

"TO THE JEDGMIT DAY."

When things went wrong, grandfather he'd say: "Well, the world rolls on to the Jedgmit Day; An' what should we sigh fer—an' why should we care? The reckonin's comin' sometime—some where! Bear with the winter, an' dream of the May; The world rolls on to the Jedgmit Day!"

A Farmer's Wife.

ALL the girls declared Marlon would be married before any of the rest. But Marlon only laughed and said "nonsense." Was she wedded to him? And did she not score the masculine among her admirers, collectively and in the abstract? What possible else could a girl with ideas, with an object in life, have for a man? A life of dependence for her, her world to be bounded by four square walls? Never!

BULL THAT SOLD AT AUCTION FOR \$9,100.



PRINCE ITO. An Aberdeen Angus bull, was sold in the action ring at the Union stock yards, Chicago, for \$9,100. This is the highest price ever paid for such an animal. The buyer was B. R. Pierce, of Creston, Ill. Prince Ito is an imported animal. He was bred in Scotland by Sir George Macpherson Grant, and was imported last season by M. A. J. of Williamsport, Ind., after winning the championship of the Highland Society, at the Royal show of Edinburgh.

the customs that now prevail, and especially that unwritten law that makes it necessary for every Senator and Representative to furnish an autobiographical sketch, beginning with a statement of age, for publication in the Congressional Directory. The records in the directory are revelations to many people who consult them, says the Washington Star. These records show an evenly balanced Senate of young men and old men. At the present time the records reveal the ages of eighty-six Senators. Senator Burton, of Kansas, who has not yet reached middle life, is the only Senator under 40 years of age. The youngest without the date of his birth is Senator Dryden, of New Jersey, who is not yet 40. The oldest is Senator Delaware, who is 80 years of age. The average age of the Senators is 50 years and 6 months.

Senators who have lived more than 70 years, nearly all of whom have the vigor and appearance of much younger men, are: Allison, of Iowa, 72; Bate, of Tennessee, 75; Cullom, of Illinois, 72; Frye, of Maine, 70; Gibson, of Montana, 71; Hawley, of Connecticut, 75; Blair, of Missouri, 75; Jones, of Oregon, 72; Morgan, of Alabama, 77; Platt, of Connecticut, 74; Proctor, of Vermont, 70; Stewart, of Nevada, 74; Teller, of Colorado, 71, and Vest, of Missouri, 71. Senators between 60 and 70 years of age are: Aldrich, of Rhode Island, 69; Bacon, of Georgia, 62; Barlow, of California, 60; Berry, of Arkansas, 60; Blackburn, of Kentucky, 62; Burrows, of Michigan, 65; Clark, of Montana, 63; Cockrell, of Missouri, 67; Dewey, of New York, 67; Ekins, of West Virginia, 62; Frazier, of Washington, 65; Gallinger, of New Hampshire, 64; Hale, of Maine, 65; Hanna, of Ohio, 64; Harris, of Kansas, 60; Jones, of Arkansas, 62; McNary, of Louisiana, 64; McMillan, of Michigan, 63; Millard, of Nebraska, 65; Mitchell, of Oregon, 60; Mower, of Mississippi, 62; Patterson, of Colorado, 61; Perkins, of California, 63; Platt, of New York, 68, and Quay, of Pennsylvania, 68.

Senators whose ages range between 50 and 60 are: Burnham, of New Hampshire, 57; Clapp, of Minnesota, 50; Clark, of Ohio, 52; Daniel, of Virginia, 53; Deboe, of Kentucky, 53; Dingliham, of Vermont, 58; Dubois, of Idaho, 50; Foraker, of Ohio, 55; Foster, of Louisiana, 53; Gable, of South Dakota, 51; Hodge, of North Dakota, 51; Lodge, of Massachusetts, 51; McGowan, of Maryland, 52; McPherson, of Mississippi, 53; Mason, Florida, 53; Martin, Virginia, 54; Nelson, Illinois, 51; Nelson, Minnesota, 50; Quarles, Wisconsin, 58; Rawlins, Utah, 51; Scott, West Virginia, 50; Simon, Oregon, 51; Spooner, Wisconsin, 59; Tallahassee, Florida, 54; Tillman, South Carolina, 54; Turner, Washington, 52; Warren, Wyoming, 57; Wellington, Maryland, 50, and Wetmore, Rhode Island, 55. The following are between 40 and 50 years: Carmack, Tennessee, 48; Ditch, Nebraska, 48; Dooliver, Iowa, 44; Fairbanks, Indiana, 43; Hartman, Idaho, 43; Keen, New Jersey, 40; Kittredge, South Dakota, 40; McCumber, North Dakota, 41; McLaughlin, South Carolina, 41; Penrose, Pennsylvania, 41; Pritchard, North Carolina, 44; Simmons, North Carolina, 44.

Interest in an Interesting Function. "Mamma, when you sneeze a sneeze where does it go to?" "It goes into the air, I suppose, dear." "And when something scares it away, and you don't sneeze, where does it go?" "I don't know, child. Don't bother me." "Does it go back to where it came from, mamma?" "Oh, I suppose so. Run out and play." "Then you've got to sneeze it some time, haven't you?" "Likely as not."

One Opera House. An opera house will be erected at Clarksville, \$5,000 having already been subscribed. The Rock Island line between Fairfield and Libertyville will be straightened and graded. The three Brooks bank robbers pleaded guilty in district court at Corning, and were sentenced by the judge to five years each.

The Ladies Improvement League of Iowa City has established a drinking fountain on one of the principal street corners of that city. Ethyl Blunt, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Blunt of Millard, was poisoned by eating highly colored candy which she had bought from a runaway coach in the Illinois Central yards at Ft. Dodge. Three other passengers in the coach were also poisoned.

John Habberton, the author of "Helen's Babies," said to his publisher, when the novel was about ready to appear, "If you want to save the cost of a great deal of advertising just give me 500 copies of this book and I'll guarantee to distribute them so that we'll have a success without any word of advertising being needed." The publisher, a little reluctantly, took Mr. Habberton at his word. The author thereupon made a list of all the important book stores in the United States, and the leading names of the head of the department of fiction in each store. Now, the heads of all book departments are all friends in the collection of autograph first editions—that is, with the author's signature upon the imprint. This is scarcely an exception to this rule. Mr. Habberton, being wise in all that concerns book stores, accordingly sent to each head a copy of "Helen's Babies" that contained not only his autograph, but a pleasant letter also that expatiated on the merit of the work. The heads were delighted. They instructed their clerks to buy a copy of "Helen's Babies" to every visiting customer. And thus the book succeeded, though it would have succeeded anyway upon its merit.—Philadelphia Record.

THE STATE OF IOWA.

OCCURRENCES DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Dies to Solve a Mystery—Fire in State Prison at Anamosa—Robbers Burn to Death—A Hunter's Carelessness Wounds Three Persons.

Prompted by a supposed desire to solve for himself the mystery of the heretofore, Howard Miller, nephew of Rear Admiral Merritt Miller, U. S. A., shot himself to death in Lincoln Park, Chicago, in the youth's pockets were found a number of clippings and quotations dealing with the uncertainties of the after life. So far as known Miller had no outside other than wish to investigate the beyond of which the poets and philosophers had written. Miller was 25 years old and was a student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Keokuk. The young man left home on Thursday morning, giving no reason for his departure. His parents had no idea of his whereabouts till they were informed of his death in Chicago.

State Prison is Scorched.

The butter tub factory of the State penitentiary at Anamosa caught fire, and in a few moments the whole building was ablaze. The fire department of the town was called out as soon as the fire was discovered, but they were unable to check on the lips of a pretty girl as though they had found pepper in their ice cream. Dear, funny woman, we would not laugh always, nor live perpetually in a shower of mental fireworks. Ever and again we pine to commune with the great, the noble, the heroic, the sublime, of whom we may discuss some profound and solemn theme without being met by a fusillade of feeble puns and witticisms. We know you are very funny, but one's face aches with continual smiling, and an exclusively funny diet is about as sustaining as a ration of hot pepper and salt. Truly there is a time to laugh, but it is not all the time.—Woman's Home Companion.

The Iron Man.

A story writer who catered for the boys of fifteen or twenty years ago built up many thrilling tales with a mechanical contrivance in the form of a man. Such a machine—"Hercules, the Iron Man"—was actually on exhibition last summer in an American park, about which he perambulated in a following undusted and inconvenient fashion.

He was eight feet high, and when the oil fire inside him was lighted, and steam generated, he walked about pushing a sort of iron-wheeled cart. He wore a tall hat and a hideous grin, and exhaled steam through his nostrils.

Carelessness of a Hunter.

A bad shooting accident occurred in Duane County, N. Y., when a hunter, Oscar Hurst's, buggy were accidentally exploded. Jesse Ferguson, Mrs. Sim Clark and her little boy were wounded. Mr. Hurst intended to go hunting and had come to Duane county to purchase some ammunition, and had his three shotguns lying in the buggy. As he started to leave, Jesse Ferguson stepped into the buggy and accidentally exploded the guns together roughly. All three exploded.

Confesses Numerous Crimes.

A Sheriff has in jail at Waterloo a man identified as August Hightobotham, who confessed to a number of crimes. He has been identified as the Chicago Central Detective Walsh as having been one time in the employ of the company at Grace, N. Y., and as having embezzled a sum which was refunded by his sureties.

Killed in a Freight Wreck.

A freight train was wrecked on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad at a siding a few miles east of Woodbine, John Murphy, aged 18 years, was killed and Fred Schultz, aged 16 years, seriously injured. The train was blocked for seven hours. The wreck was caused by a car truck leaving the track.

All Over the State.

Danville will vote on the question of incorporating the town. The Ladies Improvement League of Iowa City has established a drinking fountain on one of the principal street corners of that city.

Runaway Coach in the Illinois Central Yards at Ft. Dodge.

A runaway coach in the Illinois Central yards at Ft. Dodge caused a wreck that badly damaged three other passenger coaches. Luckily no one was injured.

Mrs. Henry Paulsen of Clinton Committed Suicide by Drowning Herself in the Mississippi River.

Governor Cummins has paroled Clyde Cupp, who was sent to Fort Madison in 1897 for seven years, having been proven guilty of breaking and entering and for conspiracy.

Iowa Police have been asked to keep a watch for Frank Duncan and George Bullard, who recently escaped from jail at Jefferson City, Mo., and is supposed headed for Iowa.

D. H. Hart of St. Louis was killed on the Illinois Central near Council Bluffs. His dead body was found on the track by section men. It is not known how he met his death.

Iowa City was disappointed in not receiving a larger sum from Carnegie for her public library than was donated. The city expected a gift of \$37,000.

The contract for the construction of the Iowa and St. Louis railway from Elmer, Mo., to the Santa Fe, to a connection with the Iowa Central at Centerville, has been let. The contract calls for the completion of the line not later than Aug. 1.

Charles Roid, a farmer living near Harlan, shot a hawk in the eye in a peculiar manner. He was driving a spike, when a particle of iron flew up and hit him in the eye, destroying the sight.

Fire at Rochester damaged the Rebe bean general store.

Davenport is assured of the erection of a modern hotel to cost \$200,000. The postoffice at Boomer has been discontinued; mail to Honey Creek.

Mayor Heitz has been given a remembrance of the hands of Davenport Republicans.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hoyer of Ackley have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Three residents of LeMars sustained fractures of limbs on one day, in three separate accidents.

Mrs. Peter Diers of Fontanelle was seriously injured in a runaway accident. She may be crippled for a lifetime.

Rev. Fred Fisher has been appointed pastor of the Church of Geneva, to succeed the late Rev. Smedley.

The postoffice at Cromwell Center has been discontinued; mail to Wallace; and Blackhawk, mail to Unionville.

Near \$32,000 has already been subscribed for the erection of the proposed U. S. C. A. building at Davenport.

Eight train loads of emigrants passed through Marshalltown in one day departing en route from Missouri to North Dakota.

Martin Kostopoloff, 48 years old, living near DeWitt, committed suicide while temporarily insane. He took the shotgun route.

The contract for the steel work and fireproofing of the new "polk county court house" has been let to St. Louis firm for \$70,410.

By a wild throw in putting the shot, Captain Clark of the Clinton high school football team killed Hugh Callahan, 8 years old.

Two magnificent business blocks, costing \$10,000 and \$24,000 respectively, are among the contemplated improvements at Waterloo.

The contract for the erection of the Osceola County court house has been let to a Webster City man. The contract price is \$54,000.

The chief of Davenport attempted suicide by jumping into a very hot boiler on the river, but was fished out before he succumbed in his purpose.

Postmasters appointed—Motor, B. E. Handolph, vice T. F. Wright, resigned; Monticello, J. C. Schaeffer, vice P. Thomas Waterhouse, dead.

The State auditor has issued a charter to the Castalia Savings bank of Castalia. Its capital stock is \$10,000. L. A. Meyer is president, and D. C. Mail is cashier.

Mrs. Eliza Butler, a Burlington widow, together with her four children, had a narrow escape from asphyxiation. They were nearly past resuscitation when discovered by a neighbor.

Tama County farmers are finding it very difficult to get help for this season, even at higher prices than ever before. Wages in many cases will be above \$25 a month.

The advent of the Chicago Great Western road into Harlan has given that town a great building boom. Numerous new residences and other buildings are being planned.

Herbert C. Wasson of Des Moines, George W. Lowe of Clinton and Geo. A. Gull of Dubuque, have been appointed commissioners in the government printing office at Washington.

The citizens of Highland township are making arrangements to build a school house in the center of the township for a grade school, with all the modern conveniences of that line.

John Reynard, aged 45, of Ames, was found dead in a Des Moines hotel, where he had taken a room for the night. He went to bed ill, and was advised to go to a hospital, but refused to do so.

Frank Gatch, an Iowa wrestler whose home is at Humboldt, has just returned from the Klondike, where he is said to have secured \$20,000 in gold.

The Home of the Friendless at Council Bluffs, otherwise known as the Christian Home, has been named the beneficiary of a bequest of \$10,000 by a gentleman who refuses to disclose his identity.

Rolly Deeds, 21 years of age, was accidentally shot by a companion while out hunting at Wellman. The charge entered his right lung, and he is recovering. There is no hope for his recovery.

Fire destroyed a barn belonging to Mrs. William Dunn, near Blanchard. In an attempt to save some articles in the barn, Mrs. Dunn was caught in flames and received fatal wounds.

Because she was despondent over continued ill health, Miss Kate Lawrence, a well-known high school graduate and formerly a nurse in the Cook County hospital at Chicago, is suffering from a bullet wound inflicted by her own hands.

The Iowa Construction company of Creston has been incorporated with \$10,000 capital, to build the proposed electric line from Creston to Winterest, and probably to Des Moines. The promoters say that work will be commenced very soon.

Final steps have been taken toward the organization of a yacht club, comprising members of small pleasure craft, along the river from St. Louis to St. Paul and the smaller rivers emptying into the Mississippi between those two cities. Many boats will be in the water by the end of the season.

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The Flag and Trade.

Mr. Frye is fond of using metaphor in support of his subsidy bill. He compares the captain of a merchant vessel to a commercial drummer. He says: "Suppose there is a merchant in the city. Would you dream that that merchant for a moment would think of hiring the commercial agent of a rival house to find markets for his goods? Is there a Senator who doubts that an American ship, commanded by intelligent, active, earnest, interested American officers, is a better instrument for the distribution of our products abroad and for the finding of those markets than a German ship, officered by Germans, Germany being the danger zone of the United States of America in all this business for the next twenty-five years?"

Now a sea captain has about as much resemblance to a commercial agent as a railroad conductor has. He has nothing to do with the cargo of his ship but bring it to its destination.

German officers and seamen are not vitally interested in the nationality of the goods in the hold of their vessels. The German owners of German ships are after profits. They are not in business for the purpose of trying the German flag over German ships carrying German goods only. Just now these owners would be only too happy to carry American goods anywhere on the face of the earth at very low rates.

Insensible that they could not get their ships can't get cargoes and are leaving our shores in ballast, or tying up in port.

The Hamburg-American Line has just completed arrangements for a line from New York to the Levant for the very purpose of carrying American produce to eastern Mediterranean ports and bringing back the products of the Orient. The protectionists in Germany have raised a great howl because of this unpatriotic action on the part of a German steamship company.

The officials of the company very pertinently replied that they could not prevent Americans from exporting their products, and the company intended to get its share of the American trade with the East. The company shows good common sense and is therefore very offensive to the patriotic protectionists of Germany who so insist on great foreign commerce, but insist that foreign goods shall be excluded by protective tariffs. Messrs. Frye, Hanna and their followers talk as if a German steamship line carried only German goods. In fact, Germany, England, France, Italy, Norway and all the other countries ambitious of being or becoming sea powers are engaged in a fierce rivalry for the business of carrying our commerce. Facilities for shipping were never so good as now.

Hancock's Words Come True. Poor Gen. Hancock was much ridiculed for calling the tariff question a local issue. But the whole tendency has been to make it a local issue, and a little degree before it was a national statement. Pennsylvania had begun demonstration in this way, and it has created Quay and practically destroyed the Democratic party in the State.

There is no immediate necessity for the United States Government to "invade" Cuba to consent to annexation. The greater necessity is that of helping the Cubans to a firm establishment of their independent republic and of dealing fairly with them in the matter of trade with us. Let's fulfill our solemn obligations to this end before going into the annexation business with Cuba.—St. Louis Republic.

Does Not Meet the Demand.

A 20 per cent reduction on sugar will not meet the demand for "free sugar" which President Roosevelt has truly said we are bound to grant "by every consideration of honor and expediency." And with that demand unsatisfied and the trust tariff untouched the Democratic party will have two winning issues for the fall elections.—New York World.

Reciprocity that Hanna Favors.

Of course Hanna knows his business. He also knows the business of the big ship owners. If the subsidy grab becomes a law the beneficiaries can well afford to drop \$1,000,000 in the hat when Hanna passes around for another kind of reciprocity fund. Hanna can stand for—Toledo Bee.

Many "Traitors" in the Country.

Among the "traitors" whom Funston would have hanged are Wayne McVeigh, Senator Edmunds, George S. Boutwell, the presidents and professors of the great universities, the leading educators, lawyers, clergymen and statesmen of nearly every State in the Union.—Philadelphia North American.

A Needed Awakening.

It is said that Congressmen are becoming convinced that there are too many private pension bills. It is a relief to know that they are waking up.—Indianapolis News.

Worse than an Oligarchy.

One westerner who declares that the committee on rules of the House of Representatives is an oligarchy is no worse than that; it's a cinch.—Washington Post.

Expensive Chicken Potpie.

Eating \$50 worth of chicken potpie at once meal is an extravagant way of living, especially for a resident of West Manayunk, where millionaires are scarce articles. A few years ago a young man who was making his start in the world, but has since become one of the moneyed men of the country. In his early career he became very fond of game chickens and invested \$50 in a gamecock of the choicest fighting strain. He turned the cock loose with a lot of common hens, and in his idle hours enjoyed many battles with birds owned by neighbors. He came home from a business trip one day and enjoyed a chicken dinner prepared by his wife that he thought was the best meal he had eaten for many days.

"Nice chicken," he remarked. "Yes," replied the wife. "I got James to kill a couple of old roosters down at the barn." He finished the meal, took his stroll out to the barn and found his pet had disappeared and that he had eaten a \$50 potpie.—Philadelphia Record.

The Lieutenant Again.

"Why, Lieutenant, you are not going to dance with your spurs on?" "Yes, indeed. Have you ever seen a rose without thorns?"—Philadelphia Blaetter.

Iowa Legislature.

The House on Thursday passed a bill providing that persons using narcotics to excess may be confined in insane hospitals for treatment of their early addiction came up on motion of Buchanan to reconsider the vote by which the House fixed April 3 as the date of adjournment. After this had been done Buchanan moved to change the date from April 3 to April 5, which amendment was adopted. The Senate occupied almost a great many days, discussing the township unit road bill. The House resolution endorsing the Lacey bill in regard to indemnity for swamp lands was concurred in by a vote of 10 to 15.

The Senate and the House are unable to agree on the Hamann interurban bill which was amended by the Senate. The House refused to concur in the amendments and the bill was argued most of the afternoon in the Senate Friday. Senator Courtwright is author of the amendment, which sought to compel interurban railroads to pay abutting damages for the use of the streets for any other purpose than conveying passengers, mail or baggage. The bill also provided for the introduction of bills except by unanimous consent and providing for the appointment of sifting committees. Also it sought to amend the Senate Finance committee will be appointed. Several indications of impending adjournment were witnessed in the House and Senate. Resolutions were introduced in the Senate for the introduction of bills except by unanimous consent and providing for the appointment of sifting committees. Also it sought to amend the Senate Finance committee will be appointed. Several indications of impending adjournment were witnessed in the House and Senate.

Should Be Retired at Once. Capt. Hutton, the representative from the Des Moines, Iowa, congressional district, publicly pledges himself to retire absolutely from politics if his constituents will give to him one more term. Thereafter he would devote himself to his extensive business interests. Hutton, who has been a member of the House since 1900, is the Phillips investment company, it would be well if he were to be retired at once.—Springfield Republican.

A Plan for Fishing Bounties. Fish are said to be a great brain food. If this be true, Congress ought to increase the bounty to fishermen and fishing vessels, and so encourage the fishing industry as a means of making the Senator to live upon a fish diet during his term of office. By this means perhaps a little intelligence and common sense might be injected into legislation, so that shipping subsidies and protective tariffs would be wiped off the statute books.

Sinister Americans in Cuba. Unpleasant relations exist from Havana of planters being forced to sell out to American capitalists and the agents of the latter boasting that they are "working" Congress so as to delay relief for Cuba and still further depress the island. It is not necessary to credit all these tales, yet they undoubtedly represent to the Cubans a very sinister side of the American occupation.—New York Evening Post.

Will Accelerate Philanthropy. If the ship subsidy grab wins out in Congress the good Mr. Rockefeller, who will be one of the chief beneficiaries of this raid on the public treasury, will be able to endow several more colleges and churches. The steel trust will also be benefited and the benign Mr. Carnegie, who makes a dissipation of philanthropy, will devote himself to the creation of libraries with an accelerated passion.—Kansas City Star.

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