

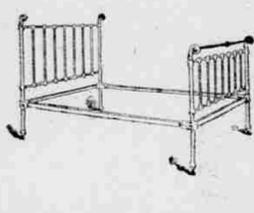
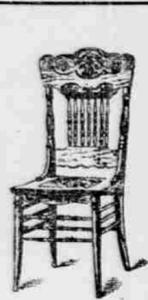
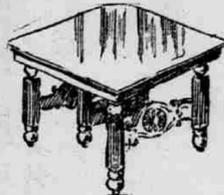
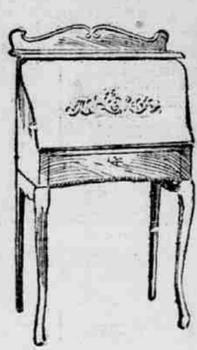
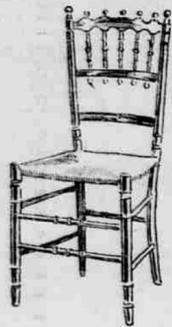
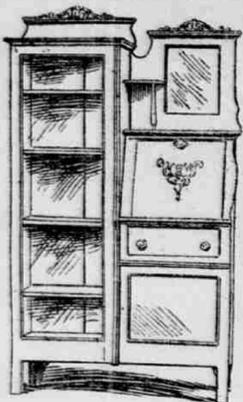
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STAFFORD'S NEW LECTURE

"Principle of American Citizenship" Discussed.

ENGLAND NOT OUR MOTHER

Oration for the Benefit of John F. Reynolds Post, of the Grand Army of the Republic—Distinguished Listeners in the Audience—Priest's Tribute to Liberty.

Dr. D. J. Stafford delivered his new lecture, entitled "The Principle of American Citizenship," at the Columbia Theater last night.

The lecture was given for the benefit of the relief fund of the John F. Reynolds Post, No. 6, G. A. R., and filled the theater with a large audience.

The Attorney General, the Messrs. McKeown and several friends sat in the lower left hand box, and the corresponding box on the opposite side was occupied by Miss Evangelina Givens, Mr. Karl Decker, Dr. and Mrs. Bennett and Miss Bennett.

Dr. Stafford said: Rome three or four centuries ago it embraced the world, and ceased to exist only when the world was born. The greatest thing a Roman could say was "Civis sum Romanus—I am a Roman." It meant the mastery of the people and freedom from indignity. The proudest title an American can bear is "Civis sum Americanus." It means justice and equity to all, the ideal state, the right of the people.

"Every nation has a chosen work to perform, and the working out thereof constitutes its mission. Greece was chosen for culture and philosophy, Rome for law and jurisprudence, and Greece and Rome conquered and fell. The American people have a mission and a destiny. They have had to solve the most difficult of all questions, to recognize liberty with authority.

"Men have been divided into two classes—the conservative and radical. The one is the faction of memory, the other of hope. The one destroys the old, the other antagonizes the new. The real position is a just and happy mean, which clings to the old without being blind to the new. In making efforts to cause, we see in history how often men change. Neither extreme radicalism nor extreme conservatism carries the day.

"Our fathers took this mean, and guided by reason, laid the foundation of an ideal State. What infused such vigor and life into the nation from the first? Placed here in a new country, their minds were elevated by the magnificent prospect before them and taught this by nature, and free from sophism, they built on the equity of man's nature. It was a transition from the promise of the future to the reality of the present. The world was given an impetus. A new civilization began, and eras of progress started. The declaration of independence came. It was not a document of glittering generalities, but a list of divine operative truths. The foundation of the Government was man in his racial nature, as man, and man's rights both in the past. It is not in the philosophy of Plato, not in the legislation of Lycurgus, and in the theory of Cicero, nor in the poetry of Virgil. The unity and solidarity of race were not known to them. Athens even, from whom we get the word democracy, did not attain to this new citizenship.

"In Europe generally rights are handed down in families, and man considered coldly and not as a unit. We must speak of England with bated breath. The honored Bishop of Albany says this is the latest period of Americanism. We must not speak anything that will give offense to England. This is a false assertion. Europe, and not England, is the mother of America. We are not a step-child that England should look after us. The boast of the honored Bishop of Albany is an insult to every American. We are not identical with England. Nowhere in English legislation is our inalienable right to

be found. English principle is based on the Magna Charta. She never appears to the abstract right of man. It always speaks of English liberty. If liberty is not liberty everywhere it is not liberty at all.

"England was too occupied at home with the Parliament and crown contest to devote her attention to her American colonies. We grew spontaneously, and when she tried to repress as it was too late. There was no American revolution, strictly speaking. It was a natural organized growth from the virgin soil into liberty. The glory of Greece is the glory of art, the glory of Rome that of power, of Venice that of trade, of Europe that of state, but the glory of America is the glory of man."

BRAVE LITTLE WOMAN.

Young Girl of Fifteen Conquers a Madheaded Horse. Nellie Sheekels is but fifteen years old, but she is nevertheless one of the bravest little women in Washington. Her heroism yesterday afternoon saved herself as well as her sister from possible death.

Miss Nellie is the daughter of Mr. John E. Sheekels, of No. 3214 Brown street, Mount Pleasant. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Sheekels had his horse harnessed to a four-seated carriage to take his family out for a drive. While he was in the house for his wife he left the two girls outside with the turnout. Nellie was holding the reins. Suddenly the animal took fright at an imaginary object upon the sidewalk, and with a wild leap, darted out toward Fourteenth street, running at break-neck speed and kicking viciously.

At Fourteenth street the horse wheeled and turned, running at a terrible rate of speed down the Fourteenth street hill.

All efforts to stop the animal proved futile and pedestrians, fearing to approach, hurried to see the girls thrown out of the carriage. At the corner of Rhode Island avenue, Sergeant Damagan saw the madheaded horse tearing down the street and determined to make an effort to stop it. Then it was that the girl displayed her nerve. Instead of running the horse into the curb or a tree box and being thrown out the carriage, she kept the animal in the center of the street.

When near the corner of Rhode Island avenue, by a great effort she brought the horse to his haunches, so that several men rushing up, seized it and prevented further disaster. Witnesses of the runaway said it was the luckiest deed they had ever seen, and a crowd soon gathered around the girls. Neither of them was hurt, but after it was all over and they realized what their plight had been, they were badly frightened.

HOTEL CORRIDORS.

James Park, of Liverpool, and H. T. Raftery, of London, are guests at the Elkhart. They are prospectors that is, prospectors for investments. They are making a tour of this country, and say that they have already run against several propositions that look to them like good things. These Englishmen were kind enough to speak of two or three things they have seen in America worth commending. They do not think that everything American is fresh and raw, and they approve of American scenery.

Edwidge C. Clawson, of Atlanta, has staked out his claim at La Normandie, and says he has gained ten pounds on three months. Mr. Clawson is a democrat and a business man, and says he knows property when he sees it. Things are not altogether dull in Atlanta, but there isn't a boom. Mr. Clawson believes that property would be more widespread had William Jennings Bryan been elected President in November last.

Mr. Edward P. Ricker, the proprietor of one of the largest of the Maine summer resort hotels at Poland Springs, is at the Raleigh. He said last night of Maine as a summer resort State.

There are two hundred thousand visitors to Maine and New Hampshire every summer, and they leave \$40 each or more. We secure \$8,000,000 a year from them. Taking care of these people is the largest industry in Maine at the present time. It pays better than farming or lumbering or mining or fishing. And yet it is in its infancy. The business has grown so rapidly that we have not been able to build suitable hotels. In a few years the palaces of the world will be in our State."

Mr. John Gary Watts, adjutant general of South Carolina, is at the Metropolitan. He called on Adj. Gen. Breck at the War Department yesterday on business relating to the South Carolina militia.

Mr. W. Littlefield of Topeka, Kan., attorney for the Atchafalpa railroad, is in the city on railroad business. He is at the Normandie. Mr. Littlefield said of Kansas Populism and prosperity last night: "The farmers are selling their wheat at 85 cents. That stock is bringing good prices, too. They have more money than for many years past and many of them have been able to pay off their mortgages."

"The banks are even turning away money. They have more offered to them than they can pay interest on and loan out. I believe this condition of things is turning some of the Populists and silver people away from their belief. The farmers of Kansas were undoubtedly in a terrible condition of distress before this year, but the accounts published were overdrawn. The people have left the State, and the farms have been sold out under foreclosure and bought up by cattle men. This will make a difference in any future hard times."

There aren't so many Kansas farmers to suffer, and the raising is a better business in many parts of the State, owing to the uncertainty of crops." Mr. Littlefield said that Atkinson would undoubtedly pay a dividend during the next fiscal year, though he would make no prediction as to its size.

Mr. Charles A. Moore, of Brooklyn, the Mark Hanna of the East, is at the Arlington.

Mr. J. L. Buitenkoper, the coxswain of the Harvard crew of '97, is at the Shoreham with his father, Mr. F. W. Buitenkoper.

DESTITUTE SEEK POLICE AID.

Cold Wave Drives Suffering Humanity to the Stations. These are the days when a fall in the mercury causes a corresponding rise in coal bills, and those who are the least fortunate in the possession of worldly goods feel most keenly the sting of poverty. The poor we have with us always, but a fall of 30 degrees in the temperature seems to make them more abundant, for it sends them forth from the alleys and tenement-houses, where the sweltering heat of summer is more merciful to them than the frosts and cold winds of winter. They come out to seek relief from their distress. Many people do not see them, so frequently about their daily walks, but it is the patient pedestrian who, day after day, listens to their tales of woe and suffering.

The Saturday cold wave, which was the first real cold spell of the season, sent to the station-houses many who have thus far been able to cope with the difficulties of meagerly supplying their wants. The number of people who are suffering from cold yesterday to comfort the needy ones, clothed in their rags and tatters, and those who applied for help asked chiefly for food. Not a few, however, expressed a desire for food and clothing. The police do not take their names and make a record of the case, but refer them to Secretary Wilson of the Associated Charities.

Formerly Congress appropriated a comparatively small amount of money for the relief of the poor as these given for the relief of the needy are those who are suffering from the cold wave, but this year the amount has entirely been turned over to the Associated Charities for distribution. By this means an investigation is made of each case where help is asked, and none who is not deserving receives an allowance.

The only funds which the police have for the relief of the poor are those given voluntarily by charity inclined persons directly to the police for this purpose. Thus far few extremely distressing cases have been brought to the attention of the police, because the season is young, but the indications are that the poor will suffer the same this winter, if the weather is severe as they have in the past. All that will relieve them is the systematic manner in which distributions are made under the direction of Secretary Wilson, without loss or waste.

There are the chronic beggars, who are first to make their appearance and ask for aid, but those who are the most deserving of help are the ones who do not seek it until on the verge of starvation, and absolute necessity compels them to request relief. There have been few, if any, of these extreme cases this winter.

Both the Central Union Mission and the Municipal Lodging House have been well filled with beggars for a number of nights past, and frequent applications are made for beds at the police stations.

COLUMBIA UNION ELECTIONS.

Proceedings at Typographical Temple Concerning Choice of Officers. Columbia, Typographical Union, No. 101, held yesterday at Typographical Temple on G street, where President Robinson conducted the proceedings.

The session was devoted to the consideration of proposed amendments to the constitution of the union relative to the election of officers. The amendments proposed change in detail the conducting of elections, especially in chapters with small memberships. With the exception of the recommendations relative to the filling of a vacancy in the office of president, should one occur, and the selection of delegates to hold in which the union represented the amendments were defeated. When a vacancy occurs in the office of president three months before the annual election the election will be held as already provided.

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At the event of the vacuum occurring less than three months before the annual election the vacancy must be filled at the next regular meeting of the union. In the case of delegates to other bodies, the president is empowered to fill all vacancies which shall occur.

City Brevities.

The special business of the Ballou Co. and One Railroad for Sunday, December 15, amounted to 17 parties, with a total of 421 people.

Almon Whitefield, a colored barber, was arrested yesterday morning by Sergeant D. C. Sullivan for keeping his shop open on Sunday.

Policeman Smith, of the Fifth precinct, found the dead body of an infant in the yard of a vacant house at No. 208 Seventh street southeast, yesterday morning.

An awning in front of J. H. Goodrich's store at Eighth and F streets southwest, caught fire yesterday afternoon. The blaze is supposed to have caught from a cigarette. The damage was about \$5.

The Goldyear Rubber Company, 807 Pa. ave., displays a fine assortment of Mackintoshes for ladies, gents, misses and children; also boots, shoes and tops. Presents that will be appreciated, not only during the holidays, but all year around.

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EXCURSION RATES.

Account of the Holidays. Tickets will be sold at the low rate of ONE FARE AND ONE THIRD from Washington to PHOENIX, Wheeling, Parkersburg and local points between Pittsburgh and Wheeling, good going on December 24, 25 and 26, 1897, and January 1, 1898, valid for return until January 4, 1898.

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A Pair of Imitation Shell Style Combs... 10c
Fancy Side Plates, complete... 10c
Children's Leather Purse... 10c
Children's Full Regular Made Book... 10c
Ladies' Fancy White Apron... 10c
An elegant line of Gift Hat Pins, with Colored Stone Tops... 10c

At 19c.

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Sterling Top Glass Silver Jars... 19c
Pearl Handle Silver and Gilt Writing Pens... 19c
Large Bottles of Perfumes put up in fancy boxes... 19c

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- A Complete Line of Pretty Brooches... 25c
A Choice Selection of Stone Head Hat Pins... 25c
White Metal Framing Cups, beautifully engraved... 25c
Fancy Pearl Ribbon Belts, with Novelty Buckles... 25c
Ornate Perpetual Calendars... 25c
Complete Sewing Kit, in a handsome Colored Case... 25c
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A Beautiful Line of Basket Perfumes of all colors... 25c
Fancy Glass Atomizers... 25c
Triple Folding Mirrors... 25c
Combinations Boxes of Fine Extract and Soap... 25c
Imitation Toilet Water, in Fancy Bottles... 25c
Handsome Silk Garters in Glass Top Boxes... 25c
1,000 Handsome Leather Pocket Knives, in all colors... 25c
Children's Gold Rings, plain and with settings... 25c
Silver and Oxidized Medallion Buttons... 25c

At 49c.

- Sterling Silver and Russian Enamel Top Table Jars... 49c
Genuine Leather Music Rolls, in all colors... 49c
Very Fine Silk Web Garters, with Large Ribbon Bows and Fancy Buckles... 49c
Imitation Cut Glass Fruit Basket, with White Metal Plated Top... 49c
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