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Democrat State Convention.
A delegate convention of the Democrats of the state of Iowa will be held at Des Moines, Iowa, on
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1902,
to place in nomination candidates for the following offices, to wit:
Secretary of State, Auditor of State, Treasurer of State, Attorney-General, Judge of Supreme Court, Clerk of Supreme Court, Reporter of Supreme Court, Road Commissioner, and to transact such other business as may properly come before said convention.
The ratio of representation will be one delegate-at-large from each county and one delegate for each 500 votes or fraction of 500 or over cast for the Democratic or State for governor at the last general election. The several counties of the state will be entitled to the following delegates:
THIRD DISTRICT
Blackhawk 7 Dubuque 25
Bremer 7 Franklin 25
Buchanan 10 Hamilton 25
Butler 10 Harrison 25
Delaware 5 Wright 25
All voters who endorse the principles of the Democratic party are invited to participate in the selection of delegates to this convention.
By order of the Democratic State Central Committee,
S. P. MCCONNELL, Chairman,
N. C. ROBERTS, Secretary.

Silent Sounds.
You do not hear it? Unto me
The sweet, low sound comes ceaselessly,
And, floating, floats the earth and sky
With tender tones.
You do not hear it? Unto me
Upon the floor of childhood feet—
Of feet that tread the flow'ry street
Of heaven alone.
At noon, at noon, at noon, at night,
I hear the patter, soft and light,
And catch the gleam of wings, snow white,
And about my door.
And on the silent air is borne
The voice that from my world was torn—
That left me, comfortless, to mourn,
Forever more.
Sometimes, there floats from out the street,
A burst of laughter, shrill and sweet,
And I, forgetting, turn to greet
My darling fair.
Soft as the ripple of the stream
Breathes beneath the moon's pale beam
How strangely real doth it seem!
And he no more.
Ah, no; you cannot hear him call:
I am his mother—that is all.
I am his mother—that is all.
And he who said
"I will not leave this desolate"
Has, somehow, loosed the bands of fate,
And left me here to grieve.
Which hides my dead.
The Commoner.

NATURAL HISTORY.
Thoroughbred dogs are less intelligent than mongrels.
A full grown elephant can carry three tons on its back.
The horse has no eyebrows.
There are 4,500 muscles in the body of a moth.
The Dorking fowl is the only living bird which in its adult condition possesses a five-toed foot.
The largest bird of prey in the old world is the lammerger, or bearded vulture, which has a wing expanse of nine to ten feet.
Comparatively few horses attain to seventeen hands, but Kansas boasts of one that measures twenty hands and weighs 2,412 pounds.
Wasps may often be observed detaching from fences, boards or any old wood the fibers, which they afterward manufacture into paper mache.
The smallest of British animals is the harvest mouse, which makes a globular nest in wheatfields. A full grown specimen weighs half an ounce.

THE TELL-TALE THUMB.
Its Marks and Lines and Its Signal From the Brain.
A tremendous amount of nonsense has been written about thumb marks. It is claimed that the curious skin markings on the fingers, which they never the same in any two people and that it never changes. The first statement is correct, and the same thing can be said of the lines on the palm and the creases on the bottom of the feet.
But there is a real reason why the thumb marks never change throughout life is a decided exaggeration. The alteration may come from a variety of causes—anything, in fact, that will destroy the outer layer of skin.
Another modifying cause is the tendency of the thumb to develop horizontal creases as one grows old. This is especially true of mechanics and other working people who use tools, and eventually the creases will break up the lines to such an extent that it is equivalent to a re-arrangement of the pattern. Specialists in nerve diseases by an examination of the thumb can tell if the patient is affected or likely to be affected by paralysis, as the thumb signals this part of the body. If the danger symptoms are evidenced there, an operation is performed on what is known as the "thumb center" of the brain, and the disorder is often removed.
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Cows in the Alps.
The cows in the Alps are generally very large and fine, of a dark mouse color, growing white at the muzzle, writes a correspondent of The Chicago Journal. Each one has a name, and a bell around her neck, and as the herder must be with them all day, they are so accustomed to being with human-kind that they really seem to have human intelligence. Several mornings, when staying in the homes of the mountaineers, I have got up at day-break to see them milk and care for their herds, and as I saw how gently they handled them, and the trustful way the cows would lay their heads against the keepers, as if trying in their dumb way to express their affection, it added to my regard for the sturdy fellows, who looked as if they might be as rough as bears.
One cow, who leads the herd, has a much larger bell than the others, and as she starts off the rest follow along the narrow path up the mountain side, the different bells tinkling like chimes in the early morning air and forming a very romantic pastoral scene.

Food Prices and Politics.
The restaurant and hotel trade has felt obliged to raise their prices for food. One of the proprietors explains to a reporter that "it is a case of put up prices or shut up shop." He says that during the last five years—about the era of "McKinley prosperity"—"food prices have advanced 50 per cent, and 30 per cent of this has been secured since last January."
Every housekeeper who is obliged to take account of expenses is conscious of an increase in the cost of living, without (in the great majority of cases) any compensating increase in wages or salary.
If this state of things shall continue until the fall elections—and there are no signs of an abatement of the trouble—it will very possibly affect the voting seriously for the party in power. The farmers and the trusts may be satisfied with "prosperity," but how about the consumers—who outnumber them many times.

THE FRARS IN THE PHILIPPINES.
Judge Tat's mission at Rome resulted in a defining of the basis upon which it will evidently prove feasible to settle the land question, and to dispose of various other disputes relating to charitable, educational, and ecclesiastical property. As to the withdrawal of the friars, it must be remembered that this is a matter of no immediate concern to the American authorities. The people who are most inflexibly determined that these Spanish members of the religious orders shall leave the islands are Catholic parish priests and the whole Filipino body of lay members of the church. The hostility is so great that the friars have not for several years been able to occupy their lands, or to officiate in any way in the parishes where they were once powerful through the support of the Spanish Government. It is not difficult to understand, on reflection, that the Vatican should dislike to be put in the position of making a direct agreement to withdraw the friars. In the first place, this might be offensive to important elements of church support in Spain; in the second place, it might be regarded as humiliating to the great world-wide orders of which these particular friars are members. What the Vatican would prefer would be to have this whole subject left to the discretion of the church authorities, to be worked out gradually, and without any show of compulsion or pressure. It would probably be regarded as a violation of the treaty of peace with Spain if the United States should forcibly remove the friars from the Philippines. The great point, as it seems to us, is gained when the friars' title to agricultural lands are extinguished by the payment of a fair compensation. The Vatican could have no motive for wishing to have the proceeds of the sale of these lands used for the re-establishment anywhere in the islands of wholly unwelcome members of the religious orders. On one pretext or another, these friars will inevitably be withdrawn, and they naturally go either to Spain or to the South American countries. Judge Tat's sojourn at Rome will have proved fairly successful in the end.—From "The Progress of the World," in The American Monthly Review of Reviews for August.

material instead of being applied; hence its name—Connoisseur.
You Can't Avoid Old Age.
"People grow old unnecessarily," says a writer. Wrong. People grow old because they can't help it. Occasionally you find men who are still vigorous and vigorous at seventy-five, but such men inherit unusual health from their ancestors. They are not cheerful at seventy-five because of a "system." The average human machinery wears out in from sixty-eight to seventy years. Ever remark the great number of deaths that occur between sixty-eight and seventy-five? The will power has nothing to do with the kidneys or the liver. A man who accepts old age as a fact and acts as an old man about will live longer than a young man who tries to be a boy and indulges in boyish dissipation when he should be in bed.—Acheson Globe.
Why a Blue Rose is Impossible.
A forist makes the assertion that a blue rose is among the impossibilities; but, while an explanation of this curious fact may be equally impossible, he fails to mention a very interesting law which governs the colorings of all flowers. A knowledge of this law would save many flower growers hours of unavailing and foolish hope. The law is simply this: The three colors, blue and yellow—never all appear in the same species of flowers; any two may exist, but never the third. Thus we have the red and yellow roses, but no blue; red and blue violets, but no yellow; red and blue in the various members of the viola family (as pansies, for instance), but no red; red and yellow gladiol, but no blue; and so on.

A Fair Funeral.
Black, a distinguished English painter who was liable to disordered sensations, described a fair funeral which he seemed to have witnessed. He was walking in his garden one night when he apparently heard a low and pleasant sound and at length saw a procession of creatures of the size and color of grasshoppers bearing a body laid out on a rose leaf, which they buried with songs and then disappeared.
Assuming Husband's Name.
The practice of the wife assuming the husband's name at marriage, according to Dr. Brewer, originated from a Roman custom and became the common custom after the Roman occupation. Thus Julia and Octavia, married Pompey and Cicero, were called by the Roman name of Pompey, Octavia of Cicero, and in later times married women in most European countries signed their names in the same manner, but omitted the "de." Against this view may be mentioned that during the sixteenth and even at the beginning of the seventeenth century the usage seems doubtful, since we find Catharine Parr so signing herself after she had been twice married, and we always hear of Lady Jane Grey (not Dudley), Arabella Stuart (not Seymour).

Got the Best Hotel Clerk.
"With all his blarney," began Mr. Fairchild, "the hotel man is a first class fellow, who will go a long way to keep his guests from shaming too much in public or from being seen by doubtful guests. I recall an instance which happened to me in New York not long ago. I had registered in the morning, and having my key at the hotel, came back again in the evening, finding the meat clerk on, but not on my name. I asked him, giving him my name, if I was in. Not knowing the number of my room, I decided this was the way to find out.
" 'He looked at me rather suspiciously. Evidently the result of his inspection was not reassuring, for, after making a bluff at feeling in my box, he replied quite stiffly:
" 'No, sir; Mr. Fairchild is not in.' I sat down on the lounge and said calmly:
" 'Well, when he comes in please tell him that he is here looking for himself.'
" 'The porter carried the clerk upstairs.'—New York Tribune.

A Royal Tragedy.
Frederick I. of Prussia was killed by fear. His wife was insane, and one day she escaped from her keepers and, darning her clothes in blood, rushed upon her husband while he was dozing in his chair. King Frederick imagined her to be the white lady whose ghost he believed to appear whenever the death of a member of the royal family was to occur, and he was thrown into a fever and died in six weeks.
The Attraction.
Gladstone told Lord Ronald Gower that once when he visited Rome he accidentally met Macaulay, who introduced himself to the statesman. On Macaulay's telling him that he took a daily walk in St. Peter's, Gladstone asked him what most attracted him in that place. "The temperature," was the answer.
Notifying the God.
One of the odd things the visitor to Burma will notice is the large number of bells about the pagodas. These bells are usually hung on sacred posts a few feet above the ground. They are sweet toned, as all Burmese bells are, but they are not furnished with tongues. The worshiper who comes to pray before the pagoda strikes one of these bells with a wooden mallet. This is to attract the attention of the god.
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