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3d " J. M. WILKER  
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## CIVIC SOCIETIES.

CLASS LODGE No. 146, I. O. O. F.—Meets every Tuesday evening of each week. All interested brethren are respectfully invited to attend.  
PIRRO LODGE No. 81, A. O. U. W.—Meets every alternate Friday evening at 8:30 P. M. in the hall. Transient brethren are respectfully invited to attend. E. F. White, Master; Workman, E. A. Fette; Foreman, E. J. Morgan; Overseer, J. E. Morris; Recorder.  
CLASS CAMP No. 32, MODERN WOODMEN of America.—Meets second and fourth Monday evening of each month. All interested brethren are requested to meet with us. L. A. Newcomer, Venueside Counsel; G. F. Niles, Working Altar; D. B. Smith, Ex-Chief; W. C. Willets, Clerk.

PLATTSMOUTH LODGE No. 8, A. O. U. W.—Meets every alternate Friday evening at 8:30 P. M. in the hall. Transient brethren are respectfully invited to attend. L. S. Lockwood, Master; Workman, L. S. Lockwood; Foreman, W. E. Boyd; Overseer, S. C. Wilde; Recorder, Leonard Anderson; Ex-Chief, J. W. Johnson.  
McCONIHIE POST 45 G. A. R.—Meets every alternate Friday evening at 8:30 P. M. in the hall. Transient brethren are respectfully invited to attend. J. W. Johnson, Commander; C. S. Taylor, Senior Vice; J. A. Bates, Junior Vice; G. H. Niles, Adjutant; August Paris, Sergeant; G. M. Malone, Treasurer; Charles Ford, Quartermaster; Benj. Humpal, Surgeon; James G. Egan, Quarter Master; Albert Wright, Post Chaplain. Meeting Saturday evening.

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## LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

### Weather Indications.

For Nebraska: Fair weather, light to fresh variable winds, generally westerly, warmer, followed by slightly colder weather.

### Cenereous Beatrice.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 23.—The board of trade of Beatrice, Neb., yesterday telegraphed \$100 to Mt. Vernon, Ill., to be used for the benefit of the cyclone sufferers.

### Damages for Slander.

SALEM, Ill., Feb. 23.—The jury in the slander suit of Charlotte Beier against Chas. Sackles, tried in the Circuit Court here, found the defendant guilty, and fixed the damages at \$350. The suit was for \$5000. The parties are residents of Central City. Mr. Sackles is president of the board of trustees there, and one of the substantial citizens of the county.

### Burial of Vicente E. Meanero.

CITY OF MEXICO, VIA EL PASO, TEX., Feb. 23.—Tuesday the remains of Vicente E. Meanero, a prominent member of the Press Association and an ex-Captain of the army, were buried in the French cemetery. Mr. Meanero will be remembered in the United States as Vice President of the Mexican editorial excursion that visited that country in the summer of 1885.

### Declared Free of Duty.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—In the appeal case of the Michel Plant and Seed Company from the decision of Surveyor of Customs at St. Louis, assessing duty at the rate of 20 per cent ad valorem on certain bulbous rooted-plants, the Secretary of the Treasury Tuesday decided the articles in question to be free of duty, as claimed by the appellants, and notified the surveyor to refund the duty collected.

### Started For the Pen.

AURORA, Neb., Feb. 23.—Sheriff Shenberger went to Lincoln yesterday with Laf Scott, who goes to the penitentiary for two years for stealing old man Wiley's team.

### Treasury Retrenchment.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—The Secretary of the Treasury has decided to issue an order cutting down the forces in the Federal buildings of the country. The appropriation for janitors, elevator men and that class has run short. There must be effected a saving of \$60,000 between now and the end of the fiscal year the 30th of June. The order will cause a good deal of talk and will inconvenience the public considerably as well probably cause the stoppage of the Custom House elevators at St. Louis and other principal cities.

### A Boarding House Malady.

RALEIGH, N. C., February 23.—The guests at a Charlotte boarding house are alarmed at a strange state of affairs. Since last Saturday they have grown so fat that their most intimate friends would scarcely recognize them. A horse drover named Irwin was the first upon whom the sudden fattening process was noticed. He at once called a doctor, who said he was suffering from erysipelas. Sunday morning the other boarders and the landlady felt the same malady. Their faces are puffed and swollen and each has a high fever. The doctors are puzzled over the queer cases.

### Dakota Statehood Movement.

Fargo, Dak., Feb. 23.—The leaders of the division and two States movement have become satisfied that if any action is had by congress it will be in the direction of a single state, which they want defeated at all hazards. Col. Meyers, one of the leading divisionists, has just returned from Washington, and declares that the only way that Dakota can get admission is to set up a state government and carry it on, regardless of whether congress will admit the senators and representatives or not, and Gen. Campbell declares whatever is to be done in the next three years for statehood must be done in the next three months, and that the example of Kansas must be followed. In pursuance of these views, a conference of the most radical divisionists has been called and it is believed it will be decided to revive the state of Dakota that has slumbered for two years, and attempt to put it in operation without consulting the powers at Washington. Should congress fail to submit an enabling act it is feared this movement will have a local support that will make it formidable, and demand action by the government.

## THE DEAD.

Only to touch once more the "vanished hand,"  
Only to hear the silenced voice to hear,  
Only to know the hovering shade is near,  
That the blank veil, no man can understand,  
Falls between us, and the mysterious land  
Where they are dwelling, whose holiness is clear  
Our granted prayer would crush the doubt, the fear,  
That twines in sorrow's cord the bitter strand;  
So, from the vigil of the sheeted Dead,  
So, from the grave with its tenebrous flowers,  
The waiting from the hearts uncomfited,  
Goes up to heaven through all life's lonely hours;  
As soft as dew the answer from above:  
"For thee I lived, I died, whose name is Love."  
—All the Year Round.

## RUSSELL SAGE THINKS

### That the Tone of the Press is Not Improving—Pointed Suggestions.

Your queries in relation to "Newspapers as they are and ought to be," I have thought over a good deal, and will endeavor to answer as you put them.

1. I think that the tone of the modern press is not improving as the years roll by. I do not think that an editorial column, or any part of it, should be given up to prize fighters—how they live, what they eat and drink, who they in the past have whipped and who in the misty future they are going to whip. I do not think that journalism should make heroes of mercenaries and then blame "sentimentalists" for taking interest in the idols journalism has erected. I do not think that four or five columns of a paper should be filled with the details of a dog, cock, bull or prize fight, or with a scandal. I do not think that a respectable family should be humiliated because one of the heads of that family was found dead in a house of ill-repute by the publication of the poor, weak creature's name. The moral of the story was quite plain, and no one single individual was served when that family name was dragged through the waste pipes of journalism; on the contrary, to many it brought shame, blighted prospects and self-imposed ostracism. I do not think that the heads of our great dailies should wield rapier or bludgeon upon each other in their respective papers. If the head of the house acts like a rowdy, what can one expect of the rest of the family?

2. I think that the "tone" of the modern press can be improved by every one in it using the pen in a gentlemanly and public place and with pen in hand; by no writer penning a vicious line anonymously—or a lie; by no writer penning anything about any individual he or she would not be willing to be held responsible for; by writers realizing that the "freedom of the press" should not degenerate into the "license of the press"—by, in a few words, living up to the good old golden rule.

3. My ideal of a good newspaper is, one that shall be (1) clean, (2) able, (3) honest, (4) brilliant. One that shall devote as much space to literature as to "sport" (of the dog fighting, rat bating kind); one that shall give a dead "plug ugly" line (if it is in the way of news) and a dead man who has done something in the world, for the world, many lines; one that shall not wrong its readers to please its advertisers; one with some reverence, some respect for good and great men and things. Very truly yours, Russell Sage.—Boston Globe.

### Old Valentine's Day Customs.

Notwithstanding the old time practice of relieving or changing valentines when some one was drawn that was not quite so pleasant to the one who drew that name, there seems to have been a disposition to believe that the person drawn as a valentine had some considerable likelihood of becoming the associate of that party in wedlock. At least, we may suppose that this idea would be gladly and easily arrived at, where the party drawn was at all eligible from other considerations. There was, it appears, a prevalent notion among the common people that this was the day on which the birds selected their mates. They seem to have imagined that an influence was inherent in the day, which rendered in some degree binding the lot or chance by which any youth or maid was now led to fix his attention on a person of the opposite sex. It was supposed, for instance, that the first unmarried person of the other sex whom one met on St. Valentine's morning in walking abroad was a destined wife or a destined husband. Thus Gay makes a rural dame remark:

Last Valentine, the day when birds of kind  
Their paramours with mutual chirpings find,  
I early rose just at the break of day  
Before the sun had chased the stars away.  
Afield I went, amid the morning dew,  
To milk my kine, (for so should housewives do,  
The first I spied—and the first swain we see  
In spite of fortune shall our true love be.

### The Good Fruits of Confidence.

My experience with criminals, when I was on a district bench, taught me that there was no man devoid of manhood. Place anybody, however depraved, on his manhood, and you will observe his eye brighten up. I have taken men who have been convicted of serious offenses, and after sentencing them to the penitentiary, have said: "Now, I intend to place you on your manhood, for I believe you have manhood in you. I will give you a mittimus, and the marshal will provide you with money to go home and bid your family good by. After you have stayed there a day or two I want you to report at the door of the penitentiary named in the papers; you will receive and serve out your sentence like a man. And when you are through I want you to return to me, and I want to see what can be done to restore you to the confidence of your fellow men in society." I never was disappointed in a man I thus trusted, and those convicts whom I have helped on their return from prison have always been faithful to the trusts imposed upon them.—Judge Gresham in Indianapolis Journal.

### Ladies Who Can Talk.

There are some ladies who can hold their own in after dinner speeches, if you please. And should not every lady, as well as every gentleman, be able to acquit herself creditably in this social field? Miss Kate Sanborn is always capable of making a bright little speech with a neat turn in it. Mrs. M. Louise Thomas, president of Seneca, is a dignified and serious speaker. Mrs. Ellen Archard Connor is a particularly pleasing speaker, who puts genuine humor into the work. Mrs. Isabella Beecher Hooker can keep her audience tittering with laughter. Rev. Ebenezer Higginson lifts her listeners upward. She is always the same sweet spirited soul, with a mind above all foolishness.—New York Press "Every Day Talk."

## SHORTHAND UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

### Picking Up the Principles of Stenography While in a Military Prison.

Picking up one of the aisles of the hall of representatives the other day I noticed Congressman Holmes, of Iowa, writing shorthand.

"Are you a stenographer?" I asked.

"Yes," he replied; "I followed it as a profession for several years, while I was studying law. I was the reporter for two courts in my state."

"Then you make the third member of the present house who is a shorthand writer by profession."

"Yes; Pitt, of Illinois; Ford, of Michigan, and myself answer to our names when the roll of stenographers is called."

"How did you happen to learn?"

"I picked up what I know of shorthand when I was a prisoner at Columbia, S. C., during the war. I always had a fancy for learning it, but never got the time, and while I was in prison I thought it would not only be a useful thing to learn, but that the study would be a much better mode of passing away time than playing cards or whittling puzzles. I had great difficulty in getting a book, however, and it cost me \$20 in greenbacks, all the money I had in the world. I first offered the grand \$5 for a shorthand book, and finally raised him to \$30. It was an awful price."

"Was then worth about two cents on \$1, and my \$20 in greenbacks made the guard rich; but he said he would be shot if he was discovered, as orders prohibiting the guards from communicating with the prisoners were every strict and rigidly enforced. Col. Seaman, the brother of the Confederate admiral, was the commandant of the prison."

"Well, when I got my book I studied six, eight, ten hours a day. Any fool can learn shorthand by practice, but very few people ever practiced as diligently as I did, and in a few months I was a proficient writer. As soon as I learned the signs I began reporting by taking down the conversation of the other prisoners, and nearly every word that was uttered in my presence for several months was faithfully reported. It was the best sort of practice, and it not only kept me from getting homesick, but furnished an interesting diversion for the rest of the fellows."

"Where did you get your paper?"

"That was the greatest difficulty. My original supply I got by trading the buttons on my coat for it. The paper was coarse Manila stuff, but it was thick and strong, and I got a rubber, so as to erase one day what I had written the day before. A few sheets thus lasted me a good while. I was only 19 years old, so that it was a very useful experience to me; and when I came out of the war I had a profession. Stenographers were scarce in the west then, and I went into a profitable business at once. Since I have been practicing law it has also been of great use to me, for I can take down the testimony of witnesses, or such as I want of it, verbatim, and use the system in many other ways."—St. Louis Republic.

### Singular Trio on Broadway.

In upper Broadway is frequently seen a singular trio. Its most striking figure is a man servant, of the English pattern, who wears a high hat with a band of cloth around it and a dark blue coat, reaching to his knees, and doubtless covering a more ample liverly. He is as stiff as though frozen by the blizzard, and his countenance is utterly expressionless. He can take down the testimony of witnesses, or such as I want of it, verbatim, and use the system in many other ways."—St. Louis Republic.

### Feminine Swells as Photographers.

The feminine swells of New York have gone into photography. So many a glass rosette has been seen in Fifth Avenue and its neighborhood is the resort of one or more fair photographers, and in several cases photographing parties are held by appointment once a week. A practical man is hired to manipulate the plates, and the results are reached at the time and place of meeting. The girls pose the human objects, aim the camera, and within half an hour see the photographs completely mounted on cards. The pictures range from artistic prettiness to clumsy conceit. Composite photographs, showing the antagonized faces of a whole coterie, are a favorite fancy. Again, the usual caller is liable to be invited by his young hostess into the conservatory, not for a sentimental chat among the flowers, but to sit before her lens. If she be a beautiful and bewitching creature, and she says, as she uncaps the lens, "Look straight into my eyes," the "pleasant expression" of the bewildered and fascinated fellow is apt to be a singular depiction of silliness and embarrassment. Perhaps that is part of the enjoyment which she obtains from the instrument.—New York Letter.

### Oysters for Chicago.

The pleasing intelligence is made public here that nearly all the oysters which Chicago consumes and others have been eating are subjected to such vigorous hydropathic treatment as to render them practically without flavor. It is explained that the "shuckers" in the Baltimore packing houses in opening the oysters throw off all the liquid, as they are paid so much a gallon for "solid meats." The oysters are then thrown into a larger caldron holding about a barrel, and as soon as it is filled a stream of cold water in the shape of a spray is turned upon the oysters for considerable length of time for the purpose of bleaching them and blanching them. The practical effect of this is completely to deprive them of their original flavor; but, as if this was not enough, a large piece of ice is put in a barrel and the oysters are then poured into the barrel and the barrel headed up. In this condition they are shipped to Chicago. Over 1,200,000 barrels of oysters were shipped to Chicago from Baltimore last year, and after being subjected to the cheering process of an all rail ride to this city their condition is in no wise improved.—Chicago Cor. New York Tribune.

## The Daylight Store.

Just after our inventory, we reduce prices to sell the goods rather than to carry over. We are willing to sell our entire Winter Goods at cost. Staples we have a large quantity and offer them very low. Calicoes 3 to 5 cents per yard, making the best standard of them at 20 yards for \$1.00. Gingham best dress styles 10 cents per yard. Dress goods all kinds at the very lowest prices, from 5 cents per yard upward. Woolen hose we offer at cost, extra fine. Ladies cashmere hose, worth \$1.00, now 75 cents, fine heavy wool 40 cents, now 30; children's fine ribbed worth 50, now 30. Under wear must go at low prices, as we will not keep them over.

Our Gents Silver Grey Merino Shirts and drawers, former prices 50 now 35.

Our Gents Silver grey merino shirts and drawers, former prices 75 now 50.

Our Scarlet all wool shirts and drawers fine quality \$1.00 now 75 cents.

Our scarlet all wool shirts and drawers, fine quality \$1.25 now 1.00.

Our scarlet all-wool shirts and drawers, fine quality \$1.75 now 1.25.

Our scarlet all-wool shirts and drawers, fine quality \$2.00 now 1.40.

## Ladies' Underwear, EQUALLY AS CHEAP.

Our 25 per cent. discount on cloaks, is still good. We are determined to close out our entire stock and never before has such an opportunity been offered to economical buyers to purchase the best qualities for so little money.

Joseph V. Weckbach.

## Announcement Extraordinary

To the Citizens of Cass and Adjoining Counties:

Great Closing Out Sale of the old and well known DRY GOODS, CARPETS, AND MILLINERY Establishment of SOLOMON & NATHAN. COMMENCING MARCH THE FIRST.

On account of the continued ill-health of Mr. Solomon, and his removal to his farm recently purchased in Fillmore county, our Plattsmouth House will be discontinued, and we offer, commencing March 1st, our entire stock of Dry Goods, Millinery, Carpets, etc., regardless of cost or valuation, for cash, to close the business. All parties indebted to us are respectfully requested to call at once and settle their accounts.

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