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A BABY IN COURT.

An Infantile Witness in an Action Against a School Teacher.

DEXTER, Mo., May 4.—Bloomfield, seven miles north of here, is reveling in a sensational scandal that involves two or more families. R. P. Montgomery, a school teacher and a light in church circles, was arrested and placed on trial Saturday charged with seduction by Miss Fannie Mayberry, who claims to be his victim. To back up her story she produced a babe in court, which she claims is the offspring of Montgomery, and a huge bundle of letters that Montgomery had written to her in reference to marriage and their relations. Montgomery was held over to await the action of the Grand-jury.

The Mayberry girl is only 16 years old. Besides the crimnal action for seduction she has filed suit for $10,000 damages for seduction and breach of promise of marriage. Montgomery is a bride groom of five months, having married into one of the most prominent families in the county.

Our Boys and Girls.

I have in mind, says a Detroit correspondent, two farmers—neighbors—each having a large family of boys and girls. One gave each boy one acre and each girl a half acre of land each year on which to plant anything they chose, and gave them Saturdays to work their plats. The girls had, in addition, some chickens and turkeys. The proceeds of land and fowls they spent as they pleased. This man's boys loved farm, home and parents, and his daughters were happy. The other farmer worked his children from sun to sun, from Monday till Saturday night, and never gave them anything they could call their own—not even a little pin money. He bought the cheapest and commonest clothing for them, and never sent them to school. This man made a little more than his neighbor, but his children were discouraged: his sons ran away as soon as they were old enough, while his daughters married at the first chance: they hated the farm and home, and had no love for their father. Are you making a similar mistake?—Rural World.

The Curfew Ordinance.

A writer in the Indianapolis News, in discussing the "curfew law" for children, which has been adopted in a number of Western towns, gives an interesting statement of the operation of the law in some of the cities of Germany. In the German city where the writer was born no child under sixteen years is permitted to be on the streets after 6 p. m., in winter and 7:30 p. m., in summer. The effect of the law, he says, is in every way excellent. Crowds of boys are never seen on the street corners or about saloons, engaged in mischief, low conversation, cultivating bad habits and bad manners. There can be no question as to the demoralizing influence of the street on young boys. It is a school of bad manners, of impure thoughts, of scurrillous language, depraved appetites and a precocious familarty with evil before the character has become firm enough to resist its allurements. The streets at night are full of profligate, pleasure-seeking idlers. As soon as honest traffic closes its doors, vice and idleness come forth for their pleasure and their prey. The young boy freed from the wholesome restraints of home enters eagerly into the path of forbidden pleasures, forms evil associations and in time becomes deeply corrupted. There is no doubt that boys of tender years should be kept off the streets at night.

British Taxation.

The magnificent showing of Great Britain's balance-sheet excites the admiration and envy of the world. It is, indeed, a great thing for a nation to have a revenue of more than $545,000,000 a year, especially when taxation sits lightly upon the people. That it does sit lightly upon the British is not to be denied. Of course there is some grumbling, especially at the income tax, which, first adopted as a war measure, has now become a permanent fixture. But John Bull would not be John Bull unless he had something to grumble at. There is, however, no real hardship. No one feels taxation to be a burden. No one is impoverished by it. No industry is crushed by it. The material progress of the country is not retarded by it. There is no other Great Power in Europe whose load of taxation is not far heavier.—New York Tribune.

Sound Like Miracles.

We will send free on application a large sheet of Unsolicited Testimonials about the cures made by Humphreys' Specifics. Address, Humphreys' Medicine Co., New York.

Hard Boiled Eggs in Politics.

There is a strange custom attendant upon local elections, which has existed in Brown Township, Deleware County, O., for the last thirty years. It is that of eating forty dozen hard-boiled eggs on election night at the expense of the successful candidates. Neither the bill of fare nor the number of eggs is ever varied. Each year a committee is selected to secure the eggs and prepare the feast. When the count is finished the eggs are passed around and the banquet begins. The persons who are elected foot the bill. Party feeling never interferes with this part of the election proceedings, and it is an unwritten law that the feast is to be furnished. But one man ever dared to brave popular sentiment and refuse to pay his share of the expense. He had been elected by a good plurality, but was turned down at the next election for no other reason than his want of respect for the custom. The election for the township is held at the little villiage of Eden, where the greater part of the township is gathered on the night of the feast. No one knows how the ceremony originated.—Cincinnatti Enquirer.

President Garfield's Children.

Of the Garfield family, the sons bid fair to be distinguished individually. Harry A. Garfield and his brother, James R. Garfield, are lawyers in partnership in Cleveland, O., and besides being successful in their profession, they have developed talents in even a broader sphere. They have been prominent in the management of vast business enterprises. They erected a large business block at a time of such depression that anything but a perfectly conducted scheme would have been a failure, and the younger of the partners has gone into politics and is a member of the Ohio Senate. Both are married. Harry's wife was Miss Belle Mason, of Cleveland. They have four children. James married Miss Hellen Newell and is the father of three children.

Mary Garfield married her father's private secretary, Joseph Stanley Brown. He was a graduate of Yale College, and now occupies important positions in connection with several scientific societies and is the Secretary of the Alaskan Joint Commission. Mrs. Stanly Brown is a woman of great beauty and charm. She is the mother of three children, who are being educated in the most careful manner. Mr. and Mrs. Stanly Brown are in wide demand socially. Part of the year is spent in Mentor, the Garfield home, and part in Washington, where one of the most exquisite little homes in the city bears witness to the tastes of the family.

Irvin Garfield is 25 years old, and is about to be graduated from the Harvard Law School. It is yet undecided whether he will practice law in Boston or go into partnership with his brothers in Cleveland. He is well known in the athletic world as a football player.

Abraham, the youngest son of the family is studying architecture in the Boston School of Technology. He will travel in Europe for two years after his graduation, and will practice his profession in Cleveland. All of the sons are graduates of Williams College, which was the scene of President Garfield's college days.—Chicago Record.

A Card from Prof. Vandiver.

Cape Girardeau, Mo., May 1, 1896.

MR. EDITOR:—Why should you say that my acceptance of the Jackson "Sound Money Democrat's challenge to discuss the silver question is generally thought here to be a bluff?' I do not believe there are three men in town who consider it so, and these will learn better if the gentleman from Jackson accepts your suggestion and names this town as the place for discussion, which I sincerely hope he will do.

It has been intimated that it is not good policy for me at this time. Let me say that whenever truth and principle are at stake I throw policy to the wind and while I have nothing harsh to say about those who honestly differ with me in opinion on this or any other matter, I have only contempt for those whose whole argument consists in impugning other people's motives and pondering to "policy."

I am not throwing down a challenge to anyone, but simply accepting a challenge made to me and I accept it in good faith—wait and see the result.

Respectfully,
W. D. VANDIVER.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

Is equally as effective for animals as for the human flesh. As a liniment it has no equal in the world. Every bottle guaranteed. It never fails to cure Neuralgia. Sold at Wilson's drug store.

An Improved Jury System.

The operation of the new jury law that has gone into effect in New York will be watched with interest by advocates of jury reform elsewhere. It marks a distinct advocate in obviating some of the loose and cumbrous methods in vogue in nearly all the States. This is done by relieving the court of the tedium of going through a long rigmarole of questions as to qualifications, bias, etc., in the selection of a jury.

Under the New York law this work will be done by an official judicially authorized. He is required to make out a list of not less than 3,000 names. He examines each one as to his intelligence and possession of the usual qualifications for jurors, which are that he must be a citizen of the United States ten years and a resident of the county; that he shall be over 30 and under 70 years of age; that he shall not be infirm mentally or physically; and that he shall be of good character, approved integrity, of sound judgment, able to read and write the English language understandingly, be well informed and possess an adequate knowledge of the duties of a juror.

The jurors thus selected shall be drawn in the regular way as their services are needed in special cases.

Such a law in Missouri would go far toward removing the abuses in jury trials frequently occurring and preventing the miscarriage of justice in criminal cases, especially in the large cities.—Post-Dispatch.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded Price 25 cents per box. For sale a Blomeyer & Haman.

A Long Lost Sister.

Willis B. Moore, of Kansas City, writes us for information about a long lost sister, as follows:

DEAR SIR:—I understand that my sister, America Ann Moore, lives near your city on a farm. My sister's first marriage was to John Roose who, was killed by a falling tree in 1859, then in 1862 sister married Pink Hall Mark. In 1863 was the last time I heard from her. The party I saw from the Cape tells me my sister still lives there and is a widow and has a daughter whose name is Elizabeth Hopper. They think sister also has a son. If living my sister is now about 56 years old. Our father's name was William Willis Moore. Our mother's name was Harriet S. Moore.

Will you please ask your readers if they know the whereabouts of my long lost sister and if they do have them communicate with me.

Yours truly,
WILLIS B. MOORE.

Bronchitis.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup absolutely cures Bronchitis and all other diseases of the Throat and Lung's. It gives instant relief and will cure the worst cough. It is a guarantee Remedy. Sold at Wilson's drugstore.

A Good Man Gone.

Frederick Wittmor died at his home in this city Monday, May 4th. Mr. Wittmor was an old citizen and a good man. He was a brother of the late John Wittmor who was for many years city Marshal of this city and was known by every man, woman and child in the city.

"Fritz," as he was called, owned the old Washington Hall property where he had been in the saloon business for twenty-five years. He was a successful business man, an honest honorable gentleman and a good citizen.

Asylum Cape Girardeau Commandery, No., 55, Knights Templar.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., May 5.—Attention—The Sir Knights of this Commandery will meet at the Asylum in dress uniform on the evening of Thursday the 14th inst., at 7 o'clock sharp, for the purpose of attending Ascension services at the Presbyterian church, conducted by our Most Excellent, Past., High Priest, Rev. C. H. Briggs of Fayette, Mo. By order of

W. H. H. HUTERS,
Em. Com.

Attest:
A. W. QUACKENBUSH,
Recorder.

Accidents.

and how to deal with them, and other valuable medical information, will be found in Dr. Kaufmann's great Medical Work: elegant colored plates. Send three 2-cent stamps to pay postage to A. P. Ordway & Co., Boston, Mass., and receive a copy free.

DESERTING MORTON.

New York Republicans Flocking to McKinley's Standard.

NEW YORK, May 5.—Thomas W. Bradley of Orange county, delegate to the National Republican Convention from the Seventeenth Congressional District, and counted for Morton, has issued the following statement:

"No additional honor can now come to Levi P. Morton through a continuance of his presidential candidacy. The duty of the hour is prompt and hearty recognition of the great majority's sentiment within our party that would nominate McKinley by acclamation. With all the respect and regard for Gov. Morton that held me to his support while a reasonable chance of his nomination existed, I shall now heed the general desire of the business men in my section and vote for Maj. McKinley on the first ball."

Instead of the Platt-Reed-Allison-Quay combine scaring any of the faint-hearted McKinleyites into deserting their favorite, it looks as if the combine will help the Ohio man a great deal more than it will hurt him. The deal is on all right, and, according to a report to-day, there is to be a powwow of the anti-McKinley men here next Sunday. The claims of the McKinley crowd that their man is already a winner have caused a mild sort of a panic among the Morton men, and several of them are apparently getting ready to "run to cover." State Senator Henry J. Coggshall and J. Sloat Fassett, who once ran for Governor, are two of them.

Mrs. Harrison No. 2.

The pathway of ex-President Harrison's bride is not altogether strewn with roses at Indianapolis. The family of ex-Attorney General Miller are near neighbors of the ex-President, and Mrs. Miller not only absolutely declined the invitation to attend the wedding, but since the return of the ex-President and Mrs. Harrison to Indianapolis has steadfastly refused to call upon the bride. This lead on the part of Mrs. Miller has been followed by several other families of the neighborhood, all of whom were intimate friends of Gen. Harrison's first wife.—New York Record.

Prosecuting Attorney Stabbed.

CHARLESTON, Mo., May 6.—Prosecuting Attorney George S. Elliot was fatally wounded in a street fight here this afternoon. An altercation arose between himself and George Lynn, a farmer of the county, and in self-defense Lynn stabbed Elliott twice with a pocket-knife. The fight was the result of a feud of long standing between the two men, brought about when Elliott was a candidate for the position he now holds. Elliott is a candidate for re-election against Hon. P. B. Moore, Representative from this county.

How to Treat a Wife.

First, get a wife; second, be patient. You may have great trials and perplexities in your business, but do not therefore carry to your home a cloudy or contracted brow. Your wife may have trials, which, though of less magnitude, may be hard for her to bear. A kind word, a tender look, will do wonders in chasing from her brow all clouds of gloom. To this we would add always keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. It is the best and is sure to be needed sooner or later. Your wife will then know that you really care for her and wish to protect her health. For sale by I. Ben Miller.—Pacific Health Journal. may1n52

The Ballots in the Convention.

The four ballots taken in the Republican Congressional convention at Poplar Bluff resulted as follows:

First—Mozley, 40: Snider, 24: Burkhart, 32: Davison, 8: Carnes, 4.

Second—Mozley, 33: Snider, 27: Davison, 11: Burkhart, 31: Barnes, 4.

Third—Snider, 44: Mozley, 29: Davison, 14: Burkhart, 15: Barnes, 4.

On the fourth ballot several counties dropped into the Snider column, when Pens of Howel, seeing which way the cat was going to jump leaped on a table and moved that John A. Snider be declared the unanimous choice of the convention. The motion carried amid the wildest enthusiasm and Snider went in with a yell and a whoop that made things jingle.

Great Danger in Coughs.

A neglected Cough is source of imminent danger to all. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is guaranteed to cure the worst cough, Whooping Cough, sore throat and all other coughs. Sold at Wilson's drug store.

A Grand Old Fashioned Wedding.

By special invitation the staff of the DEMOCRAT took carriage and struck out yesterday and for seven miles passed through one of the finest agriculture sections in the State, and drew rein at the gate of that commodious farm homestead of that prince of hospitable men, Louis Seimers, Esq., where we found a large procession of carriages, buggies and horsemen ready to start to the Lutheran church near Gordonville. Falling into line we followed in search of news. At the church we stole a march and found that edifice handsomely decorated for the reception of a wedding party.

Little time was lost, the church soon filled up, and the bridal party entered, led by the groom, Mr. Andrew Moll, and the bride, Miss Bertha Siemers, a sweet, little blushing blonde, who were followed by Joseph Siemers leading Miss Emma Neadeleind, Martin Siemers leading Miss Ida Bertling, Herman Niemann leading Miss Pauline Gluelshearty, and ranged themselves in front of the altar, where the Rev. J. G. Pflantz soon united in the bonds of matrimony, Mr. Moll and Miss Bertha Siemers, daughter of Mr. Louis Seimers, our genial host. The ceremony and congratulations over, all returned to the bride's father's home. There we found that commodious residence, the yard and orchard crowded with people, and in the back yard a large pavillion 20x100 feet erected, under which was spread a table loaded with the fruits of field, orchard and garden, and in the center and each end three beautiful pyramidal cakes, each surmounted with the usual white doves, denoting innocence and purity, these being flanked on each side with lesser cakes, large boquets of flowers and stacks of delicious fruits. The decorations of the table displayed rare taste and skill. All being in readiness, the minister followed by the happy couple, they in turn supported by the grooms and bride's maids, took the head of the table, which was quickly filled, and seating by actual count, eighty-six persons. For the purpose of finding out the number of guests we took a sheltered corner and watched and counted, until that table was emptied, resest and refilled seven times, making six hundred and two persons eating dinner. Dazed at the numbers—for more carriages were unloading—we were seized by our happy, cheerful host, and carried off to the wine room, where we were quickly joined by Col. Thilenius, Judge Snider and other old cronies, who laid seige to a delicious snow-white cake, and—well, say a pitcher of sweet milk, and in these healthful, harmless refreshments we enjoyed ourselves for a brief space. Returning to the table it was filling up the second time since we left our post of observation, and in sheer dispair we gave up the count: and can safely say that over one thousand persons sat and ate at that bountiful table during the day.

This is all well enough on a five hundred acre farm: but it would mean bankruptcy to we poor town d—ls. Such abundance, such an outpouring of genial sociability, happy parents, handsome, healthy young mothers, and beautiful young girls is hard to find outside of our favored county. God's bountiful blessing shone on every countenance, and mirth, fun and frolic was the order of the day.

The back parlor was a regular bazaar. There the presents were piled up in serene hopeless confusion. Lamps, clocks, vases, fruit dishes, table linen, cutlery, china tea and dinner sets, rugs, pictures, pitchers and a valuable set of pure silver ware, none of your free silver sort, but genuine dollar for dollar silver. It would have afforded us much pleasure to give the names of the donors, but space forbids the attempt.

But old Sol is sinking in the west, and the large half-acre platform is being cleared and swept clean: and a half dozen musicians tune up their instruments. Watch the young ladies how their eyes sparkle and their little feet begin to pat. See the spruce young gents adjusting their neck-ties and fasten securely their button-hole buds. Oh! happy, care-free youth. We too were once young, and just know how fast your pulse beats, and how your eyes search for little Susie, or timid Mary. But the word is given, "Partners for the Waltz." The heart bounds: and in sheer desperation you capture the beauty and off you sail, keeping time to rhyme of the music, round and round they go. Now the fun goes fast and furious." The old folks look on, clap their hands and tell how we used to dance. Carried away by the cherry delirium, we are living over again our own happy youth, sweet, intoxicating dream, when a rough hand is laid on our shoulder and a graff, cruel voice says: "Come, you promised your wife to be home at eight, the carriage is ready." Yes, it is ready, and we leave the land of dreams and dancing and hurry home to the dear little heart awaiting us there.

But, before we go let us give the happy couple our best blessing, throw an old shoe at them, drink another glass of milk and tear ourselves from the scenes of mirth and match making. Good night to all.

Asylum Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55, Knights Templar.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., May 6.—The undersigned Committee of Arrangements for, and in behalf of the Sir Knights of this Commandery, extend to the good people of this city and vicinity, a cordial invitation to be present at our Ascension services, to be held at the Presbyterian church on the evening of May 14th, at 7:30 o'clock.

EVENING PROGRAMME.

First—Song of Welcome, by the choir.

Second—Opening prayer, by Rev S. A. McElroy.

Third—Presentation of a pair of Past., Em., Com., shoulder straps to Em., Sir Knight, W. B. Wilson, by Sir Knight, W. H. Miller.

Fourth—Ascension hymn, by the choir.

Fifth—Ascension sermon, by Rev. C. H. Briggs, most excellent Past., High Priest of Missouri.

Sixth—Closing prayer, by Rev. M. T. Haw.

Seventh "Home Sweet Home," by the choir.

Eighth—Benediction, by Rev. Todd.

The Sir Knights dismissed at close of services.

ALEXANDER ROSS.
W. H. HUTERS,
J. F. VOGELSANGER. } Com.

They Wouldn't Do It.

Mayor Coerver wants to enforce the stock ordinance. He is besieged by people who are bothered by stock. He is called on at all hours of the day and begged by a suffering community to enforce the stock law. Citizens who have no fencing around their places ask for protection. They say if the stock law is enforced there is no necessity for them to build fences.

The Mayor wants to enforce the law and he will enforce it if the Council and the Marshal will allow him, but it looks like he was going to be headed off.

The Council has refused to confirm a man nominated by the Mayor to run in the stock and by this action they have given the people to understand that the stock is to be turned loose, at least for a while.

Resolution Concerning School Term and Teachers.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, April 28.—At a regular meeting of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, April 27th, 1896, at which all members were present, the following resolution was presented and read by the secretary and on motion unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the scholastic year 1896-97, be a nine (9) months term of school, commencing on Monday, September 7th, 1896, continuing for sixteen (16) weeks and closing for the Christmas vacation on Thursday, December 24th, 1896, beginning again on Monday, January 4th, 1897, concontinuing for twenty (20) weeks and closing on or about May 26th, 1897: that there be employed for Lorimier school one (1) Principal at a salary of eighty dollars ($80) per month: a First Assistant, at a salary of forty dollars ($40) per month and seven (7) other assistants at a salary of thirty-five ($35) per month each: and that there be employed for Lincoln school, one (1) Principal at a salary of sixty dollars ($60) per month and three (3) assistants at a salary of thirty dollars ($30) per month each: and that the said Principals and assistants, for the term stated, be elected on Monday, May 25th, 1896.

By order of the Board.
(SEAL.) GEO. E. CHAPPELL,
Secretary.

Mr. D. P. Davis, a prominent liveryman and merchant of Goshen, Va., has this to say on the subject of rheumatism: "I take pleasure in recommending Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism, as I know from personal experience that it will do all that is claimed for it. A year ago this spring my brother was laid up in bed with inflammatory rheumatism and suffered intensely. The first application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm eased the pain and the use of one bottle completely cured him. For sale by I. Ben Miller. w 1m