County Correspondence.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

To insure publication in the issue following, all correspondence must be mailed so as to reach this office the Saturday previous to publication.

ONEIDA.

Mrs. Walter Bowman and daughter, Katherine, were over Sunday visitors at Monticello.

Chas. Hoag of Greeley was calling on old friends here Monday.

Mrs. Carrie Damon of Walker and Miss Lela Pratt of Center Point are visiting at the Geo. Cox home.

Evelyn Heyre of New Hampton wa in town Monday.

Mrs. Will White, Mrs. Al Clark of Thorpe and Mrs. Chas. Robinson and daughter, Vera, of Dundee were in town the first of the week.

Mr. Will Cox, wife and daughter, Clara, returned Tuesday from a three week's visit with Mrs. S. P. Heise of Isabelle, Manitoba.

Mrs. J. B. Howe and daughter, Lalive, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Dodge in Oelwein.

Mrs. Kaster of Delaware visited he sisters, Mrs. Hood and Congar the first of the week.

Mrs. Furman of Delhi visited at the Chas. Napier home Thursday.

Mr. J. B. Howe is in Dakota this week.

Miss Floss Harrison of Milton, Canada, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dodge and three children of Oelwein attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Hess, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dunham attended the Missionary dinner at Will Hockaday's Thursday.

Mr. Irwin Lewis and family of Greeley moved into Mrs. Lindsey's house Thursday.

Mrs. John Matthews of Greeley visited Mrs. Jas. Hood Friday.

THORPE.

A. O. Stone is helping his brother, Dannie, fix his pump.

Mattie Morgan of Manchester took dinner with her friend, Ella White, the other day.

Frank Curler ate Sunday dinner with his sister and children, Mrs. H. A. Jeffries,

Mrs. Dan Sark and daughter, Kittsey, called on Mrs. Jennie Daisy.

Mr. Troy, the section boss of Thorpe, moved his family to Dundee last Monday.

Mrs. Delbert Clarke and son, Aden, took the train for Manchester the other day.

Mrs. Nick Leimon visited with Mrs. A. O. Stone Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Bert Ryan and sister, Mrs. Amsie Stone , drove to Manchester last Thursday.

Lillie White was seen in Thorpe last Thursday.

The Ladies' Aid society at Mrs. C. Daisy's was well attended. Proceeds two dollars and a half.

Mrs. A. O. Stone and sons, Harold and Dean, were visiting with Mrs. Stone's mother, Mrs. Jake Retz.

All report a big time at the Thorpe dance Friday night.

Mrs. Will Rudy visited with her father, C. White, last Friday.

Dan Sark drove to Manchester on business Saturday.

BAILEY'S FORD.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Meade and son, Austin, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Young and children visited Mrs. R E. Grommon Sunday October 9th

J. W. Hartman left for Garden City Kansas, Tuesday.

Roy Grommon was in Manchester Tuesday.

Mrs. L. M. Davis and daughter, Anna, of Manchester and Mrs. Carrie Miller of Oneil, Neb., spent Wednesday with Mrs. G. R. Davis.

Mrs. Carrie Miller visited her mother, Grandma Pettion and Wm. Pettion and family at their home Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Mary Adamson of Petalusma, California, visited Mrs. Jas Sheppard Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Mary Adamson and Mrs. Jas. Sheppard called on Mrs. R. E. Grommon Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Reynolds of part of the week with the latter's sister, Mrs. Wm. Kaster.

Elvira Hartman is attending school in Delhi.

Mrs. Mm. Kaster visited relatives in Manchester Friday.

Edith and Minnie Sheppard attended the teachers' meeting at Manchester Saturday.

Mrs. R. E. Grmomon was in Manchester Saturday.

Mrs. Geo. Packer and daughter, Ollie, were calling on friends in this neighborhood Saturday.

EDGEWOOD.

H. E. Steele visited his daughter, Mrs. B. W. Sheppard and family at Greeley Tuesday night.

H. A. Smith left Tuesday morning for Waterloo where he will visit his son, Frank, and family for a short time.

Mrs. A. Funk and daughter, Celia, visited friends in Dubuque from Thursday until Monday.

Mrs. James Cross went down to Manchester last Saturday night to visit her parents over Sunday.

Mrs. H. M. Barr expects to go down to Central City tomorrow for a visit with relatives. She expects to be home in time to vote.

Mrs. James McDonald, who is caring for her sister, Mrs. Waldo, at Manchester, came up lasht Saturday morning to visit home folks over Sunday.

H. M. Barr, Will Smith, E. E. Boone, J. P. Robinson, J. F. Adams, L. L. Fisher and A. Funk attended the Fussell of Aberdeen-Angus cattle at Fayette Tuesday. Messrs. Smith, Robinson, Adams and Funk purchased thirteen head of cattle between them at the sale and will go into that breed of cattle more extensively.—Journal.

EARLVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Amzie Davy left Monday morning for Bemmett, Nebraska, to visit with Mrs. Davy's sister, Mrs. Ed Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cruise and Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh of Manchester were in town Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Oehler and daughter, Addie, and the Misses Carrie and Emma Muehe, Florence Gerhig and Florence Limback of Dyersville attended the Congregational fair Saturday.

Mrs. Burgess of New York is visiting at the home of hher cousin, Mrs E. Cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthueson of Pierre, South Dakota, are guests at the home of J. C. Woods.

Among those from Delhi attending the Congregational church fair Saturday were Messrs. and Mesdames Geo. White and Thos. Simmons, Mesdames F . B. Doolittle, Fred Doolittle, Himmel, Little, Stimson, Barnes, Ross White, Stone and the Misses Harris and Beal.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rector of Oneida were in town Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Winslow of California were guests at the home of Mrs. L. G. Hersey Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Winslow was pastor of the Congregational church here at the time of the fire in 1887.

Mr. aand Mrs. T. O. Eaton arrived Thursday from an extended visit with relatives in Maine and will leave Wednesday morning for their new home at Billings Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Logan and son were Dyersville visitors Sunday.

Mr. J. C. Laxson of Canton, South Dakota, arrived Saturday night for a visit with his brothers, Dave and Charles.

John Weirkmeister attended the republican rally at Colesburg Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cloud spent Sunday with home folks.

DELAWARE.

Mrs. P. Mortenson entertained the Swedish society.

Mrs. Loyad Spear is visiting her parents at Independence.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Nels Anderson on October 6.

Mrs. John Kaster visited her sister, Mrs. Conger at Oneida.

Mr. P. Malgrew spent a few days in Chamberland, South Dakota.

Mrs. Nicholson was a business caller in Oneida Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Austin and daughter, Louise, are visiting friends in town.

Mrs. H. Hefner is visiting her mother, Mrs. King, in Faribault, Minnesota.

Miss Alma Nicholson visited friend in Oneida Saturday.

Mr. Glenn Smith visited friends in Manchester Saturday.

Mr. Pet Malgrew and son, Edwin, were business callers in Manchester Monday.

Mrs. Welch ogf South Dakota and son, Arthur, are visiting friends in town.

Mrs. D. Broers was shopping in Manchester Monday.

Mrs. Lew Maxwell visited friends in Delhi Thursday.

Mrs. E. E. Mittlesadt was a business caller in Manchester Monday.

DYERSVILLE.

Geo. Hildebrandt of Petersburg was in Dyersville Friday on business.

Mrs. John McGuire of Wabasha, Minnesota, is here visiting at the home of Mrs. P. A. Lippert.

Mr. Ed. Schacherer of Manchester, was an over Sunday visitor with home folks in this city.

John Boeckenstedt of New Vienna was a Dyersville business visitor Friday.

Mr. John Nurre and daughter, Miss Louise, of Petersburg were Dyersville visitors last Friday.

Mr. Anton Klostermann of New Vienna was here on business last Tuesday afternoon.

Mesdames Joe and Ed. Krapfl visited with Sister M. Loras at Mercy Hospital, Dubuque, last Sunday. The former is a sister of Sister M. Loras

Frank Meyer and John Lammers of Petersburg were in Dyersville on business last Monday. Mr. Meyer received a car of potatoes here that day.

Mr. A. Domayer of Petersburg was in town Monday after lumber, and other material. He is doing some repair work on his farm.

Mr. Peter Even and daughter, Miss Lena, of Northfork were here Saturday and went to Dubuque where they visited with relatives and friends.

Ben Naber of New Vienna purchased a driving horse last week. The deal was made by Jos. Rohrig. The animal is of Nuttwood stock and is a dandy.

Mrs. Theo. Hatch and daughter, Miss Nellie, of Manchester were guests of friends in Dyersville several days the past week. The many friends of Miss Nellieh in this city will be pleased to learn that she has accepted a position as teacher in the public schools at Ackley and wish her success.—Commercial.

LAMONT.

Mrs. J. D. Thompson was a passenger to Oelwein Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Becker went to Oelwein Monday to visit thheir son, John, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ehler of Ames are here for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Flaucher.

Wm. Lambert, Jr., was taken sick last week with pneumonia the case causing some little anxiety but he is slowly improving and will be out of danger soon.

E. C. Hesner has rented he Richmond house antd will move there as soon as James Foffel has his new residence finished and moves from town.

Miss Anna Taylor arrived home the last of the week from the hospital at Rochester, Minn., for a vacation and visit. She has a position as nurse at the state insane Hospital which she has held for several years.—Leader.

COLESBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Northey of Dubuque were guests at the Walker House during the week.

The many friends of Henry Vorwal are sorry to hear that he is in very poor health and hope for an improvement in his condition soon.

Frank Vorwald has sold his farm to Ed Diers and will run a meat market in South Dakota. J. S. Merten bought his timber land.

Mrs. J. H. Bucknam and children, Abbie and Howard, were up from Dyersville to spend Sunday with relatives at the Walker House.

H. W. Putz was on the sick list the latter part of the week.

The Mite society and their friends were entertained at the home of Mrs. Penfold Thursday and succeeded in having a good time with plenty of good things to eat, etc. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. J. W. Smith.

Mrs. F. F. Cassidy is visiting her daughters at Fayette and Maynard, while Rev. Cassidy is attending conference at Mt. Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. O'Neal and children and Mrs. Frank Robison of Edgewood were Sunday visitors at the O'Neal home in this city.

Alex Moser and family moved to the country Tuesday, into the house on the Malvin farm. Mr. and Mrs. James Hyde have taken possession of the house they vacated.

The Carolinian Jubilee singers were with us Friday evening, giving a very pleasing entertainment.

A young son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Lansing was run over by a heavy wagon Thursday one wheel passing over his thigh mashing it quite badly.

Mrs. T. S. Davidson returned Sunday from a visit among her children at Greeley, Oneida and Manchester.

Albert Tutton and daughter, Grace, of Greeley were Sunday callers in the city.

G. A. Dodge is enlarging his farm house, making it a two-story structure.

DUNDEE.

R. C. Firman and wife, Mrs, Mary King and daughter, and Miss Way all from Edgewood visited with H. Firman and wife last week.

M. Donahue and family of Strawberry Point visited at George Laity home Sunday.

Miss Alvine Jennejohn, who had a position as clerk at Schhroeder Bros. store took a same position at W. L. Drew's dry goods establishment at Manchester last week.

Mrs. C. A. Robinson was a Manchester visitor Monday.

Miss Ethel Stephenson of Lamont was an ovver Sunday visitor with Blanche Aimers.

Mrs. A. J. Letts went to Delhi to visit friends and relatives.

Little Maime Buschnell has been very sick with inflamitory rheumatism but is feeling better at this writing.

Eddie Smith and daughter of Dubuque are visiting at the home of J. L. Lawrence.

L. Buschnell and Barney Aucutt and wife were called to Rock Prairie Wednesday by the sickness of the former's uncle, D. Buschnell.

Albert Reynolds and Fred Brownell of Delhi were seen on oour streets Monday.

Nelson Gilbert and brother, Leroy, visited at the home of Wm. Knight near Strawberry Point Thursday.

Fred Doolittle of Delhi attended the harvest home picnic here last Saturday.

Frank Zemaneck, Jr., returned from a trip to Dubuque Tuesday.

Mrs. Carl Hudson and Miss Ethel Lawrence from Manchester are visiting their parents, L. G. Lawrence and wife.

Henry Spangenberg and family visited relatives at Elkport several days this week.

Mrs. A. Weal and Cora Hater are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. A. L. Leeber took the train for Clinton to visit her mother there Friday.

Miss Myrtle Jordan and Miss Margaret Aimers attended the Teachers' contest at Manchester Saturday.

Geo. Lemard and family, Mrs. E. Hood and Mrs. H. Firman were Manchester callers Saturday.

Will Glass's little 3 year old boy had the misfortune to break his arm last Thursday.

The Dundee Cornet band held a meeting Wednesday and elected the following officers: C. H. Lawrence, manager; J. A. Zemaneck, secretary; O. M. Fuehr, treasurer.

F. Gally of Marshalltown and W. L. Tipton of Aurora transacted business here Friday.

John and Miss Esther Andreae of St. Lebald visited Gottfried Andreae and Mrs. B. Bellon Friday.

Fred Palmer shipped a car load of cattle to Cristal Lake Saturday.

The section 32, with foreman, Tom May, formerly at Thorpe, moved to Dundee to make their headquarters here. Ed Hood, Alex Jordan are now working on the section.

J. E. Lee was a Strawberry Point visitor last week.

Mrs. M. Thompson near Rockford, Ill., was visiting with L. Joes and wife last week.

Mrs. C. A. Robinson spent Sunday with relatives at Thorpe.

Gottfried Andreae, Mrs. B. Bellon, Martin and Otto Bellon visited relatives at St. Lebald Sunday.

EAD'S GROVE.

James Garlowe and family of Edgewood were Sunday visitors at Lem Harris's.

Henry Holthaus moved on to his new farm north of Greeley on Wednesday.

Mrs. L. A. Clute is on the sick list this week.

A basket social was held at the Fitch school-house on Friday night.

A son was born to Sam Ridenour and wife on Monday, October 5th.

Tom Parkinson and wife paid a visit to their farm here on Sunday.

J. T. Fowler is building a new machine shed.

John Lash was initiated into the I. O. O. F. at Greeley on Saturday night.

COERCERS WARNED

FUND OF $5,000 APPROPRIATED TO PROSECUTE INTIMIDATIONS.

NAGEL ALLY OF TRUSTS

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN DRAWS SALARIES FROM GOVERNMENT AND ARCHBOLD.

W. E. Corey, President Steel Trust, Traveling in Private Car with Orchestra, Wants Taft—Remarks of Taft in North Dakota.

It is a well-known fact that at the last meeting of the Democratic national committee a special fund of $5,000 was appropriated and set apart for the express purpose of punishing any person or corporation which endeavors to coerce employes to vote for Mr. Taft. Special counsel will be retained and vigorous prosecution will follow.

Judge Wade said to-day: "We might as well settle the question during this campaign whether under the law an employer may club his employes into voting as he directs. Threats of reduction in wages or promise of higher wages as inducement to vote for Taft is bribery plain and simple.

"We are not afraid of the effect of such tactics in this election, because the American laboring man cannot be bribed nor scared into submission to the will of his master in a matter as sacred as the ballot, but I think it is the duty of this committee to protect the American workingman from such methods. The employer has no legal right to insult his employes by such notice as the following:

"The reduction of ten per cent. in wages last winter was to have been restored when business conditions would warrant it. While we are busy at present, we feel that its continuation will depend upon the result of the presidential election and that if Mr. Taft is elected a general improvement in all lines of business will result. On November 8th, we will, therefore, restore the old ratting to all employes whose wages were reduced ten per cent. last winter, provided Mr. Taft is elected president.

(Signed.) S. S. EVELAND,
President.

"This is attempted bribery and punishable as such. We are satisfied that such offenses will be few. Most employers of labor have some honor, and some respect for the constitution and the law.

"We will give due publicity to every effort to coerce labor. The people of the country want to know what kind of men are managing the manufacturing and railway companies who prosper upon the patronage of Democrats and Republicans alike. It may be that Democrats will continue their business relations with people who stoop to bribe or coerce employes to vote against Mr. Bryan, and then again they may not. I kind of like the tone of the following letter sent out by a prominent traveling man in Iowa:

Dear Sir: As the traveling salesman of —, my house does considerable shipping in Iowa. Your freight agent has been anxious to receive these shipments. Our house wishes to ship its product over the shortest line and the best rate obtainable. I understand from your employes, that you are attempting to coerce them to vote for Judge Taft, but yet you are willing to accept shipments from those who are supporting Mr. Bryan.

"If this is the policy of your road to coerce your employes, it is well that the public may know it, that they can give their business to that road which permits its employes to vote as their judgment dictates.

Sincerely yours.

"I do not give the names, because the writer received immediate assurance that no such effort would be made, and in politics we should be careful not to do injustice to anyone. But we will see that we get the name of every guilty employer, and will see that he gets full publicity both before election and after election.

"The 'slip' in the pay envelope a few days before election 'advising' how to vote won't go this year as it did in 1896."

Documents have come into the possession of the Democratic national committee which prove beyond a doubt that Charles Nagel, who is in charge of the Chicago headquarters of the Republican national committee in the absence of Chairman Hitchcock, is an attorney of record for the Standard Oil Company. In addition to having charge of the western headquarters and being second in command when Mr. Hitchcock is in Chicago, Mr. Nagel is the Missouri member of the Republican national committee. When Mr. Hitchcock was in Chicago recently he made it plain that Secretary Hayward, inventor of the "card index system," had been deposed and that Mr. Nagel would represent the chairman in his absence from Chicago. Mr. Nagel is also scheduled to accompany Mr. Taft on his trip through Missouri. Several years ago, through the political influence of Ethan Allen Hitchcock, then secretary of the interior, Mr. Nagel was appointed a special attorney in certain Indian land cases involving oil and other natural resources, and drew a big fee from the government for his services. He was thus in a position to look after and protect the interests of his client, the Standard Oil Company.

In the famous case which Attorney General Hadley of Missouri brought against the Standard Oil Company to break up the monopoly in Missouri Nagel appeared for this king of all trusts.

During the course of his argument, as reported by an official stenographer, Mr. Nagel poked fun at Attorney General Hadley, and spoke of "flashlight pictures" and trying the case in the newspapers. He added, "Since I have read the record what I now see has been forcibly impressed upon my mind, and that is, in the main we have been trying two cases in one. We have been trying a case before the public, and we have been trying a case in court."

Continuing he said: "I don't agree with the attorney general in the statement that the existence of a fixed price is the end of competition, not for a moment."

William Ellis Corey, the president of the Steel trust, is the newest representative of monopoly row to publicly advocate the election of Judge Taft.

Mr. Corey is best known to the world as the man who divorced his wife to marry the actress, Mabelle Gilliman. He came to Chicago this week with the latest Mrs. Corey, traveling in three special cars, aboard which was an orchestra composed of 12 musicians. It was while traveling in this luxurious manner that the head of the Steel trust gave out the interview urging the election of the Republican presidential candidate. Mr. Corey stopped the music aboard his palatial train long enough to say to newspaper men:

"Judge Taft is all right. He is a man of great ability and I believe will make an ideal president. I think he will be elected."

"Why Taft Went West; or, Is Golf a Ladylike Game," might afford an appropriate title for a chapter on Mr. Taft's recent campaign trip. It now develops that one of the chief reasons why Mr. Taft took to the rear platform was to tell the farmers of the northwest about golf, and to show them that he is not a dude. Mr. Taft emphasized that fact in his speech at Fargo, N. D. By inference, at least, it was apparent that Mr. Taft wanted to inform his hearers that if by any chance he should be elected president there would be no more tennis cabinets, such as President Roosevelt maintains, but that he would proceed to organize a golf cabinet and play the game on the White lot. He might invite that other distinguished golfer, John D. Rockefeller, to play with him, but John D. is not so popular with the farmers and laboring men as he is with the Republican party, so Mr. Taft did not mention him.

Instead of telling the people what he thought about the guarantee of bank deposits, publicity of campaign funds, the popular election of senators, physical valuation of railroads, injunction and other subjects in which they are interested, Mr. Taft discussed golf.

Here is a record of what he said on the subject, as transcribed from the stenographer's notes:

"I want to make a little personal explanation. I got an intimation that I ought to go out to North Dakota and convince the people that I am not an aristocrat and above the people. They said that I had been playing golf this summer, that that is an eastern game and it indicated that I was out of sympathy with the plain people. Well, now, I want to state my case in order to satisfy public opinion on that game of golf. In Scotland golf is the game of the poor, and in this country, where you can get a place to play it, it is the game of the people that are not active enough to play baseball and tennis—that have too much weight to carry around. And yet when a man weighs 295 pounds you have got to give him some opportunity to make his legs and muscles move, and golf affords that opportunity. It may be that it is a game of rich men, but I beg to assure you that I am personally advised of the fact that a very poor man can play it. But somehow or other my friends were certain that if I could only come out here and show you the kind of a man I am in appearance that you would get over the impression that there is anything about me that resembles a dude. So, I am here and I am glad to be here."

After setting himself right on the all important golf question Mr. Taft proceeded to explain why it was that two "gentlemen," as he characterized them, who had violated the anti-trust law, and who were presidents of two subsidiary concerns of the Tobacco trust, had not been put in jail when they had confessed their guilt. He then argued that it would be better to have trusts than to have the statutes piled with laws which would result in red tape and impose "burdens on corporations."

In the same speech Mr. Taft paid Mr. Bryan the compliment of admitting that to "take the tariff off and put on the free list every trust-made article in this country . . . . would certainly end the trust that was dependent on the tariff."

Mr. Taft, perhaps unwittingly, however, admitted also that the Dingley tariff is not responsible for the prosperity of the farmers, for he said, "I don't maintain that the Dingley tariff bill alone accounts for the great prosperity that we have enjoyed in the last 11 years. Certainly so far as the farmers are concerned, the Lord has had a good deal to do with it in the matter of good crops."

This is the first instance on record where the Republican party ever consented to divide honors with the Almighty.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

After Election Is No Time to Disclose the Tools by Which Wrongdoing May Have Been Promoted.

(Cincinnati Enquirer.)

Why cannot Chairman Hitchcock and Mack arrange a weekly or daily publication of all contributions and expenditures? That is the proper thing to do. Do it now! Commence at once! After the election it is too late! Let the people of the United States have full knowledge of what is going on in both parties in the way of receipts and expenditures. No money should be accepted tainted by pledge of patronage or legislative favor. No money should be expended for purposes that cannot be disclosed to the voters. Reputations of leaders will be saved and honor of candidates and parties preserved by open publication.

After the election is no time to disclose the tools by which wrongdoing may have been promoted. Publish the money transactions now and let the voters know their own party is pure and upright. Secrecy now has become the handmaiden of guilt in the minds of people.

"The Republican Plan of Regulating the Trusts."

In a speech in the west Mr. Taft told the people that if Mr. Bryan succeeded he would put trust-controlled articles on the free list, but that the Republicans would not do anything of the sort, but "the Republican plan of regulation is the proper remedy." The 'Republican plan of regulation" has been in operation 12 years, with the result that under McKinley 127 new trusts were organized and under Roosevelt 107 new ones began business. If "the Republican plan of regulating" is proper, why do trusts multiply and why do they continue to practice extortion?

His Old College Chums.

A conductor sent a new brakeman to put some tramps off the train. They were riding in a box car. The brakeman dropped into the car and said, "Where are you fellows going?" "To Atchison." "Well, you can't go to Atchison on this train, so get off." "You get," came the reply, and as the brakeman was looking into the business end of a gun he took the advice given him and "got." He went back to the caboose, and the conductor asked him if he had put the fellows off. "No," he answered, "I did not have the heart to put them off. They want to go to Atchison, and, besides, they are old schoolmates of mine." The conductor used some very strong language and then said he would put them off himself. He went over to the car and met with the same experience as the brakeman. When he got back to the caboose, the brakeman said, "Well, did you put them off?" "Naw, they're schoolmates of mine too."—Wellington (Kan.) News.

Halevy and the Duc de Morny.

It may not be generally known in what circumstances Halevy owed his advancement in the French civil service to the Duc de Morny. The duke, an amateur of the arts, had begun to write the libretto of a comic opera of which Offenbach was to provide the music. He found that he had not the time—or perhaps that he had not the talent—to finish it. He sought a collaborator, and Halevy came to the rescue and kept his secret. When, therefore, the office of the ministry of Algeria, which he held, was suppressed he had no hesitation in asking his august patron for the post which he sought on the Journal Officiel. "The very thing!" exclaimed the duke. "There is six months' vacation when the chamber is not sitting, so that you will have plenty of time to write for the stage." And he gave him a note to the head of the department, consisting of the simple words, "Make arrangements to give the bearer the post for which he will ask you."—Westminster Gazette.

Nor a Hospital Either.

"Talking of our British cousins?" inquired the tax attorney of the Southern Pacific. "Well, I heard one the other day. Big fat Britisher shoved into one of those compartments at the last moment. There was an American in there reading his newspaper.

"'It's sixty miles to my station,' remarked the Englishman, 'and, I say, old chap, I'm treating myself for a wounded foot, and I say, if you don't mind, I'll put some of this iodoform on my ankle. Beastly smelling stuff!'

"'Go ahead,' said the American. But when he got the full odor of it he shoved up a window and pulled out a cigar and lighted it and began puffing away vigorously.

"'Here, here, my good fellow,' protested the Englishman, 'this is no smoking compartment!'"—San Francisco Chronicle.

A Substitute.

Mrs. Millsap's new girl, who never had gone out to service before and had had scarcely any experience as a cook, appeared to be willing and industrious and was quick to learn. In view of her inexperience she had readily agreed to work for $3.50 a week Mrs. Millsap, who was an expert cook, had taken much pains with her education in that line, and at the end of five or six weeks Jemima was equal to any demands upon her in the line of kitchen work. The mistress was greatly surprised, therefore, when the maid one morning gave her a week's notice.

"What does this mean, Jemima?" she asked. "Haven't I treated you fairly?"

"Yes, ma'am," answered the girl, "but I've learned how to cook now, and I've found a place where I can get $5 a week right at the start."

"You didn't ask me to raise your wages. Do you think you are acting fairly with me?"

"Oh, I'm going to do the square thing with you, Mrs. Millsap," said Jemima. "I've got a sister about a year younger than I am, and she's perfectly willing to come here and work for $3.50 a week—till she learns cooking anyhow."—Youth's Companion.

Trivial Cause of a Bloody War.

In the year 1654 a Polish nobleman became obnoxious to the laws of his country by reason of his having committed a crime. He fled to Sweden, whereupon John Casimir, king of Poland, wrote to Charles Gustavus, king of Sweden, demanding the surrender of the criminal. The king of Sweden on reading the dispatch noticed that his own name and titles were followed by two "et ceteras," while the name of the king of Poland was followed by three. The missing "et cetera" so enraged the king of Sweden that he at once declared war against Poland. The war was carried on with great bitterness until 1660, when a peace was signed at Oliva, near Danzig. A contemporary writer (Kochowsky) poured out his lamentations on the war in these terms: "How dear has this 'et cetera' been to us! With how many lives have these two potentates paid for these missing eight letters! With what streams of blood has the failure of a few drops of ink been avenged!"

A Horse's Toe Nails.

Few persons realize that a horse's hoof is really the same thing as the toe nails of human beings or of animals having toes. The horn of a hoof grows just as a toe nail does. The hoof grows more rapidly in unshod horses than in those wearing shoes, and it grows faster in horses which are well groomed and well fed. But on an average the horn grows about a third of an inch a month. Hind hoofs grow faster than fore hoofs. The toe of the hoof being the longest part, it takes longer for the horn to grow down there than at the heel. For instance, the toe will grow entirely down in from eleven to thirteen months, while the heel will grow down in from three to five months. As the new horn grows out any cracks or defects in the old gradually work down to where they can be cut off, just as with human finger nails you can watch the progress of a bruise from the roof to the tip.—New York Sun.

Dictionary Users Modest.

"Men are never so modest as when they go to use a dictionary," remarked an attendant at the public library. "As a rule, when you see a man go to a public dictionary or one in any place where other people are around you'll see him look about furtively as if in fear somebody might see him. Men who make no pretensions at having any great amount of knowledge nevertheless seem to be embarrassed to have any one think that they do not know the pronunciation or meaning of some English word. The next time you see a man looking up a word in the dictionary just ask him what it is he is looking up and see if he will tell you. You'll find in at least nine cases out of ten that he won't tell you. He's afraid you'll know it and have the fun of enlightening him."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Bibliophile's Reply.

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