

**HARTWICK.**  
The corn crop is in bad condition. Some lady attending the picnic here last Monday lost her belt. The owner may have the same by calling on John Meier.  
Roy Engren has returned to the hill again.  
The mill here is running regularly. Ed. Mullon is threshing in this neighborhood this week.  
Chas. Armstrong, John Meier and Ed. Mullon were Delhi visitors Monday. Why not celebrate Harvest Home at Hartwick.  
Quite a number from here took in Ringling Bros. circus at Monticello Saturday.  
We understand that Frank Furman has gone to Canada.  
E. B. Porter and wife, of Delhi, were Hartwick visitors one day last week.  
A large crowd from Ryan picnicked here last week.  
Bats are plentiful here this season. Large numbers are being caught.

**COGON.**  
Mike McEnany sold Dr. Bradley a fine driving horse Monday.  
S. N. Parsons of Marion, was in Cogon on business Monday.  
Robert Meriam of Ryan, was in Cogon last Thursday.  
Miss Ethel Ellis of Mt. Vernon is visiting relatives in Cogon and vicinity.  
Roy Morse went to Manchester, Tuesday night, returning yesterday morning.  
Miss Austin of Delaware Center, has been visiting her cousin Miss Bessie Neitert, of this place.  
Miss Belle Knox is visiting her sister Mrs. U. G. Burrows of Cedar Rapids this week.  
Pest and wife of Edgewood, spent Sunday with the lady's parents Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ellis.  
Mrs. Charles Dutton visited her sister, Mrs. N. A. Green north of town.  
The Misses Libbe and Lillian Kirkpatrick of Eldora, Iowa, and Flora Belt of Boone, Iowa, are visiting their uncle, Jas. Leach.

**EDGEWOOD.**  
F. L. Minkler has purchased of Frank Hasquin the house and two lots in the southeast part of town where Isham Sevel used to live for the sum of \$325.  
Mrs. M. R. Simms spent Sunday in Greeley.  
Mrs. E. G. Platt was a Strawberry Point visitor Saturday.  
Several of our citizens attended the ball game at Strawberry Point, Tuesday afternoon.  
Mrs. E. E. Durston and son returned home Friday morning after a short visit with friends at Greeley.  
A large number of our citizens attended Ringling Bros. great show at Monticello last Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Peet went to Cogon Friday and remained until Sunday with Mrs. Peet's parents.  
L. D. Platt, of Oelwein, was a business caller last week.  
Mr. Wallace, of Hopkinton, has been engaged as principal of our schools for the coming year.  
C. B. Storey returned last Wednesday from a three weeks pleasure trip to Iowa Falls and Spirit Lake.  
Misses Flossie and Myra Smith came last Saturday for a visit at their uncles, C. W. Rawson.  
The Methodist people are preparing for an old folks service in the near future. It will be worth your while to go.  
Mrs. E. A. Fisher who has been visiting at the home of her son for the past two years has left for her home at Springboro, Pa.

J. A. Woolridge has purchased the light five year old horse, that Dr. Hillgendorf, who is now at Hopkinton, used to drive here.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Howe, of Oxford, Wisconsin, arrived at this place last Saturday for a few days visit with the former's aunt Mrs. D. J. Noble. They were present at the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Noble last Saturday.  
Died Thursday morning July 25 at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Alcorn, Corbet Ledy Alcorn, age 1 year, 4 months and 23 days.

**LAMONT.**  
Mrs. Benedict came down from Stanley Monday after ten days absence.  
Miss Elsie Drake, of Fremont, visited her grandma in Lamont last week.  
The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. E. S. Tickner August 1.  
Wm. O'Brien and assisting masons have just finished laying the M. E. parsonage walls at Dundee.  
Mrs. Ludley, Sr., of Manchester, dislocated her ankle last week in jumping out of her buggy, thinking to quiet her horse, it being frightened. We hope for her speedy recovery. Mrs. Ludley is mother of our formerly and highly esteemed townswoman, A. J. Ludley.  
Miss Sylvian Sampson will teach the Grant school next year.  
Mrs. H. J. Foster, Orville and Miss Elsie drove over to Independence last week to visit Mrs. Lillian Foster Potter and family.  
Mrs. Ed Pierce is in Chicago visiting her brother.  
Miss Mabel Franks returned Wednesday, July 24th, after a ten days' visit in Des Moines and Omaha.  
Jas. Wilder of Winthrop, visited his Lamont friends July 23rd.  
Wm. T. Thornburg returned from Dubuque July 20th, and is improving nicely since taking medical treatment.  
E. S. Cowles is recovering from his recent illness to the delight of his many Lamont friends.  
Married—Miss Katie Trumble, of Lamont, and Mr. Geo. McNut, of Belmont, at high noon in the M. E. church by her former and beloved pastor, Henry Fowler played the wedding march, Miss Lydia Brown was bridesmaid, Albert Berridge, groomsman. The Hick & Jones restaurant furnished the wedding lunch at the Trumble home, where about fifty invited guests were seated after accompanying the bridal company from the church to the home. May happiness and prosperity accompany this young couple through life.  
Died—Mrs. Luclius Carey at her home in Lamont July 24th, aged 72 years, two months, and ten days. The deceased was a good Christian woman, and leaves an aged, loving husband, a sister and a loving niece, Mrs. Frank Brownell, all of whom we tender sympathy.

**EAD'S GROVE.**  
Winfield Lash accompanied by his father is visiting at Boone, Ia.  
Will Holmes, Ed Preston, and Sam Ridenour have been assisting J. M. Retherford with his harvest.  
S. V. Bubbell is erecting a new wind mill on his farm.  
Quite a number of our people attended Ringling Bros. circus at Monticello last Saturday.  
Jim Freeman now hauls milk on the route formerly owned by Abner Eaton. S. E. Ridenour, Bruce Hunt, and Frank Way departed for the west last Monday on their wheels, where they will seek employment as harvest hands.  
Mattie Retherford, of Greeley, visited at the home of her brother, J. M. Retherford, last Thursday.  
Ice cream was served at Mr. Lash's Thursday evening, where a large number of young people spent a most enjoyable evening.  
Mrs. Alice Martin is visiting in Michigan this week.  
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Moser, on July 23th, a daughter.

**ONEIDA.**  
Our little baby is still improving and all are glad to recognize the fact. The Chicago Great Western have been painting their depot, which will be a decided improvement. Chas. Robinson has a new chicken house, and painters have improved the looks of barns and sheds on the Lindsay farm, east of here. Mr. Dahl is also building a barn.  
Several from here attended Ringling Bros. circus at Monticello last Saturday.  
Chas. Hoag is spending several days in Dubuque this week.  
Remember the ice cream social at S. L. Heise's Thursday evening, August 1. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and help a good cause.  
It is reported that Willie Cox and Edith Harrison were married in Chicago one day last week and will visit the Pan-American exposition before they return.  
Bertha and Eva Heiden are expected home Saturday from Elkader, where they have been visiting friends and relatives.  
Ice cream and cake from four p. m. until all are served at S. P. Heise's next Thursday evening.  
John Hockaday was prostrated with the heat Wednesday while stacking grain. Glad to report he is better.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Reuter and sons attended the golden wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noble in Edgewood last Saturday.

**FREMONT.**  
Wm. Cuthbertson is still on the sick list.  
Jas. Nolan has his new horse ready for the plow. W. Gross and Jas. King of Manchester, are the builders. The hum of the threshing machine is again heard in our vicinity. Oats are a good quality.  
Some of our young people attended a dance in J. Garry's new barn Friday evening.  
Albert Reed has his new barn almost completed.  
M. Nolan lost a cow by being struck by lightning Wednesday.  
Jas. Nolan dedicated his new home by having a dance Thursday night.  
M. Havens is helping S. Snider putting up hay.  
J. Stack has been granted a pension by Uncle Sam. Mr. Stack was a faithful soldier in the Civil War, and should have been rewarded for his services before this time.  
M. Kelley lost his house by fire Friday. The place was rented to N. Duffy, who lost all the contents. We learn there was about \$100 insurance on same, which covers about one-fourth the loss. Origin of the fire unknown.  
The Nellie McKeever departed Wednesday for Correctionville, Woodbury county, this state, to visit relatives.  
Ross Ebersole died at the home of his father Sunday. His death was brought on by the heat. Ross was in partnership with his uncle, D. Peck, in a harness shop at Aurora. He was an exemplary young man, and his death was greatly mourned by his numerous friends. His age was 22. He was a member of the Myrtle Trollers, at Aurora, and carried \$2,000 insurance. The funeral took place Tuesday. Burial at the Flemming cemetery.  
Miss Agnes Keegan, of Waterloo, is visiting relatives and friends here.  
Mr. Dover has just finished the erection of a fine new barn.

**DYERSVILLE.**  
Jim Link made a business trip to Earlville the latter part of last week.  
Charles Harnd, of Manchester, was in the city on business Wednesday afternoon.  
Tony Lippert, of Manchester, was in town Wednesday visiting relatives and friends.  
Mrs. T. F. Denkhoff, of Manchester, visited relatives and friends in this city Tuesday.  
George Schlieders made a trip to Waterloo Tuesday in the interest of the National Importing Company.  
Mr. and Mrs. James Legassic, of Earlville, were in town yesterday calling on their numerous friends.  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mormann, of Petersburg, were in the city Monday calling on friends and transacting business.  
John Buckman and J. J. Fleckenstein were passengers to Manchester Tuesday afternoon, where they had business matters to look after.  
Miss Anna Fitzgerald, who had been at Oelwein nearly three months visiting with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eller, returned home last Saturday.  
George Harris, a young farmer living south of town, was a passenger to Manchester Wednesday evening, where he had business matters to look after.  
Henry Evers went to Manchester on the Clipper Wednesday evening and returned on the 9:18 train accompanied by his wife, who had been there nearly a week. He was also accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Joe Gloden, who will visit here for some time.  
Miss Eliza Carter, of Somersetshire, England, arrived here one day last week and will make her future home with her brother, Edward Carter, who had the sad misfortune to lose his wife a few weeks ago. The young lady made the trip across the Atlantic ocean un-

accompanied.  
Nick Weiler, formerly a well known butcher of New Vienna, but now of Ryan, stepped on a rusty nail last week and as a result he is a great sufferer.  
Miss Maggie Bell, who had been at Manchester about four weeks, was home over Sunday to visit with her parents, returning to Manchester Monday morning.  
Miss Mary Westermeyer came out from Dubuque last Sunday to spend a few days with her mother, Mrs. C. Westermeyer and family.  
Mrs. Frank Nachtmann and son, John, and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hirsch were at Earlville last Saturday looking after business matters.  
Miss Florence Limback departed for Mason City Tuesday morning, where she will spend a few weeks with her uncle, Henry Dyer and family.—News Letter.

**ELLER.**  
M. E. Hickens and family of Cogon, were guests of Henry McMullen and family Sunday.  
Jennie Warnoch and Annie O'Hare were visiting relatives and friends near Ryan one day last week.  
Quite a number from here attended the Ringling Bros. show at Monticello last Saturday.  
Bert Henderson had business in Chicago last week.  
Rufus Woodruff and H. L. Iteed have dissolved partnership. Rufus will assist Tom Donnelly a couple of months.  
Frank Patton and wife drove to Manchester Friday Mrs. Patton will visit her parents a few days.  
About ten of our people took in the big time at Dubuque Friday and judging from the way they talk they were all well satisfied.  
Herman Preston and Miss Malinda Montgomery visited relatives at Buck Creek Sunday.  
Miss Lulu Millinger went to Greeley Monday to look after her class in music.  
Miss Maggie Milroy was over from Ryan last week visiting old Lenox associates.  
P. C. Stevens went to Manchester and Masonville Monday to work in the interest of Lenox College.  
Attorney E. C. Perkins was down from Delhi yesterday to attend the funeral of Dr. Hollman.  
Mrs. Geo. Vessey and daughter, Mrs. Kate Burns, went to Delhi Wednesday for a visit with relatives.  
Mrs. F. A. Williamson and daughter, Gene, came out from Chicago last Wednesday to visit relatives and friends.  
Chas. Lepley and son, W. E., departed this week for Ft. Benton, Montana, where they will spend the summer looking after their extensive interests.  
John Olmstead came down from Waterloo the first of the week to pack his household goods. He has secured a steady position as fireman for the Central and will have a run on the main line.  
Hadden Clark, who returned here about a month ago from the Philippines has gone to California to reside. Hadden became greatly enraptured with that country while lying there last spring awaiting his discharge.—Leader.

**STRAWBERRY POINT.**  
The Misses Mable Cunningham and Nellie Armstead are guests from Manchester in the George Sloan home.  
E. E. Heiser and John Carr, of Lamont, were among the out of town sight seers at the ball game Friday.  
Miss Mildred Smith returns to her home in Manchester Friday.  
W. Richmond, of Lamont, was in town Wednesday.  
Rev. E. Melchert, of Ryan, visited here between train Mondays.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Haskins attended the funeral of their relative, Mrs. Geo. Moore in Manchester Sunday.  
Homer Davis, of Manchester, Elmer Copeland, and the Misses Deva Copeland and Sarah Inger spent Saturday evening in Edgewood.  
Bert Bowers and wife, formerly of Edgewood are moving into part of Mrs. Madge Morrison's house. Mr. Bowers will assist his father in the livery business here.  
O. C. Clark, of Manchester, played ball here among the bleachers for Manchester last Friday and was equally as enthusiastic for Strawberry Point in the Edgewood game Tuesday.  
P. C. Arildson is visiting in Manchester.  
Fred Field, of Lamont, was here Friday.  
Miss Dona Lang was ill last week, but is again able to be about.—Mail-Press.

**DEHLI.**  
Mrs. A. D. Barnes and daughter, Leo, of Independence, are visiting relatives in and near town.  
Mrs. D. S. Corbin and Mrs. Babcock were shopping in Manchester Thursday.  
A. E. House transacted business at Wadena last week.  
Herman Steva, formerly our druggist, but now of Vermilion, South Dakota, is renewing old acquaintances here.  
Medames Neal and Lett are visiting their father at Lamont this week.  
Mrs. Joe Michaels and three children, who have been visiting relatives at Westgate, have returned to their home.  
Mrs. Nerva Artuckle, nee Irlie of Greeley, Colorado, and her little son Paul, are the guests of her cousin F. A. Doolittle, and family.  
Miss Kate McGuire returned from Marion Friday morning. She had been visiting relatives there since the 4th.  
Gwendolen Perkins is visiting at the home of Jennie Forward at Edgewood this week.  
A. L. Boomer was a Dubuque visitor recently.  
J. Q. Thompson, of Creston, Iowa, is shaking hands with former friends here.  
Mr. and Mrs. Blanche and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Swinburne and daughter Maude were shopping in Manchester Thursday.  
Mrs. Lina Jamison and children of Ryan visited in town recently.  
John Zitzman and family visited at Peter Jasekin's over Sunday.  
La Salle Hughes who has been working at Storm Lake this summer has returned to his home here.  
Mrs. Sells and children have returned to their home in Minneapolis.

W. C. Zitzman of Des Moines was in town recently.  
Miss Gertie Burton is visiting friends at Center Junction.  
Ben Root of Clear Lake is visiting relatives and friends in and near town this week.  
**EARLVILLE.**  
H. J. Vanleet shipped two car loads of cattle to Sioux City the first of the week.  
Ed Rendell returned to his work at Minneapolis Thursday after a short vacation spent with his parents.  
E. H. Millen spent Wednesday and Thursday in Chicago.  
Cyrus Stoner's sale brought out a good crowd Thursday, and the property brought good prices generally.  
H. J. Picher and family drove to Newtonville Saturday evening to visit over Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. E. B. Gould and family.  
The splendid rains of Saturday and Sunday will do much good.  
It is learned here that the Winnard Bros. who lost their goods in the Riceville fire had \$7,000 insurance, which has been adjusted and full payment ordered. They saved some goods, but as heavy losers. They have already embarked in business again in a small way in a temporary building.  
C. L. Rundell went to Sumner on business Saturday.  
Caro Miller returned from Riceville Wednesday where she has been on a three weeks visit in the family of M. B. Winnard.  
The excursion to Dubuque Friday attracted a number from here.  
M. S. Alvah Long and children returned to their home at Trip, S. Dakota, on Friday.  
Mrs. Lockridge, of Coleburg, spent Sunday at the home of William Eda.  
Mrs. Lucy Brown is visiting at the home of her father John Ousling Jr. Saturday morning a spark from the Clipper set fire to the east end of the stock yards. By prompt action it was extinguished and the yards saved.  
The Carnival to be held Aug. 10th, will be Earlville's great day again this year. Elaborate preparations are being made for it. Among the attractions at the base ball game will be the great pitcher, Roach, who did the twirling for Earlville at Manchester July 4th.  
The Earlville base ball team went to Monticello Friday and played a game with the team at that place winning by a score of 11 to 6. The boys complain of the treatment received at the hands of some Monticello hoodlums. The team went to Dubuque Sunday to play but rain prevented the playing of the game.

**OUTAOUA.**  
Death finds us midist our playthings, —Snatches us, from all our toys and troubles.  
His rough call, unlooses all our favorite ties on earth.  
As a friend and neighbor, we write of the death of Mrs. Nancy Moore, which was announced in the last issue of your paper, and knowing as we do, that few indeed are as well prepared to enter into that home not made with hands, as she was.  
Mrs. Moore was a good woman ever faithful to her family, her friends and her neighbors, and was always solicitous of the welfare of the community in which she lived. Our sympathies are with the companion of her life, who survives her, and whose deathless love has endured through all these years of sunshine and sadness. When time turned her cheek and silvered her brow he was constant until the thread that nature wove was broken by death and she was lulled to untroubled repose, and to the daughter Mrs. Winthrop Adams and the two sons, we also extend our sympathy at this time, when in the providence of God, the spirits of those who possess a true christian character, are removed from us to the spirit land. We feel forcibly the truth of that old maxim, "we know not the true value of our blessings, until we are deprived of them."  
Seldom, if ever, is the full influence of moral worth felt, while it moves among us in its tenement of clay, but when the outward veil is forever closed by the veil of death, then memory, with plume hands collects the scattered relics of departed worth, and offers them as it were a sacrifice on friendship altar.  
This as it should be—and were such memories often embodied on the printed sheet and given to the world, who can doubt that their influence would be increased within the friendly circle.  
When the Reaper came forth to reap he arrived to take the richest sheaf, so mother has gone to her reward, and you are left without the best friend that God ever gave you. When we think of all a mother's tenderness while living; of all her anxieties and kindnesses, and when she is gone from us to a far away country; when the cares and coldness comes withering to our hearts; when we see how hard it is to find true sympathy; how few love us for our selves, how few will befriend us in our misfortunes; then it is we think of the mother we have lost!  
There is none in all this cold and hollow world, no fount of deep, strong, deathless love, save that which a mother's heart.

"From this dark abode, this person of clay, Her free'd spirit has passed, all triumphant away To that bright and that beautiful world far above To the lovers of peace, in the Eden of love; She is done with all worries, all care, and all pain, And this cold, gloomy world will not visit again, But on errands of mercy to those who remain, Will aid them upon, this fair country to gain. She shall feel perfect peace in this region above, She shall sail with old friends on the waters below, The friends in that realm who have loved her the best, In the perfectly beautiful city of rest. And though painful the parting with friend after friend, We shall join them again when life's journey shall end. Having traveled while in the beautiful road, To the City Celestial, the home of our God. We the gracious designs of His dealings would own, Though we dwell in the midst of dark shadows below, Yet the Mystical now, we hereafter shall know." MEMENTO.

**NAVAL FOOD STORES.**  
What It Costs the Officers to Eat in UNCLE SAM'S SERVICE.  
The American Navy is Better Fed Than Any Other Navy in the World. What It Costs the Officers to Run the Wardroom Mess.  
The United States government gives its sailors only 30 cents a day each to live on, but the American navy is better fed than any other navy in the world. In fact, "jacksy" lives better than the average mechanic on shore. As the appetite of a seafaring man cannot be appeased by angel food the provisions are of the most substantial kind.  
All naval vessels are liable to be sent on long voyages or to be stationed where markets are inaccessible, and the stores purchased for the crew must be such as will keep for a long time and not become damaged by changes of climate. Naturally salt pork, corned beef, hard tack, beans, flour, sugar, canned fruits and vegetables are carried in large quantities and must of necessity constitute the main part of the daily rations. With these staples as a basis many appetizing combinations can be made. At sea fresh meat and vegetables are scarce, but when in port or within reach of a market the navy regulations require the issuance on certain days of these desirable additions to the food supply. In the olden days no fresh meat was included in the crew's ration, and "jacksy" was compelled to subsist largely on corned beef, known in the sailor vernacular as "salt horse," owing to the fact that some unscrupulous contractor at one time long ago passed off horseflesh for beef in a navy supply. The horseflesh which the salt meat is kept in to this day known as the "harmless cake."  
The enlisted men are divided into messes consisting of from 18 to 24 men each. Every man has his own share of one of its number in the position of caterer, and he looks after all matters culinary during his term. To him the daily allowances of staple foods are issued each morning by one of the paymasters in the navy, and he is known as the "jack of the deck," presumably from his handling flour. The ship's cooks then prepare the supplies for the table. Each mess is usually allowed from four to six commuted rations—that is, the caterer is given a certain amount of money, say cash and is thus provided with a fund of from \$30 to \$54 per month with which to buy fruits, vegetables, fish, butter and other items which are not included in the list of articles furnished by the government. To furnish the table still further it is customary for each man to "chip in" a dollar or two each month out of his own pocket.  
The old time shellbacks looked with gloom upon a plum duck dinner, but such delicacies as that seem commonplace to the new style navy men, who on holidays and frequently on Sundays have delicacies like roast turkey with cranberry sauce, celery, oranges, bananas and great ice cream.  
If "jacksy" has one falling in the commissariat line, it is his craving for pies of any constituency or nationality. He will eat them on any occasion and in any place. The ship's cook, if he be ambitious, takes advantage of this and makes up a tempting array of pies from materials which he purchases from the paymaster and retails them to the sailors.  
The government does not discriminate in the allowance for food supplies in the navy as between officer and enlisted man—that is, it did not up to a year or two ago, when every man in the ship, from the admiral down to a coal heaver, received 30 cents each day. Now the discrimination is that the coal heaver continues to draw his 30 cents, while the admiral and all other officers except the gunner, carpenter, pharmacist, chief machinist and the naval cadets receive absolutely nothing for their subsistence on board ship. Many who visit naval vessels and are entertained at dinner or luncheon are heard to remark that the government provides for its good living for its officers, not thinking that the entire cost of the repast has come out of the officers' own pockets.  
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**REMARKS.**  
The late Bill Nye's indorsement of life insurance is probably the most characteristic paragraph to be quoted from his writings:  
"In these days of dynamite and swift changing presidential administrations and dark tunnels through which an engineer goes groping his way at 25 miles per hour, these days of tumbling signs of the times and tippy telegraph poles, live wires and dead repeaters; these days when the politician and the dead-end bridge policeman with his putty lid down together under the influence of the same stimulant; these days when death lurks in the air we breathe, the earth we tread, the food we eat, the water we drink, the air we breathe, it behooves us to look well after our insurance and our future state, and I take pleasure in certifying and saying to those who are present here that since I became fully insured my health has improved so much that it is a subject for profound congratulation on my own part and the deepest disgust on the part of those who would naturally inherit my vast wealth."  
"Keeping the Head Clean." Keeping the head perfectly clean is a great aid to health. An exchange tells of a distinguished physician who, having spent much of his time at quarantine, said that a person whose head was thoroughly washed every day rarely took contagious diseases, but when the hair was allowed to become dirty and matted it was hardly possible to escape infection. Many persons find speedy relief for nervous headache by washing the head thoroughly in weak soda water. We have known cases all most wholly cured in ten minutes by this simple remedy. A friend finds it the greatest relief in case of "rosy

"Henry Gardner, you may tell the men that this was the salute of the king of France to our republic and the first high honor to our flag," said the captain proudly to his steward, as he but they were all buzzing now along the Ranger's decks, that little ship whose name shall never be forgotten while her country lives.  
The captain lifted his hat and stood looking up at the flag.  
"We hardly know what this day means, gentlemen," he said soberly to his officers, who came about him. "I believe we are at the christening of the greatest man that was ever born into the world. The day shall come when America, republic though she may be, will salute no foreign flag without receiving gun for gun!"  
Wealey was a Book Lover.  
Wealey was to the end of his life a lover of a good book. Though the Bible was his chief study, he would have agreed with Matthew Arnold that a man who did not know other books than the Bible was like a man who did not know that book as it should be known. He constantly urged his preachers to read. "You can never be a deep preacher without reading," he used to say, "any more than a thorough Christian." To a young man who said that he knew that book as it should be known, he would have said: "Hence your talent in preaching does not increase. It is just the same as it was seven years ago. It is lively, but not deep. There is little variety. There is no comparison to be made with some of us give for that volume of Shakespeare, annotated throughout by his hand, which John Pavnson destroyed after his death for fear of scandalizing the weaker brethren"—Temple Bar.

**Rare and Curious Gems.**  
The rarest and costliest of gems, though not always esteemed the most beautiful, are pigeon's blood rubies, fine opals and diamonds that are pure but shed a distinct glow of blue or pink. A very perfect pearl of generous size and lustrous skin, tinted a rarely beautiful golden green, was valued at over \$300. A faultless green pearl is very rare.  
A curious stone is the alexandrite. It is a dark green stone that is polished, cut and set, very like a fine topaz or amethyst, in large showy rings surrounded by diamonds. By the light of day the alexandrite has no special beauty save its luster, but directly a shaft of artificial light strikes the stone deep gleams of red flash out of the green, and under the gas or in the daylight no ignorant of this variety would instantly pronounce it a ruby.  
A Mechanical Answer.  
The well-to-do patron of the place had been attentive to the cashier for some time, and now, business being slack for a few moments, he deemed the time propitious to speak.  
"If you will be mine," he urged as he leaned over the desk, "every comfort that you may desire will be yours. True, I am no longer young, but I have money, and I can provide for you as few young men could, and surely the material side of the marriage question is worthy of some consideration."  
She said nothing, but gently touched the cash register, and the words "No Sale" sprang into view.  
With a sigh he left.—Chicago Post.

**How High Was the Tower of Babel?**  
The actual height at which the last stone of that famous structure, the Tower of Babel, rested cannot, on account of the remoteness of the times at which it is said to have existed, ever become more than a matter of interest and conjecture. Herodotus, who lived about 1,700 years after that "great spirit went to heaven" is said to have seen at Babylon a structure consisting of eight towers raised one above another, each 75 feet in height, but whether this ruin was the remains of the Tower of Babel was even then impossible to ascertain. Herodotus, usually minutely exact in his writing, leaves us in ignorance as to how the upper level of each of these 75 foot towers was reached from the level below.  
As might be expected, even in tradition, a wide difference of opinion exists as to the height of the tower. Most orientalists maintain that the tower did not step to the west, until the tower had reached a height of 10,000 fathoms, or about 12 miles. In Ceylonese tradition it is said to have been as high as 20,000 elephants, each standing one above the other. St. Jerome asserts on the authority of persons who had examined the ruins that it did not reach a height exceeding four miles. Other statements are still more extravagant.  
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**GUNS FOR OLD GLORY.**  
The First Foreign Salute Given to the American Flag.  
The little Ranger ran slowly between the fringing French frigates, looking as warlike as they. Her men swarmed like bees into the rigging, and her colors ran up to salute the flag of his most Christian majesty of France, and she fired one by one her salute of 13 guns, says Sarah Orne Jewett in "The Atlantic."  
There was a moment of suspense. The wind was very light now. The powder smoke drifted away, and the flapping sails sounded loud overhead. Would the admiral answer back or would he treat this bold challenge like a handkerchief waved at him from a pleasure boat? Some of the officers on the Ranger looked incredulous, but the admiral still held his letter in his hand. There was a puff of white smoke, and the great guns of the French flagship began to shake the air—one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine—and then were still save for their echoes from the low hills about Cannes and the great Druid Mount of St. Michael.

**A Kentucky Suspicion.**  
"Do you agree with the people who assert that milk is not a wholesome article of diet?"  
"Well," answered Colonel Stillwell, "I wouldn't like to make positive assertions, but I have heard it rumored that they put a great deal of water into it."—Washington Star.

The shadows of the mind are like those of the body. In the morning of life they are all behind us, at noon we trample them under foot, and in the evening they stretch long, broad and deepening before us.

"The Heart of a Mouse."  
A tiny mouse who lived near the house of a musician begged him to save her from the cat of whom she lived in deadly terror.  
So the musician changed the mouse into a cat, and she went away delighted.  
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And the musician changed her to a dog.  
A few days more, and back she came in this time in deadly fear of a tiger.  
"Nonsense," said the musician. "You have only the heart of a mouse, and afraid you will always be. It is the heart that tells!"

**ILLINOIS CENTRAL.**  
EXCURSION RATES TO THE Pan-American Exposition, AT BUFFALO.  
It was said when the World's Fair closed this country would not see its equal in fifty years. In all but the space occupied, however, the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo this year will exceed the great show of '83. This means that more can be seen in the same length of time at the Pan-American, and with less of the world's fair.  
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**Do You See How the Time Flies**  
So be sure you are right then go ahead. And it is time you came to our yard and bought your lumber as we are giving you the best of it. We have it and we sell it too.  
The darabanka, or Turkish drum, resembles a long vase, the bottom covered with parchment.  
The earliest mention of shoes is in an Egyptian papyrus about 2,200 years before Christ.  
How High Was the Tower of Babel?  
The actual height at which the last stone of that famous structure, the Tower of Babel, rested cannot, on account of the remoteness of the times at which it is said to have existed, ever become more than a matter of interest and conjecture. Herodotus, who lived about 1,700 years after that "great spirit went to heaven" is said to have seen at Babylon a structure consisting of eight towers raised one above another, each 75 feet in height, but whether this ruin was the remains of the Tower of Babel was even then impossible to ascertain. Herodotus, usually minutely exact in his writing, leaves us in ignorance as to how the upper level of each of these 75 foot towers was reached from the level below.  
As might be expected, even in tradition, a wide difference of opinion exists as to the height of the tower. Most orientalists maintain that the tower did not step to the west, until the tower had reached a height of 10,000 fathoms, or about 12 miles. In Ceylonese tradition it is said to have been as high as 20,000 elephants, each standing one above the other. St. Jerome asserts on the authority of persons who had examined the ruins that it did not reach a height exceeding four miles. Other statements are still more extravagant.  
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