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If you want a neat and comfortable work shoe, try our seamless shoe and we will guarantee perfect satisfaction, only \$2.00

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"The Leading Shoe Store."

WE FIT THE FEET. MANCHESTER, IOWA.

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The Register of Pierre, South Dakota says that confidence men are operating in Iowa, Illinois, and other states, pretending to sell homestead locations on the Indian reservation in Gregory county, of that state. The land is not yet open for filing, and when congress passes the bill for its opening, if it does so, certificates now being sold will be wholly valueless.

Kansas has just got done settling with Carrie Nation and her saloon smashing craze. The supreme court of the state has decided that in going into the saloons Mrs. Nation was a trespasser, and that the saloon men are entitled to recover damages for her act from the cities, they having been negligent in not furnishing police protection. The city of Topeka has compromised with the saloon keepers at from \$200 to \$2,000 each for the damages inflicted in her raid. It may be noted that the republican fad of absolute prohibition is still the law in Kansas, that saloons run openly in every considerable city in the state, and that every saloon is a headquarters camp for the propagation of republicanism, the monthly fine being proportioned to the amount of work done in the way of advancing the party cause.

No Fight on the Great Trusts. Wall street is at peace. Roosevelt has weakened. There will be no fight on the Northern Securities Company nor on any other "merger" employed in the consolidation of railroads contrary to the laws of the several states and in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act. The trouble has blown over.

Various pretenses are given for the determination of the president to fall in the enforcement of the Sherman act against the railroad trusts. The refusal of the supreme court on a technical point to assume jurisdiction in the Minnesota case is one of the pretenses. But it is a feeble pretext. Genuine determination to enforce the law would not study pretenses for avoiding duty. It would hunt up urgent causes for the "strenuous" performance of duty.

The incorporation of the Northern Securities Company in Canada should not be a precedent for the formation of alien corporations to carry on business in the United States contrary to law. It is certain that the resources of federal and state legislation are ample to provide laws by which corporations organized out of the country to conduct business in the country shall be amenable to our laws and under the jurisdiction of our courts in all their transactions within our boundaries.—Chicago Chronicle.

A Blunder That Plagues. In dealing with the Philippines there is at least one provision having to do with tariff regulations that will have to stand for ten years from the date of the ratification of the Paris treaty of peace. It is that which makes the United States a foreign country so far as concerns taxation of imports into the islands. On the theory, perhaps, that the blunder committed is beyond recall and cannot be helped, the situation is placed in the best possible light by frequent explanation that it is arranged by a part of the "open door" stipulation in the Orient. But that is hardly frank. If the United States is in this particular treating the Philippines as a "sphere of influence" in the far east, there is no similarity between our occupation of the islands and the conditions governing the presence of Europeans in China to warrant such a concession. A "sphere of influence" necessarily means something, and the meaning must find its limits somewhere and if the districts set aside in China for the commercial purposes of European nations are all that is implied in the terms it is stretching ordinary logic and consistency a great deal to bring the country and the Philippines into the category. It probably would not have been done but for the lapse of the Paris convention, and the doing of it now probably more of an excuse for the blunder or necessity imposed by it than anything else.

There was no moral or legal obligation on this country to make the concessions to Spain's commerce in the Philippines that our Paris commissionaires intended. We owed Spain nothing but were in a generous frame of mind toward a foe that had been torn to pieces. The heart was given too much influence over the head when it was agreed that for ten years from the date of the treaty's ratification Spain should enjoy the same commercial benefits in the Philippines that were taken for precisely the same treatment of all other commercial nations was overlooked or disregarded. We could not give Spain anything in the premises that would not be given to England, Germany, France, Russia, Italy and all other countries with whom we have commercial treaties. This course is demanded by the "most favored nation" clause of the treaties. Therefore, the Philippines are the "sphere of influence" of this country in the Orient for ten years, anyway, whether it is consistent or proper, or a benefit to our own commercial interests. It is likely that the situation will plague the country more later than it does today.—St. Louis City Tribune.

F. E. RICHARDSON, Real Estate, Loans and Insurance. Office over the Racket Store Manchester, Iowa.

LEGAL BODIES BY THE YARD

Contents are Waste Paper, but the Bindings Impress Clients. "Legal fillings at all prices, in sheepskin or calf." That is an advertisement that you may occasionally see in the catalogue of dealers in legal books. The term "legal fillings," says a writer in Stray Stories, is applied to well bound volumes of reports containing but an odd assortment of worthless price lists, old reports and sometimes cut newspaper pages. The covers are handsome, but the pages are merely so much waste paper.

The volumes are sold to young solicitors who wish to impress their clients by a formidable looking library, and, as they have a studied legal appearance, they have their effect upon the visitor. A cheaper line of these "books" made of blocks of wood covered with cloth or calf, handsomely tooled and bearing a title in gold, can be bought at prices varying from \$2.50 to \$4 per dozen.

One secondhand bookseller in London has made a small fortune by buying old books of all kinds that might be worth about a penny or two pence apiece rebound in handsome style. He has a title printed in gold on the back, indicating that the book is some learned work upon medicine or chemistry. These he sells to young doctors at about 20 cents each, which leaves him a good profit.

Three Curious Bells. There is a curious legend connected with the bells of Messingham church. It is said that a long time ago a traveler was passing through Messingham when he noticed three men sitting on a stile in the churchyard and saying, "Come to church, Thompson; come to church, Brown," and so on. Being very much surprised, he asked what it meant and was told that, having no bells, they called folks to church in this way. The traveler remarked that it was a pity so fine a church should be without bells and at the same time asked the men if they could make three for the church, promising to pay for them himself. They undertook to do this. They were respectively a tinker, a carpenter and a shoemaker. When next the traveler passed that way, he found the three men ringing three bells which said, "Ting, tong, pluff," being made respectively of tin, wood and leather—London Tit-Bits.

A Story of Mark Twain. "I met Mark Twain on a river steamer when he was a very young man," said an aged westerner. "At that time he was rather a gaunt young fellow, with sleepy southern manners and a drawl peculiar to the river town in Missouri. Something in my appearance attracted his attention, for he stared intently at me whenever we met. It so happened that I wore on one foot an Indian moccasin, having been injured shortly before. "Finally I demanded, with some irritation, whether he had ever seen me before. He looked me over and drawled: "Well—your face—is familiar." Then he dropped his eyes to the deck with a troubled frown. "But—I can't—recall—your—face."

Why Mountains Never Grow Smaller. The mountains are always moving down into the valleys. When spring-time comes, every stream will run muddy in its course. At this rate all the soil from the hills would soon be gone were not this soil being constantly replenished from the rocks into the crevices of the rocks, and when it freezes it swells with almost irresistible force. That a very little of it can crack an iron pipe most of us have found out in the past. The rock is split, and the pieces made in this way are again broken into finer and finer fragments until new soil is made to take the place of that which is so rapidly moving down to the lowlands.—Professor S. G. Schuchert in Ladies' Home Journal.

Street Car Straps. It is not entirely prudent to put your hands in the straps furnished in the street cars for overcrowded passengers. Turn one of those straps in any car not fresh from the shops inside out, and the reason will be plain. Handled as they are by all sorts and conditions of men, they are really carriers of disease. They are really carriers of disease. They are really carriers of disease. They are really carriers of disease.

The Wrong Crop. Visiting an out of the way English parish when the incumbent happened to be away, a former archdeacon of Suffolk was, it is related, shown round by the clerk. On arriving at the churchyard he found a fine crop of wheat growing in it. "Dear, dear!" said the archdeacon. "I can't approve of this. I really did not think Mr. — would have planted wheat in the churchyard."

When Wives Were Sold. A century or so ago a wife selling was not an uncommon event in England, and the following item, which appeared in the London News of Nov. 21, 1801, would show: "On Friday a coal porter exhibited his wife in Smithfield, with a halter round her neck, for sale. He demanded a guinea, but she hung on hard for some time, until a man of good appearance made the purchase, and packing her, halter and all, into a hackney coach drove for Blackfriars Bridge, amid the buzzes of the mob."

Wanted!

Posts and wood in exchange for harness, robes, saddles and blankets.

H. R. Eaton.

Coal.

With the advent of the M. & O. R. R. and the completion of our new coal sheds on that line, we shall be in position to offer special inducements to the users of

Indiana Block Coal.

Other grades of Soft and Hard coal delivered promptly.

HOLLISTER LUMBER COMPANY.

Manchester, Iowa.

Fresh Canned Goods.

Remember that T. N. Arnold has no old canned goods, that he has carried over from year to year. The stock is all new and the quality was never better. We have a fine Lemon Cling Peach at 15c per can; good corn 3 cans for 25c; 3 lb cans of Tomatoes 10c; Peas, 10c. These are only a few of the bargains. Come and see for yourself.

T. N. Arnold.

Ladies' Shoes.

New Spring Stock. We can go you

One Better, on Price and quality. Not just as good, but

The Best \$2.00 Shoe in town.

Cash Does It.

R. W. CHAMBERS.

BROWN, The Furniture Man's

Clearance Sale of Last Years' Styles, At Way Down Prices.

We cordially invite all those who have not attended and taken advantage of our great clearance sale to come in and see this week. We have made special efforts, and the whole week will be one fraught with money-saving opportunities in FURNITURE, extraordinary values in carefully made patterns from the best materials obtainable. We guarantee every article purchased will prove more than satisfactory when in your home—a fact that should be borne in mind in determining when a bargain really is a bargain.

This clearance of last season's styles is a vast help to finding other owners for the one or two too many pieces, or odd sets, or pieces that would have gone (at full prices) had you wanted them before.

The saving to you is something to be considered, but its full purport cannot be fully realized until you have seen the goods.

Do not let this opportunity pass. Yours Truly,

BROWN, The Furniture Man.

OUR Bargain Floor is proving a great success. Call and look these many bargains over.

Finch & Lillibridge.

Phone 213 Harry Stewart, Grocer.

The Great Removal Sale,

is still on and we are offering every pair of shoes on our shelves at

20 per cent discount

from regular prices. Now is the time to replenish your \$2.40 footwear. Nobby \$3.00 shoes at \$2.40. All other shoes in proportion. We hope to announce the exact date of removal next week.

KINNE & MADDEN.