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It will indeed be a pity if Rock Island must buy a pump with a pull or none.

The queen of Greece is an admiral in the Russian navy. If the czar had put her in command of the Baltic fleet all might have gone well.

Unlike the victims of Mrs. Chadwick, those who lost money through Banker Dougherty of Peoria are not claiming that they were hypnotized.

Congressman Dalzell of Pennsylvania says the tariff will be revised "by its friends at the proper time." In the opinion of Mr. Dalzell the proper time will be the morning after Gabriel blows his trumpet.

President McCurdy, the Mutual's $150,000 prize president, is being real saucy now, that the New York insurance inquiry is getting closer to the vital points in the management of the "Mutual" institution.

If you were President McCurdy, sitting in a $2,000 chair, on a $12,000 rug in front of a $6,000 desk, and clipping off $150,000 a year in salary, wouldn't you be real angry with any rude legislative committee which sought to interfere in your affairs?

One of the New York banks has adopted a most stringent rule against the use of intoxicants by its employes. Every man in the service of the bank has been required to sign an agreement that he will not even enter any place where intoxicants are sold. Two young men who had signed this pledge were summarily dismissed recently for taking a couple of young women into a fashionable restaurant after the theatre.

District Commissioner McFarland, of Washington, chairman of the national committee to consider the advisability of changing the date of the ceremony for the inauguration of the president of the United States, has issued a call for a meeting of the committee Nov. 8. The committee is composed of the governors of all the states and territories and 15 residents of the District of Columbia. Sentiment favoring a change of date is general, as March 4 in Washington is likely to be the most disagreeable day of the year.

The Lesson of the Hour.

J. Edward Simmons, president of the Fourth National bank of New York, addressed the Maryland Bankers' association the other day. He said that dishonesty in high places in the state, in the judiciary and in our great financial institutions and corporations, and the excuse of such acts by the masses gravely threaten the future of this country. He pointed to the lesson taught by the fall of the ancient Roman republic, the reign of terror in France, and the disasters which befell the Russian arms in the recent conflict in the far east, all of which, he said, were due to palliated dishonesty.

He deplored the conditions which have led men to tolerate the terms "graft" and "grafters," and said he feared the very use of words was an indication of men tolerance of the thief and his trade.

He called upon the members of the association to give their assistance to remedying the conditions which make it possible "for men who pose as the salt of the earth and who condemn without reserve those who steal $50 or forge a check for $100 or accept a bribe, to make themselves millionaires by lying, by misrepresentation, by fraud, and by bribery," without receiving punishment or even criticism, while a man who steals a paltry sum is sent to jail.

He denounced the men of stainless private life, who, "in the interest of corporations, trusts, gas, railroad and insurance companies, have resource to every villainy damned in the decalogue; who do the deed of the highwayman with the air of a saint."

There is wholesome food for earnest thought in President Simmons' suggestions.

Preparing for Development.

The policy proposed by the commercial bodies of Japan for promoting industrial and commercial development is wise and comprehensive and if adopted by the government, as probably it will be, could not fail to have most beneficial results. One of the things recommended is the creation of government commercial agencies. These would be, under judicial management, a great assistance to the commercial interests of the country. Another suggestion is the establishment of floating exhibitions of samples and museums in foreign ports. This might be a rather expensive method of advertising Japan's products, but very likely the results would justify the expense. The improvement of existing railroads and the rapid construction of new railroads is urged and undoubtedly the government will not hesitate to act upon this suggestion. It is to be expected that an era of railway construction in Japan will be entered upon at once and that this most essential requirement for the development of the country will be carried forward with the greatest possible energy. For this purpose the government will have no difficulty in obtaining whatever money it may need.

Japan is going to enter into very active competition with the rest of the world, not only for Asiatic trade, but for business everywhere, and it is safe to say that she will secure her share. Already there is being suggested a union of European countries to protect themselves against a possible Japanese invasion, and a movement of this kind may be made. At any rate it is well understood that Japan is going to be in the race for trade, with the probability that she will keep pretty close to the swiftest.

Democrats Can Win in Congressional Election.

Notwithstanding the tremendous odds against them in a general election, the democrats of the Fourteenth district can elect their congressman in the forthcoming special election if they determine to do so. In the first place, the party never had a stronger or more representative candidate than its present standard bearer, J. Howard Pattee. In the second place, the republican party has not before been so seriously handicapped in its candidate. While nothing should be said against the personal character of James McKinney, his nomination was due to his power and trickery as a politician and not to his popularity with his own party or with the people. Always identified with a political ring, he is essentially and typically a machine politician. In his membership on the state railroad and warehouse commission, which was his reward for party fealty, he had abundant opportunity to develop the rate question that is today agitating the people throughout the land in every state. Instead, he remained subservient to the influences and claims of the railroad interests, the action on the part of the commission in this respect, in which he was a participant, bringing forth the condemnation of the local commercial associations of most of the important cities of the state.

Mr. McKinney has been tried by, for, and in behalf of the people, and has been found wanting. Mr. Pattee has not coveted or desired public favor, but has been true to his political faith and doctrines at all times, regardless of his own interests, personal or commercial. He has stood in line with his party every time, believing that where its underlying principles were of such a character it could not err seriously in the issues that might from year to year develop or disappear.

Mr. Pattee has made an admirable impression during his visit in Rock Island today, many citizens, irrespective of politics, improving the opportunity to greet him, and all have been exceedingly pleased with him.

RAILWAY TIPS.

C., M. & St. P. Excursion Rates.

Home seekers tickets on sale every Tuesday in each month to Nov. 1, 1905 To points in Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota. And every first and third Tuesday in each month to other homeseekers' territory. For further information phone or call at any C., M. & St. P. ticket office.

Less Than Half Rate West and Southwest via Burlington Route This Fall.

Starting the first or third Tuesday of any month during the remainder of 1905 you can make exceptionally cheap but thoroughly comfortable trips to many points in eastern Colorado, Wyoming, western South Dakota, central and western Nebraska, western Kansas, southwest Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico. Tickets good returning within 21 days. Many stopovers allowed. Illustrated booklets and full details are yours for the asking. F. A. Riddell, agent.

DAILY SHORT STORY

A CASE IN DUPLICATE.

[Original.]

Henry and Howard Corwith loved each other devotedly. Henry was four years older than Howard, but looked younger. He had been injured when a child, and this had retarded his development. When he was seven years old a cyclone passed over the town where they lived, leaving the swath of a gigantic scythe behind it. The brothers had been left alone in the house, Henry in charge of it and of his little brother Howard. At the time of the passage of the whirlwind Howard was asleep. Feeling the house crashing down upon them, Henry planted himself above his younger brother to protect him. When several hours later they were taken out from under the fallen timbers, Howard was found to be unhurt, but Henry had received severe injuries.

And now at twenty-six and twenty-two respectively Henry was small and thin and pale, Howard a well developed, stalwart man. Henry felt the same affection for his brother as when he had saved him from death. Howard lived under a constant reminder of the sacrifice Henry had made for him, and it was his aim to heap benefits upon the brother who had taken the burden that had permitted his own development. Howard was never so well pleased as at discovering some want of Henry's that he could supply. The pair were observed by their friends who said that if one brother married the other would receive a blow from which he would never recover.

Fortunately they both fell in love at the same time and with sisters. Henry became engaged to Delia Martin, and Howard soon after became engaged to her sister Belle. It was said that Howard proposed to the sister of his brother's fiancee to save himself from being left with no one to love. However this may be, both brothers seemed satisfied.

Henry Corwith, deprived of the physique with which to live a strenuous life, found compensation in art. After learning all of his profession that could be drawn from American preceptors he resolved to go abroad to study. Belle Martin possessed musical tastes and concluded to take a course of music in Germany. It was agreed that the two should cross the ocean in the same vessel, and upon arrival Henry was to go to Paris, Belle to Berlin. They sailed in the autumn and were to return the following summer.

Howard Corwith endured the separation from his brother and his fiancee as best he could. Howard and Delia had a common interest and naturally turned to each other for comfort. Each found in the other a listener into whose ear to pour a story of enforced separation. Howard talked of Belle, and Delia talked of Henry. The interchange of sympathy was perfect.

Ten months passed. Henry and Belle wrote that they would meet in Southampton and return on the same steamer. Howard's friends, when apprised of his brother's and his fiancee's return congratulated him warmly, but Howard, instead of looking happy over the approaching reunion, wore a troubled look. As the time for the absent ones' return drew near this evidence of some secret dread increased, and on the day of the arrival Howard seemed threatened with nervous prostration.

Delia Martin went to New York to meet her sister, the two girls having arranged to pass a few days in the city. Howard Corwith sent word that he was not well enough to go on to meet his brother and his fiancee, and Henry on reaching port took the first train home. Howard drove to the station for him. At their meeting Henry noticed that Howard looked right past him, avoiding meeting his eye. Henry sighed and bent his head. The pressure of hands was cold and the meeting entirely devoid of warmth. As they drove home together Henry said:

"Fletcher came to see you, I suppose, and brought you the commissions I gave him for you?"

"Yes."

Henry sighed and gazed far away.

"Fletcher told me all about you," said Howard.

"So I supposed," said Henry.

"It was a pleasant season for you and Belle to be together in Switzerland."

"Fletcher spoke of it?"

"Yes."

By this time they reached the house and, alighting, went into the library, where they had so often smoked and talked and exchanged confidences. Then Henry said:

"Howard, this thing is killing you."

"How did you know it?" Howard asked, quickly looking up at his brother.

"I knew Fletcher would give you the facts," replied Henry without noticing the question. "I saw what was on your mind the moment I arrived."

"You are right in assuming that it is killing me. To think that you who have borne the burden for me all these years and must always bear it should have such a brother."

"What do you mean, Howard?"

"I mean that I am a dog. You know it as well as I. But what could I do? We have been thrown together constantly ever since you and Belle went away. I thought I loved Belle. Now I know I love Delia. I have robbed you of her."

Henry went to his brother and threw his arms around his neck. "If you don't know it already," he said, "I'll tell you that I've robbed you of Belle."

Howard looked at his brother in a dazed fashion while he gathered his faculties, then exclaimed:

"Great heavens! Suppose either of us had proved faithless!"

MABEL VANWAGENEN.

ADVERTISERS ARE AROUSED

Want Protection Against False Statements of Circulation.

New York, Oct. 18.—The second annual convention of the International Advertising association is in session at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. Among the subjects to be considered is the passage of laws in all states making it a punishable offense for a newspaper to publish false statements as to its circulation. The convention will consider the advisability of asking congress to pass a law making the violation of the trade mark law a criminal offense.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago, Oct. 18.—Following are the market quotations today:

Wheat.

December, 86¾, 87¼, 86½, 87.
May, 87½, 87⅝, 87¼, 87½.
July, 83⅞, 84, 83¾, 83⅞.

Corn.

December, 44¾, 45, 44¾, 44¾.
May, 44⅜, 44½, 44¼, 44¼.
July, 44½, 44⅝, 44¼, 44⅝.

Oats.

December, 29, 29⅛, 28⅞, 29.
May, 31¼, 31⅜, 31⅛, 31¼.
July, 30¼, 30⅜, 30⅛, 30¼.

Pork.

October, 16.05, 16.20, 16.05, 16.20.
January, 12.50, 12.52, 12.45, 12.47.

Lard.

October, 7.07, 7.12, 7.05, 7.12.
December, 6.80, 6.82, 6.80, 6.82.
January, 6.80, 6.82, 6.80, 6.82.

Ribs.

October, 8.00, 8.00, 7.95, 7.95.
January, 6.52, 6.55, 6.52, 6.52.
May, 6.72, 6.72, 6.72, 6.72.

Receipts today—Wheat 49, corn 126 oats 275, hogs 25,000, cattle 24,000, sheep 32,000.

Estimated receipts Thursday — Wheat 74, corn 196, oats 287, hogs 31,000.

Hog market opened strong. Light 4.95@5.45, mixed and butchers 4.95@5.55, good heavy 4.75@5.55, rough heavy 4.75@5.00.

Cattle market opened steady.

Hogs at Omaha 6,000, cattle 5,000. Hogs at Kansas City 10,000, cattle 15,000.

U. S. Yards, 8:40 a. m.—Hog market steady to a shade higher. Light 5.00@5.45, mixed and butchers 4.95@5.57, good heavy 4.75@5.55, rough heavy 4.75@5.00.

Cattle market generally steady. Beeves 3.40@6.30, cows and heifers 1.25@4.40, stockers and feeders 2.20@4.25.

Shep market strong.

Hog market closed steady. Light 5.00@5.45, good heavy 4.75@5.55, rough heavy 4.75@5.00, mixed and butchers 4.95@5.55.

Cattle market closed steady to strong.

Sheep market closed steady to strong.

New York Stocks.

New York, Oct. 18.—Sugar 139½, Gas 103, C., R. I. & P. 32, Southern Pacific 68⅛, B. & O. 112, Atchison common 87¾, Atchison preferred 104⅛, C. M. & St. P. 179¼, Copper 84½, W. U. Tel. Co. 93¼, N. Y. Central 148¾, L. & N. 151, C. & A. 24½, Reading common 121¼, Canadian Pacific 170⅞, B. R. T. 72, U. S. Steel common 37⅜, U. S. Steel preferred 103⅞, Penna 143½, Missouri Pacific 102¾, Union Pacific 131⅜, Coal and Iron 85½, Erie common 47¾, Wabash preferred 41¾, C. & G. W. 21¾, Illinois Central 178½, Car Foundry 38⅛, Republic Steel preferred 94¾, Republic Steel common 25, Metropolitan 125¼.

ABOUT THE COURT HOUSE.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Rock Island county circuit court, Judge W. H. Gest presiding.

Law.—26, Quinn vs. Allen and Smith. Appeal by defendant. Motion by defendant for continuance overruled. Jury viewed and cause submitted to be tried by the court without a jury by agreement of the parties. On conclusion of plaintiff's case, motion by defendant to find for defendant. Motion overruled. Trial proceeds.

95, Flemming vs. Flemming. Assumpsit. Leave to plaintiff to amend narr by increasing ad damnum to $3,000, which is done. Jury called and sworn, trial proceeds and concluded and jury retires to consider of their verdict. Jury returns a verdict in favor of plaintiff for $2,500. Judgment on verdict against defendant for $2,500 and for costs and execution therefor.

112, Coburn vs. Moline, E. M. & W. R. R. company. Case. Motion by defendant for continuance. Motion allowed and cause continued to next term.

COUNTY COURT.

Rock Island county court, Judge E. E. Parmenter presiding.

Probate. — Estate of H. B. Sudlow. In the matter of the inheritance tax herein. Appraiser's oath taken and filed.

Estate of Nels Anderson. Deposition of Hanna Anderson, subscribing witness to said will filed and approved, and said will admitted to probate.

Estate of August Sundine. Inventory filed and approved. Appraiser's bill and widow's award filed and approved. Widows' relinquishment and selection filed and approved and order turning over property selected to widow.

Estate of John Nystrom. Proof of notice of petition for probate of will made. Deposition of Oliver Olson, subscribing witness to will taken in open court in proof of execution thereof filed and approved. Proof that W. N. Jackson, the other subscribing witness to will has gone to parts unknown, filed and approved. Proof of signature of W. N. Jackson, taken in open court in proof of execution of will, and will admitted to probate.

Estate of Andrew Swanson. Children's relinquishment and selection by guardian filed and approved, and order turning over property selected to guardian.

In re guardianship of minor heirs of Andrew Engdahl. Guardian's annual report filed and approved.

In re conservatorship of William Fleming. Conservator's annual report filed and approved.

GREAT GRANDPARENTS; WED

Son of Wisconsin Groom Husband of Daughter of Bride.

Appleton, Wis., Oct. 18.—In the presence of great-grandchildren of each of the contracting parties, Henry Heinman, a wealthy farmer aged 74, and Katherine Jaekels, aged 67, were married here today. A son of the groom is the husband of a daughter of the bride.

Noted Editor Dead.

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 18.—Thomas Mills Day, formerly editor of the Prospector and Hartford Courant, whose death occurred last evening was the father-in-law of Charles J. Bonaparte, secretary of the navy.

All the news all the time—The Argus.