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How I Cured a Case of Piles, after Many Years of Standing



Piles and Hemorrhoids are due to a run down, depleted condition of the body. I have found in my practice that I can often cure the worst case of Piles by regulating the bowels, purifying the blood, and toning up the system. I know nothing better for this purpose than my Dr. Kay's Renovator. I have found out by experience that there is nothing in this world better to tone up the body, purify the blood, give vigor to the nerves, and strength to all the vital organs, than this greatest of all body builders. The following letter I received recently from the Rev. R. A. Richmond, Macon, Mo. He says:

"I have had indigestion, constipation and Piles for ten years, growing rapidly worse for the last five years. I have taken four boxes of your Dr. Kay's Renovator. I am feeling much better, have no Constipation, no Piles, and but a very slight tendency toward indigestion. I have suffered almost constantly for the last two years with my head; that is now all gone. My kidneys and liver are also in perfect condition."

"The above shows exactly what I can do with my Renovator, and I want everyone who is ailing to give it a trial. Ask your druggist for it, and if you cannot buy a package of my tablets from him, either for 25 cts., 50 cts., or \$1.00, write to me, and I will send same to you by mail. If your case is in any way complicated you may also have the benefit of my professional advice, and many years of experience absolutely free. Any correspondence addressed to Dr. B. J. Kay, c/o The Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., 24 Clinton Street, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., will be carefully and promptly attended, and will always be considered confidential."

Tri-Weekly Courier.

CHANGING ADDRESS.
Subscribers wishing their address changed will please give the name of the Post Office to which the paper has been sent as well as the Post Office where they desire it to be changed to.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

From Thursday's Daily.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Neville, of Kirksville, Mo., are visiting relatives and friends in the city.

John Strauser, formerly of Blakesburg, has gone to Centerville, where he expects to reside in the future.

Mrs. A. C. D. Bradshaw, of Fairfield, has returned to her home after attending the funeral of the late H. D. Connelly.

Mrs. W. Williams, of Williamsburg, returned to her home last evening on the Milwaukee, having been called here by the death of the late H. D. Connelly.

Miss Willa Cremer, 215 North Court street, returned home on the Rock Island this morning from Valley Junction, where she has been a guest of Miss Nellie Webster.

J. Peck Sharp has been elected a position as umpire for the western association. We will see his work with interest, as we are sure there will be something doing.—Bona parte Bee.

Scott and McIntire, Funeral Directors, Phones 512, 109 West Second.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

A CITIZENS' TICKET.
Independent Party in Centerville Names Candidates.

Centerville, March 17.—The Citizens' convention was held in the three wards Tuesday evening to name candidates for aldermen.

In the first ward the convention declined to name a candidate, saying that the republican nominee, C. A. Peckman, was good enough for them. The second named F. P. Whitsel, and the third named J. A. Pratt, who has previously served two terms on the council.

Richardland.
Richardland, March 18.—Alonzo McCaslin, of Fairfield, was an over Sunday visitor with his mother.

Denny Hart, of Clay, was a caller in the city Monday.

Fred Bray returned from his Colorado trip Saturday.

Charles Mills was an eastbound passenger Monday.

Myrtle Bates is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Harrison Long at Martinsburg.

James Jones, of Newton, has been visiting relatives and friends here.

Frances Meacham spent Sunday with her parents at Clay.

Frank Harlan was in Brighton Monday on business.

Mrs. C. A. Swayze and son Darrel, returned home Tuesday after a week's visit at the parental home.

Mrs. Sam Lains, of Libertyville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lyman Hatfield.

Dr. Wade was a business caller in Brighton Monday.

Oswald Greeson was in Fairfield Tuesday.

Mrs. Curt Rehmel returned home Tuesday after a few days visit at the parental Brolliar home.

Maggie Frederick is visiting her sister at Coppock.

Mrs. Van Hatten and children of Council Bluffs, visited Lute Snider and family this week.

Miss Hennan, of Compentine, visited Elmer Steel and family for a few days.

Owen Brown was a Brighton visitor Wednesday.

Jessie Setters, of Minneapolis, is visiting friends here.

If you have found our shoes dependable, why not tell your friends? S. R. Pierce & Son.

HAS FILED PROTEST BISHOP IS ELECTED

JOSEPH B. GOSSAGE WILL CONTEST THE WILL OF LATE MRS. LUCINDA LEWIS.

Contentant Charges That Testator Was of Unsound Mind and Was Unduly Influenced at Time of Executing Will—Contentant a Grandson.

From Thursday's Daily.
Joseph B. Gossage, of Rapid City, South Dakota, claiming that he and Mrs. Matilda Caroline Hedrick are the sole heirs at law, yesterday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock, filed in the district court a petition protesting against the admission to probate of the will of the late Mrs. Lucinda Lewis. According to the will the property is divided into seven equal shares to be distributed to Mrs. Matilda Caroline Hedrick, the only surviving daughter, five grandchildren, the children of Mrs. Hedrick and the contentant Joseph B. Gossage, a grandson, the only surviving son of another daughter of Mrs. Lewis.

The will was contested upon the grounds that the testator at the time of the execution of the will was of unsound mind and was unduly influenced by Mrs. Hedrick and her five children. The will against which the protest is filed was executed January 26, 1894, and was filed with the clerk of the court March 2, 1904, by a codicil executed January 13, 1899.

In his petition of contest Mr. Gossage states that Mrs. Lewis passed away February 29, 1904, that she left surviving her sole heirs at law, himself, Joseph B. Gossage, the son of Martha Ellen Gossage, a daughter of Mrs. Lewis, and Mrs. Matilda Caroline Hedrick, another daughter of Mrs. Lewis.

The petition represents that at the time of her death Mrs. Lewis was 93 years of age, that at the time of making the alleged will and later of the codicil the testator was of unsound mind and was unduly influenced by old age, that she was weak in body and mind and did not possess sufficient mental capacity to make a valid will.

The petition also represents that both the will and the codicil were procured to be made and signed by the said Lucinda Lewis, through and by the undue influence exercised over the testator by Matilda Hedrick and her five children Howard L. Hedrick, Kate M. Ladd, Charles M. Hedrick, Harry M. Hedrick and Carita McCarroll, beneficiaries under the alleged will and codicil. The petition states also that each and all of these proponents, collectively and individually, have for the last twelve or fourteen years exercised an undue influence over the testator, guiding and directing her as to what she should do, what disposition she should make of her property and controlling all of her acts; that some one of said proponents and sometimes more than one of them was constantly with the said testator and never allowed her to get out of their sight and kept a constant guard over her to prevent her from communicating with her friends and relatives; that they took advantage of her feebleness and weakness to procure her to make the will in controversy.

The petition further states that the proponents about April 5, 1900, through their influence over the testator induced her to distribute to them in money and property the sum of \$20,088, giving to each of them \$3,348 in money and property. That contentant happened to be in Ottumwa at that time and allowed by them the sum of \$2,648 which he took fearing that the entire property of the testator would be squandered and disposed of.

Upon these grounds the contentant declares that the will ought not to be admitted to probate and he asks that it be denied said that judgment for costs be rendered.

The Will.
By the provision of the will the homestead property of Mrs. Lewis on West Fourth street, and one-half of all real and personal property is given to Mrs. Hedrick. The remainder of the estate is bequeathed to the grandchildren to be divided equally between them. Alvin Gossage, now deceased, a brother of the contentant, is to be considered as one of the grandchildren in the division and share equally with the others. Mr. Gossage, who is contesting, is not mentioned in the will.

The Codicil.
In the codicil all the provisions of the will are set aside and the entire estate is to be divided in seven equal shares, to be divided between Mrs. Matilda Hedrick, Howard Hedrick, Kate M. Ladd, Charles M. Hedrick, Harry M. Hedrick, Carita H. McCarroll and Joseph B. Gossage.

A Hard Fought Case.
The prominence of the parties concerned in the case make it one of special interest. It is certain to be a long and hard fought contest.

of South Ottumwa relatives and friends.

Miss Helen Lane has returned from Bloomfield, where she was called by the illness of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goff, of Batavia, have arrived being called here by the illness of Mrs. Goff's brother, Mr. Hocking.

Better shoes for less money is what you are looking for. We have built our business with this object in view. Our customers tell their neighbors about it, Church Shoe Co., South Side.

DEWEY CASE DRAWING TO CLOSE
Arguments Commence, and the Jury Should Retire Tonight.

Norton, Kan., March 18.—Arguments in the trial of Chauncey Dewey, the millionaire ranchman, and his cowboys, charged with killing Burchard Berry, are in progress. It was agreed that each side should argue for a day, and it is believed this will bring the case to the jury late today.

Captain George Child, a well known Story county pioneer, is dead at Nevada.

OTTUMWA WILL LOSE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS.

COL. CAUGHLAN IS DEFEATED

Muscataine Man Wins in Contest for Colony of Fifty-Fourth Regiment—Captain Ralph Howell of Iowa City Becomes Major.

Ottumwa will lose the regimental headquarters of the Fifty-fourth regiment Iowa national guard as a result of the election last evening of Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. Bishop, of Muscatine, to the position of colonel of the regiment made vacant by the expiration of the term of Col. H. H. Coughlan of Ottumwa. Captain Ralph P. Howell, of Iowa City, was chosen major to fill the position made vacant by the expiration of the term of Major John A. Dunlap of Keokuk.

Mr. Bishop was elected colonel of the regiment by a vote of 359 to 159 for his opponent, Col. Coughlan, the present colonel. Captain Howell was elected the only candidate for the vacant position of major as Captain D. W. Harvey, of Washington, refused to make the race.

The election was held last evening at the various company headquarters between the hours of 7:30 and 10 o'clock. The official vote of each company will be forwarded to Adjutant General Byers at Des Moines and the official notification of the result of the election will not be made known before tomorrow or possibly Monday.

"I am not surprised at the result of the election said Colonel Coughlan this morning." "The election of Lieutenant-Colonel Bishop will cause an advance all along the line and in working and voting for him every man in line was working for his own interests. The result of my election would have been that the organization would have remained about as it is for another term. I have been there and understand just how it is. Every man is anxious for his own advancement. I enlisted in 1887 and have had seventeen years of guard service in its various departments for many years and with you I have been a member of the national guard and the regular service. His complete military record is as follows:

Enlisted in Second Illinois National Guard, January 3, 1887. Discharged at expiration of term of service as corporal January 2, 1890.
Enlisted in Second United States Infantry February 4, 1900; promoted corporal March 10, 1890; promoted sergeant October 5, 1891; discharged at expiration of five years' service February 3, 1896.

Bishop's Military Record.
Lieutenant-Colonel Bishop, who was formerly a resident of Ottumwa, has been a member of Colonel Coughlan's staff since December 22, 1902. He has seen service in both the national guard and the regular service. His complete military record is as follows:

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During the service with the regular army he participated in the campaign of 1890-91 against the hostile Sioux Indians in Dakota; was detailed as drill instructor of a company of Indians from August, 1891, to February, 1893, and sent to the National Guard camp at Burlington and Monticello as instructor during the summer of 1894.
Commissioned first lieutenant and battalion adjutant, Second regiment Iowa National Guard May 29, 1895.
Commissioned captain Company C, Second regiment Iowa National Guard January 11, 1898.

Mustered in as captain Fiftieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry April 25, 1898, and served during the campaign of 1898-99 against the Spanish-American war in Cuba. Mustered out November 30, 1898. Re-organized company and elected captain Company C, Fiftieth regiment Iowa national February 13, 1899.

Elected and commissioned major Fiftieth regiment Iowa National Guard July 15, 1900.
Elected and commissioned lieutenant-colonel Fifty-fourth regiment Iowa National Guard December 22, 1902.

The Vote.
The following table gives the vote of each of the companies in the election last evening, the first two names are those of the candidates for colonel and the last two those for major:

	Coughlan	Bishop	Howell	Harvey
A—Albia	27	27	0	0
B—Davenport	5	35	40	0
C—Muscatine	4	46	0	0
D—Washington	19	23	42	0
E—Centerville	43	43	0	0
F—Okato	1	43	0	0
G—Ottumwa	43	28	14	0
H—Burlington	27	18	45	0
I—Iowa City	52	52	0	0
K—Grinnell	35	35	0	0
L—Newton	42	42	0	0
M—Fairfield	1	39	40	0
N—Band	20	18	0	0
Total	159	359	459	56

Cross Lanes.
Cross Lanes, March 18.—Mrs. Bell Hupp visited at the home of her father, John Curry, Thursday night and Friday.

Mrs. L. A. Gantz and Mrs. Nora Wells were callers at A. Heston's Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Meta Kramer called on Mrs. Bertha Heston Friday.

Miss Meta Laughlin visited in Fairfield a few days last week.

Quite a number of people in this vicinity were in Fairfield Saturday.

Ed. Kramer was transacting business in Batavia Monday.

Clifford Heston visited Wm. Heston Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Heston visited in Libertyville Tuesday.

George and Ralph Hidy were in Fairfield Tuesday.

HIS DEATH A MYSTERY

C. A. BIRCHER, A WEALTHY FARMER AT HEDRICK, MAY HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE.

CORONER'S INQUEST

Testimony Taken Yesterday Before Jury Reveals Nothing That Will Tend to Throw Light Upon Manner of Mr. Bircher's Death.

Hedrick, March 18. — (Special) — Whether C. A. Bircher, who was found dead in bed at his residence near here Sunday morning, was the victim of natural ailments, of suicide or of murder is the question that is being discussed in half of the homes of Hedrick today and even among those in attendance at the funeral services over his remains the question of his sudden demise is not forgotten. Rumors are flying thick and fast and everyone who knew Mr. Bircher is anxiously awaiting the report of the coroner to whom the dead man's stomach was sent yesterday. If this report says that there was poison in the stomach the rumors will be renewed. If the examination fails to reveal traces of poison, Mr. Bircher's friends will accept the theory that his death was the result of natural causes.

Coroner's Inquest Yesterday.
All day Wednesday and until late in the evening, Coroner J. M. Adams examined witnesses with a view of learning the cause of Mr. Bircher's death. In the evening the jury returned a verdict which threw no light upon the mystery, saying that the deceased came to his death from causes "unknown to the jury." The stomach was removed from the body with the consent of the coroner and sent away for examination of the contents.

Had Been Ill Short Time.
Mr. Bircher had been ill but a short time before his death. Though he was 70 years of age he had been actively engaged in farming for several years and had given attention to his business very closely. His health has been good for so old a man but during the three or four days preceding his death he was compelled to take to his bed. On Sunday morning he was found dead and though for some time nothing was said to indicate that his death had been from any but natural causes, on Tuesday, however, rumors began to fly around town and yesterday the coroner was summoned to hold an inquest.

Was Very Rich.
Mr. Bircher was a rich and prominent farmer. He had lived in Keokuk county for many years and had risen to a high standing in the estimation of the people. His estate is estimated at several hundred thousand dollars and unless he died testate it will revert to his wife and children. Mrs. Bircher, who was married to him about three years ago, is his second wife and has children by her first husband, Mr. Bircher is survived by four children by his first wife.

MRS. MCCLURE WANTS DIVORCE.
Bloomfield Woman Also Asks Custody of Minor Children.
Bloomfield, March 18.—Mrs. Josephine McClure has commenced an action in the district court, by her attorneys, Taylor & Scarborough, to secure a divorce from her husband, A. J. McClure. Mrs. McClure makes a statutory charge against her husband. The petition alleges that plaintiff and defendant were married in Davis county in 1881; that three children have been born to them, two of whom, Kate, aged 16, and Zola, aged 6, are minors. Plaintiff asks for custody of the minor children, and that she be decreed to be the absolute owner of certain real and personal property.

K. T. Hotchkiss returned Wednesday evening from Kansas City, where he purchased three car loads of cattle for his farm.

Lee Hatton, Jr., departed Thursday morning for Kansas City, where he will engage in business.

Elmer Battin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Newt Battin, has gone to Pratt, Kansas, where he expects to secure employment.

Anthony O'Holleran, a coal miner employed at the Clover Hill mine west of the city, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the mine from convulsions resulting from Bright's disease. Mr. O'Holleran was 31 years of age and resided at 415 South Benton street.

Mr. O'Holleran had been a sufferer from Bright's disease for several years. He went to work as usual yesterday morning and when he ate his dinner at 11:30 o'clock was in a cheerful mood. At 2 o'clock he fell from the powder keg on which he was sitting and was seized with convulsions. Dr. M. H. Sprague was called but Mr. O'Holleran did not regain consciousness and died at 3 o'clock. He is survived by his wife and one child. The remains of Mr. O'Holleran will be taken to Eldon on the Rock Island passenger tomorrow morning at 10:20 o'clock. The funeral cortege will leave the residence at 9 o'clock. The funeral services will be taken to the Money churchyard for interment.

Funeral of William Gift.
The funeral services of the late William Gift, who died at his home five miles south of the city yesterday morning will be conducted from the Zion church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. R. L. Patterson, pastor of the Willard street Methodist church, assisted by Rev. Pike, officiating. The funeral cortege will leave the residence at 1 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Zion cemetery.

Death of Mrs. Ferguson.
Mrs. Naomi Ferguson, who has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. William Gillespie, 916 West Fourth street, died yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. Ferguson was 64 years of age and her usual residence was in Indiana. She is survived by three children, Mrs. William Gillespie, Mrs. Morris Ritterhouse, Willis Ferguson and one brother, Joseph Norton. The funeral services will be conducted from the residence Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. A. E. Craig, pastor of the First Methodist church officiating. Interment will be made in the Ottumwa cemetery.

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Lazy livers and sluggish bowels cause headaches. Dr. King's New Life Pills remove the cause or no pay. Only 25c. F. B. Clark, druggist.

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- Men's pants, usually sold for \$1.75 now\$1.48
- Regular \$1.25 pants, men's sizes 98c
- \$1.00 men's pants85c
- 65c pants for men48c
- Boys \$1.50 long pants1.25
- Boys' pants usually sold for \$1.25, 98c
- Regular \$1.00 boys' long pants74c
- Boys long pants worth 60c45c
- 25c boys' knee pants15c
- 50c Boys' knee pants39c
- 65c Boys' knee pants49c
- Overalls you can buy here at 25c and
-45c

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Rubber Goods Reduced Prices

DIES VERY SUDDENLY GIRLS ARE WARNED

WILLIAM GIFT SUCCUMBS TO HEART FAILURE AFTER EATING HIS BREAKFAST.
URGENT IMMEDIATE NEED FOR ACTIVITY OF PURITY FORCES IN IOWA CITIES.

Was a Veteran of the Civil War and One of the Most Successful Farmers in Wapello County — Funeral Services Saturday Afternoon.

Alleged Representatives of St. Louis Amusement Companies Offer Girls Good Wages to Perform on the Stage.

William Gift, a veteran of the civil war and one of the oldest and most successful farmers in Wapello county, died very suddenly Wednesday from heart failure just after getting up from the breakfast table. Mr. Gift was 76 years of age and had not been feeling well for several days but this morning appeared to be better than usual.

MINER DROPS DEAD
ANTHONY O'HOLLERAN DIED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AT THE CLOVER HILL MINE.

Was 30 Years of Age and Had Been a Sufferer From Bright's Disease Several Years—Death of Mrs. Naomi Ferguson—Funeral of Wm. Gift.

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