

Towner Introduces Mexican Resolution.

Washington, D. C., August 19.—Judge Towner today introduced the following resolution bearing on the Mexican situation.

Whereas Article III of the Hague Convention adopted in 1899, to which both the United States and Mexico are Signatory Parties, provides as follows: "Independently of this recourse" (providing for a voluntary submission to mediation by the belligerents) "the Signatory Powers recommend that one or more powers, strangers to the dispute, should on their own initiative, and as far as circumstances may allow, offer their good offices or mediation to the states at variance."

"Powers, strangers to the dispute, have the right to offer good offices or mediation even during the course of hostilities.

"The exercise of this right can never be regarded by one or the other of the parties in conflict as an unfriendly act;" and

Whereas, in accordance with the letter and spirit of these provisions, the government of the United States has heretofore on its own initiative, and as far as circumstances would allow, offered its good offices to the parties in conflict; and

Whereas, such offers have been so far refused or disregarded; and

Whereas, the government of the United States feels a deep interest in the permanent peace and prosperity of all the American states, and realizes its obligations to exercise every friendly influence and endeavor which may be proper to secure an amicable settlement of the difficulty which has unfortunately arisen within the territory of her sister Republic of Mexico; and

Whereas, the government of the United States, in accordance with its traditional attitude and accepted policy of peace and friendly counsel toward her sister Republics of the American continent, and as a further step in fulfillment of its obligations as expressed in the articles of the Hague convention, believes it should offer a friendly mediation on the part of certain of her sister Republics on the American continent, to secure a peaceful determination of the internal difficulties of the Republic of Mexico;

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the United States, (the Senate concurring),

First, That in the opinion of Congress, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, acting for and in behalf of the United States, as soon as possible after the adoption of these resolutions, should propose and request that Marshal Hermes Rodrigues da Fonseca, President of the Republic of Brazil; and that Dr. Roque Saenz Pena, President of the Argentine Republic, acting for and in behalf of the governments of Brazil and Argentine respectively, join with the government of the United States in an offer to the de facto government of Mexico, and to the Revolutionists now in arms within the territory of that Republic, of their services for a friendly mediation, having for its sole object and purpose a peaceful settlement and determination of the difficulties now existing within the territory of that republic;

Second, That in case of the inability, unwillingness, or refusal of these powers, or either of them, to join with the United States in said offer of mediation, other South American Powers be invited to act with the United States in a joint offer of mediation, as herein expressed.

Commenting on the resolution Judge Towner said:

It seems the attention of the administration has not been heretofore called to the Hague provision by which we agree to offer mediation in case our good offices are refused. There are three forms of mediation recognized by international law; first, proposed by a single power; second, by two or more jointly; third, a mediatory conference or congress of several powers. The first has been in effect refused. The third is impracticable for want of time. The second is feasible, and speedy. By joining two South American powers with this country, Mexico cannot believe the offer unfriendly, or a cover for advantage or aggrandizement on our part. By placing the offer on the Hague provision it would be difficult for Mexico to justify refusal, for she is a party to the agreement. By confining the joint offer to the South American powers no complication can arise over the Monroe Doctrine.

Certainly we ought to go to the utmost limit consistent with our dignity and honor as a nation to secure a peaceful settlement. Then if peaceful means fail, and intervention and war follows, we will have done our full duty as a Christian nation both to our own people and to the world.

Mrs. Grace Ellen Stevens.

Mrs. Grace Ellen Stevens died at her home on Church street in this city Tuesday morning, after a lingering illness, at the age of 57 years, 2 months and 18 days.

The deceased was born in Virginia, June 1, 1856. For some years she resided at Pleasanton, but with her daughter moved to this city last December. She is survived by her aged mother, three sisters, three brothers and six children. She had never united with any church, but was a believer and a student of the Bible. Funeral services were held at her late home on Wednesday, conducted by Rev. C. W. Reeder, interment being in the Leon cemetery. During her last illness all that loving hearts and kind hands could do was done, but could not stay the Grim Reaper, and she has passed into the great beyond. None can bring her back, but loved ones can go to her.

Presbyterian Church.

Sabbath school next Sabbath at 9:45. There will be no preaching at the church but we will join in the morning service at the M. E. church.

Prayer meeting on the court house lawn Sunday evening with an out-of-town speaker.

Cheapest accident insurance—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. For burns, scalds, cuts and emergencies. All druggists sell it. 25c and 50c.

Knights Templar Conclave at Denver.

Through the kindness of Sir Knight J. P. Hall, of Denver, Colorado, formerly of Leon, we have been receiving daily copies of the Denver newspapers telling of the great Knights Templar Conclave held at Denver last week. More than twelve thousand belted and beplumed Knights marched in the great parade. Denver outdid herself with hospitality to the visitors, and Decatur county was represented at the conclave by Sir Knights E. H. Alexander of Leon and S. H. Amos of Garden Grove.

One of the most brilliant of the many receptions tendered the visiting Knights and their ladies was that tendered by the members of the social order of the Beauceant at El Jebel Temple on last Tuesday evening, and among the nine ladies representing the order in the receiving line was Mrs. J. P. Hall who has many friends in this city.

The Denver papers all issued special editions each day during the week, filled with reports of the conclave and pictures of the thousands of Knights who attended. In the Denver Daily News we find the following splendid editorial on the "Dignity of the Conclave," which is worthy of perusal by our readers:

The overlapping charm of the conclave is the fine, quiet dignity of the Knights Templar. They have a wholesome way of enjoying themselves, this gallant army of moralists and sensible, God-fearing and God-serving citizens. They march behind their bands of music, but there is nought of abandon in their demeanor. They move arm-linked along the sidewalks, but they carry along a splendid courtesy that is never lacking. They amuse themselves after their bent, but it never leads them to excesses of speech or manner. Their greetings are good to hear; their mutual welcomes a pleasure.

They would do credit to any organization on earth, as they indubitably are to the great association they so well distinguish. Denver has only had them a short time, but she has learned to have a mighty liking for them, an appreciative regard for the innocent pleasures they have brought with them, for their clean character of manhood that is stamped all over them, and for the acceptable mannerisms they practice in the home of their hosts. But in all of it there is nothing to excite even passing surprise. It was just what we expected. We are not disappointed, save in so far as our most sanguine anticipations have been exceeded.

The fundamental character of the Knights Templar has been more than sustained. The experience we have had of it is inspiring and gratifying educational. It has caught and held the admiration of the people of this city. We like it so well that we would have more and plenty of it. The pity is that we can't enjoy it again for so long a time.

And this unaffected dignity was evident in every line and division of marchers that went through the streets of this city yesterday. Trained and disciplined the thousands were, but apart from that, excellent in every detail as it was, the natural bearing of the succeeding ranks told its own story. It was a fine lesson in brotherhood, in allegiance to centuries-old principles and to doctrines that in their application and practice have leavened the world and uplifted it to a higher and more ennobling plane.

Methodist Church Notes.

"Sunshine" Hawks, who lectured at Chautauqua Saturday evening to the delight of everyone, was with us at the Sunday morning service and gave the opening prayer. Miss Spore, who is visiting with Miss Freda Teale, sang a beautiful solo for us at the same service.

Wednesday evening, August 13th, the last in the series on "our church and our town" was discussed at the prayer meeting. The day had been hot but the attendance was good and the hour was all too short for a full consideration of the sub-top. Miss Ruth Russell sang, "Does Jesus Care?" There was no meeting last evening on account of the Chautauqua.

Do you want to hear the Webb-Kenyon Law explained? Come to the morning service next Sunday at 11 o'clock, and again to the 3 o'clock union meeting on the court house lawn and you will hear it from one who knows thoroughly what he is talking about. All ought to gain as complete an understanding as possible of a law which is attracting such general attention.

The Presbyterian church will adjourn their morning service to meet with us to hear this out of town speaker.

James Crichton led League last Sabbath. Miss Himena Hoffman is the leader for next Sunday evening, "Books That Have Helped Me," is the subject. The hour is 7:00 sharp.

Watch for posters of the concert to be given soon by the young people of the church.

Brethren Chapel.

Sunday school at 10. Those not enrolled elsewhere are cordially invited to attend.

Prayer meeting every Thursday evening. Preaching services Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock on August 24. This will be the last service for some weeks as Rev. Ronk goes east on an evangelistic tour.

Sunday school and prayer meeting to be maintained regularly throughout the year. Everybody welcome.

Christian Church Notes.

Bible school last week 121. Church night Thursday 8 o'clock, subject, "The call of the ungathered harvest."

A state representative of the Anti-Saloon League is to be with us next Sunday morning. Union meetings on the court house lawn Sunday evening with an out-of-town speaker.

White Oak.

Mrs. James Longacre and daughter Marie, were Davis City visitors last week.

Little Leola Stubbs of LeRoy, who is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boles, is quite sick at this writing. Dr. Coontz is the attending physician.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Warrington and children autoed over and spent Sunday at the S. M. Rosengrant home.

Mrs. Charles Luce and children spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kelley near Smyrna.

Mrs. Taylor, of Humeston, came Monday for a few days visit at the John Scott home.

Mrs. S. M. Rosengrant and daughter Carrie returned Friday from near Davis City where they had been spending a few days at the J. C. Campbell home and taking in the reunion.

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Davis City.

Mrs. Carter Scott will leave this week for Chicago to have an artificial limb fitted, so that she will be able to get around among her friends again.

Miss Jennie Rabidou left last week for a visit with her brother, John Rabidou, in Oklahoma.

It is useless to try to enumerate all who are in attendance at the Leon Chautauqua this week.

The new store building is so far completed as to be in the hands of the painters.

It is useless to try to enumerate all the old time residents and others who were in attendance at the 1913 Annual Davis City Reunion. Suffice to say they were here from St. Joe, Mo., to Chariton and Lucas, Iowa, from almost every town on the line, also from Des Moines and Cainsville on that branch of the railroad. Leon as usual, sent her large delegation for which we on behalf of our city return our thanks.

New babies came to the homes of Cliff Wheeler and Jesse Patton last Saturday. Mrs. Patton and baby are doing fine, but we understand Mrs. Wheeler is not getting along so well.

Mrs. Ella Cook, nee Renner, an old time resident of Decatur county, but now of Emporia, Kansas, spent one day in our city last week.

Mrs. Maggie Asbach, of Duluth, Minn., has been visiting Davis City relatives the past three weeks.

Lyman McLain enjoyed a visit from his sister, Mrs. Estella Hasbrook, of LeMars, Iowa, the past week.

Will Asbach, of St. Joe, Mo., came in last Tuesday to enjoy the reunion and visit his wife who has been here the most of the summer under the care of Dr. Wailes.

A. L. Teale has again accepted a position as traveling salesman for an Ottumwa firm and left last Sunday to resume his duties on the road. So Davis City will again have to hunt up a new mayor.

We understand that E. J. Teale will take charge of the Lewellyn hotel in the near future.

Jack Donnelly, of Miles City, Montana, was calling on old friends in Davis City last Wednesday. Mr. Donnelly will be remembered by many as he was formerly employed with the Daily & Eaton steam shovel gang who made Davis City their headquarters during 1886 to 1888, while lowering the railroad grade between Davis City and Little River bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Neighswonger and Miss Maggie Swanson, of Lucas, Iowa, visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott, east of this city and took in the Davis City reunion the past week.

Nick Bates, of Chariton, was a Davis City caller the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gibson, of Des Moines, visited with relatives in our city the past week.

Mrs. J. K. Beasley had a niece from Chariton visiting with her the past week.

Charles Robbins and wife, of St. Joe, Mo., were among the number who were in attendance at the Davis City reunion, and visiting with old acquaintances the past week in this city.

Mr. Robbins' old home, which he has not visited since he came here ten years ago on the sad mission of bringing the remains of his mother, Mrs. Lottie Franklin, for burial.

After a pleasant visit with Decatur county relatives Mr. and Mrs. Rob Cartwright left last Sunday for their home at Chanute, Kansas.

Mr. Bailey, our apple man, came in from a trip on the road in quest of the apple crop last Monday.

Mrs. John Evans, of Mena, Arkansas, arrived in our city last Monday for a prolonged visit in this her old home, to see if the Iowa climate will not restore her to good health, as her health has been very poor in the south.

Mrs. Maggie Sylvester returned last week from a year's sojourn in California.

The man who had the altercation with Downey & Son in the meat market was not so bad hurt as was reported, perhaps he got what he deserved, and was able to leave for St. Joe Sunday, and on the whole if we understand aright it was a case of a drunk man and much ado about a little.

Clint Bradley and family, of Kellerton, came down in their new auto last Thursday to call on old friends and take in the reunion.

The new faucets which the reunion committee ordered and paid for out of the reunion fund for the drinking tank, was a vast improvement over the old open trough, where anyone could drink and then dip in and wash out of the same dish, and one and all were heartily glad of the improvement, and it is to be hoped the committee will come out enough ahead to pay for them without going down in their pockets to pay for them as a part of the committee were afraid they would have to.

Miss Maggie Wernitch came in last week to enjoy her vacation before her school began. She will teach in Kansas the coming year.

Pet Hamilton's daughter is dangerously ill with typhoid fever.

The Methodists are giving their church a much needed coat of paint. Mrs. Clara Wernitch has commenced to repair the property she recently bought of the Franklin heirs.

After a short visit with relatives here Mrs. Sam Lawhead and son left last Friday for their home at Amity, Mo.

Mrs. E. S. Grimes is visiting Leon relatives this week and attending the Leon Chautauqua.

Prof. Butterworth, who had been visiting with his father-in-law, Carter Scott and family, for the past ten days, left for Wyoming last Thursday to be in attendance when the fall term of school opened up, having a position in a college there. Mrs. Butterworth and son will remain here for a more extended visit.

Physician.

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Miss Anna Duffield visited her brother, John and family Saturday. Mrs. Mabel Tuitt, of near Corydon, is assisting with the threshing at the Earl Williams home this week.

Keokuk Dam Formal Opening.

Arrangements have been made by the Mississippi River Power Co. whereby the thousands of people who attend the celebration marking the formal opening of the \$27,000,000 dam across the Mississippi at Keokuk August 26, 27 and 28, will be allowed to go over the works, and secure an intimate view of all details of construction and operation. On Monday, August 25, when the governors of six states will be in Keokuk, and on the three days following, the adult public will be admitted freely without passes to all parts of the works. Children under sixteen years of age are positively excluded, and will be allowed to view the dam and power house only from the observation platform erected by the power company on the Iowa bluff.

Tuesday, August 26, the date of the formal dedication, will bring the largest crowd of the week into Keokuk, and special precautions have been taken to handle the people on that day. Then as on the other three days, the plant will be open for inspection from 8 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Visitors should first go to the observation platform on the bluff at the head of Second street, and from there down the steps over to and across the sea wall, and on to the government lock. They may walk all over the top of the lock walls and along the wide causeway on the river side of the uncompleted portion of the power house, finally reaching the completed part of that building. An observation platform has been constructed in the power house, from which one may secure an excellent view to a walk along the top of the power house sub-structure above the tail race, visitors then will be allowed to go out to the dam itself. People entering the dam at the Illinois entrance may walk across from the side.

All along the route guides wearing badges will be stationed to keep people moving, and out of danger.

New Court Cases.

Bowsher & Bowsher vs. Thomas Sutherland. Suit is brought on an account for goods sold to defendant amounting to \$1160.28. C. W. Hoffman, attorney for plaintiff.

International Harvester Co. vs. T. H. Prather. Suit is brought on a promissory note for \$75. Marion F. Stookey, attorney for plaintiff.

R. W. Hall vs. Verna E. Hall. Suit is for divorce. The parties were married at Centerville, Iowa, Sept. 13, 1911, and lived together until Oct. 2, 1912, at which time plaintiff alleges his wife deserted him and they have since lived apart. He also alleges that while they were living together his wife was guilty of such cruel and inhuman treatment toward him as to endanger his life and health. Sharp & Parrish, attorneys for plaintiff.

Ida E. Snyder vs. J. Pearl Snyder et al. Plaintiff has a life interest in a farm which was left her by Elizabeth J. Hawkins deceased, and defendants are her children to whom the property will revert at her death. She asks for an order of court permitting her to mortgage the property for \$1200., to be used in paying off a \$700 mortgage and erecting a new barn to cost \$500. S. A. Gates, attorney for plaintiff.

R. A. Fear and wife vs. F. A. Fear et al. The parties are the heirs of Mrs. Mary Fear deceased and plain-

iffs ask that the shares of the heirs be confirmed, the property sold and the proceeds divided among the legal heirs. V. R. McGinnis, attorney for plaintiffs.

I. F. Fitzwater vs. John Woodard. Plaintiff alleges he entered into a verbal agreement with defendant whereby defendant was to pay certain taxes on a tract of land sold by plaintiff to defendant's father, Wm. Woodard, amounting to \$90.47, which Wm. Woodard, secured a judgment against plaintiff for. Plaintiff asks that he have judgment against John Woodard for this amount. W. J. Springer, attorney for plaintiff.

Nora Schamp vs. Charles Schamp. The parties were married in Missouri on August 16th, 1892 and lived together until August 10, 1903. Plaintiff asks for a decree of divorce on

the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. She also asks for the custody of their two minor children and that she have \$50 as temporary and \$500 as permanent alimony. Marion Woodard, attorney for plaintiff.

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The following letter from this eminent authority we consider the most convincing proof of the merit of "1892" Pure Aluminum Ware.

A man occupying the position of Professor Richards would not write such a letter if he had not satisfied himself as to the truth of every statement made.

Here is His Letter Which Came to the Manufacturers Without Solicitation

Lehigh University, Department of Analytical Chemistry Bethlehem, Pa., November 28.

The Illinois Pure Aluminum Co., Lemont, Illinois.

Dear Sirs:—For five years my kitchen was equipped throughout with aluminum cooking utensils. During the whole time not one was worn out; and at the end of five years' constant use they were all placed away in good condition, to resume their service when we resume house-keeping. Two large saucepans were in constant use six years, being two of the first lot of aluminum cooking utensils stamped up in America. Their service was remarkable. After six years' steady use by careless servants, as well as careful ones, for all sorts of cooking, from boiling milk to preserving fruit, cooking potatoes, to stewing meat, and, in short, any kitchen use, they show a loss in weight of one-quarter and one-half an ounce. (The latter was once left on a red-hot stove and the contents burned black, and the culpable servant scratched and scarred the inside with a broken steel knife in order to remove the mass quickly, instead of allowing it to soak loose.) In consequence, this vessel lost one more than the other, but is still good for long service.

My experience may be summed up briefly as this: Aluminum cooking utensils have all the advantages of copper utensils and several important ones in addition, without one of their disadvantages. I am firmly convinced that they will ultimately displace all but the cheapest tinware.

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Sincerely yours, JOSEPH W. RICHARDS.

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RESOURCES. Loans and Discounts \$160,141 55

Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 16,710 12 U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 35,000 00

Other bonds to secure Postal Savings 1,000 00 Premium on U. S. Bonds 350 00

Bonds, securities, etc. 1,079 28 Furniture and fixtures 3,500 00 Other real estate owned 11,500 00

Due from national banks (not reserve agents) 311 78 Due from approved reserve agents 6,258 55

Checks and other cash items 3,825 53 Notes of other National Banks 2,815 00 Fractional paper currency, notes, etc. and cents 44 72

LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, viz: Specie \$10,567 98 Legal tender notes 2,500 00 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5% of circulation) 1,750 00 Total \$257,152 48

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in \$35,000 00