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to worry them without trying to remember how to spell that name.

The French aviators thought they cut something of a figure when they crossed the English channel from the French to the English side. An English aviator with a Wright aeroplane went this one better by crossing from the English side into France and then back without a stop. An Englishman in an American machine proved too much for the Frenchmen.

Will the press agents for Hans Wagner please let up on that stuff about how Honus hates to be seen in public. It is really getting as tiresome as Jim Corbett's talk about the Jeffries-Johnson fight.

President Taft has got the secretary of the American Sugar Refining company on trial now. They all look alike to the president.

The question of the day now in Illinois is: Is there an honest man in the state?

It is not an indication of wisdom to say: "Oh, I have no time for politics; I leave that to the politicians."

LEGAL QUIBBLES.

State's Attorney Wayman of Chicago took a position in an address before the Illinois State's Attorneys' association that will appeal to the lay mind, no matter how it may strike the legal profession. He announced his intention of urging the passage of a law by the legislature to furnish a code of forms of indictment covering all criminal cases.

"Two lines in a newspaper," said Mr. Wayman, "tell that a man is charged with bribery in office—that he has been gratified. To tell the same thing to a judge according to the law requires fifty pages of typewriting and verbiage of a kind that requires high-priced lawyers to interpret it for the man accused."

"Why," he asks, "can't we have a set of forms that will permit the judge to say that the indictment is according to statute and that all that remains to be done is to call a jury and try the case. Let's say 'John Jones killed John Smith,' since there is all there is involved in a case, and let the jury settle it."

There is common sense in Wayman's plan. It is hard for the public to understand why such a bulwark of safeguards should be built up around criminals. The first step usually taken by the defense in a criminal case is to attack the indictment, and in many cases a flaw, due to carelessness of some kind, is all that is needed to give a criminal his liberty. The indictment should not be placed on trial, but the criminal.

AN OUTSIDE VIEW.

The following editorial from the Springfield, Ill. Evening News (Republican) gives an outside view of the political situation in Iowa. The standpatners of the Ninth congressional district of Iowa are in a state of ferment over the dilemma in which Senator Dolliver finds himself in these days of primary campaigning in that state. Three years ago Dolliver delivered an address in that district in support of the renomination of Senator Allison and a large part of the address was devoted to the "skinning" Cummins. A hundred thousand copies of the speech were printed and distributed to the voters of the state. It was regarded as the most severe exhortation the governor had ever received, and Dolliver was so pleased with it that he repeated it in other parts of the state and with each delivery added a little more vitriol to the concoction.

Senator Allison died. Cummins succeeded him in the United States senate, and since the latter's appearance in Washington, Dolliver has been a docile servant. But Cummins remembered what Dolliver had done to him several years ago, and last month directed that the latter accompany him to Des Moines, where, in full view of the audience, he was made to "eat his words," while Cummins sat apart and checked up on his colleague to see that he made full amends for his former roasts.

"In the monthly report just issued by Dr. Chappel of the United States weather bureau," says a Des Moines paper, "the temperature is shown to be about normal and may prove to be about the average month." We may soon look for a statement from some of these weather officials telling us that there were no late frosts, that this is the warmest spring since before the war and that there is no reason why we shouldn't have been wearing our straw hats since Christmas. If May was a normal month, please send on a few abnormal ones for a change.

One of our "liberal" Republicans said today that he was absolutely disgusted with the primary law "because it makes a mugwump of a man." He says: "At the primary I go up to the polls and tell a lie to get a Democratic ticket, because I want to vote for Jimmie Curran if it is a county election and for Tom Phillips if it is a city election, and then when the fall election comes I vote for the state and national Republican candidates. It keeps me guessing all the time, and just makes a mugwump of me—that's what it does."

The members of the Illinois legislature who received a portion of the "jackpot" have finally found that one of the members failed to put into the pot \$3,000 he had collected for it. They are shocked at such dishonesty in one of their number.

The temperature was down to fifty at 7 o'clock this morning. What so rare as a day in June?

Now that Mr. Zyrskow has discovered he is a shine wrestler, it is hoped he will remove himself from the spotlight. The busy scribbles have enough

matrimonial experience, but John and Henry Martin became familiar acquaintances at their neighbors. And when various other young men added themselves to the summer's gaiety, and the girl played with them all impartially, it added interest and complications to the game.

It was a full six weeks before any trouble began. Then each of the twins woke to the consciousness that his brother was not always welcome in his vicinity—especially at moonlight picnics, and things of the sort. Why on earth, thought Henry, could not good old John see that he was boring the girls? He was perfectly willing to go off for a long stroll with himself, but John had blindly gone along, too. Of course, she had from sheer politeness been impartial. But it was plain to see which she preferred! And it is a ridiculous fact that John had almost the identical idea with regard to Henry.

In two months the brothers began to be a little irritated with each other. One evening John suddenly stopped his elaborate toilet, and said he didn't believe he'd go over that evening. He was tired, Henry was anxious, he protested faintly, but was secretly delighted. He went alone—and John was furious. Henry had her to himself, and for once in his life forgot he had a brother. Tessie marked the absence of John, and thought she saw a rift in the lute. She did not intend real mischief—but she did want to see what she could do, as a boy with a new knife tries it on every plain surface.

The next evening Henry came home. The Jap told him Mr. John had come home at noon, and that he and the young person next door had gone somewhere. They had taken a basket of lunch, he submitted soberly. And what would Mr. Henry have for dinner?

John came dazedly and happily home about midnight, and his brother feigned sleep. At breakfast they were polite—and cool—to each other. At the end of a week they hardly spoke. Then one morning John woke to just what was going on. His heart went out to his brother, and though he knew he was desperately in love with the small, soft woman thing next door, he determined that neither she nor any other being, on earth or under it, should cause a trouble or vexation to the couple. He decided to have it out at once, and rising he took his plunge and then in bathrobe and slippers went into his brother's room. Henry opened his eyes and frowned, but John sat down on the edge of the bed determined to "have it out." He did.

He told John he was dead in love with the girl, and made his brother confess to the same thing. They talked it over, fair and square, each bound not to do the other wrong, each secretly sure that he was the one she cared for—for she certainly must care for one of the two.

They went over things briefly, man to man. It was decided that that evening they would together go to see her, face her together, and together ask her to choose between them. Neither would see or communicate with her before, each bound to do it in a friendly way, and the beaten man would accept his fate—and not let it interfere with his old feeling for his twin. Then they dressed, ate breakfast in amity, to the delight of the Jap and went to their work. And at night they came home together in the old way and ate dinner together. They smoked in silence on the veranda and watched the Farley place, but they did not see her, so presently they sauntered over in a casual way.

They asked Mrs. Farley where she, Tessie, was. And the astute lady, who knew what she knew, and whose eyes had that day been amazingly opened, sent them out to the below-mentioned little summer house. She was glad they both had come, for she thought a common blow would be better than a stroke separately for each. The two talked delicately to her a moment and went down to the winding little trail. The dew began to fall, the grass, and the dew began to fall, and after a moment's walk they could see a girl's white dress against the dark of the vines. They went straight up to the dress in the dusk, seeing nothing but that. But the girl saw them first and rose.

"We have come together," began John Martin. "to—" Something warned the girl, who knew when a game was ended, without actually playing the last card.

"You came together to meet—Mr. Jackson from home—my fiancé." A tall and very good looking young fellow rose and took each of them by the hand. They were both glad it was dusk. One can force one's voice and one's hand to be steady—but the face tells stories. They were very nice and polite and congratulatory. But they did not stay long—not very long.

Presently they went away across the garden, their arms interlocked in the old fashion, and Mrs. Farley, watching them, considered the beauty of pure, brotherly love. It is presurable that Tessie forgot all about them. To do her justice, her engagement was but a day old. Young Marsh suddenly appeared and she ran into his arms, for absence often shows a woman where her heart really is.

ELDON.

Mr. Lippman of Fairfield purchased the Lyric and has put on a contest. Charles E. Carter, candidate for sheriff was in Eldon Tuesday.

Mrs. E. J. Bradley is visiting in St. Joseph, Mo.

Joseph Jesselyn has been granted a pension of \$30 per month.

Adelbert Christy, H. G. Germer, E. B. Hira and Paul Reamer. The committee are: 1st ward—John Rogers; 2nd ward—W. G. Taylor; 3rd ward—Adelbert Christy.

HIGHLAND CENTER.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Reames and daughters of Haskins, Ia., returned home Monday having spent a few days visiting Mr. Reames' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Reams.

Mrs. Weaver and Miss Milles Bacon made a business trip to Ottumwa on Wednesday.

Mr. Shaw near Hedrick was a business caller in Highland Center on Wednesday.

Mrs. D. Denny and son Cullen left via the C. & M. P. Monday for Martinsburg where they will be the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Pointer.

Dr. and Mrs. Lawson and son Warren returned home Tuesday. Crain made a pleasant trip to Hedrick Monday in the doctor's auto.

Rev. C. M. Hulise of Pella held services at the M. E. church Sunday morning. The sermon was appreciated by those present.

O. D. Emery and family and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Reisel and family and Mr. Reames and family spent Sunday evening at the A. T. Reams home.

O. C. Stevens was a passenger for Ottumwa Thursday.

D. C. McCormick and family made a pleasant visit to Ottumwa Tuesday. Preparations are being made to observe Children's day by the ladies of the M. E. church on the evening of June 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Miller of Osborn, Kans., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. N. C. Curtis.

Earl Burkenbryne is reported improving slowly. He was stricken with paralysis on Monday.

EDDYVILLE.

The Reliable society of the Christian church was very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. Dick Barnett living north of town. About 50 ladies were in attendance. "Garfield" was the subject of their program. The following ladies responded: Mrs. Hatchett, Mrs. Fred Wilcox, Mrs. Geo. Berry, Mrs. Geo. Barnett, Mrs. Mary Bell, Ice cream and cake were served.

This afternoon the seniors gave a well attended program in the high school room. A large number of visitors were present. Commencement exercises of the 8th grade will be held tomorrow afternoon. The high school building, H. E. Dike will address the class.

Mrs. N. O'Brien of Kahoka, Mo., is visiting her many friends in Eddyville this week. Mrs. O'Brien states that her ago has been dangerously ill but is recovering.

Rev. Eldridge came over from Albia Tuesday and attended services at the church Wednesday evening. The following is the regular meeting of the Odd Fellows last night the following officers were elected: Pearl Dunkle, N. G.; Albert Johnson, V. G.; John Jager, S. W.

Miss Lou Reese has returned from a visit with friends at Oskaloosa and Sigourney.

Mrs. Nell Stamp is very ill, threatened with an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. T. N. Lobrecht living west of town is visiting relatives in Pella this week.

On Sunday morning June 12th a missionary service will be held at Hayden Chapel. The members of the church will have a basket dinner and Children's day exercises will be observed.

Chas. Bloomfield has returned home from a trip in the western part of the state.

SIGOURNEY.

Wednesday June 1st at high noon occurred the wedding of Miss Millie Strain to George Hafner at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. Swickard of the Methodist church officiating. The marriage was witnessed by only And after the ceremony the couple, Mr. Hafner is a prosperous young drug clerk at Washington where they will make their future home. The bride is one of Sigourney's most estimable young ladies and has a host of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Hafner have the best wishes of the entire community.

Frank Q. Jackson came home the fore part of the week to see a few days with his family and remain until after the primary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yates of Thornburg were visiting at the C. C. Williamson home Tuesday.

Hollie Strain of Des Moines is in the city this week for a few days' visit with her parents and to attend the Strain-Hafner wedding.

Invitations have been issued by Mrs. W. H. Needham and daughter Anna Bell to a large number of their lady friends inviting them to the Needham home this afternoon.

Mrs. Eva H. Ogden had her sister Mrs. Legz made an overland trip to What Cheer Wednesday to see their father, W. H. Humes who is ill.

conna visited in this city yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Howard. Mrs. M. A. Wallace of Monmouth, Ill., who had been visiting at the home of her cousin, Mrs. J. W. McDougall, left yesterday for Omaha.

Mrs. John Blous is reported seriously ill with appendicitis.

Mrs. M. E. Corbin of Malvern returned home yesterday after a few weeks' visit with her mother Mrs. Edwards.

Mrs. Grover Taylor yesterday celebrated her 67th birthday, and in honor of the event her daughter, Mrs. Jno. Wenz entertained a few of her lady friends at a dinner. Mrs. Taylor was also given a post card shower and received 75 cards. The day was spent in a most enjoyable manner.

The ladies of the Pandora club enjoyed a house party Tuesday evening and yesterday at the home of Mrs. Carmel McKinley.

Mrs. Frances Swope of Garden Grove returned home yesterday after a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. R. D. Piper.

Miss Ellen Nelson of Pleasant town-ship attended a meeting of the State Home-Makers' association.

Mrs. Mary Steele of Des Moines returned home last evening after a visit in Lincoln township with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Scott and other relatives.

Mrs. Ella Thompson and daughter Della left last evening for Lacona to make their future home.

Mrs. Ida Culbertson has returned from Iowa where she has been employed as music supervisor in the public schools the past year.

Geo. Granville of Omaha has returned after a brief visit in this day business trip to Bethany, Mo.

Chas. Fall has returned from a few city with his brother Carl.

BLAKESBURG.

In Cohagan is visiting relatives at this place.

Ethel Cloyd and Homer Henderson were married Wednesday June 1st at the home of the bride's parents, Lee Cloyd one mile east of Blakesburg. Rev. C. E. Pettit performed the ceremony. Only immediate relatives were present.

Rosa Ross of Blakesburg and Clint Gregory of Richland were married in Ottumwa Wednesday June 1. Faye Fritz and Grover Ross drove to Ottumwa with them.

Margaret Miller went to Mystic on Wednesday to visit her sister, Mrs. E. Bell.

Rev. C. E. Pettit, wife and son Edwin went to Tracy Thursday to visit Mrs. Pettit's parents.

Ellet Cohagan and wife and Emmet Jones and wife attended the carnival in Ottumwa Tuesday night.

HILLSBORO.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton Campbell spent Decoration day with their uncle Park Campbell in Libertyville.

E. N. Jordan and son M. C. Jordan of Mount Pleasant were Monday visitors to Iowa City.

Rightly Smith and family returned to their home in West Branch on Monday.

Edgar Ferree is visiting his sisters Miss Edna Ferree and Mrs. Craig Gibson in Iowa City.

Ex-senator B. R. Voale and daughter Mary of Bonaparte attended the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blackford to Farmington on Tuesday.

R. L. Blackford left Monday evening for Oskaloosa.

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Stella McCoy of Fairfield is visiting her parents here.

Clay Spray of Ottumwa is here to visit her uncle John Spray who is very sick.

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one evening last week with Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Hartman.

Miss Amanda Hawkins of Ash Grove visited one day last week with Mrs. Emma Hawkins.

Mrs. Elmer Ault of Sherman chapel was the guest Saturday of Mrs. David Muench.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Skinner of Bloomfield spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. I. Ware while on their way home from Drakeville where they visited Mrs. Skinner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bolwar.

Miss Maude McCormick visited with friends in Ottumwa over Sunday.

BIRMINGHAM.

Will Spencer and wife and mother of Stockport visited the first of the week in town with Mrs. S. E. Shott and daughter.

Miss Emma Nelson visited the first of the week at Batavia with relatives and friends.

Hert Smith and wife of Tombstone, Ariz., are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith.

Miss Mary Hill of Bonaparte is visiting her friend Miss Bertha Kisting in town.

Hert Smith has returned home from an extended visit in Tombstone, Ariz. The little son of Harlan Johnston living two miles from here is dangerously ill at his home with brain fever.

Friday announcing the death of her nephew Jasen Edwards, who died at the home of his brother in Fairfield with typhoid fever.

EDDYVILLE.

Rev. Carter and son Whittier spent Tuesday in Ottumwa visiting Rev. and Mrs. Locke.

Rev. Seeds who has been spending a short vacation with relatives in Med-ianapolis returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Howard Hedrick of Des Moines is visiting relatives in Eddyville this week.

Henry E. Jones and Miss Cora Pratt were married Wednesday in Knoxville at the home of Henry Booth, an uncle of the groom. Mrs. Jones has been employed for some time in the Harper Dry Goods store and is well and favorably known. Mr. Jones is at present head clerk in the Worthmouth clothing store. Both young people are extremely popular and their wedding party is being planned so that they will locate in Eddyville. The groom has rented the property of E. Fausnaugh and after a short visit in Albia with Mr. Jones' parents they will go to house-keeping in Iowa City.

Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Vance entertained a large number of their friends on Tuesday evening at their home at progressive high ball. A most delightful evening was spent by all present.

The Mite society of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. M. J. Crossen. About 35 were present. An interesting musical program was given.

Mr. and Mrs. Holloway, Miss Richardson, Mrs. Theo Ott, Wilbur Hall spent Wednesday in Fairfield.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hill are visiting at the home of Mrs. Stevens this week.

Mrs. Nancy Detrick who has been visiting her aunt Mrs. Cooper returned to her home Tuesday at Bell Fountain, Ohio.

Mrs. Rose McDole who has moved to Valley Junction some time ago is visiting her many friends in Eddyville.

Dr. Stafford of Mt. Pleasant will speak at the M. E. church Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Ottumwa passengers Tuesday were Zo' Thayer, Mrs. E. L. Bay, S. A. Shawver, Wm. Criswell.

Miss Carpenter went to Ottumwa to visit her friend Miss Ada Hall. Miss J. W. Blackford and wife were in Birmingham visiting.

The Royal Neighbors held their annual banquet last night.

BONAPARTE.

Mrs. James Murphy attended the funeral of her brother Fred Wire at Farmington Monday.

Oskaloosa and other places.

Rev. and Mrs. Felix Hanson and Miss Minnie Lindquist of Red Oak are visiting in this city with their parents Mr. and Mrs. August Lindquist.

Mrs. C. A. Heaton of Albia has returned home after a brief visit with her son Wallace Pinkerton and old friends.

Mrs. S. E. Humiston of Woodburn, visited in this city Tuesday with Mrs. F. O. McAndrew while on her way home from a visit in Leon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stone and two children of Denver, Colo., returned home Tuesday after a week's visit with Mrs. Stone's father, Geo. Staker and other relatives.

Miss Winnie Farley returned Tuesday from a few days' visit with friends in Albia.

Mrs. E. Mills of Liberty Center, a former resident of this county, visited old friends here yesterday.

Rev. A. Jacobs of Sheffield, Ia., a former pastor of the Baptist church at this place, was greeting his old Charlton friends yesterday while on his way home from Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Noble and daughter, Mrs. W. C. Borral, returned yesterday from a brief visit with relatives in Bethany, Mo.

Mrs. H. E. Boatright of Anita, came Tuesday for a visit with Mrs. F. A. Gault.

Little Miss Dorothy Darrah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Darrah, celebrated her second birthday yesterday and in honor of the event her parents entertained a number of friends at a dinner. A most enjoyable time was had by those present.

Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Cowan of De Wasse, Neb., have been visiting in Charlton with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cowan, while on their way to Sileam Springs, Ark., to make their future home.

EVERY.

Mrs. Will Allison spent several days at Des Moines last week.

Mrs. T. J. Talbot of Cherokee, Okla., was called here by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. C. Evans.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Burt Fisher a nine pound daughter.

Mrs. Eugene Talbot of Des Moines is visiting with her sister, Mrs. W. S. Appleman.

Rev. Cox filled his appointment at Melrose Sunday and in the evening here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Huston of Albia were visiting friends here Saturday.

Miss Anna Fisher of Ottumwa spent Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. Frank Allen was an Albia visitor Monday.

Miss Essie Reeves and brother Ollie, are making an extended visit with friends in Frederic.

O. C. Huston and son Channing returned from a trip in Montana where each took up some land.

Wm. Evans and wife of Ottumwa were called here by the serious illness of Mr. Evans' mother.

J. Z. Evans was an Ottumwa caller Saturday.

J. W. Richter and Mr. Bowdre were Chillicothe visitors Friday on a fishing trip.

Mrs. C. Evans' condition is very serious and all her children are about her bedside except Enoch who is very sick and unable to be about.

John Moore is building a neat and spacious dwelling. His son George is the contractor and builder.

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