

HER CANDIDACY.

Edna Snell - Poulson's Only Campaign.

SEEKING THE NOMINATION.

Obstructions Placed in the Way of a Woman Who Wanted an Office in Iowa.

In these days when women are entering upon so many new fields of activity, and doing so manly a service in the front ranks of all educational and reform movements, it is pleasant, now and then, to hear the stories of those who have been pioneers in the work of obtaining for women that recognition which their zeal and prowess in all good work have of late years shown them to merit.

Twenty years ago, however, all this was different. There were women teachers then, as now, and women were even then finding their way into the other learned professions, but women in political positions, particularly in positions to which good, comfortable salaries were an adjunct, were about as rare as snowflakes in California, and as far between.

The modern point of view, too, is so radically different from that of twenty years ago that many things that would have been deemed entirely radical many ideas that would have been thought to verge upon the revolutionary—have now taken their places as commonplace and generally accepted.

Nearly every dweller in the literary and social Acadia of the sister cities knows Mrs. Edna Snell Poulson, but while all her acquaintances know her as a clever, cultivated woman of fine taste and high attainments, only an intimate few of her friends have seen her in the role of a candidate.

It was twenty years or so ago that the Republicans of Mahaska County, anxious to "get the matter before the people," resolved to nominate a woman for County Superintendent of Education.

It was a proud day for the little Quaker schoolma'am, whose orthodox was a vexed question then as now. The Hickses, deacons, and the Gurneys were bigoted, while the Gurneys were radical, maintaining that they alone were the guardians of the true Quaker faith, and the different representatives of other beliefs were slanted in declaring that only theirs were the teachings of pure religion and undefiled.

The little schoolma'am, whose orthodox had never before been called in question, was divided between grief and indignation. Had our forefathers come to this? Had our righteous wrath served her to a far fiercer battle than she would otherwise have made, and she determined to have that nomination were such a thing possible.

Accordably the system of and thoroughly canvassed the whole county, making speeches like an old campaigner and winning friends wherever she went, until, when the Fourth of July drew near, she was invited to give the oration at the grand annual gathering by which Mahaska County always celebrated Independence day.

All Mahaska County was there to see the procession, eat a picnic luncheon and hear the lady candidate speak. The other candidates were all present as well, but Miss Snell was the drawing card of the day. Her oration was a great success. The gray beards and staid mortals in Israel who had seen Friend Snell's Edna grow up from babyhood—the young men and women who had played and studied and visited with her since childhood, and the small fry, who only knew her as "Miss Snell, principal of the High School," were alike impressed and delighted with her eloquence and address.

PIOUS PILGRIMAGE

The Comedie Francaise at Pezenas.

WHERE MOLIERE GAVE PLAYS

An Old Languedocian Town Which Formed a Chapter in the Wandering Actor's Life.

A little sentiment mixed with business is not an unreasonable thing, argues Jules Claretie, director of the Comedie Francaise, especially as in the case of the great dramatic company the State pays a large part of the expenses.

So it was that the celebrated novelist in making up the summer itinerary of his charges determined that the big cities should not have the monopoly of the pleasure of seeing and hearing the artists of the Theatre Francaise.

There was one little place down in Languedoc which should have a show. Although an ancient town, like many of its fellows in France its glory has departed, and it is a question if many persons ever heard of Pezenas. It was not so, however, two centuries ago. When Louis the Great was King Pezenas enjoyed the distinction of being the meeting place of the States General of Languedoc.

Now it happened that this illustrious company had good luck during several seasons in obtaining a star, whose reputation has since become world wide. His name was Poquelin and in consequence of his Bohemian aversion to paying his bills and other necessities he found Paris too hot to hold him for a number of years succeeding that of grace of 1646.

All this and more, also, are known to Mr. Jules Claretie, who is an erudite beside presiding over the histrionic company whose proudest title is the "House of Moliere." With a feeling of gratitude, therefore, to forget Pezenas he decided to give a performance of Moliere's "Malade Imaginaire" in that ancient town.

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Worse Than the Police. Judge—Were there no policemen about when your fruitstand was robbed? Antonio—Oh, ya, plenty policemen; but dey rob not so much as this man.—Puck.

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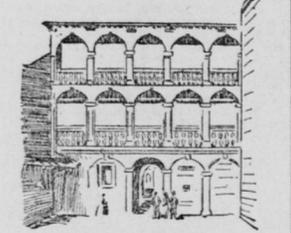
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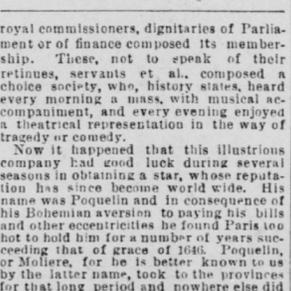
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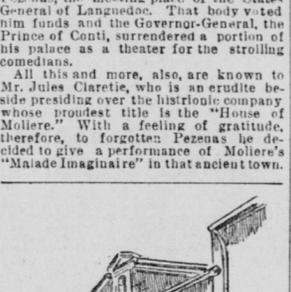
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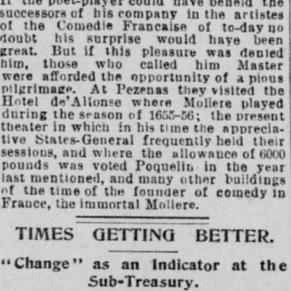
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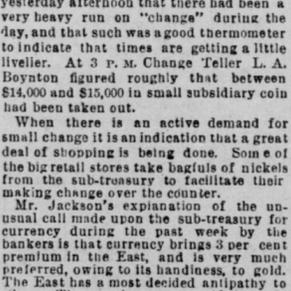
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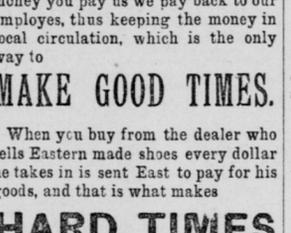


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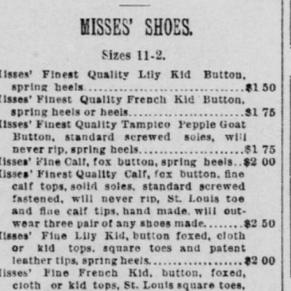
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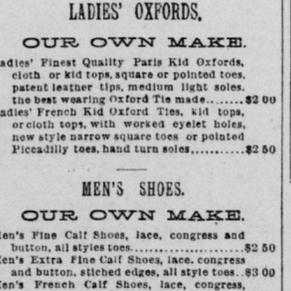
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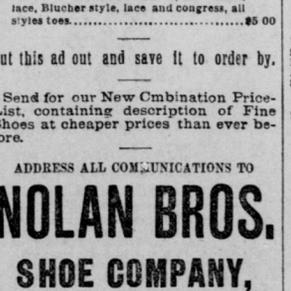
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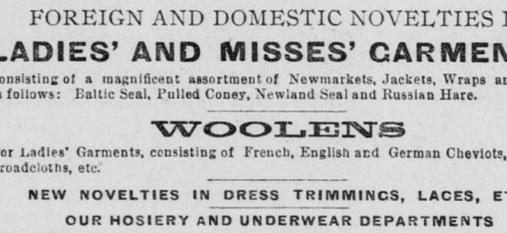


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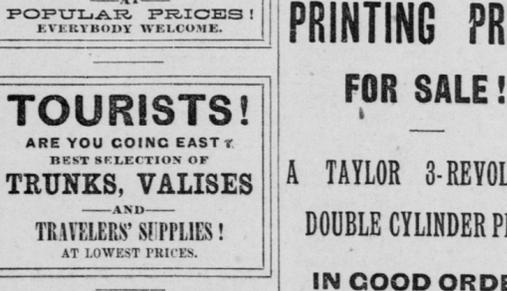
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