

THE COURTS.

Circuit Court. JUDGE BLANCHARD. (Week of Jan. 19.)

Judgments.—John Retz vs. H. H. Larson, against defendant for \$82.82 and 10 per cent damages; Godfried Rheinhard vs. John Harth, against defendant for \$11; Jesse Mitchell et al. admrs of estate of Wm Mitchell, vs. James Mathewson, damages against defendant, \$15,000; Ellet Brewing Co vs. Jacob Romage, against defendant for \$275; J V Farwell & Co vs. Forbes & Flick, \$3,731.03; Wm A Church, admr Lucy Church, vs. the Village of Dana, \$5,000. The facts of this case are substantially these: In 1885, on the 4th of July, the village of Dana had a celebration, and fire works in the evening. Mr. Church and his wife, the unfortunate deceased, came into town while the fire works were in display. When near the stand a shower of sparks ignited a sky-rocket which had been left carelessly upon the platform, and was discharged, striking her on the head. She never recovered consciousness from the moment she was struck until she died, which was the next day. Her husband sues the village of Dana for \$5,000 damages. McDougall and Shay for the plaintiff, and Duncan, O'Connor, Gilbert and Eckels for the defense.

Law.—Lyman Everingham v J R Butters, judgment for \$4,420. In the case of the village of Dana, sued by Wm S Church, the defendant was acquitted, there being no evidence to show the liability of the town to pay damages; J K Stebbin v Ann Miller, dismissed by plaintiff.

Chancery.—Est of Esther Chapman v Eugene Parrott et al. Master's report approved. Ann Anderson et al v Bertha H Pederson. Master's report of distribution approved. I C Rust et al v A T Smith et al. Bill conf. L U Clayton et al v Wm R Clayton et al. Set for April 11. M Kneussl v N J Cain et al. Foreclosure referred to master. Mary E Field v Eugene Parrott et al. Same order. Nicholas Diniich v Serawa Diniich. Hearing and decree of divorce granted. Clara A Sinsel v Fred Sinsel. Divorce bill taken as confessed. Brown v C Furness, on trial, on \$300, note as surety of Fred Furness; signature denied.

County Court.

JUDGE SNYDER.

New Cases.—Leonard Wetzel vs. Floyd Platt, appeal; Pearley and Rose May Blanchard, inmates of the county asylum. Petition of Mrs. D. Hapeman to have them placed in the industrial school for girls at Evanston. To be heard on Monday next. S C Nash et al vs. F D Sweetser, assumpsit, \$300; John D Young vs. John Riordan, assumpsit, \$1,000; People vs. Franklin O Reed, appeal.

Cases disposed of.—Chas M Smith vs. Gottlieb Gray, judgment against defendant, \$111; Elisha R Atwood vs. Johnathan Pope, judgment against defendant \$109.75; Phil Erlendorn vs. Horace F Lescom, judgment against defendant \$239.79; John Sofe vs. J P Kenig et al, dismissed for want of prosecution; Chas M Smith, assignee & vs. J W Browne, dismissed at defendant's costs; J B Chisholm vs. Ben Doll, dismissed by plaintiff, each paying one half the costs; Nettie J Wilson vs. Albert P Wales et al, default of defendants and suit dismissed at their costs; Alfred Godfrey et al, petition for adoption of Chas H Copeland, granted.

The wife of Wm. Addis, of River Side, near Streator, filed an affidavit alleging his insanity. On the appearance of the defendant, petition was withdrawn, he consenting to the appointment of a conservator of his estate. He had recently drawn a pension of \$2,000.

Probate Court.

JUDGE EVANS.

Letters issued to Thos Schwartz, admr estate of Franz Schwartz; John Gillet, guardian of Ella Gillet, a minor, bond \$400; Lorin Swift, admr estate of Joseph Swift, bond \$3,000; Geo Bruner, admr estate of Henry Bruner, bond \$700; Geo Bruner, admr estate of Anna Bruner, bond \$300; Mary L Cleave, executrix of estate of John L Cleave, personal bond \$6,000; Wm P Donnell, admr estate Wm Donnell, bond \$6,000; Martin H Conder, guardian of Carl Hepp, a minor, bond \$200; Zadoc O Jackson, admr estate of Hiram Jackson, bond \$500; Bartly Neary, admr estate of Edward Neary, bond \$1,500; Salome Futzinger, executrix estate of George Futzinger, bond \$5,000.

Reports, inventories, &c., approved.—Est of J P Miner, report of accounts; Aug Johnson, private sale of personal property and accounts; Wm Sperber, appraisement bill; Mary Hayden, inventory; Wm C Newell, accounts; Elizabeth Wormley, inventory; Samuel J Chapman, sale of personal property; Daniel Danielson (insane), report of accounts; John McCabe, minor, accounts; Halver Peterson, accounts; Wm Sperber, inventory, widow's relinquishment and selection; Fred B Schneider, accounts; Stephen F McPherson and David Kleinfelder, accounts; Casper Hebling, accounts; Elizabeth B F Reddick, appraisement; Dolphus Clark, accounts; John F Cleave, inventory and appraisement bill.

Petitions.—Est of Samuel J Chapman, for leave to sell personal property at private sale, granted; John Burke, same prayer, granted; Patrick Rooney, for partial distribution of property, granted; Thos Palmer, admr of James Sexton, for discharge, dismissed; Elizabeth Wormley, (distracted), for leave to lease lands, granted; John McCabe, for a new guardian, set for 23d inst; Jacob Brenn, for order of final settlement, granted; Samuel J Chapman, to complete purchase of land, granted; admr of Alex Finkler, to sell real estate, granted; John Schlessinger, for order of final settlement to April term, granted; Anna Klein, to turn over certain property to Wm Klein and Mary Schmitz, Alex Hobert, for final settlement to April term, granted; Thos F Kennedy, to sell interest of estate in co-partnership,

Claims allowed.—Thos B Severn, \$30.04 and \$155.92; Wm Reddick, \$38; Elizabeth Jones, \$11.10; Joseph Walgenback, \$10.65.

Probate Court.

(Week of Jan. 19.)

Orders.—Est of Wm Walworth, final settlement for April term; Fran T Ostergard, same; Warren Dodge, same.

Claims allowed.—Est of Johna M Hibbard, \$318.30; Wm Pollack, \$150; W L Dudgeon, \$15.50.

Letters issued to Ellen Curtin, est of Michael Curtin, admx bond \$200; Frank Balda, admx of John Balda, \$1,000; Sarah Burlingame, extr est Justin C Burlingame, \$3,000.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Wilhelm Quelling and Fredricka Brinkmann. Frank D. Brandenburg and Ella R. DeBolt. Herman Beutler and Anna Leibe. John Maier and Jennie Donaboe. Jacob Gebeber and Mary Helmbold. John J. Meisenberg and Emma Hardin. Henry Sogdler and Ada Saul. Chas. F. Riggs and Elizabeth Evans. Emery A. Baker and Sadie L. Gudgeell. Wm. Brooker and Alta Brit. John E. Bush and Fannie E. Foote. Wm Wainscher to Amanda Stockstedger.

Sale of real estate.—B J Rogers to H M Rogers, \$1,200, Und 1/2, N 1/2 NE 1/4, 33 36, 2; Dulcena B Miller to Wm Turman, \$4,200, 80 a in S W 20, 36, 1; E Leland to Pat Wolf, \$500, lot 4, Ottawa North; Sam Walley to J A Campbell, \$4,200, 60 in N W 20, 32, 3; Sed W Hupp to Wilson Hupp, \$3,600, 110 1/2 a in 35, 4; J T Murdock to Ida Mary McCullough, \$2,200, 4 in 11, Streator; Anna M Meath to Henry Cummings, \$3,860, W, N E 24, 36, 1; W J Russell to Stephen Ball, \$600, 33 36 a N E 13, 33, 1; Lydia Smith to Olive Green, \$4,000, N E 9, 33, 1; John D Vette to Mary C Fox, \$375, 12 in 20, Ottawa Center; Thos D Bowen to Jas G Wilson, \$1,700, Pt lot 23, Streator; Frank Keening to Chas Pittner, lands in 33, 33, 1.

Current Literature.

Lost Treasure Found. Long before Mrs. Stowe began to arrange or even perhaps to gather materials for the work by which her name will forever be remembered, Mrs. Horace Mann had written a tale of West Indian life in which the same subject, slavery, held the foremost place, as slavery must whenever and wherever it touches human life in fiction or history.

That book is now to be read; and the world is entitled to know how it came to be written and then withheld so long.

These are the words of the author's venerable sister, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Peabody, addressed to Mr. Lothrop:

The story is a fiction; but some of the characters are some of the most important incidents and facts—it was this that made the author keep back the book from publication till all were dead.

The last one who died was a child of five or six at the time. He did a deed in his later life that lighted up the tragedy with a moral glory that completed the book as a work of art—the part touches on this was lately written.

It was the merest accident that the work was not published before my sister's death, as she so earnestly desired it should be, for it delineated some of the actual observations she made at the awakening of her mind to the great subject which so soon shook the whole fabric of our society, but which in 1830 was only beginning to agitate us. The Boston mob did not take place, I think, till '35 or '6.

The book was written with no moral object in view, but, as she used to say, it wrote itself on her soul, and was transcribed as a relic.

When Mrs. Mann was ready to publish, the last of the real characters having passed away, the manuscript could not be found. It had only been mislaid, however; and after her death it came to light.

"Juanita, a Romance of Real Life in Cuba," is the title. [Pronounced *ahon-ee-tah*.]

The beginning is a festive scene in a valley of peace a little inland in Africa. The natives had heard of, but had never seen, the white man. The white man was to them a slaver. He came with the rattle of firearms, which lightning and thunderbolts to the simple savages. Death, capture, the ship, the lonely coast, Havana, the slaver himself, his home, family, visitors—and the tale is begun.

It shall not be told in our poor world's. The book is written (the name of the distinguished author stands for that) with equal strength of mind and feeling. A slavery tale of another country before the time of Uncle Tom's Cabin. The writer, the scarcely less distinguished wife of the man who may be said in a way to have led New England forty years ago. The book her only book. To be published shortly by D. Lothrop Company, Boston.

The Magazines.

St. Nicholas for April opens with "The Story of the Monitor and the Merrimac," the first of Adam Badeau's war stories for the boys and girls. The articles are timely, since 1887 makes the beginning of the 25th anniversary of the great events of the war. Another of the series of articles on the great English Schools appears, treating of Harrow. The other serials, as well as an array of good things in the sketches, &c., all join in making a very readable number.

The April Century opens with an article on the famous Canterbury Cathedral, the beginning of a series of popular articles on the great English Cathedrals Churches. Another of Joel Chandler Harris's delicious sketches is given, "Little Compton," with illustrations, a story of war times in Georgia. The installment of the Life of Lincoln is devoted to the Kansas difficulties. A local interest attaches to this installment, for we find among the portraits given that of Hon B. C. Cook, in those days a resident of this city, and a member of the Illinois legislature from this county. Lincoln's position and opinions on the slavery question now becomes fully defined, and the character and temper of the times is

ably depleted and treated with ample "local color." The historical features are "Church and Meeting Houses before the Revolution," and D. H. Hill on "Chickamauga." Among other miscellaneous papers is one by Mark Twain, in which the humorist appears in a new role as a critic of popular educational methods—under the title "English as she is Taught." In which he gives some examples of various answers made by pupils in our public schools.

We quote a few as follows:

- Aborigines, a system of mountains. Alias, a good man in the Bible. Amenable, anything that is mean. Assiduity, state of being an acid. Auriferous, pertaining to an office. Annuitant, the food of the gods. Capillary, a little caterpillar. Corrupture, rocks in which fossil corals are found. Envolment, a headstone to a grave. Equestrian, one who asks questions. Eucharist, one who plays euchre. Franchise, anything belonging to the French. Idolater, a very idol person. Ipecac, a man who likes a good dinner. Irrigate, to make fun of. Mendacious, what can be mended. Mercenary, one who feels for another. Parasite, a kind of umbrella. Parasite, the murder of an infant. Publican, a man who does his prayers in public. Tenacious, ten acres of land. He is one where the phrase "publicans and sinners" has got mixed up in the child's mind with politics, and the result is a definition which takes one in a sudden and unexpected way. "Republican, a sinner mentioned in the Bible." Also in Democratic newspapers now and then. Here are two where the mistake has resulted from sound assisted by remote fact: "Plagiariet, a writer of plays. "Donagogue, a vessel containing beer and other liquids." Here is one which—well, now, how often we do slam into the truth without ever suspecting it: "The men employed by the Gas Company go around and speculate the meter." And here—with "zoological" and "geological" in his mind but not ready to his tongue—the small scholar has innocently gone and let out a couple of secrets which ought never to have been divulged in any circumstances: "There are a good many donkeys in theological gardens. "Some of the best fossils are found in theological cabinets."

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She Called him "Willie." "Now it is generally supposed that a man's wife is a powerful ally for the cause of temperance, is it not?"

The speaker was Mr. William F. Cody, who is known to the gods as "Buffalo Bill." He put the question to a Herald reporter, who agreed with him. The reporter has had certain lectures himself when he wanted to go to sleep. He said "It is," very emphatically, and put lots of feeling into it.

"Well, tain't so," continued the long-haired hero of the frontier. "My wife is a great temperance advocate, but it was she herself who discouraged me from ever coming home sober. One night several years ago, I made a good resolution. I sneaked away from the officers at the post and went home just to show my wife how I looked in a state of cold sobriety. That was out in Montana. When I reached our cabin door, I knocked gently.

"Who is there?" asked Mrs. Cody.

"It's me," said I, in quiet, gentlemanly tones. "Let me in."

"You go right away from here," she snapped back in a tone that was anything but pleasant. "Mr. Cody is out on a scout, and I expect him back any minute, and if he finds you here he will kill you, sure."

"I tried to get in, but I couldn't, and so I went back to the sutler's, began to fill up, and sat into a game of draw down. About four o'clock in the morning I went home again, loaded for bears. I fell up against the door like a bale of hay, and began to snout.

"Oh, is that you, Willie?" said my wife, and she opened the door."

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We understand that there are parties in this county working a rye and barley boom similar to the Bohemian cuts scheme. The grain is sold to the farmers at \$10 per bushel and the parties propose to buy all that is raised at \$6 per bushel after the crop is threshed. They will sell five, and not to exceed ten, bushels to one farmer. They take notes for payment due when the crop is gathered. If the farmers wish to keep on the safe side they will buy their seeds from some one they know.—Topeka Chronicle.

Good Enough for Him. Mr. Asa B. Rowley, Druggist, was induced to try some of the Papillon Cathartic Cure by his customers, after several physicians predicted he would soon have consumption from an aggravated case of Catarrh. He says: "The result was unprecedented. I commenced to get well after the first application, and am now, after a few weeks, entirely cured." Papillon (extract of flax) Cathartic Cure will do all that is claimed for it. Large bottles \$1.00. For sale by T. E. Gape & Co.

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The prospects for a bountiful crop of wheat in this section were never better at this time of the year. The recent snow is said to have been worth thousands of dollars to the wheat, giving it such an impetus that it is believed the plant will be able to withstand a pretty severe tussle with the tail end of Old Winter.—Pekin Times.

The Galesburg city council refused to submit the question of licensing saloons the coming year to a vote of the people.

SCIENCE AND PROGRESS.

A DOUBLE JACKETED CYLINDER OF GERMAN INVENTION.

How a New Cooking Stove for Ships is Equipped So That it Keeps a Horizontal Position in All Kinds of Seas.

Numbered with practical inventions that are attracting attention is the balanced cooking stove for ships, described in The Scientific American.

This stove is accurately equipped on its base, so that it will always maintain a horizontal position no matter to what extent the ship may roll. The frame of the stove is constructed to form a firebox and ashpit at one end and a separate oven at the opposite end. The oven and firebox are separated by a central space or chamber including the upper end of the base or support. The top plate, to which the firebox and oven are joined, is provided with a hollow ball open at the top and bottom and fitting in a hemispherical seat or cup of the base, thus pivotally supporting the stove. The base forms the chimney of the stove, and is connected at its bottom with a horizontal pipe which extends as far as convenient and connects with a vertical pipe. Beneath the horizontal pipe is formed an air space that prevents burning the deck. The flame and products of combustion may, by properly arranging a damper, be made to pass directly to the chimney or to pass first around the oven.



BALANCED COOKING STOVES FOR SHIPS.

Between the fire box and oven are formed boxes which may be closed by doors and which serve as warming ovens to be used for heating plates, etc. From the top of the stove rise arms supporting rods notched in the upper edges, and on these are placed two movable weights formed with open hooks, so that they can be easily shifted, in order to be brought opposite any pan or kettle for proper counterbalancing and keeping the stove in an upright position. When the stove stands at an angle, the lower opening in the ball will be partially closed by the sides of the cup, which tends to interfere with the draught. To avoid this, the cup portion is formed with numerous side openings, sufficient in size and number so the aggregate area of the openings will never be less than the sectional area of the support. At one end of the fire box may be formed a water heating reservoir. On smooth water the stove may be chained to the deck by four chains, or four legs sliding in vertical grooves may be used instead.

Curious Optical Experiment.

Put on a piece of white paper a circular piece of blue silk of about four inches diameter; next place on the blue silk a circular piece of yellow of three inches diameter; on that a circle of pink two inches in diameter; on that a circle of green one inch in diameter; then one of indigo of half an inch in diameter, and finish by making a small speck of ink in the center. Place it in the sunshine, look on the central point steadily for a minute or two, and then closing the eyes, and applying your hand at about an inch from them, so as to prevent too much light from passing through the eyelids, you will see the most beautiful circles of colors the imagination can conceive, differing widely from the colors of the silks, and also adding to the richness of the experiment by changing in kaleidoscopic variety.

Salmon Hatching in Australia.

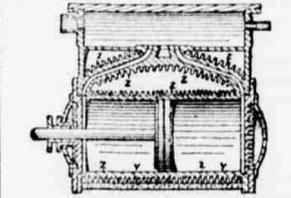
The last experiment in sending salmon ova to the antipodes appears to have been a success. In January, 1885, a shipment of eggs was made by Mr. James Youl, by desire of the Tasmanian government, and the bulk of the eggs reached the colony in good condition, development of the embryos having been suspended by means of Haslam's refrigerating machinery. The eggs have developed into "fry" and the "fry" into "smolts," for several young salmon about eight inches long have been captured accidentally in the Tasmanian Mersey.

Dangers of the Telephone.

A British medical journal calls attention to the dangers of infection arising from the promiscuous use of the mouthpieces of public telephones. To prevent accidents of this kind, it is recommended that the mouthpiece be disinfected every time that it is used. In other words, some disinfectant fluid should be kept at every telephone station, and the speaker should, first of all, dip the mouthpiece into the fluid, and then wipe it with a clean towel.

New Double Jacket for Steam Cylinders.

The Mechanical Engineer tells of a German invention, the object of which is to prevent condensation of steam in the cylinder and consequent loss of power by conducting superheated steam through the cylinder jacket. In place of steam tightly boiling liquids, such as oil, may be employed, and in some cases exhaust steam may be utilized to heat the liquid or draw the fire gases through the cylinder jacket. For this purpose a steam injector may be employed, especially in locomotives where the jet pipe already employed for increasing the draft of the fire can be used for drawing the fire gases through the cylinder jacket.



Reducing Petroleum to Crystals.

A Russian engineer claims to have discovered a process of reducing petroleum to the form of crystals, which may be easily and safely transported to any distance and then reconverted into liquid form.



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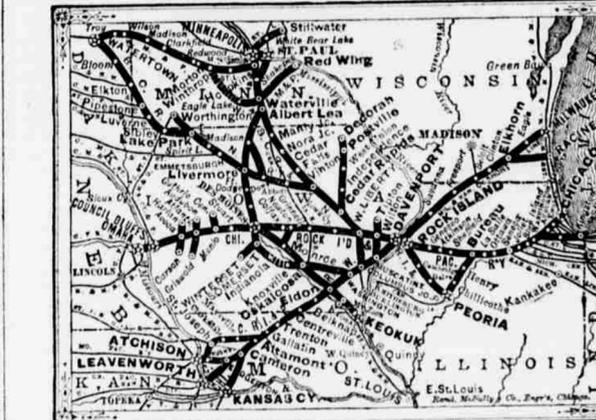
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