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WEEKLY GRAPHIC.
KIRKSVILLE, MO.
E. Sublette, Proprietor.
AN OPEN SECRET.
Ah! dost thou love and dare not tell?
And canst thou hide it in thine eyes?
And canst thou show thy love conceal?
And dost thou long to draw thy sigh?
Alas! I love and must not say it—
My secret sweet I must not show.
I close mine eyes lest they betray me;
I close my lips that none may know.
Yet can I hope to keep my secret?
When all earth's creatures tell it so?
They sing it, sigh it, and repeat it,
Till all the world must know my woe!
The bidding grasses tell my story,
With the flowers, birds and sea;
And all the birds, the chirping tatters,
They seem to know it every one.
Lend thy sing it at my window,
And I'm happy while alone;
To some thoughtless, careless one,
Then the winds, how they repeat it,
Till the crimson dyes my cheek.
So pray them not to speak,
And the brook, while babbling onward,
Bears my story to the sea;
Then I'm sure the clover knows it,
Some one told it to the bee.
I would gladly share my secret
With the flowers, birds and sea;
But how wrong of them to tell it—
Why are they so false to me?
—Lena Reed, in Current.

ward. Joel felt late, since his other possessions were so large, had begun to covet honor; not that silent light within the bosom which is infinitely above applause, but preference at the hands of those who knew him. To this end, by a move here and a withdrawal there, praise in this corner and detraction in that, the supplanting of a scrupulous enemy by an insouciant friend, at least pretended allegiance on his own part to the interests of those who acknowledged him, and the keeping of his own claims well under cover—since he had no desire to accept and fulfill the rather menial duties of a county official, unless that should contribute to a more fortunate end—their of local political affairs. Also the growing reputation throughout the Congressional district was coming to be his for timely and munificent gifts to his party, when at elections it seemed most in need of success.

Perhaps Joel's thirst was rather for glory than good fame. At any rate, his aim at reputation seemed something not bounded by the circle of his neighbors; forgetting evidently that the love and respect of those in and about one's own home is something to be more sensibly enjoyed even than a continent full of notoriety. Of course Joel did not hope for anything so extensive as that, but he thought, and foolishly enough, that it would be exceedingly sweet to know that his name was going about on the unfeeling winds to thousands of people he never heard of, and who indeed might contribute quite as little perhaps as those far-off unfeeling winds to his own personal joy or betterment. However, many another heart in the world's life has fed upon the delusive honey of this same expectation, this idea that to be known, or rather widely heard of, is a grateful golden thing, and that one's self is really more than flying into the face of half the race. Out of it at least has risen much we should be proud of, and not a little of which we should profoundly feel ashamed. In Joel's case the aim was doubtless well enough, and the object, though mainly vapor, not to be despised. "You have acted dishonorably," he said, in a low voice, as if striving not to break out into angry words; "you have been dark where you should have been clear, secret where you should have been open, and you have imposed upon me by keeping me ignorant. I have been grateful without a cause; be good enough to write me a check for the original amount that may be done with each other at once."

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IN THE MIDDLE WEST.
A Story of Life in the Great Mississippi Valley.
BY ALVA MILTON KERR.
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loneliness was on him as he walked across the bridge and up and along the wooded bluffs that rose in the elbow of the stream that turned away to the west. Had Joel some ulterior and unfair object in this always letting him believe himself penniless? He certainly had taken advantage of him by this secrecy.

RUBBER GOODS.
An Advertiser Which Will Reduce Their Weight Fifty Per Cent.
The search for adulterations among rubber manufacturers keep a great many chemists busy. There are now many adulterations, some of which harden the rubber, others increase its spreading capacity, but until recently there has never been one discovered which, while permitting the rubber to retain all its elasticity and durability, will render the rubber compound fifty per cent. lighter than the original rubber. The solid rubber goods, while answering the purpose for which they are intended, are often very heavy—too heavy for comfort in many cases. Consequently the attention of manufacturers has been turned to finding an adulterant, which has resulted in the origination of the idea of mixing ground cork and the rubber. By this method, it is claimed, that a compound which can be made light or heavy, as desired, and one that is at least fifty per cent. cheaper, while just as durable, is turned out. Cork of any condition and size can be used in this method, and it is then ground by running it between two rollers, one of which moves faster than the other. After the cork is ground it is mixed with a solution of rubber, there being just enough rubber to hold the particles of cork together. The compound is now in a pliable condition, so that it can be easily molded. It is then run into a dryer, and heated till it is perfectly dry. It is then taken out of the heater and this strip of rubber are wound around it. The article then has an irregular surface, as the folds overlap each other. To give it a smooth surface it is put in an iron mold a trifle larger than the article, which is heated in a "vulcanizer" or press heated by steam constantly passing through it. Under this heating the rubber coating melts, and the surface of the article is also smooth. By this method all kinds of articles, from a stopper to a life-preserver, can be cheaply and well made. Cork will last forever if moisture can be kept from it, and this process, it is said, completely secures this point, as the rubber keeps the moisture from the cork, so that the point of durability is at least obtained.

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will sell at the court house door in the town of Kirksville, Adair county, Missouri, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, while the circuit court within and for said county is in session, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the following described real estate, situated in Adair county, Missouri, or so much thereof as will satisfy the judgment, interests and costs in said cause, the same being a lien against said real estate, as shown by judgment and decree of said court, to-wit:
North 1/2 of north west quarter section two (2) township sixty-three (63) range seventeen (17), Adair county, Missouri, to satisfy said execution and costs of this sale.
J. H. KINNEAR,
Sheriff Adair County, Mo.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
4913.
By virtue and authority of a special execution on a judgment for delinquent taxes, issued from the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Adair county, Missouri, on the 23d day of October, 1886, made returnable at the 2d day of December, 1886, of said court, and to me, the undersigned sheriff, directed and delivered, in favor of the state of Missouri, at the relation and to the use of M. F. Strook, collector of the revenue for Adair county, Missouri, and against John D. Hays, in pursuance of a judgment and order of sale of said circuit court at its October term, 1886, I have levied upon and seized, and on
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North 1/2 of north west quarter section two (2) township sixty-three (63) range seventeen (17), Adair county, Missouri, to satisfy said execution and costs of this sale.
J. H. KINNEAR,
Sheriff Adair County, Mo.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
4914.
By virtue and authority of a special execution on a judgment for delinquent taxes, issued from the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Adair county, Missouri, on the 23d day of October, 1886, made returnable at the 2d day of December, 1886, of said court, and to me, the undersigned sheriff, directed and delivered, in favor of the state of Missouri, at the relation and to the use of M. F. Strook, collector of the revenue for Adair county, Missouri, and against John D. Hays, in pursuance of a judgment and order of sale of said circuit court at its October term, 1886, I have levied upon and seized, and on
THURSDAY, THE 16th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1886,
will sell at the court house door in the town of Kirksville, Adair county, Missouri, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, while the circuit court within and for said county is in session, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the following described real estate, situated in Adair county, Missouri, or so much thereof as will satisfy the judgment, interests and costs in said cause, the same being a lien against said real estate, as shown by judgment and decree of said court, to-wit:
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