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Nevertheless the Igorrotes should be prevented from eating dogs until the character of the American dog has been improved.

The Russians are hoping that all games in the Manchurian league will be postponed on account of wet grounds and rain.

Pedicularis has determined to come to the United States, and he will without doubt be one of the open-cage attractions at chautauques.

There is more inspiration to make men truly great in one conversation like that in session at St. Louis than in a dozen of the cut and dried kind that recently assembled in Chicago.

It might be settled by saying that the national republican party is more in earnest over reciprocity now than it was when the idea was first suggested. That would allow all factions to stand on the platform.

Democracy has again shown to the world in its national convention a forum wherein men of conviction meet and adjust honest differences regarding men and measures with but one end in view—that of their country's good.

July 5 was American Boy day at the world's fair. There were not so many of him in attendance as there would have been had not the previous day been the Fourth. He was doing business with the toy pistol then and he is not so numerous now as he was.

The explanation, which it is hoped the public will accept, for the present high prices of beef is that the packers need the money. A contributory idea is found in the fact that the men who believe there is too great margin between the live stock quotations and the price of dressed meats decline to do the slaughtering to test the matter.

In their conquest of northwest Sumatra the Dutch are proving their ability to kill women and children by the hundred, which leads to the belief that they will in time suppress the men by cutting off the supply. At first the killing of the women and children may seem brutal, but the warriors of Wilhelmina regard it as deep strategy.

Gus Danguisse, a resident of Portland, Ore., was brought before Justice Hoyne of the municipal court charged with ill treating his wife. The evidence showed that he had choked the woman brutally. The court directed Officer Goetz, an immensely powerful man, to choke the prisoner in order that he might have practical knowledge of how his wife suffered. The officer obeyed with a will, holding the wife-beater until the brutal fellow became limp. Then Justice Hoyne sentenced him to 30 days in jail.

President Hadley, of Yale, tells of being requested to lecture in a city some distance away not long ago. His train was late in arriving at the place and he was earnestly concentrating his mind on the address he had prepared. Jumping into a cab he handed the driver \$2 and shouted, "Drive fast." The horse started off with a plunge and kept up his rapid gait for half an hour, going up one street and down another. Finally the professor stuck his head out of the window and asked: "Are we nearly there cabby?" "Damn, mister," was the astonishing reply. "Where did you want to go?"

As an illustration of carrying military discipline too far this story is told by Gen. N. A. Miles: "There was a certain colored man in the middle of a campaign was seized with a sudden ardor about hygiene. He ordered that all his men change their shirts at once. This order was duly carried out except in the case of one company where the privates' wardrobes had been pitifully depleted. The captain of this company was informed that none of his men could change their shirts, since he had only one apiece. The colonel hesitated a moment and said firmly: 'Orders must be obeyed. Let the men change shirts with each other.'

The Detroit Free Press discovers that the fact that this is a leap year carries with it an effort apt to be overlooked, which is that the annual

expenses of governing the nations will be considerably increased by the inclusion of the extra day. This comes home with the greatest force to those governments which have the largest armies to feed and provide for. The French budget commission was met by the fact that the one day will add to the expenses of the war office for 1904 a sum of nearly 800,000 francs, which will be expended in rations for the men who forage for the horses. When all the various state departments are separately considered the total sum runs into several millions of francs.

Policy and Personality.

All voters should remember that they do not vote for any candidate for president directly—they vote for a party with policies. The Republican policy, if approved by a majority of the voters, is to drift along and trust that good crops and high prices will continue and claim that any measure of prosperity is of Republican manufacture. These voters who are enamored of rough riding and strenuousness should understand that Mr. Roosevelt is but a small spoke in the wheel of the party that has nominated him and that he must carry out Republican policies such as the leaders dictate and the platform calls for.

When Mr. Roosevelt accepts the nomination his letter of acceptance will show that he thoroughly indorses all that the Republican party stands for. He cannot object; he must approve. The rule of the party is stronger than personality, and to object, even not approve, all that the Republican platform declares to be the policy of that party would be disastrous to any candidate. To vote understandingly and conserve their own interests the voters must investigate and decide between the policies of the two great parties.

Civil Service Reform.

Local civil service boards are often the most ultra partisan, and instead of the road to an office under the government being opened to all, if they can pass the necessary examination, only friends of the party in power have any such opportunity. For instance, the civil service commission has discovered in a New England town a secretary, the chief executive officer of the local board, who frankly declared that he had been in office five years and that the Democrats would have a share in the administration of this government as long as he could keep them out.

All of which goes to show that although civil service reform may theoretically have strong points in its favor it can be and often is but an aid to the Republican machine. Under our form of government every citizen has the right to aspire to any office he is competent to fill, and unless we want to establish an officeholding class, who must be pensioned when age disqualifies them, appointments for four years would seem to be the best solution of the problem.

CHICAGO-DENVER TIME IS REDUCED BY MILWAUKEE

With a new time card effective tomorrow, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway will eliminate two hours and forty-five minutes from the running time of passenger trains between Chicago and Denver.

Under the schedule that has been prepared, the Overland Limited train, operated jointly by the Union Pacific and the St. Paul, will reduce its time between the two cities from 28 hours and 45 minutes to 26 hours.

The distance between Chicago and Denver is considerably over 1,000 miles, which means a rate of about 40 miles an hour for the entire distance.

Eastbound the time will be cut even deeper than westbound, three full hours being eliminated from the schedule between Denver and Chicago.

By the arrangement the Overland Limited of the St. Paul road will leave Chicago at 8:05 p. m., and arrive in Denver at 8 o'clock the following night. Eastbound the train will leave Denver at 4:20 p. m., and arrive in Chicago at 9:55 p. m. the next day.

To line up with the new schedule the train now leaving Chicago at 9:45 a. m., will be operated only as far as Omaha, and its leaving hour from Chicago will be changed from 9:45 a. m. to 7:15 a. m.

The reduction of time between Chicago and Denver makes the St. Paul a central figure in the transportation world between the east and the Rocky mountains.

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Black Hawk Homestead Building Loan & Saving association of Rock Island, Illinois, will be held at the office of the secretary in Beugston Block in the city of Rock Island, on Tuesday evening, July 19th, 1904, at the hour of 8 o'clock, for the purpose of electing four directors, and the transaction of such other business as may be necessary to come before it.

E. D. SWEENEY, President.
T. J. MEDILL, Secretary.
July 18, 1904.

A Nice Trip for \$1.

Leave Rock Island on the steamer Helen Blair at 4 p. m. Sunday, Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Arrive in Muscatine at 7 p. m.; returning home, leave Muscatine on the Rock Island at 10 p. m., or the Milwaukee at 10:25 p. m. Round trip tickets for sale by F. W. Black, agent. Both phones.

At the bottom of good manners there are always three things—self sacrifice, self control, self respect.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

DAILY SHORT STORY
A Thunderbolt at Sea.

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This was the situation at 10 o'clock of a fine June morning many years ago: A big English sailing ship called the Kangaroo, one of the last of the Australian packets, was lying becalmed off the African coast to the south of St. Helena, and three miles away was a rakish brig, also without movement. The brig had crept out from the coast during the night under the influence of a light breeze to flare a candle. As was afterward known, she was a Spanish rover called the Celeste.

The Kangaroo would not have been put in a state of defense but for the passengers. Many of them became nervous at the sight of the brig, and to quiet them—and at the same time exercise the crew the guns were cast loose, small arms served out, and the peaceful packet was turned into a man-of-war.

There was a providence in it. When the stranger saw that he was suspected he threw off all disguise. Of a sudden his decks were alive with men running about, and later on four boats were lowered and filled with armed men. They were coming to attack the Kangaroo. They must have known that she was armed and had a strong crew aboard, but the pirates of old were men to take long chances. When the boats left the brig's side we counted fifty-two men in all, and it seemed as if as many more were left behind. The black flag was hoisted, and there could no longer be a question as to the sort of men we had to deal with.

The passengers of the Kangaroo to a man volunteered to assist the crew, and we were presently prepared to give a good account of ourselves. We could not long before the pirates reached us that they comprised several nationalities and that they were a desperate lot. The boats divided as they came on, and when within a mile of us the fellows began cheering.

Our first shot was from one of the big guns and could not have been better. It struck one of the boats fair on the stem and split her open full length, and of those not killed outright only two or three were picked up. The disaster only made the rascals the more desperate. Raising a yell, the three remaining boats dashed at us and were soon so close that the big guns were of no further use.

We met them with bullets and buckshot, and we have cold shot into their boats as they hooked on, and no gang of pirates ever got a harder drubbing. Although we lost two men killed and several wounded, not an enemy got aboard, and only two boats and eighteen men returned to the brig.

That night the damaged spars were replaced, shot holes plugged up, and there was no reason why we should not safely make the Cape.

When daylight came we congratulated each other over our victory, and the captain had just decided to make a sort of holiday in honor of the event when a thunderstorm came racing up behind us, and in the midst of the black cloud was the pirate brig. Instead of sailing away in search of a haven or other prey when she had repulsed damages she had picked up our trail and was going to give us another brush.

Such grim persistence at first brought a feeling of fright, but this soon gave place to one of grim determination to fight her to the death and show her no mercy. When we had her crippled the night before we could have destroyed her, but Captain Wilson simply sailed away. He now promised the crew to sink her if he could, and there was cheering as the men went to the guns.

Down came the black cloud, and with it down came the pirate, with his black flag flying, and as he ran up on our port quarter at half rifle shot he opened fire. His first shot struck a gun and killed three men, and his second wounded five men. Then the storm broke, the sea increased, and, although the firing continued, no great damage was done on either side.

Daylight was turned into evening by the storm. There was heavy rain, with gusts of wind and the keenest of lightning and the loudest of thunder. Our decks were ankle deep, but every man stood to his gun and continued to fight. As the darkness increased the brig crept closer to us, and during the last ten minutes of the fight one could have heard a stone above of her.

One saw her in the play of the lightning and for an instant could almost look into the eyes of the men aboard, and then for a few seconds she would be lost in the darkness. So terrific and continuous was the roll of thunder that the reports of the guns were unheard. You felt the concussion along the deck, but the report was lost in the war of the elements.

Loading and firing every gun which would bear as fast as possible, the Kangaroo rushed forward on her course and, hanging to her quarter like a bulldog to his prey, followed the Celeste. Of a sudden there was a great crash aloft, and down came fore and main topmasts together. The men were called from the guns to clear the wreckage, and the ship was in danger of broaching to and being swept when there came such a flash of lightning as seemed to burn the eyeballs. This was followed by a thunderclap which seemed to lift the ship out of the water, and then fifty pairs of eyes saw a great spout of flame shoot up out of the sea. In the midst of the flame were masts, yards and sails and flying objects.

The brig had been struck by lightning, and her magazine had blown up. There was a puff, a boom, a gust of red flame, and that was the end. She was blown into matchwood, with her black flag whipping in the gale and her crew working at the guns, and the last pirate craft to plow the south Atlantic was no more. — M. QUAD.

COURT HOUSE RECORD.

Real Estate Transfers

July 8.—C. H. Pope et al to L. P. Strayer, lot 12, block 179, East Moline, Moine, \$300.
D. S. Metzgar to Mrs. M. B. Shaw, part outlot 62, 25, 19, 1e, \$260.
E. H. Guyer to Henrietta Wehrend, lots 1 and 2, block 59, East Moline, \$600.

In County Court.

July 8.—Estate of Frederick Valentine. Claim of Charles A. Stromberg allowed in class 7 at \$144.08. Claim of Charles A. Valentine allowed in class 7 at \$795.50.

Estate of Mary O. Wheelock. Inventory filed and approved. Final report of administrator filed. It appears that no further notice is necessary. Said final report approved. Said administrator discharged and estate closed.

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Miss Julia Uttenhove Moline

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Chicago, July 8.—Following are the opening, highest, lowest and closing quotations in today's markets:

Wheat.
July, 89 1/2, 90 1/4, 88 3/4, 88 3/4.
September, 87 1/2, 87 1/4, 87 1/2, 87 1/4.
December, 83 1/2, 83 1/4, 83 1/2, 83 1/4.
Corn.
July, 48 1/2, 49, 48 1/4, 48 1/2.
September, 45 1/2, 45 1/4, 45 1/2, 45 1/4.
December, 43 1/2, 43 1/4, 43 1/2, 43 1/4.
Oats.
July, 38 1/2, 38 3/4, 38 1/4, 38 1/2.
September, 32 1/2, 32 1/4, 32 1/2, 32 1/4.
December, 30 1/2, 30 1/4, 30 1/2, 30 1/4.
Rye.
July, 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2.
September, 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2.
December, 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2.

Lard.
July, 6 1/2, 6 1/2, 6 1/2, 6 1/2.
September, 7 1/2, 7 1/2, 7 1/2, 7 1/2.

Ribs.
July, 7 1/2, 7 1/2, 7 1/2, 7 1/2.
September, 7 1/2, 7 1/2, 7 1/2, 7 1/2.

Receipts today: Wheat 9, corn 125, oats 76, hogs 16,000, cattle 1,000, sheep 2,000.

Estimated receipts Monday: Wheat 18, corn 164, oats 190, hogs 35,000.

Hog market opened weak to 3c lower.

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Cattle market opened steady.

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Cattle market closed steady.

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Cattle market closed unchanged.

Sheep market closed steady.

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