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Rock Island—From River to River.

Bishop Granville H[illegible] [illegible] —well that [illegible] be it.

[illegible]

The nation as a whole is [illegible] satisfied that there is to be no Hun[illegible] [illegible] at Washington [illegible] March. [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but [illegible] good with [illegible]

Since the beginning of the war more than [illegible] tons of [illegible] shipping has been sunk by the [illegible] of the [illegible]. This [illegible] whole world has been [illegible] among the nations, the [illegible] [illegible] for their [illegible] and [illegible] the United States has lost more [illegible] than Russia, Norway [illegible] Spain, Sweden, Greece and Denmark each more than Russia and Japan together and Brazil nearly as many tons as Belgium. A surprising feature is that the per cent of British shipping sunk in six months was less than that of Norway. Neutrality seems to be a hard road to travel.

Thomas W. Lawson of Boston [illegible] that speculators who had all [illegible] tip on the president's peace note cleaned up [illegible] in [illegible] Lawson, in answering [illegible] Congressman Wood [illegible] who is probing the alleged official leak, does not [illegible] over possibility of his being summoned personally before a congressional committee. On the contrary, he predicts that more money will be made by those with their ears close to the ground in the near future. Thomas plainly indicates that [illegible] the market is a game in which all may take a cue and he [illegible] the powers at Washington [illegible] far as they like in their efforts to discover the combination which works so successfully for Lawson and his friends in the stock markets.

Judge Landis is receiving considerable publicity in the Chicago press for tearing the lid off the bondsman evil, showing a plain connection between crime and politics in the profits of which enterprise men high in the life of the city and state are shown to have participated. The judge is to be commended for the revelations he has brought before the public view, but he has shown nothing unknown to the courts and police authorities generally of Chicago for years. It is a part of the vicious system whose tentacles extend and ramify into every nook of the official life of that city. The difference between Judge Landis and others who could have torn off the lid long before now, because they have always known the facts, is that the former has the courage to speak out against wrong when he recognizes it. In other words, Judge Landis is not handicapped as are the majority of the men in positions of authority in our large cities.

1907 OVER AGAIN.

This is 1907 over again. We are confronted with the same car shortage, the same utter insufficiency of transportation agencies to handle traffic, the same paralysis of manufacturing for lack of raw materials.

We may well leave the rhetoric and the lamentation to those with leisure and taste for that kind of thing; more practical activities should engage us. We must ask two questions: In view of the fact that we went through this same agony in 1907 and recognized its causes then—in fact, had their nature beaten into our heads by such masters of common sense and plain speech as James J. Hill—how comes it that we are no nearer ready now than we were then? And what can we do about it even now? asks the St. Louis Republic.

The answer to the first question may be found in the panic of 1907. The transportation glut, with the terrific waste which accompanies every such congestion, was one important element in that panic. There were other causes, but it was in part a prosperity panic, helped on wonderfully by the most unworkable financial and banking system a civilized nation ever groaned under. The result was a paralysis of our industrial and financial energies, with business at a minimum, our transportation facilities were once again more than ample. We forgot the "menace of prosperity" to a nation that has no way of adequately raising cars of the traffic movement caused by its own business when that business is good. We forgot that the energies of America and the needs of [illegible] would [illegible] bring back the same old situation, with the same old blunders and wastes. We [illegible] [illegible] We know that the railroads were not so situated as to be able to get money for needed extensions to keep up with the expanding business of the nation. But [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the United States ought to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]—SELECTED BY CLYDE TAVENNER.

PRESIDENT LOOKING FIT.

[illegible]

[illegible] striking confirmation [illegible] [illegible] appearance of the president. While he has [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

In no other government [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

A healthy, cheerful man never [illegible] [illegible] and so long as the president is well, [illegible] happy and confident of himself we shall not suffer the worst that might happen to us.

COMMERCIALIZING RING

If Willard and Carpentier meet in the Madison Square Garden, New York, it is more than likely that a new record will be made in the commercialization of the prize ring, a process that has been going on since John L. Sullivan won $[illegible] in his fight with "Paddy" Taylor nearly forty years ago.

Prior to that great gory era the prize fighter's [illegible] of the money game for the winning fighter. Tom Sayers fought [illegible] Heenan for a thousand dollars a side in 1860 and gained so much glory that he opened a public house on the strength of it. The first prize fighter to possess real money was Charley Mitchell, and it was about the time of his earliest meeting with Sullivan that gate receipts began to become fame, as the fighter's reward, and thereafter to pave the way for higher [illegible] and the many avenues [illegible] by unscrupulous fight promoters.

The men of an older day fought with bare knuckles and sought hard, sometimes on boats anchored in midstream and sometimes in deserts where the prize fighting was illegal. Now gloves have made possible the enormous sums that Willard, Carpentier and the promoters will draw. It is probable that the receipts from tickets, "privileges" and moving picture rights will exceed anything recorded in the prize ring. And it is equally probable that a great many women will view the fight.

APPROVES SHORTER HOURS

Cincinnati—"The economic argument that industry can thrive only with a long day and that any curtailment of it would be destructive, was [illegible] very effectively by the fact that shortening the working period even to eight hours almost invariably increases the quantity and improves the quality of output."

Dr. Frederick S. Lee, professor of physiology in Columbia university, thus answers the question, "Is the eight-hour working day rational?" at the American Public Health association's meeting here.

Dr. Lee made it plain he was not in any sense considering the political aspect of the eight-hour problem.

"The eight-hour problem is primarily a problem of physiology. If the physiological effects of any kind of labor are bad, its conditions ought to be changed," he said. "This is fundamental, and should precede any consideration of the economic and social effects of a change in conditions. Labor produces fatigue, and, when continued further, exhaustion.

"In fatigue the physiological powers are weakened, and in exhaustion this may pass on to increased susceptibility to disease, neurasthenia, [illegible], intemperance and even crime. Excessive industrial work is often responsible for these serious results."

DOUBLY DISAPPOINTED.

"When a man pays an election bet," said Uncle Eben, "he doubles his disappointment. He feels dat he wasn't able to save either his money or his country."—Washington Star.

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The Rights of Childhood.

[illegible] remember the story [illegible] General Gage and the Boston boys; get your son to tell it to you. General Gage was a Britisher who commanded an army and the Boston boys stood him and his army on their heads because they got in the way when the youngsters wanted to play. We may not have gotten the story just right, but it was something like that. The Boston youngsters, we are quite positive, sent a delegation to General Gage with an ultimatum and the warrior recognized. He was a gallant gentleman [illegible] notwithstanding all the [illegible] things that have been said about him. He recognized the rights of childhood.

[illegible] winter comes [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which is not often at all that should be left to skate on and hills to coast on. If there are no ponds it is the business of the council [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] a pond is made" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the children [illegible] of [illegible] a big city [illegible] grown-ups. It is a simple thing to [illegible] a pond [illegible] a [illegible] of land and water. And as for sliding down hill, if teams and automobiles get in the [illegible] [illegible] streets, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

But about the pond. Perhaps some [illegible] [illegible] that the boys are no longer [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] We [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the country, of course, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Think that a boy who had a dog [illegible] and a pair of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ought to [illegible] [illegible] of time for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] much else. You are wrong. Just the surest thing you know, you are wrong. That boy wanted—what do you think? Skates. He dreamed about skates. He prayed about skates. And he had his doubts about Santa Claus, that boy, but just to be on the safe side, not being inclined to miss any bets on an important matter, he asked God to tell Santa Claus not to forget just which boy it was that wanted the skates. Well, the skates came. They were on hand Christmas morning. They were good skates, too. They cost three dollars. Most of the fellows now would think much of three dollars. But that boy had never had that much money. It sounded like an eternal fortune to him. All that boy knew about money was that it was mighty hard to get. That boy would have worked a day for a penny and would have thanked the man who paid him for being so generous. That's a [illegible] fact.

But about the skates. There they were! Christmas morning. But just the same the boy cried pretty nearly all day. It was raining, that's why, and there was no [illegible]. The boy's father, a fine man and a gentleman [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] were most important in that boy's scheme of things.

But what we are getting at was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there was no ice. But the [illegible] [illegible] of Christmas day [illegible] [illegible] When we think about that boy's grief [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we are sure that [illegible]

[illegible] what a long time ago it was, those days in the [illegible] What a lot of water [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and how little [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the grief of children are sometimes [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] some little [illegible] [illegible] grief and withhold [illegible] comfort! Jamestown (Pa.) Democrat.

HEALTH TALKS
BY WILLIAM BRADY, M.D.

Play Boys of the Town.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the matter with the [illegible] [illegible]. For several [illegible]

[illegible]

If it is a habit to arrest boys for playing ball on the streets for stealing a ride on the trail, for [illegible] a [illegible] street, or for any of the thousand and one [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] make your boys [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Let [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Ample ground for [illegible] [illegible] we need. And a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] our boys too heavy.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Woolen Socks for Perspiring Feet.

I note that you advise [illegible] [illegible] wool [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Answer: [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of formaldehyde [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Rice As Food.

I eat a large dish of rice every day. I am told it will thin the blood. Would like your advice about it. M. H. B.

Answer: Rice is a pretty nourishing food. Cooks [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] polished rice is a cheap food, pretty but poor in vitamines.

THE CANCER PROBLEM.

The man in the street generally thinks of cancer as a hopelessly incurable disease which has attacked many of his friends and relatives and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] talk about. It rarely occurs to him, remarks the Popular Science Monthly for December, that as [illegible] a serious mistake. Not, however, that he should lie awake nights worrying about the matter. An [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] should merely stimulate a person of healthy intelligence to learn how to avoid the disease.

Cancer is indeed more common than most people realize. In 1914 there were [illegible] deaths from all forms of cancer in the United States registration area, which comprises about [illegible] per cent of the population of the country. If the same rate of fatality prevailed in the states and cities outside the registration area, over [illegible] persons in the continental United States must have succumbed to this malignant disease during the year. In his recently published book, "The Mortality from Cancer Throughout the World," Frederick L. Hoffman estimates that during the [illegible] years ending with 1915 there were [illegible] deaths from cancer in the United States, and that the total of deaths from this disease in all civilized countries is not less than [illegible] annually.

GARY ON SUCCESS.

In the January American Magazine Judge Gary gives his recipe for success. He says about a young man:

1. He should be honest, truthful, sincere and earnest.
2. He should believe in and preach and practice the golden rule.
3. He should be strong and healthy, physically and morally.
4. His habits and mode of living should be temperate and clean and his companions selected with regard to their character and reputation.
5. He should possess good natural ability and a determination constantly to improve his mind and memory.
6. He should possess a good education, including particularly the fundamentals, such as mathematics, grammar, spelling, writing, geography and history, and also a technical education concerning the lines he proposes to follow.
7. He should be studious and thoughtful, keeping his mind upon a subject until it is mastered.
8. He should be conscientious, modest but courageous, energetic, persistent, even tempered, economical, faithful and loyal to his friends and the interests he represents.

CHORDS AND DISCORDS

FRIBERG'S dance hall, one of the plague spots of the old Chicago underworld, has blossomed anew, according to the newspaper reports, having grown so bold under the tolerant eye of the police authorities that the neighbors have filed protest with the mayor. That official in turn has ordered an investigation. If the inquiry follows the usual procedure, the manager will be duly notified of a forthcoming personal investigation by the committee and will make amends and preparations accordingly. The committee will find nothing more than a merry crowd of folks, all betraying an air of respectability and observing all the conventions that one might hope for in a public dancing resort. In fact the committee will be advised that the atmosphere morally is no different than it is in the high class cafes of the city where the better classes, so-called, tip their high balls and whirl in the merry. Thus will the Friberg dance hall once more be vindicated, at least in the eyes of Chicago officialdom. And the neighbors can continue their protestations of [illegible].

THERE appears to be on foot a conspiracy to spoil a very efficient county prosecutor in Chicago. Folks who assert they are friends ambitious for his future are talking Maclay Hoyne for mayor. You will recall that once they proposed William Hale Thompson as a candidate for the presidency. William Hale has not been the same since.

THE new [illegible] pieces are ready, Washington announces. Most of us are going to still be satisfied with the old ones, however. You may not be aware of the fact, but an old one will get you just as far as will a new one.

TWO newspaper reporters interviewed Mary Garden at her hotel in Chicago upon her arrival in that city. To one she talked of the war in Europe and the prospect of many [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. To the other she told the story of her pet [illegible] and how its absence would prevent her appearing in one of her favorite operatic roles. On the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] The fellow who talked about the war [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Tribune's [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the "World's greatest newspaper."

OUT in Kansas an actress has sued her husband for divorce on the grounds of non-support. First time we knew that a husband was supposed to support his wife in the show business. It has long been a rule among theatrical managers to insist on married couples appearing in separate companies.

AMONG the couples who have been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are Mr. and Mrs. [illegible]

"Five is Busy."

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] were delightfully entertained at a little party in the parlors of the telephone exchange where they work Tuesday evening in honor of their birthdays [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Asheville [illegible] [illegible]

VILLA, so the dispatches say, has promised that he will not kill any more Americans. Well, he never did [illegible] their way into the same sock—and that will be the sock of Villa.

FIVE thousand of the faithful have applied for positions under the Lowden administration. If the colonel carries through his retrenchment program he will have about three hundred jobs to give out. There ought to be enough disaffected votes to form the nucleus of a new political party in Illinois.

ONE [illegible] is authority for the assertion that the chorus of the new Follies [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in a previous edition of that entertainment. This item is printed at the suggestion of a representative of a railroad that operates several trains daily between the tri-cities and Chicago. He says the passenger business has not been as lively as it should be at this time of year. In this connection women are warned to question closely their husbands when they say they are called to Chicago on business these days.

MISS Jeanette Bates is to be assistant attorney general of Illinois. She is said to be the first woman to fill that position in the United States. Jeanettes appear to have a corner on political preferment in 1916. There is Jeanette Rankin, the Montana congresswoman, you know. "It [illegible] the [illegible] now [illegible] [illegible] are getting to the front," says our friend Murphy.

PEACE at any price seems to be the sentiment in Germany. Berlin, we take it, is stealing Wilson's stuff.

IN New York a supreme court justice has ruled that babies are still people. Now what classification is the pet poodle to draw?

CARL Rabe remarked in circuit court yesterday that he didn't think he got a square deal in being sentenced to the penitentiary for 27 years for taking the life of Charles W. Krueger. Carl, one gathers from the evidence offered at the trial, ought to feel grateful that he was not made the guest of honor at a necktie party.

SPEAKING of peace, the Swiss movement ought to be fairly dependable. At least we all shall watch and see.

J. M. C.

The Daily Story

How a Debt Was Collected—By William Chandler.

Among the strange people in the world the strangest to me are those who consider it their duty to give largely, but who in transactions of a business nature are inordinately mean.

Such characters are common among rich men, whose motive usually is to make something, even out of their donations—men who don't hide their light under a bushel. But Miss Euphemia Baxter was not at all such a person. Few knew of her charities. She supported an old woman for years who had been an intimate friend of her mother's. At the same time she beat her laundress down to starvation prices. She lived in a hall bedroom herself and spent a lot of money fitting up a home for an invalid aunt. It was the furniture to go into this house that I sold Miss Baxter.

Failing in sending out my regular collector, I thought I would try a woman. She came away after a tongue skirmish that decided her never to undertake such a task again.

I had a salesman, Frank Emery, in my employ, a good looking young fellow with one of the pleasantest smiles I ever saw on a man's face. Where other persons would scowl he would smile. He was invaluable as a salesman, especially since most of my customers were women. One of the other clerks used to say of him: "One of Frank's smiles sells a washstand, another sells a bureau, and when he shows me side grinders it means a whole bedroom set."

One day Frank said to me, "Mr. Higgins, what'll you give me if I collect your debt from Miss Baxter?"

"I don't think any one can collect it, Frank," I replied. "I fancy the lady went in debt for it and has never been able to stop giving long enough to accumulate the amount of the bill. You can't squeeze blood out of a turnip."

"I'll tell you what I'll do, Mr. Higgins. I didn't have any vacation last summer. The dull season is on now, and you can best spare me. Give me a few weeks' vacation and I'll try if I can get your money."

I acceded to his terms and, giving him a statement of the account, $142—sent him off to collect the debt in any way he might be able. The boy said that he'd get it in installments, giving a [illegible] for each installment.

Three weeks passed before I heard a word from my collector. Then one day he came into the store, smiled and handed me the amount of Miss Baxter's indebtedness. I asked him how he had managed it, but he did not seem inclined to tell me. Indeed, he looked rather serious about it. This surprised me, for I had never known him to look serious about anything. But I got the story out of him piecemeal.

He had gone to Miss Baxter and told her he had heard that she was a tender hearted person. Would she kindly interest herself to get him employment? He was hungry and [illegible] [illegible] worse, a custom suit, and he was not very strong. He could not do manual labor.

Quite likely it was the smile that did the business. Miss Baxter gave him the wherewithal to get something to eat while she was hunting a job for him. He put away the money and she found plenty of jobs. But either they required too much strength or Frank was especially unfitted for them. He kept accepting donations from her to pay the lady having [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] him to do so and only some promise that he should be permitted to return them as soon as she found a position for him. He very soon [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all the ready money she possessed, after which she began to sacrifice what few valuables she owned. Really, never a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which she greatly needed.

I declined to take money obtained in this way, which appeared to be a great relief to Frank. Having started out to collect the debt in his own peculiar way, he was bound to [illegible] the matter to the bitter end. He managed to preserve his equanimity till she had [illegible] up her winter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. This broke him up. He [illegible] [illegible] return the money to Miss Baxter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] done.

Before the first [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of her [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] was obliged to double his salary [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I told him of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

"It's not on his own account, sir, Mr. Higgins," he said, "but I [illegible] I am engaged, and this [illegible] [illegible] me to marry."

"Who is the lady, Frank?" I asked.

"Miss Euphemia Baxter."

"Great Scott!" I exclaimed. "You don't mean it!"

"I do. The truth is that while I was getting money out of her to pay her debt to you I was getting [illegible] [illegible] At last, instead of trying to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] she would sacrifice herself for [illegible]

"Have you [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] deceiving her?"

"You bet I haven't and I never will. I've got the money and gave [illegible] [illegible] I'm trying to find a way [illegible] [illegible] her to help her with [illegible]

"I hope you'll succeed. She's [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and they shall be [illegible] [illegible]

Day in Davenport

Diamond Thief Catcher Penalized.—For failing to report at police headquarters [illegible] [illegible] during the time he was busy in arresting the man who stole $[illegible] worth of diamonds from the Hailey home, Davenport Sergeant Walter Homeyer has been sentenced by Chief of Police Charles Boettcher to work five days without pay. County Attorney Jebens will take the case before the police and fire commission. The police sergeant was working under his orders in arresting the thief. "I know of several instances where men on the department did excellent work and were [illegible] for doing so by the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the department," the county attorney said today. "Instead of a man being censured when a good job is done, the whole department should join hands in giving him credit for work well done." The chief claims that he did not even know the [illegible] diamonds had been stolen. "People asked me about it on the street," he said, "and I thought they were kidding me. I had heard nothing about the robbery at all."

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Deputy Sheriff May Be Commissioner.—J. J. Hartman, deputy sheriff, has been brought forth as a candidate [illegible] [illegible] in the fight over the appointment of a street commissioner. His term as deputy sheriff expires Jan. 1. Mr. Hartman has made a remarkable record for efficiency as deputy sheriff. Other candidates for the position are John Homeyer, Charles L. [illegible] and Albert J. [illegible]

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May Lose Salary for Month.—Because he is alleged to have neglected his department and city duties for over a month, City Engineer Allen R. [illegible] may lose his salary from the city for the month of December. This was [illegible] rumored. Alderman Hoech is expected to present a resolution at the council meeting next Wednesday to this effect. The resolution, it is understood, will charge the city engineer with being out of the city for nearly a month, during which time it will allege that he did not attend to the duties of his department.

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To Pick Streets for Coasting.—As a move toward giving the children of the city [illegible] streets on which to coast, Mayor John Berwald has written a letter to the principal of each of Davenport's public schools in which he asks for suggestions. Chief of Police Charles Boettcher has assigned a number of special men to watch coasting in the city. He favors the setting aside of Ripley street and Mississippi avenue for coasting purposes. A guard must be posted at the intersection of each street running across the coast. [illegible] the right of way, the chief said. This is necessary in order to prevent collisions. Unless this precaution is taken, he said, coasting will be stopped.

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Aldermen Retain Counsel.—To represent them and plead their causes in the hearings to be conducted by the city council relative to the formal charges of attempted graft filed Wednesday evening, Alderman J. C. Pressler has retained Attorney W. M. Chamberlin and Alderman William Moeller has engaged Attorney Walter Balluff. Attorney Chamberlin said that he had not yet received a copy of the formal charges. "I have no statement to make until I receive a copy of the charges," he said. He said, however, that he intended to be present at all sessions of the council when they started meeting on Jan. 18 to probe more deeply into the alleged graft charges. "I do not know whether or not the council will grant the accused aldermen to be represented by legal counsel," he said, "but [illegible] I have received no intimation to the contrary."

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Jackson Is to Put Up Defense.—[illegible] [illegible] Andrew Chester has [illegible] [illegible] by Mayor Jackson as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] alleged to have [illegible] [illegible] by Jackson have been [illegible] Jackson's Davenport [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] local authorities. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] County Attorney [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Walter Homeyer [illegible] [illegible] the details of his operations [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Obituary Record.—[illegible] [illegible]

George H. McMillan [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a lingering illness. He was born [illegible] 3, 1864 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] death of their infant son [illegible] [illegible] occurred yesterday. The [illegible] was but two days old and was the first child in the family.

HIS SALE METHOD.

"Since I have given up [illegible] [illegible] to the problem I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] she goes shopping," said the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that it had me considerably [illegible] [illegible] But now I [illegible] put the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] read and smoke in peace."—Judge.

Daily History Class—Dec. 29.

1170—Archbishop Thomas à Becket assassinated; born about 1117.

1808—Andrew Johnson, seventeenth president, born; died 1875.

1812—The United States frigate Constitution defeated and captured the British frigate Java off San Salvador. The Java lost 60 killed and 101 wounded out of 400 men.

1874—Espartero, Spanish statesman, died; born about 1792.

1915—Germany's probable peace terms announced unofficially at Berlin. They included independence of Poland, no annexation of territory, restoration of German colonies and a big indemnity.