, of Bear Grove were visiting relatives here Friday.

Rev. Father Rottler attended the Pallium dedication in Dubuque Wednesday.

Rev. Father Nabers, of Stacyville was here last week visiting Rev. F. Rottler and friends.

The Misses Frances and Chilie Schaetzle were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rahring last week Thursday.

### EAD'S GROVE.

Rev. Hubbell preached to quite a large audience at the schoolhouse, Sunday, April, 21st.

James Retheford and Thos. Parkinson made a business trip to Manchester last Monday.

Will Holmes visited at James Fowler's last Monday. Will intends to commence working on the new M. & O. railroad next week.

Geo. Heitkamp visited with his brother-in-law, Mr. Heyden of Oneida, Sunday, April. 21st.

Charlie way was out from Greeley, Sunday, calling on his brother Sam.

Herm Fowler attended the dance at Greeley Thursday eve.

The home of Mr. L. P. Mosher is much improved by the addition of a new barn and windmill.

Wm. Smith and Sam White were among those who attended the Odd Fellow's Anniversary picnic at Dubuque last Friday.

Chas. Clute was an Edgewood visitor last Wednesday.

Jas. Fowler was quite severely bitten by a horse which he was harnessing last Tuesday. The wound which is on the fore-arm is quite painful and will necessitate Mr. Fowler, s lying idle for a few days.

Mrs Culbertson and her sister Aunt Sarah Waters visited at George Culbertson's, near Wood last week.

Jas. Retherford marketed hogs in Greeley last Wednesday.

Quite a number attended the dance at Mr McElmeels last Friday night.

Floyd Harvey's father from Delaware paid him a visit on Friday of last week.

Bert Smith is working on Mr. L. P. Mosher's new barn which is rapidly nearing completion.

Albert Frentress of Greeley, the racket store man, has started a grocery route through here exchanging groceries for eggs. He will make two trips each week.

Miss Nettie Fowler met with a very unfortunate and painful accident last Tuesday evening by fracturing one of her limbs. While getting a pail of water a heavy derrick fell on her and a half-inch bolt projecting from the top of the derrick struck her just above the left ankle producing what the physician pronounced a compound fracture. Dr. Thomas of Greeley was immediately summoned and the bones set. At present the patient is getting along as well as could be expected and all hope for her speedy recovery.

### Pioneer Life.

By Rev. Bixby.

I became well acquinted with the South Fork as I crossed and recrossed it every month for ten years to attend my appointment with the Bay church and frequently since. There was a house hear the river south of Strawberry Point. The house stood on a gentle elevation of land—a nice building spot by nature, with land enough for a garden. There was a sag between the house and bluff. One rainy night the river overflowed its banks and the water came to the floor and Mr. Smith thought it wisdom to vacate the cabin. Taking his child in his arms and his wife clinging to him, they waded the sag and by the flashes of lightning made their way to the bluff, to await the dawn of morning.

In Sune 1849 we went to the Bay Settlement to attend Quarterly meeting My brother-in-law, Rev. F. P. Augir, was with us, and during the session of the meeting the water rose in the river. Rev. Augir thought he must go home. Deacon H. C. Crosier went with oxen and lumber wagon to the ford and carried the woman and child over, and the horse and buggy followed after. If anyone should be inquisitive enough to ask how we got home—we stayed until the waters assuged. The rivers were without bridges in that day in this part of the world. Emigrant teams sometimes had to rest for several days at Bailey's ford waiting for a time to cross over.

At another time I attended my appointment at the Bay and stopped Monday forenoon to clean a clock. After I had forded the river in the afternoon it began to rain and I stopped at Mr. Henry Acres'. Mr. Acres said in the morning the river rose ten feet during the night.

One night the quiet Honey Creek, a tributary to South Fork, became antic, and "like playful children just let loose from school," went rushing down to Ead's Grove, took a house and with it an aged couple, Mr. and Mrs. Alloway. The man escaped with his life, but not so with the woman. The body was recovered; it was different in that respect from the fate of Mrs Bonney. Now came the time of building bridges. At Forestville, Mount Hope, Manchester, Clark's Mill, Benson's Mill, on the river, and also on Honey Creek, bridges were built. I had occasion to go to Buck Creek and from there to Muscatine County. When I looked to find the bridge at York there was no bridge there. I forded the creek by Mr Mason's and went on the east side of Ead's Grove, for I knew that Honey Creek would be impassable at Thorpe and lower down, so I kept the prairie road to Manchester. I knew there would be high water at Bailey's ford, therefore, I crossed on the bridge at Manchester and went to the bridge on Sand Creek then on the prairie until night came on and we stopped until morning. We had breakfast at William Crosier's, then after a few miles of morning ride, we forded Buck Creek and reached the place of meeting just as the congregation was gathering for the 11 o'clock service. It was said that the water at that time overflowed the small cultivated field west of the bridge at Bailey's ford, and carried away the rail fence and the stacks of wheat just harvested. Mr. David Connor had some hewn timber on the bottom land. He found one stick lodged in the forks of a tree ten feet from the ground.

In 1858 two messengers came from Waterloo with the request that I should go there for there was work for me there. I went to Coffins Grove, and a brother took his team and conveyed me from there. In going from Spring Branch we passed a cemetery where the people were burying a man. As we halted in the road a man came to us and said they had no minister and asked me to dismiss the people. Soon after that there was a revival and a church organized—the Oxley Grove church.—Edgewood Journal.

### BOARD PROCEEDINGS.

State of Iowa, Delaware County—ss:

Be it remembered, that on this 23d day of April, A. D. 1901, the Board of Supervisors of said county met as per adjournment. Present, S. P. Carter, chairman; F. L. Durey and Thos. Lindsay, members, and H. E. Stetson, auditor.

In the matter of the relocation of the Delhi and West Union state road, it was ordered that the matter stand continued until the June session.

In the matter of the relocation of the Earlville and Plum Creek road, it was ordered that the petition be not granted.

Auditor's report of warrants issued in vacation, from April 11 to April 22, 1901, is approved.

On motion the Board adjourned until Tuesday, April 23, 1901.

Tuesday, April 23, 1901.

Board met as per adjournment; members all present; yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Class 2.

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| Fred Newham, | bounty | $ 2 00 |
| M F Gaffney, | " | 18 00 |
| W H McCartney, | " | 16 00 |

Class 3.

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| C K Barnd, labor | | 4 85 |
| S E Turner, cement | | 5 38 |
| Manchester Light, Heat and Power Co | | 103 50 |

Class 10.

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| Joseph Gebhardt, assessor, Colony | | 144 00 |
| Wm T McElliott, trustee, Adams | | 6 00 |
| I C Odell, assessor, Elk | | 140 00 |
| Joe Baggee, " Bremen | | 150 00 |
| C H Ricketts, " South Fork | | 116 00 |

Class 14.

State vs Fred Brownell.

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| J J Brunkan, j p, clm'd $3.50, allowed | | 2 00 |
| J L Little, const, " 5.90, " | | 3 45 |
| M Makovz, pltf witness | | 60 |
| D Moriarty, " | | 90 |
| P McCaffrey, " | | 2 30 |
| W Fulver, def't witness | | 1 30 |
| F Lavendusky, " | | 1 00 |
| F M Brownell, jr, " | | 1 00 |

State vs Edward M O'Meara.

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| Elmer E South, j p, clm'd $6.25, allowed | | 5 50 |
| S F Cruise, constable | | 13 10 |
| Jno Winkforfer, pltf witness | | 60 |
| C B Rogers, " | | 4 60 |
| R W Soper, " | | 4 00 |
| E O'Connell, def't witness | | 60 |
| S S Douglass, " | | 60 |
| Wm Miller, " | | 60 |
| Julia Miller, " | | 60 |
| Fred Howe, " | | 1 30 |
| James Mitchell, " | | 1 20 |
| John E Miller, " | | 1 20 |
| Mrs Dighton, " | | 1 20 |
| Henry Peters, " | | 70 |

Class 22.

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| City of Manchester, water, continued | | |
| Fred Becker, damages, " | | |
| Bishop Telephone Co | | 12 50 |

Class 8.

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| Clayton county, relief, continued | | |
| A J Byerly, " | | |
| G W Ramsay, relief, continued | | |
| J J Lindsay, relief | | 7 50 |

The following petitions for remission of taxes are granted: Mrs. Rose James, Alma Bruce, W. F. Knapp and Mrs. C. M. Greenwood.

Petition of S. E. Kenny for remission of taxes is granted.

Petition of Adaline Earhart for remission of taxes is granted.

Petitions of W. H. Powell and Sarah Roberts are referred to the city council of Earlville.

Petition of J. P. Wilson for remission of taxes is not granted.

Petition of G. W. Long, administrator, is continued.

Petition of Albert Sandbagen is continued.

Resolved, That H. E. Stetson, County Auditor, be instructed to settle with Kit Boston and John Stutt, men who are working tuck-pointing the jail and jail residence, at a rate of four dollars per day each, and that he be appointed to keep their time.

Resolved, That the Auditor be authorized to draw warrants for all bills allowed at this session.

Class 24.

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| S P Carter, committee work | | $ 60 35 |
| S P Carter, session | " | 10 00 |
| F L Durey, committee | " | 3 65 |
| F L Durey, session | " | 8 45 |
| Thos Lindsay, committee work | | 49 60 |
| Thos Lindsay, session | " | 9 50 |

Minutes read and approved. On motion the Board adjourned.

S. P. CARTER,
Chairman Board of Supervisors.
H. E STETSON, County Auditor.

### Treatment of Burns.

Burns may be ordinary, but they lose none of their smart because of the ease with which they are acquired. Some persons seem to have a perfect genius for getting burned. If they strike a match, it breaks and scorches them, while a visit to the kitchen ends in a burn from the oven or a scald from hot water or steam. Of course the right thing to do with a burn is to get it away from all contact with the air and to do this with all possible haste.

The necessary articles for the treatment should be on hand, and they are baking soda—not washing soda, notice—fresh fat of some sort and several thicknesses of cotton cloth. It is an excellent plan to have a bottle of carron oil ready for such emergencies. Carron oil is made by shaking together equal parts of linseed oil and limewater. If the skin is broken over the burn, use the oil without the soda. Otherwise moisten the soda with olive oil or sweet oil or even lard or cold cream and apply it. Over this wrap the cloth. Cotton batting is often used for covering the burn and keeping out the air, but it is not to be recommended. It is not a good plan to use flour, dusting it over a burn, for it frequently hardens and is of little comfort.

One of the simplest measures for a superficial burn is to apply the white of an egg with a soft piece of old muslin, adding more as it dries.

A cat may look the picture of personified innocence, but it is just as well to keep the door of the canary's cage closed.—Chicago News.

The musical instruments of the Greeks closely resemble those of Turkey and Syria.

### A Modern Polonius.

"My son," said the fond but wise parent, "you are leaving me to go out into the world. I have nothing to give you but advice. Never tell a lie. If you wish to put one in circulation, get it published. A lie cannot live, but it takes one a blamed long time to fade out of print.

"Always read your contract. A man might consider he was getting a sinecure if he were offered a position picking blossoms off a century plant; but, you see, he wouldn't have a remunerative occupation if he were paid on piecework.

"Be not overcritical. Even the most ordinary sort of a genius can tell when the other fellow is making a fool of himself.

"Remember that the young man, like the angler's worm, is rather better for being visibly alive.

"Be careful in the choice of your surroundings. Environment will do a great deal for a man. For example, flour and water in a china jug is cream sauce. In a pail on the sidewalk it is billsticker's paste.

"Don't forget that there's a time for everything and that everything should be done in its proper time. Never hunt for bargains in umbrellas on a rainy day.

"You may make enemies. If you know who they are, don't mention them. Silence is golden. It saves the money that might otherwise be spent in defending a libel suit. If you don't know who they are—well, abuse lavished on a concealed enemy is like charity indiscriminately bestowed; it's a good thing wasted."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

### How Blaine Remembered Henderson.

It was before General Henderson had been elected to congress, and Blaine was speaker of the house. Henderson was in Washington, and naturally Blaine was one of the statesmen that he much desired to meet, and the opportunity came of a morning just as the speaker was passing through the lobby on his way to the marble rostrum. The formal greetings were exchanged in a brief moment, and General Henderson was left to see the swinging doors close on the form of the Republican leader.

Six years later General Henderson again came to Washington, this time to get Iowa divided into two judicial districts. He put up at Wormley's, where Blaine also lived, it being in those days a fashionable and flourishing hostelry. A week or so after his arrival from Iowa, as General Henderson was entering the dining room, he met Blaine after having passed and repassed him many times. The Maine man grasped him cordially by the hand, called him by name and inquired about Iowa.

"I had heard of Senator Blaine's wonderful faculty for remembering names," says General Henderson. "When I had seated myself at the table, I beckoned to the head waiter.

"'Hasn't Mr. Blaine asked you my name?' I said to him. 'Now think hard and be sure of your answer.'

"'Yes, sah,' replied the waiter. 'He done called me ovah las' night an asked yo' name an all about yo'. I told him yo' was Mistah Henderson.'"—Washington Post.

### Origin of the Yosemite Valley.

It is perfectly obvious to those familiar with glacial phenomena that Yosemite is quite an ordinary and necessary product of glacial erosion under the conditions prevailing in that locality. The main glacier came down Tenaya canyon, cutting it to a steep but fairly uniform grade. Yosemite valley is but a continuation of that gorge. The end of the glacier at the time that it was cutting Yosemite extended not far beyond Fort Monroe. It remained there for a long time and therefore plowed out the bottom of the valley to a considerable depth. Branch glaciers joined the Tenaya glacier when it filled Yosemite, coming down the valleys of Yosemite, Little Yosemite, Illilouette and Bridal Veil and other creeks and forming hanging valleys at the junction points. The formation of the vertical cliffs of the valley may have been due to undermining and may have been aided by the cleavage of the rocks. On the recession of the glacier doubtless the bottom of the valley was occupied by a lake which has since been partially filled by detritus and drained by the erosion of Merced river cutting through the rock wall at the foot of the valley.—National Geographic Magazine.

### Where Girls Must Marry.

In Russia if a girl desires to study at either of the universities etiquette requires that she should be married. Accordingly she goes through the civil form of marriage with one of the men students, whom she may never have seen before and perhaps may never speak to again.

These marriages are perfectly legal, and if the contracting parties like each other they are united for life, but otherwise the marriage is dissolved when their university course is finished and both are free to marry again. Sonya Kovalevski, the celebrated mathematician, went through the civil marriage ceremony with a student whom she then saw for the first time, but who eventually became her husband.—Home Notes.

### A Refutation.

"They are accusing you of trying to take money out of the public treasury and give it away."

"Now, isn't that nonsense!" exclaimed the cold blooded politician. "Anybody who knows me knows that if I could get money out of the public treasury I wouldn't give it away. I'd hang on to it."—Washington Star.

### Late Realization.

"I now realize," said the pig as they loaded him in the wagon bound for the butcher's—"I now realize that overeating tends to shorten life."—Indianapolis Press.

### Why Roads Are Crooked In China.

The Chinese road is private property, a strip taken from somebody's land. This is done much against the will of the owner, since he not only loses the use of it, but also still has to pay taxes on it.

One consequence is that it is wide enough for only one vehicle, and carts can pass one another only by trespassing on the cultivated land. To prevent this the farmers dig deep ditches by the roadside. As the surface wears away and the dust blows off it gradually grows lower, and after awhile it becomes a drain for the surrounding fields. A current forms in the rainy season, which still further hollows it out, and thus has arisen the proverb that a road a thousand years old becomes a river.

Those whose lands are used for roads naturally prefer to have the roads run along the edge of their farms instead of cutting across them, and this accounts for the fact that Chinese roads are often so crooked that one may have to go a considerable distance to reach a place that is in reality but a few miles away. This always interests the stranger.—Church Eclectic.

### An Anecdote of Verdi.

The first production of Verdi's opera "Othello" took place at Milan, and all the prominent musical critics of Europe foregathered in the Cathedral City in honor of the occasion. Among them was a Parisian journalist of wide reputation and admitted authority in the musical world. His first care on his arrival in Milan was to seek out Verdi and ask to be allowed to be present at one of the final rehearsals.

The composer received him with extreme politeness, but replied that he could not possibly grant his request, as he had decided that the rehearsals were to be absolutely private, and he could not make an exception in the favor of any one journalist, however distinguished.

The Paris critic, far from pleased at this answer, protested that in these circumstances his account of the opera might not be all he should like it to be. "You see," he explained to the composer, who affected not quite to understand, "I shall have to telegraph my article the same evening. It will necessarily be hastily written, and the impression in Paris the next day may suffer in consequence."

But Verdi was more than equal to the occasion. "My dear sir," he made answer, "I do not write for the next day." The critic bowed himself out.

## DEMOCRAT'S PREMIUMS!

Again the publishers of the DEMOCRAT have decided to give its old and new subscribers who pay one year's subscription in advance, a present of either one of the following:

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