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BEN BUTLER and staff, reviewed

St. Patrick's procession in Boston.

Ben is only practicing now.

Mr. Rosewater and Doctor Miller

are having a rather personal controversy,

all arising out of local affairs in Omaha.

THE land commissioner down in

Arkansas, is behind only \$11,000; he

is to be sued for the amount of de-

ficit.

INDICATIONS are, that the democ-

rats will endorse the independent

candidature of the notorious Sprague

in Rhode Island.

AFTER October first the new reducing

postage system will go into effect, when

this country can claim a postal system

superior to that of any nation on the

face of the globe.

THE last congress enacted a law

which the postoffice department is to

issue "postal notes" representing some

less than five dollars in the form of cer-

tificates payable to bearer the person

procuring the same paying there-

for each one. This will

prove a very great convenience to

the public in making small transac-

tions by mail. No advice has been sent to

the paying office.

THIS week the much noted prohi-

bition amendment to the Iowa consti-

tution will again be overhauled before

the supreme court of that state, sitting at

Council Bluffs. The arguments pro and

con naturally attract great interest, both

on account of the eminent counsel em-

ployed on either side, as well as the great

gravity of the question involved, which

must result, either in upholding or ac-

cepting aside, the express will of the sov-

ereigns of that great state, plainly ex-

pressed at the ballot box.

THE controversy just now being waged

between the Lincoln Journal and the

Omaha Bee over the action of the late

legislature in attempting to disperse the

newspaper syndicate of this state who

have a monopoly of telegraphic news is

becoming interesting, but these gentle-

men do not yet seem to have reached the

question as to whether the telegraph

companies ought to be permitted to sell

their news to a few at a price which ex-

cludes the many. We don't believe any-

body ought to have a monopoly on

lightning.

WHAT do the people of this city say in

regard to the diagonal road? The facts

are placed before this people today by

the HERALD and it remains for you to

answer. With the HERALD this seems

to be a question of the utmost impor-

tance to Plattsburgh; a question de-

manding the immediate attention of

every citizen, and an opportunity if lost

that will forever remain a reproach to

the city. When cities like Des Moines

with a half dozen railroads radiating in

every direction become so enthusiastic

and recognize the worth of the diagonal

is to them, what must the road be worth

to Plattsburgh? Men and brethren it re-

mains for you to answer.

WEeping WATER is to have a prom-

inquiry. Our informant says it will con-

tain all the latest most approved ma-

chines and appliances for handling and

cure of the milk and cream, and will

be of capacity to warrant a good market

for surplus milk within a radius of

the slander suit now on trial in an

Indiana court of justice, in which

Mrs. Helen Gougar, the temperance

advocate, figures as plaintiff, has at-

ttracted some very ungenerous, unchi-

vistic and malignant criticism and com-

ments against her from a number of

respectable journals, from whom the

public had a right to expect something

entirely different.

What, we may enquire, is this

woman's offense? That she is not a

pure, good woman? No, not one bit

of it. Helen Gougar's offense is that

she is a fearless, outspoken enemy of

the liquor traffic. She is an advocate

—and an able one, too—of the enact-

ment of prohibitory laws for the sup-

pression of the evils of intemperance.

This is her offense and nothing more,

and whether she is right or wrong in her

views upon this question, should have

no weight with the opinion of any

fair-minded man or woman in regard

to the villainous and cowardly charges

made against her fair name and fame

by the advocates of the whiskey traffic.

The fact is, this interest, unable to

meet this woman's arguments before

the better classes of the public, seek

to destroy the little woman and her

arguments, both, by this attack upon

her private character, and wisely, or

unwisely, Mrs. Gougar has been brave

enough to call her traducer into a court

of justice, there to make good his ac-

cusations.

The history of the world has shown

to the most careless observer, that the

advocate of every reform movement,

whose object is the suppression of some

great evil, have to submit to the assas-

sins of mankind upon private

character. The agitation of the liquor

question in this state has furnished an

example in this respect.

We may differ, and honestly differ,

as to the propriety of woman entering

the political arena to engage in the

work of overthrowing the liquor power

of this country; but they who honestly

believe in the propriety of woman

being permitted to assume an equal

position with men in the affairs of

government, but this difference of opin-

ion can have no weight with the ques-

tion of her fair treatment when she

seeks so to do. To our mind there is

nothing grander than to see the

women of this country entering the

lists against the evils of intemper-

ance, nothing more fit nor appropriate;

it should be accorded woman as a di-

vine right, to protect the hearthstone,

where she rears her children. It is by

agitating the stagnant waters of the

pool that they become purified. Helen

Gougar has a perfect right to make

war upon the liquor traffic of this

country, and when her private charac-

ter is maliciously assailed by this in-

tolerant power, she has a right to

drag her traducer into court; and

every man with blood enough in him

to make a square meal for a dyspeptic

maestro, should at least be willing to

accord her a fair trial without at-

tempting to prejudice the public

against her in advance.

Water Works.

The question of the establishment

of water works in Plattsburgh city

should not be allowed to rest until de-

finite action has been had in the mat-

ter. It is no way to do, to wait until

a city has some twenty thousand in-

habitants, and is spread over broad

acres in territory, like Omaha or

Lincoln, for instance, then there is al-

ways a contest by conflicting local

interests and business centres over

such enterprises, also the expense is

very great to supply every portion of

of a large city with a complete sys-

tem of water works. Now is the

time to institute this enterprise in

our city by first supplying the busi-

ness portion of the city, and then ex-

tending the water works throughout

the balance of the corporation as it is

demanded, and the people feel able to

bear the expense. We wish our read-

ers to peruse the following item from

the Weeping Water Republican of

last week, and see what that enter-

prising town is about:

"An Omaha firm, Elliott & Wood,

climbers and steam fitters, having

heard of the advantageous location of

Weeping Water with a view to cheap

and effective water works, were in

town early this week, accompanied

by surveyors looking up the matter.

Being crowded for time this week,

we haven't room to give even a dis-

tinct description of their plans. They

talked the business, the business, and

would have been in and out in half

an hour, had not the city engineer

been so kind as to detain them. They

cost of the works would be the city

expense, and the other giving the

rent they would require should they

ever get the works on their own ac-

count, which they are willing to do.

We understand a public meeting of

our citizens will be called on the ar-

rival of these propositions, for the

purpose of taking action on the same."

Mr. Curtis, of Harpers Weekly is

hard to please. If the New York cu-

tom house was abolished, we think the

country might get on for a time very

pleasantly with Mr. Curtis. As it is, we

are a top to the country, or Mr. Curtis

either, for that matter; this time the

trouble seems to be with Mr. Curtis's

promotion. Now if there is any one thing

in the world a thoroughbred civil

service reformer objects to, it is a rise in

office without a corresponding advance

in salary. Mr. Curtis' claims seem to be,

that it is no promotion if you don't

promote the salary with the man, and

Mr. Curtis very pertinently asks, "What

effect will this proceeding have up on the

service?"

We can see but one way out of this

bobble in New York politics, and that

is to either abolish the New York cu-

tom house or let Mr. Curtis have the

sole control of all the patronage be-

longing to it. That would fix it.

RUSH FELLOWS, of the Auburn Post,

was married at Pekin, Ill., the other

day, to Miss Eunice Sage, of that place.

Rush was almost raised in Plattsburgh,

and is well and favorably remembered

here by all of our good people, who re-

joice at his success in life. Miss Eunice

Sage is also well known by many of our

people, having spent a summer in Platts-

burgh a few years ago, visiting relatives

here. Everybody and THE HERALD,

join in congratulations and prayers for

the future weal of the bright young

couple. Below we give a clipping from

the Peoria Journal containing the details

of the happy event:

"At the residence of Mr. and Mrs.

Henry Sage, corner of Fourth and St.

Mary's streets, last evening, there were

assembled the relatives, and a few in-

imate friends of Miss Eunice M. Sage, to

witness her marriage to Rush O. Fel-

lows, son of and proprietor of the Auburn

(Neb.) Post. Miss Sage has always re-

sided in this city, and for several years

past was teacher in the high school

building, and many years the organist at

the reformed church, being a natural

skilled organist and a young lady of

many accomplishments. The wedding

was a quiet one, owing to the severe ill-

ness of her mother. At eight o'clock

promptly the young couple made their

appearance in the parlor and were con-

fronted by Rev. E. F. Livingston, who in

a pleasing but impressive manner, in a

brief service, pronounced them man and

wife. The bride looked charming, at-

tired in white silk gipsy lace. Orange

blossoms and acanthus were entwined

in her hair, with a bouquet of the same.

The groom was attired in the usual suit

of a married man, with a boutonniere

blossom on his buttonhole bouquet, and

his

They were the recipients of many val-

uable presents, among them one from

the bride's grandfather, a handsome, also

one from the members of the reformed

church. After the congratulations had

been extended a sumptuous repast was

served in the parlors, a collation which

will leave no doubt as to the success of

the wedding. The bride and groom de-

parted for their home at ten o'clock.

THE HERALD will publish the names of

the guests who were present.

WM. HEROLD and SON

desire to state to the public that

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