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A WOMAN'S WARNING.

In 1876 there lived in Central Iowa a family by the name of Robinson, consisting of father, mother and two children, the latter being boys, 9 and 12 years old respectively.

Robinson was in perfect health when he left home, and there was no reason to feel anxious for those he left behind.

The doctor thinks he is much better. "You must go home," she brusquely remarked in answer. "Who-me?" "Yes."

"But I came to help take care of James." "You must be home by 10 o'clock to-morrow night," said the old woman.

"Why?" She beckoned him further away from the bed and then whispered: "To-morrow night, before midnight, three bad men will enter your house to rob and murder. You must go home!"

"How did you learn this?" he asked, knowing well enough that she would not joke him at such a time, but unable to credit her with all seriousness.

"They poisoned your dog to-night," she answered, "and they are now sleeping in your barn. There are two of them now, to-morrow night there will be three. If you love your wife and children do not tarry here."

"But-but—" "Go—go!" she commanded, backing out of the room.

"Charles, who is that woman?" asked the sick man, and Robinson turned to the bed to find his brother wide awake.

"I do not know." "I saw her in the room just before you came in. She came and leaned over me. She must be a stranger."

Robinson passed into the sitting-room, and from there to the kitchen, but the woman had disappeared. He called his brother's wife, but she had no such person on her list of acquaintances.

The doors were all locked and windows down, and it did not seem possible that she could have left the house, though a thorough search failed to find the least trace of her presence.

It was 2 o'clock when the search was abandoned, and at that hour the sick man was amazingly better. He not only declared that he had seen the woman and heard all she said, but he stoutly insisted that his brother should go home as soon as possible.

At 10 o'clock in the forenoon Robinson left for home. The nearest railroad point to his farm was seven miles, and as he had to wait at a junction for several hours he could not reach his home before 10 o'clock in the evening.

oned. Two tramps had been noticed hanging about the place the day before, and two of the arrested parties were identified as the fellows. They had slept in the barn, and they intended to rob the house and steal a horse and buggy to get away with.

In hopes of shortening his term of imprisonment at the expense of his comrades, one of the trio turned state's evidence. He said it was understood between them that if Mrs. Robinson and the children awoke they were to be killed.

Now comes another singular feature of the case. At 11 o'clock of the night on which Robinson reached home, his sick brother's wife was sitting up with her husband, and, as he was resting easy, she fell asleep. The little old woman re-appeared, sat down, and said to the patient:

"Your brother reached home in time. I am glad to see you getting better so fast." With that she was gone, and none of the parties I have been speaking of ever saw her again.

People who knew the brothers well are firmly convinced that they saw and heard just what they allege, and those who scoff at the story find it hard to explain why Robinson started for home, as he arrived just in time to arrest three hardened fellows who were promptly sent to state prison.

The Issue Made Up. To-day or to-morrow the Mills bill, which was passed in the house on Saturday, will go to the senate, where it will either be side-tracked for the session, or slaughtered with a substitute bill.

Whether deserved or not in the past, this taint will no longer apply. The president's message and the platform adopted by the Democracy of the country in convention assembled at St. Louis, find practical exemplification in the Mills bill; and the house of representatives, which is under Democratic control, has done all it can to secure the enactment of that bill into law.

The Democrats offer a measure that will relieve the people of some \$80,000,000 per annum of superfluous, unnecessary and burdensome taxation, leaving the manufacturing interests of the country that are said to need protection protected to the extent of 41 per cent., but striking a deadly blow at some of the trusts and monopolies that are sucking the lifeblood of the people.

The debate on the Mills bill in the house has been one of the most memorable in the annals of congress. No measure has ever been more fully, more exhaustively or more ably discussed, and in point of oratorical brilliancy and logical power the speeches made on either side will compare with those of the first two congresses, when Madison led the debates on constitutional questions.

The attention and the interest of the country were enlisted in a remarkable degree, and several congressmen—Mills, Breckinridge, of Kentucky, Wilson, of West Virginia, and Mc Kinley, of Ohio, and others whose names need not be mentioned—won national reputation. In fact, the debate came very near furnishing the Republican party with its presidential candidate in the person of Maj. McKinley.

It may be said of the debate also, what can be very seldom said of a debate in congress nowadays, that it not only made reputations, but changed opinions and determined votes. In the last congress the Morrison tariff bill was defeated by Democratic members, enough of whom followed Randall into a coalition with the Republicans to defeat the Democratic majority.

There can be no doubt that if the vote on the Mills bill had been taken within thirty days after its introduction, B. would have been defeated by an almost equally large Democratic defection. The very able and exhaustive discussion of it in congress and in the newspapers not only concentrated public attention upon the subject, but resulted in a rigid drawing of party lines in congress around an issue the most important that has been presented since the war.

It is many years since the Democrats have presented so solid a front to the enemy. At the same time the debate revealed hopeless divisions in the ranks of the Republicans.

Sorghum Sugar Experiments.

While the action of congress in granting an additional appropriation of \$100,000 for the further prosecution of experiments in sorghum sugar making is received with gratification by the people of Ft. Scott, Ken., there is a popular misconception of the manner in which it will be applied.

The Parkinsson Sugar works heretofore, in which experiments have been made under government supervision, are no longer available for this purpose. The Parkinsson Sugar company has made important additions in its machinery, more than doubling the capacity of the factory and they propose to conduct the works themselves, manufacturing sugar under the Swenson patents.

The company has introduced centrifugals of double the size and capacity of those used last year, and have made a new set of vacuum boiling pans of a peculiar pattern, devised by Prof. Swenson, and made of cast-iron at the Fort Scott Foundry and Machine works. They have 1,400 acres of elefant cane within a radius of five miles from the factory for which they have contracted to pay the farmers \$2 per ton.

No one estimates the yield this season at less than twelve tons to the acre, and this will give the works 16,800 tons of cane, for which the producer will receive \$33,600, to say nothing of the sums of money paid out by the company for labor and other incidental expenses, as this company considers success has been reached and that there is no further necessity for experiments.

The recent appropriation will probably be expended by a new concern entirely, the result of whose labors will be given to the people for their free and untrammelled use.

A Crop of Turnips. Editor Local World: I do not recommend turnips as the best crop for animal food. But it is a good crop and can be raised without cost except for the harvesting. All the other cost is chargeable to next crop. It can be sown later than any other and have time for growth, and it can be grown on any waste places; or on ground where other crops have been taken off. If the ground is rich and well prepared where wheat was grown they will do first rate, provided the soil is not wheat left to grow and choke them out.

They will do well on old rich pasture land, broken deep and nicely harrowed before drying out, and cover the seed with a brush. They will frequently yield 500 to 600 bushels per acre. The pulverizing the surface while it is yet moist prevents rapid evaporation. And the rapid fermentation and decay of the grass and roots at the bottom of the furrow increases the moisture and furnishes plant food, and with all this the ground perfectly for a crop of corn next year. Iowa, or Missouri either, might raise and feed 300,000,000 bushels at a better profit than any other crop that they raise, according to the cost.

My health or space will not allow me to go into detail to prove this statement, but it is susceptible to proof all the same.

D. J. B. DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL JOHN McALLISTER, of Polk's Valley passed through Kansas City the latter part of last week on his return from Ft. Smith Ark., where he had been to secure writs from the United States court for the arrest of all non-citizens of the Chickasaw nation who had resisted the authorities in the collection of the tribal estate tax.

He was met at Ardmore by a posse of deputy marshals and Indian policemen and immediately went to the districts near by where the rebellious citizens are located for the purpose of making arrests. A company of United States soldiers are to assist in making the arrest and putting out of the territory all organized bands of non-resident citizens.

While the steamer J. H. Smith was at Ferguson's landing, Callaway county last Thursday, the second mate, a young man named McDonough, had some little trouble with one of the negro deckhands but thought nothing of the matter. The negro, however, was watching his opportunity and at 9 o'clock the same evening while McDonough was tightening the hoops on some barrels he stealthily approached from behind with an axe and dealt the mate a terrible blow on the back of the head with the blunt side of the weapon and then leaped from the boat and dashed into the woods before a grove could be made to arrest him.

A 12-year-old daughter of S. W. Wheeler, on her way from Englewood, Illinois, to Sioux Falls, Dakota, to visit a sister, was enticed from the train last week by a woman at Davenport, Iowa, taken to a room at a hotel, locked up and kept in concealment till the hotel clerk, who suspicioned all was not right, interfered and compelled the woman to give up the child. The police were notified when the woman left town. The child was returned to her parents. The object of the woman in kidnapping the child was not ascertained.

Gov. MOREHOUSE has gained the lead in the gubernatorial race, and from present indications he will continue to hold the reins on his opponents. He has secured several counties in the last few days.

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