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The milliners says that if you do not wear a bug on your bonnet you will be suspected of having one in your head.

Congressman Littauer has been a visitor at Oyster Bay. The congressman is probably seeking a glove and gauntlet contract.

Charlie Fairbanks is pleased with the prospects of his party in Missouri, but he will continue to hold on to his senatorship.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Secretary Taft overrid the thing when he set out to convince the public of the gentleness of the president. Isn't he afraid the public may come to think there is a weakling in the presidential chair?

The official treasury statement shows that the United States debt has increased more than six millions in the past month. It takes a thoroughgoing imperialistic administration to put Uncle Sam in the hole.

Many thousands of years ago primitive man looked into the air and saw the birds flying and wished he could do the same thing. Reports from St. Louis last week that told about the air navigation experiment indicate that man in all these thousands of years has progressed mighty little beyond the wish with which he started out.

An Oriental newspaper has got an impression from a recent order of the postoffice department, in relation to preference for promotion to those who are married and have families, like this: "They are trying very hard in the United States, to make people get married by departmental edict, though with what success as yet one does not know. One instance of this laudable design is reported from Des Moines, Iowa. In the chief postoffice a notice has been set up informing all whom it may concern that 'in future married employees, and more particularly those with children, will receive promotion sooner than those who are unmarried.' The postmaster declares that the announcement is made on instructions from the general postoffice at Washington and in accordance with the wishes of President Roosevelt."

Mr. Morgan at Sagamore Hill.

New York World: Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan has been at Sagamore Hill to see the president and undoubtedly the president was delighted, although Mr. Morgan and Mr. Roosevelt have never been regarded as congenial souls.

It is safe to assume that it was a visit of business and not of pleasure. As a prudent financier, Mr. Morgan could not be expected to give his unqualified support to a candidate for president until he knew what the attitude of the administration would be toward his varied and important interests. A mission of such moment could not be wisely entrusted to a subordinate, and Mr. Morgan may be pardoned for insisting on receiving his assurances at first hand.

He cannot be ignorant of the practical value of his support in certain quarters, or censured, in view of the past relations, for proceeding on the principal of "no tickle, no washee," only a reckless speculator would take chances in such an affair, and Mr. Morgan is not a reckless speculator.

A Son of Mars.

He won't be happy till he gets it. Roosevelt feels that war and not peace is the proper national condition. In February, 1899, while governor of New York, he made this statement in a speech before the New York Republican club:

"If we ever grow to regard peace as a permanent condition, and feel that we can afford to let the keen, fearless, virile qualities of the heart and mind and body sink into disuse, we will prepare the way for inevitable and shameful disaster in the future."

The military establishment of the United States, exclusive of pensions, will, under four years of Roosevelt, in a time of profound peace, have cost \$515,000,000 more than under four years of Cleveland.

A Parcel Post.

The Postal Progress League has finally formulated plans for a campaign to secure various postal reforms and

will apply, at the next session of congress, for:

1. A parcels post, like that now successfully in service in England.
2. Cheap and convenient postal currency to supersede postal money orders.
3. A local delivery parcels post, carrying large parcels at low rates.
4. The extension of the free delivery services to small towns and villages.
5. Reforms in the foreign postal service.

Included in the reforms of the foreign service are:

- Two-cent postage on all foreign letters.
- Special delivery of foreign mail.
- An international cheap parcels post, the limit of weight to be 11 pounds.

The Postal Progress League is preparing for an active campaign, and is going to flood the country with circulars of its propaganda. They want the rates on the democratic parcels post to be:

- On three ounces, one cent.
- On one pound, five cents.
- On 11 pounds, (the limit), 25 cents.

IS REBUILDING THE TRACKS

Tri-City Railway Company Putting in New Rails on Twentieth Street.

A force of 45 men was put to work this morning by the Tri-City Railway company tearing up the track between Second and Fourth avenues on Twentieth street, which will be replaced by 7-inch 70-pound rails. The work will last about three weeks. A force of 15 men now doing similar work in Davenport will be sent over here soon to assist. One track at a time will be torn up and relaid. Cars will run regularly, temporary switches having been provided which will be placed at different places to avoid impeding traffic. The work being done consists of laying two blocks of straight track and a few curves. The curves will replace the old ones now at Twentieth street and Third avenue, a point where most all of the lines in town intersect. The new track to be laid is much heavier than the old, which is in a bad condition, and unsatisfactory.

RIVER RIPELS.

Boats down were the St. Paul, Ruth, Winona and Eclipse. Those north were the B. Hershey, Phil. Scherck, Ruth, Emily and Winona.

At 6 a. m. the stage of water was 3.40 and at noon 3.45.

RIVER FORECAST.

A slight falling tendency in the Mississippi will occur from Clinton to Muscatine.

RIVER BULLETIN.

| Danger Height | Line | S. a. m. | 24 hrs |
|-------------------|-------|----------|--------|
| Feet. | Feet. | Feet. | Feet. |
| St. Paul | 14 | 4.6 | 1.0 |
| Red Wing | 14 | 3.7 | 1.1 |
| Red Landing | 12 | 3.6 | 0.9 |
| La Crosse | 12 | 3.8 | 0.5 |
| P. du Chien | 18 | 3.4 | 0.9 |
| Dubuque | 18 | 4.0 | 0.9 |
| Le Claire | 19 | 2.2 | 0.8 |
| Davenport | 15 | 3.4 | 0.6 |
| Des Moines Rapids | 12 | 2.2 | 0.1 |
| Keokuk | 15 | 2.2 | 0.2 |
| St. Louis | 20 | 7.8 | 0.4 |
| Kansas City | 21 | 8.1 | 0.6 |

To Find the North Pole.

Should the steamship America reach the North Pole, the credit will be due entirely to the United States. It was equipped by a wealthy New Yorker, and every soul on board is an American citizen. The credit for the remarkable record made by the famous Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is due to the fact that it always cures belching, heartburn, dyspepsia, liver and kidney ills, indigestion and malaria, also that it never fails to open up the clogged bowels, purify the blood and promote sound sleep, without which no one can enjoy good health. Prominent physicians everywhere recommend it especially to those convalescent. They know it is unequalled as a tonic and strength-builder and also that it is absolutely safe and reliable. You'll make no mistake in trying it at once.

AT THE HOTELS.

At the Harper—R. B. Dear, Superior, Wis.; S. A. Edmiston; W. J. Sonnen, Chicago; R. Y. Breed, Erie; M. D. Rosenfield, Moline; S. W. Lewis and wife, Clinton; J. W. Cavanaugh, La. L. Cool, T. H. Thomas; H. P. Simpson, J. K. Brandenburg, William McConochie, city; Mayor Phillips, Davenport; Maurice Lazenby, Baltimore; Gustave Eick, Geneva, Ill.; S. H. Raiston, Des Moines; A. W. Hayward, Chicago; A. J. Emerson, Peoria; J. S. Maharg, Philadelphia; Charles W. Osborn, Chicago; J. M. Mitchell, H. A. Smith, St. Louis; W. R. Hauptman, F. F. Merritt, Chicago; C. H. Finmore, C. R. I. & P. Ry.; C. E. McElroy, Miss Edna McElroy, Ottumwa, Ia.; W. W. Newhall, Kansas City.

At the Rock Island (European)—J. E. McGill, H. H. Downing, Chicago; J. H. Naughton, St. Louis; O. M. Cox and family, Washington, D. C.; A. L. Parks, Galveston; H. Cannitz, Springfield, Ill.; A. C. Litham and family, Coledonia, Minn.; Mrs. C. O. Johnson, Miss Lillian Johnson, Sycamore; J. J. Joslin, Minneapolis; Robert Thompson, Charles Weeks, Andalusia; E. F. Mackenzie, Bloomington; William Dutesch, Urbana; I. R. Pitney, Peoria; F. O. Rollins, Chicago; D. C. Sexton, Alpha; A. W. Salzmann, city; Charles Denning, St. Louis.

DAILY SHORT STORY

AN EXCEPTION TO A RULE.

(Original.)

How did I become a barrister in England? That's a secret, but since you are my son I will tell you. The story illustrates how a man must take risks in his decisions, but I believe it is always safer to act from conscientious motives.

Soon after I was admitted to practice in Chicago one Christopher Rowan was accused of murder. I had a fancy for criminal practice and took his case; but, despite my best efforts, he was convicted on circumstantial evidence. I was not only convinced from the man's manner that he was innocent, but he told me certain facts, which I was unable to get before the jury, that confirmed me in my opinion.

I secured a stay of proceedings and in one way or another delayed the execution, but finally there was nothing more to do for him, and I saw the day near at hand when he would have to swing. The matter had a terrible effect upon me, not doubting, as I have said, that the man was innocent.

A few weeks before the execution a letter came for him from a distant part of the world. The sheriff took possession of it and instead of giving it to the condemned sent it to me. It contained official information that Rowan, through the death of a cousin, had fallen heir to an entailed estate worth nearly a million. It was in itself proof that the man about to die came of an excellent family. This he had told me, but hoped that if he died on the gallows the matter might escape the notice of his relatives.

For awhile I was in a quandary; then, suddenly coming to a resolution, I called a cab and hurried to the jail to deliver the letter to its owner. I was not surprised that it did not have any very great effect upon him. The truth is he was stunned by his misfortune and the near approach of death, which he had for some time considered inevitable.

Instead of returning to my office I went to my room—I was then a bachelor—and, locking myself in, considered what I would do. In an hour I had made up my mind to use what money was necessary to save the man's life, though it must be applied illegally. I called in Rowan's name to know for how much I might draw on the estate, and a goodly sum was named. Then I told Rowan of my plan, and he signed a draft.

In due time the prisoner was put through the process, or, rather, an appearance of the process, the law had directed. The newspapers told of the brave manner in which the prisoner had met his death, though he had refused spiritual consolation. The name was spelled (as he had given it when arrested) Rowan, so that his relatives might not know of his fate. The coroner pronounced him dead, and his body was turned over at my request to me for burial. Instead of burying it I sent it in the guise of a negro to New York, where it sailed alive for Liverpool.

Rowan before leaving offered me any portion of his estate that I would accept, but I declined to take a penny. After his arrival in London he wrote me renewing the offer. I still declined. He made me different propositions at different times, but I declined them all. Meanwhile he had entered various enterprises and doubled his capital. Finally he wrote me that if I would come to London and practice he would see that I had the most lucrative clients. It was ten years after I had been the means of saving him from an ignominious death that I went to London and consented to act as his and his friends' attorney. In time I became a barrister.

I have left out the most important part of the story? How did I contrive Rowan's flight, the sham hanging and all that? Money, my dear boy; money. It will accomplish anything. We don't need to go to Russia for corruption; there is plenty of it in the United States. But it costs a big sum. I paid it all to one man in gold—\$300,000—though I didn't pay more than a sixth of this at the time of the hanging, and the go betweens paid all the rest. Besides the sheriff, those in attendance and the coroner it was necessary to give plenty of hush money to any one who might have the slightest suspicion.

How did they fool those whose duty it was to see the man executed? Come here. The evidence has been in this safe ever since you were born. Do you see this rope loop? It fitted around Rowan's chest. I'll put it on and show you how it worked. I have no horror of it; it saved a life instead of taking one. You see it passes across the chest and under the arms. Higher, where the ends join, is a hook, small, but strong. On the hangman's rope close to the knot was a little loop made of a hundred fine steel wires, and just before the condemned was swung off the hook was pulled up under the coat collar and fastened to the steel loop. Hook and loop were lost in the hangman's coat behind the ear and the victim's coat collar.

Have I ever regretted my act? Never. In a sense I did wrong to work a right, and I don't believe in the principle of doing wrong that right may come. But an isolated case like this doesn't make a rule; it is simply an exception to a rule.

THOMAS KENT WATERMAN.

He Got His Choice.

Mother—Johnny, I see your little brother has the smaller apple. Did you give him his choice, as I suggested?

Johnny—Yes'm. I told him he could have his choice, the little one or none, and he took the little one.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Chicago, Sept. 6.—Following are the opening, highest, lowest and closing quotations in today's markets:

Wheat.
September, 103½, 103½, 102½, 102½.
December, 106½, 106½, 105½, 105½.
May, 108½, 108½, 107½, 108½.

Corn.
September, 52½, 52½, 52½, 52½.
December, 51½, 51½, 50½, 51½.
May, 49½, 49½, 49½, 49½.

Oats.
September, 31½, 31½, 31½, 31½.
December, 32½, 32½, 32½, 32½.
May, 35½, 35½, 35½, 35½.

Pork.
September, 11.00, 11.00, 10.80, 10.80.
October, 11.12, 11.12, 10.85, 10.92.
January, 12.55, 12.60, 12.37, 12.52.

Lard.
September, closed, 6.97.
October, 7.15, 7.15, 7.02, 7.07.
January, 7.17, 7.17, 7.02, 7.19.

Ribs.
September, closed, 7.22.
October, 7.45, 7.47, 7.27, 7.35.
January, 8.50, 8.52, 8.50, 8.77.

Receipts today (three days): Wheat 159, corn 1,679, oats 385, hogs 7,000, cattle 5,000, sheep 15,000.

Estimated receipts Wednesday: Wheat 147, corn 1,119, oats 419, hogs 21,900. Hog market opened steady to strong. Light 5.35@5.70, mixed and butchers 5.65@5.65, good heavy 5.30@5.50, rough heavy 4.65@5.00.

Cattle market opened steady. Sheep market opened steady. Hogs at Omaha 5.000, cattle 5,000. Hogs at Kansas City 7,000, cattle 15,000.

U. S. Yards, 8:40 a. m.—Hog market strong, 50 to 100 higher. Light 5.40@5.75, mixed and butchers 5.10@5.70, good heavy 5.00@5.70, rough heavy 4.70@5.10.

Cattle market slow, but steady. Beaves 2.00@2.25, cows and heifers 1.00@1.15, Texas steers 2.70@4.20, stockers and feeders 2.00@3.85.

Sheep market steady to strong. Hog market closed strong, 50 to 100 higher. Light 5.30@5.60, mixed and butchers 5.10@5.75, good heavy 5.35@5.70, rough heavy 4.70@5.05.

Cattle market closed steady. Sheep market closed steady.

New York Stocks.
New York, Sept. 6.—Sugar 131, Gas 103, C. R. I. & P. 27½, Southern Pacific 59, B. & O. 88½, Atchafson 82½, Atchafson preferred 99½, C. & M. & St. P. 157½, Manhattan 153½, Copper 27½, W. U. Tel. Co. 91, N. Y. Central 124½, L. & N. 124½, Reading common 46½, Canadian Pacific 126½, R. R. T. 55½, Pacific Mail 30½, U. S. Steel preferred 42½, U. S. Steel common 13½, Penna. 126½, Missouri Pacific 98½, Union Pacific 104½, Coal & Iron 14½, Erie common 39½, Wabash preferred 41, C. & G. W. 13½, Illinois Central 129, Car Foundry 19½, Republic Steel preferred 42½, Republic Steel common 75.

LOCAL MARKET CONDITIONS.

Today's Quotations on Provisions, Live Stock, Feed and Fuel.

Rock Island, Sept. 6.—Following are the wholesale quotations in the local market:

Provisions.
Butter—Creamery, 20c, dairy 15@16c. Eggs—Fresh 16c. Lard—9c.

Live Poultry—Spring chickens, \$2.75 @3.25 per dozen; hens 8c per pound; turkeys 10c per pound; ducks 8c per goose 8c.

Vegetables—Potatoes 40c.

Live Stock.
Cattle—Steers \$4.00@5.50; cows and heifers \$3.00@4.00; calves \$3.00@5.00. Hogs—Mixed and butchers \$4.75@5.25. Sheep—Yearlings or over \$3.00@4.00; lambs \$3.50@5.00.

Feed and Fuel.

Grain—Corn 58c@60c; oats 32@35c. Forage—Timothy hay \$9.00@11; prairie 29@30.50, straw \$6.50@7.50. Wood—Hard, per load, \$5.50. Coal—Lump, per bushel, 14c; slack, per bushel, 7c.

S. J. Thompson, Newport—Our daughter was pale and sickly. Gave her Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. Now she's rosy cheeked, healthy and happy. 25 cents, tea or tablets.—T. H. Thomas' pharmacy.

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