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The New Jersey legislature has bought of a Chicago firm for $21,000 a system of steel pigeon holes worth $7,600. Even at that cost it will prove a paying investment if it serves to pigeon hole nine-tenths of the bills introduced.

Never having intended that the Armenian investigation should investigate, the unspeakable Turk has decided that it shall not go on until better weather comes. For the purpose of that investigation better weather will never come.

In short, and with as much gallantry as the circumstances will admit, we think the female forgers who are now plying their vocations with such brilliant success ought to get exactly the same punishment as male forgers. This is an age of equal rights.

If the fool killer ever resumes business it will be his duty promptly to dispatch Calvin Ross of Shelbyville, Ind., who set a shotgun trap for thieves in his cellar and failed to tell his wife who, when she went to open the cellar door, received wounds which will cripple her for life.

A writer declares that "the future educator will see to it that the child's precept structures are not unregistered chaotically and disymmetrically." We mistake the temper of the American boy if he will permit anything so terrible to be done to his structures without a vigorous protest.

The anti-cruelty people have charge of the dog pound in Philadelphia, and they refuse to give a cur dog to a surgeon in order that a section of one of its nerves may be used to relieve the distressing disease of a human being. A society for the promotion of the welfare of folks seems to be in order.

The surgeons, after showing that kidneys and lungs and sections of the alimentary canal can be removed without fatal results, have now demonstrated that a man with a broken neck can be fixed as good as new. The grip, however, is still greater than the entire profession.

Thoughtful men will make preparation for the careful picking of their fruits during the summer and fall, and the kind of baskets in which to send them to market. A nice basket filled with choice fruit will nearly always sell for double the money and as quick again as fruit and basket of the nondescript commonplace character. This applies to many other things besides fruit and basket.

The Chinese warships at Wei-Hai-Wei were destroyed, not by the great, heavily-armored Japanese steel-clad battleships but by the little torpedo boats, which sent five ships to the bottom within thirty hours. Much has been said about the battles of the future being fought among the clouds with airships. It seems probable that the naval battle of the future may be fought under the sea with submarine torpedoes.

The millions left for public uses by James Lick, of San Francisco, more than twenty years ago have been exceedingly well handled by the trustees. They have expended about $2,000,000 on the Lick Observatory, now one of the great astronomical institutions of the world; a school of mechanical arts, free baths, and a number of statues, and have a million left to hand over to the Academy of Sciences and the Society of California Pioneers, who are the residuary legatees. The property was scattered all over California, and there was also a contesting heir to compromise with, but the trustees stuck to their work faithfully and deserve lasting credit for their complete success.

The appeal of the people of Newfoundland to the British government for help in the distress which has come upon them has been rejected. In reply to it Lord Ripon, colonial secretary, says that the self-governing colonies should not look to the imperial government for aid in financial affairs, but he offers to send a royal commission to the island to relieve actual distress from the treasury funds. The Newfoundlanders did not ask for government alms, but for aid in working out their own relief, and it seems to be an act of political heartlessness thus to repudiate interest in and disown the oldest colony in America. Blood is not always thicker than water.

A white man in Virginia has been sentenced to prison for life for stealing a piece of bacon worth about thirty-seven cents. This was his third offense and the law provides life imprisonment for third offenses. Virginia laws are almost as unjust as Virginia lawlessness.

Realism on the stage has educated audiences to such a fine point of appreciation that when an actor's clothing caught fire and half burned him to death during the progress of a performance the other evening the spectators took it for granted that the accident was a part of the show.

Now that the Mahdists no longer harry the Soudan, which gives the world its main supply of gum arabic, there is no excuse for our postoffice department in giving us stamps which won't stick. The nuisance is a petty one, but it evolves a good deal of widespread blasphemy from wicked men.

Unprotected men will view with alarm the proposition to form conversation classes to teach women how to talk.

Poor Robert Louis Stevenson would shake his coffin with laughter, if he could, at the latest story about him. It is said that he imported firearms before his death for one of the contending factions in Samoa. Stevenson detested and feared firearms, and never discharged one in his life except in a novel.

## HAPPENINGS IN KANSAS.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST TO DWELLERS IN THE SUNFLOWER.

**The Week's Review of Personal and General News Condensed to Short Paragraphs for the Convenience of Hurried Readers.**

Some enthusiastic Osborne county wheat raiser has already ordered a reaper and binder for his wheat crop this year.

Ex-State Superintendent H. N. Gaines will conduct the Kingman county normal institute during the month of August.

Kansas had only 1 regiment at Chickamaugua, but she has appropriated for a monument in each of its three fighting positions.

Mayor Nathaniel Barnes, of Kansas City, Kan., president of the Barnes Tea, Coffee & Spice Co., made an assignment on the 26th. Poor collections is the cause of the failure.

G. C. King, H. H. Bagley and S. R. Washer, leading business men of Atchison, are working with the governor for R. F. Antle of Atchison for State grain inspector of Kansas.

Prof. Geo. W. Winans, ex-State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will deliver an address before the Harper County Teachers' association, which meets in Anthony, April 13.

Miss Fannie Nesbitt, night operator at North Topeka, has been presented with a gold medal by her fellow operators for her bravery at Bonner Springs last fall when she drove away a robber.

President William R. Harper, of Chicago University, has accepted an invitation to deliver the annual commencement address at Kansas University in June.

Miss Grace King was appointed register of deeds to fill out the unexpired term of her father, the late Dr. W. N King, of Dickinson county. She has been an assistant in the office and is capable of filling the place well.

To discover the value of testimony Editor Scott, of the Iola Register, asked 103 persons which leg of a well known citizen, who only had one, was gone. Fifty-two said the right leg, and 51 the left, and yet they see him every day.

The president has granted a pardon to John R. Miller, alias Dick Miller, sentenced in Arkansas to three years' imprisonment and $200 fine for illicit distilling and unlicensed liquor selling, and Anto Gabo, sentenced in Kansas to two years' imprisonment for perjury.

Yates Center has entered into an agreement with the Werner Book company whereby that company will take up all the arithmetics, geographies and physiologies now used in the city schools and provide new books free of cost.

Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction Guy P. Benton has gone to Abilene, where he will represent Superintendent Stanley at the committee meeting held to arrange the program for the state meeting of county superintendents to be held in May.

Charles Carson, of Nickerson, who had been on trial for five days last week, was acquitted Monday morning of the charge of having murdered his wife last Christmas eve at the Colorado hotel in Nickerson. The court room was crowded and when the clerk announced that the verdict was "not guilty," cheers and great applause went up.

W. K. Musselman, a prominent farmer of Pawnee county, was accidentally shot Saturday noon. He was riding in a dog cart when a double barreled shotgun he was carrying slipped from his grasp, striking he hammers on a slat in the cart. Both barrels were discharged in Musselman's side, from which he died in a few hours.

At Sedgwick Sunday night burglars entered the postoffice and blew open the safe, but failed to get the cash box open. After taking everything of value they could find, the thieves stole a horse and buggy and escaped.

Last Friday there was much excitement around the Kansas penitentiary over a murderous assault on James J. Howard, cell house guard, made by Finnian Wolf, a full-blooded Indian who is under a life sentence for murder. While the convicts were all out to dinner but the Indian and a one-armed prisoner, Howard was in the cell house alone with them. He leaned over the desk in a drowsy manner, when the Indian picked up the hatchet that was on the desk and struck him on the head with it, fracturing his skull. He was about to repeat the blow when the one-armed prisoner grappled with him and managed to wrench the blade from the handle. The Indian then cut Howard half a dozen times on the head and shoulders with the blade of the hatchet, then made a rope of his clothing and attempted to scale the prison wall. The alarm was given, and his escape prevented by shooting him and turning the hose on him. The guard is not expected to live.

The thirty-two ex-Pullman workmen brought to Hiawatha last fall have succeeded in interesting enough capital to start them in the manufacturing business. A building and two acres of ground have been bought for them and they hope to be at work for themselves inside a week.

The Kansas Irrigation Commission has located the irrigation plants near the east line of Hamilton county, near Ulysses, Grant county, near Cimarron, Gray county, near Oakley, in Scott county, near Goodland, and near Almena.

A prairie fire near Lancaster, Atchison county, burned over 600 acres Sunday, destroying fences and considerable hay.

The Gaylord Chess club has challenged any chess club or chess player in the northern part of the State to play a series of games for the championship.

An old gas prospect well 310 feet deep has been cleaned out at Mound City, and a flow of gas developed. Steps will be taken to light and heat the city from it.

The supreme court after certifying down all the cases to the various divisions of the appellate court, will be but a trifle over a year behind. It is thought it will now be able to catch up completely.

The Gulf depot at Parsons was burglarized Friday night and many express packages were broken. Only $40 was secured. Several holes were drilled in the safe and an ineffectual attempt made to blow it open.

The members of the State Sanitary commission are: J. F. Williams, of Eureka, James W. Johnson, Eureka, and E. M. Turner, of Marysville. Mr. Turner resigned and will be succeeded April 1 by J. W. Moore, of Marion.

Sunday morning at 4 o'clock the two story stone block of J. W. Hall, of Alma, Kan., occupied by Lewis Schroder as a furniture store, was destroyed by fire, as was the entire stock of furniture. Cause of fire unknown. Loss on building and stock estimated at $4,000; insurance, $2,000.

A woman named Maggie Somers, giving her residence as Independence, Kan., went to Parsons last Thursday and gave birth to a boy at the Southern hotel. Tuesday morning the body of the boy was found in the rear of a residence in the eastern part of the city. The police are investigating the case.

John H. Wild, of Atchison, foreman of the Santa Fe freight depot, took laudanum with suicidal intent Tuesday night and died next morning. Despondency as the result of not being able to stop drinking strong liquor is thought to be the cause. He was a nephew of Chauncey M. Depew, his mother being a sister of the railroad magnate.

A discovery which baffles the scientists was made 15 miles Northeast of Marysville. David Lasher, who was digging a well, at a depth of 15 feet found the tooth of a mastodon which was larger than a man's head. Scientists say that it was the tooth of an animal larger than the elephant. Mr. Lasher was offered $60 for it by geologists of Nebraska, but refused the offer.

Gustave Nelson, a tramp, was lodged in the Pawnee county jail Tuesday, having pleaded guilty to the charge of raping the 9-year-old daughter of Gustave Tell at Burdette, 26 miles west of Larned. The crime was committed Friday while the child's parents were away from home. The child is still in a precarious condition and may die.

Col. W. H. Rossington, of Topeka, will be United States judge for the district of Kansas to succeed Judge Foster, if the attorney-general can have his way about matters. This is evident by a statement made by a Mr. Olney to a friend. Mr. Olney said he favored placing Judge Foster on the retired list at full pay if it could be brought about.

Dr. N S. Mayo of the State Agricultural college, Dr. Dewe of the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States department of agriculture, and the members of the State Live Stock Sanitary commission went to the scene of the outbreak of supposed contagious pleuro-pneumonia in Morris and Geary counties Tuesday. A telegram from Dr. Mayo at midnight tells the result of the investigation. Dr. Mayo wires: "A thorough examination proves conclusively that the disease is not contagious pleuro-pneumonia."

R. M. Gilluly, of Oskaloosa, has been appointed stenographer of the Board of Railroad Commissioners. The position is worth $800 a year.

John Waller, who has been sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary by Spain, has been quite prominent in Kansas politics. In 1882 he went before the Republican convention of Douglass county for representative, but was beaten by one vote by John Speer, chief clerk in the labor commissioner's office. Waller was one of the Republican electors from Kansas when Harrison was elected. Several times he has stumped the state. He is an able orator and a shrewd man.

C. S. Jobes, of Attica, the newly-appointed State bank commissioner, will file his bond with the Executive Council next Thursday, and then make formal demand of Mr. Breidenthal for the office. Mr. Breidenthal will not comply, and Jobes will institute a quo warranto proceeding in the Supreme Court to oust him. The contest will be free from scandal. It is simply a question of law, and all the parties are on friendly terms. Governor Morrill claims that he has appointed Jobes to fill a vacancy. Breidenthal claims that there is no vacancy.

Governor Morrill has named John Seaton, of Atchison, Sol Miller, of Troy, and Michael Henry, of Topeka, as members of the state board of public works.

John Speers, chief clerk of the labor commissioner's office, with Governor Robinson, surveyed the grounds for the Kansas University at Lawrence on New Year's day 1855.

The Hon. J. V. Beekman of Arkansas City has been appointed Judge Advocate of the Kansas G. A. R. J. B. Fishback of Winfield has been appointed aide-de-camp.

## HUMILATION OF A COUNTESS.

**Driven by Poverty to Menial Service and Finally to Theft.**

Countess Clarice Strozzi sat on the prisoner's bench in a Rome police court three weeks ago. In the police books she had been registered as a chambermaid whose mistress accused her of theft. Behind this humiliation of the Countess lay a remarkable story. Count Filippo Strozzi, her father, stood in the front rank of Papal Rome's society. He was enormously rich and his ancestry was traced well back beyond the middle ages. He had strengthened his fortune by marrying a Marquise of Biondi, who in 1867 bore him the daughter afterward known as the Countess Clarice. The child lived in Roman splendor and luxury until her twelfth year, when her father lost three-fourths of his fortune. She had just begun to attract lovers by her beauty and be counted on by her parents for a rich marriage, when the rest of the family fortune went by the board. The Strozzis yielded their last hold on the fashion of the capital, withdrew to a cottage in Bologna, and, with only the necessaries of life, began a long penance for the extravagance of other days. The troubles of her parents told upon the young countess' spirits. Without society and exiled by poverty from her acquaintances of former days, she grew moody and despondent. Eventually she decided to run away and distract her mind with work. At Christmas she went to visit a girl friend in Catania. She did not return home, but hastened from Catania to Rome, where she got a place as a chambermaid. She had cut her hair and disguised her figure and carriage so completely that she was not recognized by two of her father's old friends who called at her mistress' house, and could not be identified by the detectives whom her father had looking for her. Accidentally one day in February she heard a man calling upon her mistress speak of her father's distress. A few hours later she took some $300 worth of diamonds and pearls from her mistress' room. She pawned them in the evening, and made ready to send the money to her father on the following day; but the theft was discovered, and she was arrested the next morning. Five men from the Roman world of fashion appeared in court to plead with the judge to show her mercy. They all had known her as a child in her father's palace. The result was that the judge pronounced her crime already expiated by the six days' imprisonment between her arrest and trial.

## THE CO-OPERATIVE PLAN.

**Many Chicago Retail Stores Are Putting It Into Practice.**

Quite a number of Chicago's large retail establishments are at present being conducted on the co-operative plan, and the result is said to have been highly satisfactory to both the proprietors and the employes. January 1 is the date at which the distribution of profits take place, and consequently quite a number of the establishments which have adopted the system made their semi-annual division of profits within the past several weeks says the Chicago Grocer. Among those which have adopted this method of rewarding their employes are Carson, Pirie Scott & Co., and the system under which this distribution is made is something unique and well worthy attention of business men throughout the country. When the system was adopted all the salespeople who had been in the employ of the company one year or more were then informed that if the amount of their sales for six months exceeded the total for the same period of time during the previous year, they would receive a commission—averaging 2½ per cent. throughout the store—on the excess. Immediately the young men and women behind the counters began to increase their efforts to sell goods, and when the first distribution was made last July some surprising results were shown. Shop girls, drawing $10 a week in wages, received as high as $80 in premiums for the six months. The salary of the employe is raised in ratio with the excess of the sales and according to the wage percentage which governs the department in which she works. If, however, she was successful in exceeding the amount of sales necessary to make her salary at the percentage fixed in her department by, say, $1,000, she would receive a commission on this amount of about 2½ per cent. or $25. Besides this she would have her salary raised for the next six months by an amount equal to the commission per week that she had earned on her sales. In this example it would be one-twentieth of $25, or $1.25 advance per week.

### Boston and Opera.

Has Boston outgrown opera? A visit to the opera at Mechanics' hall raises in the mind the awful question whether the present generation has not outgrown opera," writes a Hub critic. "The only thing that really prevents any serious opera from being absurdly ridiculous, is such a combination of effects, through an appeal to the senses of seeing and hearing, that in the resulting emotion one loses sight of the essentially ridiculous features of the performance. If a woman should actually fall into a pond and ten men should come down to the shore to rescue her, and on the way should stop, every man with his left foot extended just so, and should all gesticulate with their right arms and sing in parts, 'We fly, we fly, we fly-y-y to rescue, rescue thee,' and should then recoil a couple of steps all together, and at last advance by a series of such movements and pull the woman out, still singing, we should find the thing so amusing that even the prospect of the woman's death would hardly keep us from laughing."

### Why He Objected.

When the late Judge Yaple was dying a well known minister called upon him and asked if it would be agreeable to him for a word of prayer to be offered. "No," slowly and respectfully answered the dying jurist, "at this stage of the game it would be too much like prayer under duress."

The street beggars in Barcelona have entered into a solemn covenant to withdraw from circulation all the two-centime pieces which they receive from the charitable public, so as to compel their benefactors to give them the coin next in value—viz., five centimes.

Berlin has no slums.

Edison makes rubies.

Krupp is worth $2,000,000.

Aluminum yachts multiply.

China has no telegraph poles.

Zante has a petroleum spring.

Brussels will become a seaport.

Millionaire Starin was a peddler.

Rawlins Wyo., has a paint mine.

New York City has 11,000 factories.

Throughout Finland women are regularly engaged in agricultural labor.

A British commander-in chief when on active service receives $375 per week.

Out in Walton, Kan., a church festival was postponed on account of a dance.

The clothing of the women of the Sultan of Turkey costs $7,500,000 a year, so it is said.

North Carolina gold mines will be worked.