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MINOR MENTION.

The monthly meeting of the Ganymede Wheel club will be held at the club rooms Monday evening.

The Junion Order of United American Mechanics will install officers at its regular meeting next Wednesday evening.

The Pottawattamie County Teachers' institute will open tomorrow in the Bloomer school for a three weeks' session.

Rev. George Muller will deliver an address this evening at Liberty hall on "Independence Day Fallacies." All are invited.

The work on the new road from the west into Fairmount park is now entirely completed and the public will have its first chance to use it today.

James Nicoll now holds down the position of district court bailiff with a great deal of dignity. C. G. Peterson, the former bailiff, will spend his time in the county jail.

The injunction case of M. M. Robinson against Captain O. M. Brown, involving a piece of residence property on First avenue, was on trial in the district court yesterday.

S. P. MacConnell fell while attempting to board a motor train yesterday afternoon at the corner of Main street and Ninth avenue, and was severely bruised, but not seriously injured.

Harmony chapter, No. 25, Order Eastern Star, will hold a special meeting in Masonic hall Wednesday, July 11, for the purpose of initiation. All members of the order cordially invited.

Mr. J. C. Bixby of this city has received an appointment through Major Humphreys of the War department as inspector of the steam heating machinery in the new buildings at Fort Crook, Neb.

Mrs. J. P. Selleck has written the police of this city from Chicago asking about her husband, who was to have joined her in Chicago. He was to have reached here June 26 from Fremont, Neb., but never did so, as far as can be learned.

Mrs. Frank Davis, a sister of the railroad evangelist Jennie Smith, has just received word from the latter of the death on July 1 of her fellow laborer and co-worker, Miss Addie Sherman. Many persons remember Miss Sherman and her warm exhortations and earnest work among the railroad boys of this city during her short sojourn here.

John Evans died at 8 o'clock yesterday morning of tumor of the hip, aged 37 years, at the residence of his brother, W. M. Evans, 2220 avenue B. He leaves a mother, three brothers, and one sister, all residents of Council Bluffs. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon at his late residence, Rev. E. W. Allen officiating. The remains will be buried in Walnut hill cemetery.

There is talk of having a celebration of Labor day in this city this year. It has been customary for the laboring men of this city to join with the labor unions of Omaha in their annual celebration on the first Monday in September, but labor matters have had such a boom here this year that there is a probability that a celebration will be arranged under the auspices of the local union recently organized.

Judge Lewis heard arguments yesterday in the case involving the ownership of the union depot property. George F. Wright and other members of the depot company asked that a deed to the property, executed by T. J. Evans, the receiver, in favor of E. E. Hart, be set aside, on the ground that the consideration was insufficient. Judge Lewis took the motion under advisement. He will hold no more court until Friday, the 13th.

F. B. Oskey, the fellow who was arrested for running a bicycle fence and picking up his stock in trade around the streets of Council Bluffs and Omaha, was brought up from Glenwood yesterday morning by Constable Baker, the Mills county authorities having consented to his release in order that he might be tried on the more serious charge. He will be given a preliminary examination in Justice Vien's court on the 18th.

For sale, cheap, two lots on Broadway near postoffice, 25 feet and 50 feet. Homes for men of moderate means at low prices, easy payments. Fire insurance written in the best companies. Lougee & Towle, 235 Pearl street.

Real estate is cheap in Council Bluffs. We can sell you a home, a vacant lot, a fruit or garden farm cheaper than ever. Now is the time to buy. Day & Hess, 39 Pearl street.

Meyers-Durfee Furniture company, 336-338 Broadway. Bargains in fine furniture.

Domestic soap outlasts cheap soap.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Rothert returned yesterday from a visit to Chicago.

Miss Stapf and Miss Mame Blanchard are visiting with friends at Brock, Neb.

Miss Ida Lull of Joliet, Ill., is visiting Mrs. W. W. Lunger, 704 Hazel street.

J. D. Franklin, who has been seriously ill, is slowly improving, but is still confined to his bed.

Mrs. F. H. Hill and daughter, Zoe, are expected home from Madison Lake, Minn., this morning.

G. H. Jackson has gone to Spirit Lake to spend a week with his family, who are rusticating there.

Miss Maud Robinson left Thursday for Hastings, Neb., where she will spend six weeks visiting relatives.

Miss Etta Maxwell of the office of the United States court is in Keokuk during the present term of court.

Miss Brownie Virgin, who visited Miss Josephine Vincent last week, has returned to her home in Burlington.

Mrs. Hewitson has returned to her new home on Park avenue from a two weeks' visit with friends in Lincoln and Orleans.

Judge and Mrs. E. E. Aylesworth, accompanied by their daughter and son, will go to New York this week for a visit with friends for some time.

Emmet Tinley, Ovide Vien, Thomas Maloney, J. B. Fulton, George Treynor and Herman Schurz leave today for a week's vacation at Noble's lake.

Phil M. Crockett, postmaster of Coin, Ia., and one of the best known men in his part of the country, was in the city yesterday chaperoning a carload of fine horses.

J. R. Snyder, the commission man, has been made sole agent for "Quirye," the latest discovery of Dr. Koch of Berlin. It is a tasteless distillation of quinine, with pepsin and the best rye whisky, and is pronounced a royal remedy for dyspepsia. It can be sold anywhere without federal license.

Evans Laundry Company.

520 Pearl street. Telephone, 290.

The laundries use Domestic soap.

Hospital Finances.

The treasurer of the Woman's Christian association reports the receipts for June as $664.16, of which $132.44 was from patients; $275.50 from meals served during the encampment; $43.53 donated from State Savings bank, and $200 as a loan.

There was paid for hospital expenses $126.48; for encampment expenses, $65.93; on the Hollenbeck note, $100, and for the paving tax, $340.57; leaving a balance of $29.68 in the treasury.

During the month there were four patients received and six discharged, the present number being twelve.

Donations were received from Mrs. J. T. Baldwin, Mrs. J. Stewart, Epworth league, Mrs. Spaulding, Miss Butts, Mrs. I. Odell, H. C. Raymond, Mrs. Butts, Mrs. G. Phelps, Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Bandollet. The value the basket donations was $43.50. Miss Butts and Mrs. Graratte are solicitors.

The Eagle laundry plant has been greatly enlarged and improved, and we are now prepared to turn out a large amount of strictly first-class work. Neglige and colored shirts ladies' waists, etc., a specialty. We guarantee not to fade warranted colors. Telephone, 157. 724 Broadway.

Best all wool ingrain carpets, 65c during July, to make room for new stock.

COUNCIL BLUFFS CARPET CO.

NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS

I. U. Barrett Trying to Make Trouble for Saloon Keepers.

WORKED SEVERAL FOR FREE DRINKS

When His "Detective" Racket Became Musty as a Liquor Producer Other More Annoying Methods Were Resorted To.

I. N. Barrett, who has been using a tin star of some detective agency or other as a means of getting free drinks out of various saloons and was fined $10.20 in police court last Friday for being drunk, has gone on the warpath for the saloon keepers in whose place he was arrested. Yesterday he filed an information in Justice Field's court charging May & Smith with fracturing the new liquor law by keeping a saloon with screens at the front window and with chairs and tables in front of the bar. An effort will be made to ascertain how much the state of Iowa has been damaged by this condition of things next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Where to Worship.

First Presbyterian—Corner of Willow avenue and Seventh street. Rev. Stephen Phelps, pastor. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Second Presbyterian—Corner Harmony and Logan streets. Rev. C. N. Armstrong, pastor, residence 332 Lincoln avenue. Morning service 10:30 a. m. Rev. George Muller will preach. Evening service 8 p. m. Preaching by the pastor.

First Baptist Church—Corner Sixth street and First avenue. Preaching morning and evening by the pastor. Evening service at 7:30. Young people's meeting 6:30. Sunday school 12 m. Sunday school at Bethany mission 3 p. m.

Congregational—Dr. John Aikin, pastor. Morning subject: "The Philosophy of a Dream." Evening: "The Gospel of the Carpenter."

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—Near the corner of Pierce street and Glen avenue. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. Elder Williams will deliver the first of the series of historical lectures at 7:45 p. m. T. W. Williams, minister.

Council Bluffs Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—Regular services in the Huntington hall, 104 Broadway, Council Bluffs, Sunday, July 8, at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m.

The subject of the sermon on Sunday night at the Christian tabernacle will be: "The Strike; Its Causes and Means of Settlement."

Fifth Avenue Methodist Episcopal—J. Indus Farley, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 and 8. The sacrament of baptism will be administered at the close of the evening service.

J. W. Cole will conduct a men's meeting at the Young Men's Christian association rooms at 4 p. m. today.

Grace Church—Corner Union and Pierce streets. Holy communion at 8 a. m. Morning prayer at 10:30 a. m. Evening prayer at 8 p. m.

Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church—Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and at 8 p. m. Alfred Knoll, pastor.

Broadway Methodist Episcopal—Rev. H. P. Dudley, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and at 8. p. m. Sunday school at 12. Junior league at 5 p. m. Epworth league at 7 p. m.

Grand Plaza telephone 45.

Grand Plaza bathing beach.

Grand Plaza picnic grounds.

Grand Plaza's cornet band beats them all.

Grand Plaza's fine row boats are all the go.

Grand Plaza excursion accommodations can't be beaten.

Afternoon and night concerts at Grand Plaza, 2 to 6 and from 7 to 10.

Manager of Grand Plaza can understand 22 languages. So all nations will feel at home.

"He that does not visit Grand Plaza knowest nothing, and will be for all time to come branded a traitor to enterprise."—Eugene.

Convention Date Changed.

One of the results of the strike is the postponement of the republican state convention, which was to have been held in Des Moines next Wednesday, to July 25. It is hoped that by that time matters will have cooled off sufficiently so that there may be a large attendance, which there undoubtedly would not be during these times of excitement.

The report of the Mills county convention, which appeared in yesterday's Bee, and the list of delegates to the convention, made good reading matter for the friends of Jacob Sims in this city. It is headed by the name of Hon. John Y. Stone, attorney general, who is foremost in the fight to bring about the nomination of Mr. Sims to the attorney generalship. A number of the other delegates are personal friends of Sims, so that the probability is that the entire delegation will support him in the convention. An item appeared in an evening paper to the effect that the delegation favored Major H. G. Curtis of Atlantic, but in view of the fact that he opposed Stone last fall in his senatorial canvass seems to set that supposition at rest, so far as Stone and his friends are concerned.

Excursion to the Bluffs.

The Burlington route has arranged a special excursion from Creston and intermediate points to Council Bluffs and return, Sunday, July 22. The rates for the round trip are hardly one-third of the regular rates. From Creston only $1.50, Red Oak, $1.00; Glenwood, 50c, and from other points in proportion. The train will leave Creston at 6:15 a. m., and will reach Council Bluffs about 10 o'clock. Returning, the train will leave Council Bluffs at 6 p. m. The excursionists can thus, at a nominal expense, have practically an entire day to put in at the Lake Manawa Grand Plaza, or Manhattan beach, boating, bathing, etc. Concerts in the parks, picnicking, and numerous other entertaining features await those who take advantage of these excursion rates.

Strangely Afflicted.

Mr. J. S. Halbert of Omaha, the gentleman afflicted with progressive atrophy, who has been spending a few weeks in the Bluffs, left last night with his attendant for the east via St. Louis. Mr. Halbert has grown so helpless that he is at last compelled to yield to the inevitable and seek a home among his relatives. Before his departure he closed up what little interests he had remaining in this vicinity and bade his friends good-by, as he hardly hopes to ever cross the "Big Muddy" again. His pitiable condition excites universal sympathy and the good-natured, philosophical way in which he bears his hopeless malady makes him many friends. Since he became disabled he has been very unfortunate in business affairs, but having a record as a soldier of which he may feel justly proud he is the recipient of a liberal pension, which is emphatically a friend in need. Mr. Halbert's disease is so extremely rare that he is almost a curiosity among medical men and has kindly endured no little trouble and inconvenience furthering the ends of medical science. There are probably not half a dozen typical cases like Mr. Halbert's in the entire country.

A free medical dispensary has been started under the auspices of Grace church in the church building, corner of Pierce and Union streets, for the benefit of the poor of the city. The hours are: Tuesdays, from 10 to 12 a. m., and Fridays, from 2 to 4 p. m.

For cobs go to Cox, 10 Main street. Telephone 48.

Police Court Notes.

Ed Baker was given a hearing in police court yesterday on the information filed against him by George S. Davis, the druggist, charging him with the larceny of a bottle of morphine. Mr. Davis appeared in court, but on cross-examination admitted that he was doubtful as to whether he could identify the stolen goods which are in the possession of Constable Baker. Detective Murphy said that he was with the constable when the defendant's house was searched and the missing goods found secreted in a trunk. Mr. Mayne, who is conducting the prosecution, petitioned Judge McGee to grant a continuance until Monday, as he thinks Mr. Davis' clerk can identify the stolen property. Baker was taken back to jail.

John Morris and Henry Henderson, who tried to get away with four pairs of shoes from Duncan's shoe store, will remain at the city castle for the next thirty days.

James Jones, arrested for embezzling 40 cents from his employer, Ed Burke, was granted a continuance until Monday.

LET TO GO BY.

And the Place to Go, Boston Store, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Read the bargains. Everything to be had just as advertised. Come and examine goods. You won't be disappointed.

SHIRTS.

Gents' $1 laundered shirts, 39c (collars and cuffs).

Regular $1.25 laundered shirts, 75c each.

Big lot negligee shirts, worth $1.50, for 75c each.

Madras, silk and French flannel shirts, sold as high as $2.50, in one lot for 95c each.

Good 50c shirts, now three for $1.

HOSIERY.

Lot of black, tan and red children's hose, all sizes, sold as high as 50c, choice for 15c pair.

Ladies' 45c and 50c hose, now 3 for $1.

Big bargains ladies' hose at 17c, 25c, 33c pair.

EXTRA LIST.

Wool challies sold for 50c, now 31c.

Umbrellas, see values at 75c, $1.33, $1.50, $1.98.

Best apron ginghams, 5c.

Best prints, 4c and 5c. Big inducements in all kinds of wash goods.

See values in laces, waists, corsets, mitts and handkerchiefs.

FOTHERINGHAM, WHITELAW & CO., Council Bluffs, Ia.

Did Himself Proud.

Ed Duquette of the Ganymedes has returned from Oskaloosa, where he went to take part in the state bicycle tournament. He rode in several races, and came off with the first prize in the half mile race, winning the Waverley cup, an elegant silver affair, which he will take pride in showing to his children and telling them how he did up the wheelmen of Iowa in 1894. He made the half mile in one minute and eleven seconds, a first-class record considering that the home stretch was covered in the face of a strong wind, and he was somewhat handicapped by the fact that he had slept but little the night before. He came out second in the mile race and won a fine cyclometer. His time was 2:35. In the two-mile race he took third place.

Grand Plaza, Lake Manawa.

Grand Plaza will be open to free admission every day up to noon. From noon until midnight an admission fee of 10 cents will be charged, which will admit to grounds and to concerts and all entertainments. No return checks will be given.

No person of questionable character will be permitted to enter the grounds.

No admittance to Grand Plaza will be charged to persons who desire to rent boats or bathing suits.

Ice cream and refreshments served in the pavilion of Grand Plaza.

Council Bluffs Architects Win.

Woodward Bros., the well known Council Bluffs architects, have had their plans accepted for the new $20,000 opera house at Madison, Neb., against a field of competitors from Omaha and other cities. The plans provide for a beautiful structure that will give the Nebraska town one of the handsomest theaters in the state. Contracts have been let and the work is now under way. In these days of labor troubles the Woodward Bros. have a reputation for courtesy and kindness to workmen to fall back upon that materially helps them and increases their popularity.

A nice, cool swim at Manhattan beach, Lake Manawa, is the proper thing to take these hot days.

Killed Gillette's Chickens.

Otto Lutz, a 19-year-old boy living on Perin avenue, was arrested yesterday afternoon as the result of a charge of malicious mischief made against him by C. L. Gillette. The latter has a number of blooded chickens of which he is very careful, and as Lutz had a grudge against him for some reason or other he decided to wreak vengeance on the chickens. The young man gave a bond for his appearance in police court tomorrow morning.

Lake Manawa Railway Time Card.

Commencing Saturday, June 9, trains will leave Council Bluffs for Grand Plaza, Bathing Beach and Picnic Grounds at Lake Manawa as follows: No. 1, 9 a. m.; No. 3, 10 a. m.; No. 5, 11 a. m.; No. 7, 12 m.; No. 9, 1 p. m.; No. 11, 2 p. m.

Trains will run every twenty-two minutes thereafter until 10 p. m.

Return trains will leave Manawa on the half hours up to 10:30, when they will return every twenty-two minutes.

Meeting of Laboring Men.

The United Labor Protective association held a meeting at Liberty hall last evening to which the general public was invited. There was a large audience present, and a number of interesting speeches were made. Among the speakers was Rev. George Miller, who has made a great reputation while here as a speaker on economic subjects.

A nice, cool swim at Manhattan beach, Lake Manawa, is the proper thing to take these hot days.

Domestic soap breaks hard water.

Go Into Retreat.

The sisters of St. Bernard's hospital go into a week's retreat this morning, and during this week no visitors will be received by them. Father Joseph Roffenbaur, redemptionist father, will conduct the services at the hospital during the week.

Horse, phaeton and harness for sale. Any lady can drive. Also burro, gentle and suitable for children to play with. Can be seen at 319 Park avenue, Council Bluffs.

Frees Lecture to Ladies.

Physical and educational, will be given Wednesday evening, July 12, 8 o'clock, at First Baptist church.

Fireworks. Davis, the druggist.

Gas cooking stoves for rent and for sale Gas Co's office.

HE FISHED FOR BITES.

A Street Arab Who Was Pulled Into the Bay by a Rock Cod.

Fishing is an entertaining pastime at present for a large number of small boys at Tacoma. Even gray-haired old fellows, armed with rods and lines, are to be seen on fair days at points of vantage along the docks. Tom cod and sea eels are caught in great numbers, while once in a while a horrible appearing rat fish is hauled in. These rat fish look like a cross between a Chinaman and the devil, and are armed with two sword-like fins, which protrude from the sides of the head like a French dude's moustache. The swords are from two inches to five inches in length, according to the size of the fish, and are very strong, having a point as sharp as a needle. Woe be to the unlucky fisherman who is stuck by a rat fish, for the wound smarts and pains dreadfully.

Yesterday a gang of tough looking street arabs, says the Tacoma Ledger, were fishing off the embankment in the Northern Pacific switching yard, and an old gentleman with a benevolent countenance and long gray whiskers was much interested in the sport. Not seeing any fish landed, the old man asked one of the urchins, Gus Sampson:

"What are you fishing for, my boy?"

"Bites," answered the kid, with a fiendish grin.

At the same instant, as if by divine providence, the old man was avenged, for there was such a gigantic bite on that boy's line that boy, pole, line and all were yanked off the dock and pulled out of sight into the water. In a few moments Gus rose to the surface with his mouth, ears, eyes and nose full of mud. He struck out for shore, while the pole, which still floated on the surface, darted off at a lively speed in an opposite direction.

Two Indians happened along in a canoe and they gave chase to the pole. They finally overtook it and after half an hour's tedious work succeeded in landing an immense rock cod, which had in some mysterious manner been hooked in the tail. The cod weighed twelve pounds and three ounces, and was bought by the benevolent old gentleman with the long, gray whiskers.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Packing Houses Will Do Some Killing Today on Chicago's Account.

MEN LAID OFF CALLED ON FOR A DAY

Companies Believe They Can Get the Meat to Its Destination Without Serious Difficulty—Spring Lake Park Open Today—Gossip.

All the packing houses will do more or less work today. The Cudahy company will load a number of cars of beef, and Swift and company will kill 2,100 hogs. The South Omaha packers are doing the killing for the Chicago houses for a few days, and in order to supply the demand the men have been asked to work today.

Struck a Nest of Them.

Chief Brennan was taking a look through the vicinity of Thirty-second and S streets about midnight when he saw a man and woman sitting on the doorsteps of a house that he supposed was vacant. As the officer approached the man ran away and escaped, but the woman was captured. She claimed to be Mrs. Rhoades and said the man was her husband. Upon entering the place the officer found that instead of being vacant it was occupied by four families. The place was scantily furnished, and the men, women and children were all sleeping on the floor. Some of the women opened out on the chief and gave him a tongue lashing for interfering with their slumbers. He finally arrested Mrs. Rhoades and locked her up. The police say it is a hard outfit, and that if the occupants cannot produce their marriage licenses they will have to get out.

Spring Lake Park Open Today.

The owners of Spring Lake park have announced that the park will be open to the public from 8 o'clock this morning until 8 in the evening. This is the only park where South Omaha people can go and take their children to enjoy a nice quiet shade without leaving home. The opening of the park was brought about through a resolution introduced by Councilman Walters. The entrance is on F street just two blocks east of Twenty-fourth.

Magic City Gossip

Mr. I. F. Brown returned from Lincoln yesterday.

Rev. Thomas Horton will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening.

Services will be held morning and evening at St. Martin's Episcopal church today.

Miss L. Mattson, head stenographer at Hammond's has gone to Denver on a visit.

Rev. R. L. Wheeler's topic for the morning is "America's Harvest of Wild Grapes."

Mrs. Dr. E. L. Siggins and daughter have gone to Columbus, Neb., to spend the summer.

Mrs. H. S. Ayer of Brush, Colo., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Watts.

Rev. A. W. Clark of Omaha will preach at the Baptist church in the morning and evening.

Mr. James Gallagher of Highland, Kan., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. M. J. Corcoran of this city.

Miss Chloe Brown has gone with a party of artists to Parker's farm out near Florence to do sketching for a week.

A society of the Order of Chosen Friends is being organized in South Omaha. Mr. T. E. Sandwall is the past councillor.

A chain and locket and a good Elgin watch were stolen from the bakery on N street between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets.

A meeting of the South Omaha Democratic club was called for last night, but no business was done on account of the small attendance.

Miss D. White has removed her dress-making parlors from Mrs. H. Lovely's millinery store to her home, 23d and N. Pleased to see all her customers.

Edward Gates is getting along well. Dr. Kelley amputated the right thumb and a portion of the first three fingers. He will save the balance of the hand.

The police are looking for a man named Schroeder, who it is claimed stole a coat and vest from W. L. Weller in Council Bluffs. It is said Schroeder came here yesterday.

Miss Maud Goode of Clarinda, Ia., is visiting at the residence of Mr. I. F. Brown. Miss Good is an excellent performer on the guitar and will be entertained by the music loving people while in the city.

The choir of the Methodist church has arranged for a concert to be given in the church Monday evening. James Hamilton Howe and the best musical talent in Omaha and South Omaha will furnish the entertainment.

Five men entered and ransacked the residence of O. K. Paddock at Twenty-eighth and B streets. They were evidently looking for cash, as no articles were missing. The neighbors saw the men and reported the fact to the police.

Rev. J. F. Ross will preach this morning at the United Presbyterian church on "Social Christianity." In the evening the congregation will join in a union dedicatory service in the Central United Presbyterian church of Omaha.

Two men, who claimed to belong to an army of Coxeyites stranded at Plattsmouth, called at the police station last night begging assistance. Neither Mayor Johnston nor Chief Brennan was to be found and nothing was done for the men.

Lew Etter claims first money in the half-mile foot race run on the Fourth. It seems that by a misunderstanding Etter and another man were started without the knowledge of the chairman of the committee on sports and when the race was run over Etter refused to start.

Captain James B. Hayes of the Hammond fire department was given third place in the hose cart contest on the Fourth. Mr Hayes has great confidence in his firemen and is now out with a challenge to race either the stock yards team or the Cudahy team for any amount.

The infant daughter of William Grimm died Friday night and will be buried this afternoon at the Bailey cemetery south of the city. Mr. Grimm has had repeated misfortunes heaped upon him of late. A son shot his arm off while out hunting and a few weeks later his wife died. Now the baby is gone and the son who was shot is very ill.

WOMEN IN INSURANCE.

A New Field of Business Opened Up to Them.

One of the largest insurance companies in New York City has opened a women's agency. This company is the first to take the step in New York. It is true there have been agents writing policies on commission under men agents, but these women have had no recognized office in connection with the companies. In Chicago and in some other western cities the plan of women insuring women has been some time in successful operation, but in the majority of towns, few, if any, offices of the kind are connected with the regular insurance companies. In fact, the work among women at any point has been more accidental than organized.

The women's office with this New York corporation came about, so one of the agents told a correspondent of the Buffalo Express, by the frequent letters from women asking if there were any agencies of the nature in New York. These communications had been sent mostly to the editors of the women's pages in the dailies, and by them turned over to the insurance companies. The office for these women agents is located on the same floor as the company itself. Two women are in charge. They are on a same footing with the men agents, receive the same commission, have the same chances for making an income, and the same probability of seeing their names enrolled on the board of managers, it is said.

"As to our possibilities," said one of these two managers, "statistics show that there are about 100,000 self-supporting women in New York alone. I doubt if at present ten of these women carry a life insurance or an indemnity bond. A few years ago the idea of women having their lives insured was almost unheard of. But the necessity that has made women go out into the professions of the world to support those dependent upon them brings about the other need of providing against the contingencies of accident or death."

Both of these women expect to earn $5,000 a year from the business. That is the income the company expects them to make. They need not, of course, restrict their policies to women of their own city, but can work far and wide. They will not confine their work to writing out life policies, but will make a feature of indemnity bonds. These are taken out for twenty years. At the end of that time, if the owner is living, the face of the policy is paid over to her with interest; if she is dead the amount goes to her heirs. The bonds are taken out to cover any sum from $1,000 to $100,000. This is a form of insurance that women especially take to. It is a sort of compulsory savings bank, and it is pleasant for a woman to feel that at 50 she need not be actively self-supporting any longer.

In a few weeks the company will place one of these two women agents in an uptown office, leaving the other to manage down town. Neither of them, so they tell me, intend to confine themselves to self-supporting women, but will work also among the wealthy class. Neither do they intend to do the work solely themselves, but will give commission work to other women who will obtain policies for the office.

It is safe to predict that other insurance companies will follow the lead of this one; if not, some capable woman looking about for business will probably propose it to them, for business women are quick nowadays to take a hint.

DAMAGES FOR STOLEN SKIN.

An Irishman Wants $25,000 for Hide a Frenchman is Wearing.

Michael McGowan of San Francisco values seven strips of his epidermis (width one and a half inches, length eight inches) at $25,000, and in a day or two he will ask the superior court of San Francisco to see that he is reimbursed in that sum for his loss of it. Michael lost his skin, relates the Examiner, while a patient at the city and county hospital. He did not know he was going to lose it till he awoke from an anesthetic sleep and found it gone. Physically Michael's pain was not great when he awoke from the influence of the ether and found seven patches of raw flesh where there had been a whole hide, but when Dr. Barrett informed him that those strips of skin had been used to fill a hideous gap on the face of a Frenchman Michael's wrath was great.

Jean Forrest was the beneficiary of the operation, and all might have gone well in this international grafting operation had not the ludicrous side of the affair presented itself so strongly to Jean that one day, as the two men lay near each other in the hospital ward, the Frenchman turned his patched face toward the Irishman's couch, and, with as much of an ironical smile as the healing patchwork would permit, tauntingly remarked:

"I've never been so close to an Irishman before."

"The Swede in the next bed is nearer to you than I am," returned Michael.

"But I've got your skin on my face," said Jean. "That makes me part Irish, don't it?"

"You'll be a Dutchman when I get out of this bed. I'll tear that skin of mine off your face as soon as I get well, I will," said Michael. And when the other patients in the convalescing ward began to laugh at the man who had been robbed of his skin to patch a stranger's face, Michael's wrath increased.

This occurred last March, shortly after the grafting operation was performed, and Michael's anger against the Frenchman has had time to cool.

Fresh skin has grown over these seven spots on Michael's right thigh, yet all his anger has not faded. He valued his skin, and though he no longer bears ill-will toward the man whose face is patched with it, he means to do all he can to discourage the infant industry of skin stealing, and to gain some redress for the "great mental and physical pain" he says he suffered in consequence of Dr. Barrett's experiment in international grafting.

And so Michael McGowan has employed Attorney H. K. Mitchell to prosecute his claim against the city and county of San Francisco for those seven strips of stolen hide, size 1½x8 inches each. In the novel complaint that will be filed in a day or two Michael McGowan recites that San Francisco is a municipal corporation; that as such it is owner and proprietor of the hospital where seven pieces of his skin were stolen; that the hospital was and is maintained for the relief of the indigent, infirm and diseased, and that on the 24th day of last October he was admitted for treatment for an ulcer on his right ankle. Then he alleges that in March last, while under the influence of an anaesthetic, administered ostensibly for the purpose of operating on the ulcer, and without the knowledge or consent of the patient, the physicians "then and there did cut and mutulate his body by cutting from his right thigh large quantities of his skin, which were used in grafting fresh skin on other persons."

Some of the cuticle cut from Michael's thigh was grafted on a female patient, who has since joined the great majority. Michael gallantly makes no mention of this patient in his complaint, and says now that if his mutilation had ended there his whole life would not have been embittered to the extent of $25,000. But when it came to stealing the skin of a Celt to patch the wound of a Latin, and never so much as, "by your leave," this was more than Michael could stand.

The eleventh count in Mr. McGowan's complaint reads: "That plaintiff, by reason of the wrongful acts aforesaid, has been mutilated and disfigured for life; that since said operation he has been depressed in mind and weak physically, and ever since has suffered, and still does suffer, great mental and bodily pain."

Of course it is possible that a jury may not value Michael's skin as highly as he does. According to his own figures Michael values each of the seven lost strips at $3,571.43. True, he has new skin in its place, but the old skin was brought with him from Ireland.

AMERICAN FARMER STATESMEN

Where Once They Cut a Figure Lawyers and Soldiers Now Hold the Call

Farmers, in the early days of the republic, were as prominent in the walks of statecraft and in the honors of office holding as lawyers are today. Eight of the original signers of the declaration of independence, says the New York Sun, described themselves as farmers or planters. Among these was Benjamin Harrison of Virginia, Lewis Morris of New York, Francis Lee of Virginia and William Floyd of New York.

The American statesmen of that day made few claims to social prominence. Roger Sherman described himself as a shoemaker, William Whipple of New Hampshire as a sailor, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania as a printer, and George Taylor of the same state as a foundryman.

Nearly all of the early presidents were farmers, George Washington having been educated as a land surveyor and having inherited a large tract of land in Virginia. Madison, Jefferson and Monroe had strongly developed rural tastes, and it was not, in fact, until the large cities of the country, and more especially the large cities in the northern states, absorbed so large a share of political influence that the lawyers became as prominent as they are now.

In the present congress lawyers preponderate, there being fifty-eight lawyers to one farmer in the senate, and 229 lawyers to thirty-four farmers in the house of representatives. President Cleveland was admitted to the bar in Buffalo in 1859. Vice President Adlai Stevenson was admitted to the bar in Metamora, Ill., in 1858. Secretary of State Gresham was admitted to the bar at Corydon, Ind., in 1858. Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle was admitted to the bar in Covington, Ky., in 1858. Postmaster General Bissell was admitted to the bar in Buffalo in 1868. Secretary of the Navy Herbert was admitted to the bar in Montgomery, the Alabama capital, shortly before the war. Hoke Smith, secretary of the interior, was admitted to the bar at Atlanta, Ga., in 1872.

The only two members of the cabinet who are not lawyers are Secretary of War Lamont and Commissioner of Agriculture Morton. But Mr. Lamont, if not qualified by a parchment to practice law in the courts of this state, is much better skilled in many of the intricacies of jurisprudence than a great number of lawyers are, and his advice and counsel have been repeatedly sought both by large corporate interests and by legislators.

It is a somewhat peculiar fact that presidential candidates have with scarcely an exception been chosen by both political parties from the ranks of lawyers and soldiers.

The republicans had soldier candidates in 1856, 1868 and in 1872; they had lawyer candidates in 1860, 1864, 1876, 1880, 1888 and 1892. Their one exception was 1884, when Mr. Blaine, who was neither a lawyer nor a soldier, was nominated, but running on the same ticket with him was General Logan.

The democrats had soldier-lawyer candidates for president in 1856, 1860, 1868, 1876, 1884, 1888 and 1892, they had soldier candidates in 1864 and 1880. Their one exception was in 1872, when Horace Greeley was the democratic nominee.

Though the farmers constitute the largest class of American voting citizens they are usually represented in congress or the legislature by lawyers, and few practical benefits have been derived by farming communities represented in congress or elsewhere by actual argriculturists. The present tendency is for lawyers to become more prominent in legislation than before, and for farmers to become less so.

NO SOLACE IN SEEDS.

One of Senator Vilas' Constituents Exhibits His Bruised Feelings.

Mr. Thomas H. McElroy, the editor of the Southwestern Local, at Shullsburg, Wis., an enthusiastic democrat, who wanted to be postmaster, was not appointed postmaster. But Senator Vilas has sent him some garden seeds. He acknowledges the favor as follows:

Thanks, awfully.

Our esteemed friend, United States Senator William Freeman Vilas, wickedly denominated "the cuckoo" by the enemies of the "divinely appointed" "man of destiny," has kindly sent us, at the expense of the democratic government at Washington, a large collection of garden seeds.

William, we are grateful.

About a year ago we received a postal card from the distinguished gentleman informing all the postal clerks that our case would be considered at the proper time.

To a clear understanding of the postal card episode it is necessary that we should here state that about a year ago we became possessed of a conceit that our peculiar gifts qualified us admirably to hand out mail and take in the salary of a postmaster.

Of course people who have had occasion to visit the postoffice have noticed that we are not in it.

But we shall never know the large gobs of energy sloughed off William's active life while in pursuit of our appointment.

The seeds are put up by the government Agricultural department and franked through the mail to parties who have no use for them.

When William could not see his way clear to give a democratic applicant a postoffice that was suffering to go to some one he sent the poor, disconsolate, disappointed democratic worker a lot of garden seeds with a request to cease raising h—l and rent half an acre of ground and raise garden truck.

Which clearly demonstrates that William is not the cold-blooded, designing political knave people generally believed him to be.

This is only our opinion, however.

But, like Alexander Selkirk, the Scotch buccaneer on the island of Juan Fernandez, we are alone—in this opinion, perhaps.

William's influence on the crop of democrats in this section has been as destructive as a visitation of grasshoppers to a Kansas wheat field.

What the people of this part of the state need more than seeds is a representative in the senate who is less of a demagogue and more of a statesman than William Freeman Vilas.

EXODUS OF THE EELS.

Journeying from Tide to the Fresh Water Streams in Steady Column.

If you were standing on the banks of the Delaware river, anywhere above tide, at this season of the year, you would see a novel sight, says the New York Sun. It would look to you very much like a huge submerged snake moving up the stream, close to the shore. It is, in fact, a compact mass of minute snake-like fishes, millions of newly hatched eels, traveling from the muddy bottom of the river below tide to the clear, fresh waters of the upper river and its tributaries. The eels are about an inch and a half or two inches long. They travel rapidly and in a solid column as thick as through a man's body. By the time the rear guard has passed from the brackish water at tide the head of the column will have reached a point many miles up the river.

The eels journey to the very head waters of the river, mounting dams and falls with the greatest facility. Hundreds of thousands of the fry leave the main column at the mouth of every tributary stream they encounter on the upward march and push their way up those streams until some insurmountable barrier stays their further progress. And it has to be an absolutely insurmountable barrier, too, for these little eels can overcome obstructions in the channel in a way that is simply incredible. They may be seen any day during their migration wiggling their tiny bodies up the face of almost perpendicular rocks over which the mountain tributaries of the Delaware plunge on their way to the main stream. If the rocks are mossy the eels succeed in scaling them.

The eels do not confine themselves to the water in their procession up these creeks, but leave the channel and clamber up the rocks along the borders of the streams, where the moss is moist. In this way they get around high falls that would otherwise bring their journey to an end. This facility of eel fry in getting around precipitous barriers explains the presence of eels in ponds and streams above waterfalls fifty and 100 feet high. Old fishermen declare that adult eels can even make long overland journeys, and that they habitually leave the water at night and forage along the shores for food. At Bristol, Pa., there is a fisherman who will make affidavit to the way he became assured of this capacity in the eel. He had cleaned a lot of fish one afternoon fifty feet from the river's edge and left the heads and other refuse of his catch lying on the ground. The next morning the refuse was gone and there were serpentine trails in the sand between the spot and the river. The tracings in the sand did not resemble marks that snakes might have made, and he believed they were the tracks of eels. To make the matter sure he baited an eel pot with the refuse of fish and set it on the spot where he had cleaned his fish the day before. The following morning he had a bushel of eels in the trap.

The eel fry, in their annual journey up the river, are the constant prey of pickerel, black bass, kingfishers, cranes, water snakes, turtles and other predatory fishes, birds and animals, and hundreds of thousands of them fall victims to these marauders. But after every assault of their myriad foes the ranks of this steadily moving column of eels are quickly reformed and the eels keep on their way, reaching their summer homes in numbers vast enough to insure an abundant supply to the fishermen.

Some fishermen are of the opinion that the eels that go up the river one year do not return to tide until the fall of the next year, when they seek again the brackish water of their nativity to spawn. Others believe that the young eels mature so rap