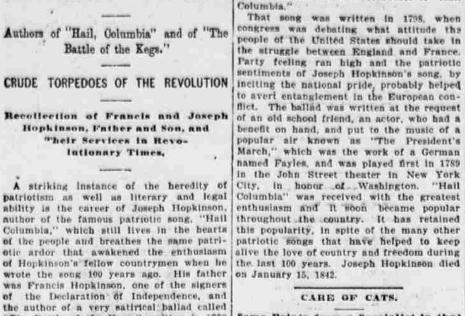
THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1898.



"The Battle of the Kegs," written in 1778 in derision of the British forces, at that time in possession of the city of Philadel phia.

The father of Francis was Thomas Hopkinson, a man of literary genius, a highly educated scholar and a determined opponent of any infringement of the rights and liberties of the colonies by the mother country He was a very intimate friend of Dr. Benja



min Franklin, and participated in the latter's scientific investigations

It is said that he performed the first experiment which proved that the electric fluid may be drawn from a body charged with it by means of a pointed instrument without the explosion ond shock.

Francis Hopkinson was born in Philadel phia in 1738, and was one of the first graduates of the college of Philadelphia. He studied law, and in 1768 he married Miss Ann Borden of Bordentown, N. J. In 1774, when the discontent between the colonists and England had assumed a threatening aspect, he published a pamphlet entitled "A Protty Story," in which he portrayed, with a free and pungent pencil, the pretensions of the British government. It was widely circulated, and was received with much favor by those who believed in the inalienable right of the colonies. As a delegate from New Jersey to the congress of the United Colonies, he signed his name to the Declaration of Independence, and during the whole of the revolutionary period he was never idle with his pen, even while discharging important public duties.

Pattle of the Kegs. In 1778 the patriots of Bordentown arranged a number of kegs to act as torpedoes, in a crude sort of way, and floated them down the Delaware river, in the hope

That song was written in 1798, when ongress was debating what attitude the people of the United States should take in the struggle between England and France. Party feeling ran high and the patriotic sentiments of Joseph Hopkinson's song, by SOME LIGHT ON A DARK SUBJECT inciting the national pride, probably helped to avert entanglement in the European conflict. The ballad was written at the request of an old school friend, an actor, who had a benefit on hand, and put to the music of a

Fillpinos and Other Mongrels of Partint Civilization by an American Sojourner in. the Islands.

termingled for generations.

City, in honor of Washington. "Hail enthusiasm and it soon became popular throughout the country. It has retained patriotic songs that have helped to keep

CARE OF CATS.

Line.

'But there is no reason why, with proper acre, a pet cat should not live to a very green old age.

"Cats should be fed regularly and at least wice a day. Bread and milk or oatmeal porridge and milk, the milk having a little hot water and a trifle of sugar added to breakfast. While bread and broth with a little cooked meat is quite sufficient for their dinner.

"A little fresh fish may be given occasionally, and now and then a morsel of uncooked liver and meat, care being taken to remove all fat, and any vegetable for which the animal shows a fondness may be given with discretion.

access to a plenty of fresh water and fresh grass, grass being a genuine panacea for all their minor troubles.

"The diseases of cats include sore throat, of the first symptoms of illness is a rough and untidy coat. If this be accompanied by ninister a dose of castor oil and provide has worn off.

suspected prompt and energetic action is tenance, quite at variance with their general necessary, being a firm believer in the pro necessary. A liberal dose of lukewarm water temperament. Usually they are mild, in- tection thus obtained, slightly salted generally has a good effect, offensive, and slow to anger, but when once

but it is safest to give at once sweet oil or roused, they display a reckless courage melted lard. After such an experience a amounting to ferocity, as the Spanish padres, course of cod liver oil is advised, with a in the outlying districts around Manila, have lately discovered to their cost. They are enerous diet.

A little powdered sulphur made into a cleanly to the verge of fastidiousness, and it paste with lard or unsaited butter and is a curious fact that in this respect they besmeared upon the front paws is an excel- tray certain traits of Mohammedanism, for which it seems impossible to account, except lent thing to keep a cat in good condition. but care should be taken to keep it from all upon the theory that at some exposure to dampness until the effects of the remote period Arab traders pirates managed to find their way around ose disappear. to this corner of the world, bringing with

"Never scold, frighten or shake a sick

cat. It matters not how cross they may be which is the most probable solution, as it at first, they soon come to understand the has been further discovered that there exist quietly submit after a short while. Care in the native language certain words and must be taken to guard against their bite. The language itself sounds like a combinahowever, as the bite of a cat is always a tion of "ngs" and short, abrupt syllablesserious thing. For treatment, taking medibalang ang humilit (it is forbidden to cine, etc., the sick animal should be snugly smoke) being one of the few sentences -I rolled in a sheet, its paws at its side, the can now recall. From the lips of a native mouth pressed open and a bit of wood laid the language is very pleasant to the ear, across the lower jaw, just behind the eye and one of its peculiarities is that it is said

teeth, will prove all that is necessary." Public Clocks.

press gratitude-and 1 may say from my owr experience that this sense seems to be enhave time to return to its proper place, Few great cities of America are adetirely lacking among the Filipinos. quately provided with public clocks of such which is poetic, but inconvenient, for it is a size and so prominent location as to indiutterly impossible to depend upon a servant Filial Affection. cate the time over wide metropolitan dis-One of their strongest virtues is that of to awaken one at an appointed time. The them down the Delaware river, in the hope that they might destroy the British vessels at Philadelphia. The attempt was futile, but the enemy was very much alarmed for the the sufferer by functivity of the organs af-but the enemy was very much alarmed for the the sufferer by functivity of the organs af-but the enemy was very much alarmed for the the sufferer by functivity of the organs af-tected. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters remecould require from twenty minutes to half dies do this as it does dyspepsia, rheumatism, ness to animals. As an example of this constipation, billousness and nervousness. an hour of this sort of thing to bring an contradictory state of their peculiarities I ordinary sleeper to any semblance of con-To Speak Spanish. remember once seeing a brawny old native sciousness, and there is nothing to do but sitting in the doorway of his hut holding on The following rules will help in learning now to speak Spanish: make allowance in time for his peculiarity his knee a roly-poly tot of 4 or 5, whom he of ideas, for no amount of threats, persua was petting and fondling with every show Rule 1. Every letter is sounded and is sions or promises will induce him to deviate vays pronounced the same. of tenderness, while the youngster, in his from this method of proceeding. Rule 2. The accent is always on the turn, was engaged in pulling the down by ult, unless otherwise signified. Our house was a large, roomy structure handfuls out of a live duckling, whose ex-Rule 3. The alphabet as follows of two stories, standing in a small garden, postulatory "quacks" had no more effect A-Like a in ark. about two miles out in the country, the than would have been produced by the B-As in English. ground floor being used as a carriage and C-Like English k, except before e and 1, squeaks of a rubber doll. On another occaharness room, while the upper story was when it has the sound of a (and in pure sion I entered my office to find the clerks divided into four big bedrooms, a wide hall Castilian th). amusing themselves by pelting each other and a sala, or drawing room. Several huge Ch-Like ch in chess. with the morning's catch of mice, regardless D-Like the in they. posts, like ship's masts, ran from the roo of their feelings; and I fear that the Soto the ground as supports against the fre-E-Like a in ell. clety for the Prevention of Cruelty to Ani-F-Like English f. quent earthquakes, which also necessitated mals lecture, which I delivered there and G-Before e and j like aspirated h; before the ceilings and inside walls being covered then, only helped to confirm the prevailing , o, u, or a consonant like English g; bewith canvass, instead of plaster, and the impression that the English-speaking race is fore ue and ul the same sound, but u is window panes being made of tiny squares composed of locos (lunatics) ilent of oyster shell instead of glass. The win H-Nearly silent. The dress of the native men in and around dows were framed in over-lapping panels, -Like i in ill. the towns, when "on duty," consists of a which could be pushed back into the wall J-Like guttural h. white bosom shirt-more or less embroidthus turning the room into a sort of roofed L-As in English. LL-Liquid as gl in seraglio. ered, according to the wearer's standing veranda, and as the thermometer range with the fair sex-worn with the skirts M-As in English from 75 degrees to 110 degrees all the year flapping outside of a pair of white iinen Q-Like English k. round, they were never closed during the trousers, presenting an appearance of com-Like English, but rougher. daytime, except in case of a typhoon, and fort rather than dignity. A pair of chinillas, -Like English. then the light, coming through these con -Like English. -Like oo as in look. or heelless slippers, constitutes the footchas, was very soft and pleasant. gear, when any is worn, and a more or less The Household Cat. V-Like English. dilapidated derby hat usually adds incon--Obsolete. I have omitted to mention one important gruity to this costume. When "lying off," Y-Like Spanish L or at manual labor, the shirt is generally nember of our household-the house-snake Z-Like th in thank One of these creatures, of the native python discarded, and, if at work in the fields, the species, is to be found in every well reg-"Over Eighteen." head is protected by a bowl-like structure A young fellow walked into the recruiting of matting, which frequently does service as ulated suburban house, where he serves in place of a cat, living inside the walls and office of the Lake View light battery at 1618 a fruit or vegetable basket. The higher North Clark street the other day, relates class of merchants and clerks very often class of merchants and clerks very often between the floors and ceilings, subsisting the Chicago Tribune, and said he wanted to enlist. The recruiting officer, Allen Lester adopt the European form of dress, and the upon rats, mice and cockroaches, and doing inestimable service in keeping the house capitans or chief men of the little pueblos, Fowler, asked him his age and other rele-vant questions, and placed his name on free from these and other vermin that swarm or districts (sometimes about 100 yards square), into which the towns are divided, in the tropics. Our particular snake al the roll. ways attended strictly to business and never On the afternoon of the following day are entitled by virtue of their office to carry there bustled into the office a portly and canes and to wear short black jackets, the issued forth except at night, when he would middle-aged man who asked if a boy of the effect of which, with flapping shirt tails, is go to the water tank to drink, and we would go to the water tank to drink, and we would name of Cohen had enlisted there. Mr. picturesque, to say the least. find his tracks upon the tiles in the morn Fowier replied there had been such a name ing; but often when reading in the evening The dress of the women merits a longer I have heard his gentle hiss, or the sound o placed on the roll. description. In general form it is the same "Ah." said the man, "that boy is my boy. He is not 18. He can't go to the war. It would break his mother's heart." among all classes, differing only in quality his lowering himself from beam to beam, and seen the ceiling canvas shake as he and texture, and consists of a long skirt of the most brilliantly colored plaid or check writhed along overhead in pursuit of a "But," said Mr. Fowler, "he told me he squeaking rodent. that can be obtained for money; a short, was over 18." 'Ah, Isaac is a smart boy. I tell you how black overskirt, caught up at one side; a Attractive as life may seem in the island he did that trick. He took a piece of chalk and marked in the sole of his shoes the ing to the elbow; and a stiffly starched to one who has never tried it, with these strange scenes and people and the lazy, luxnumber 18. Then he came in here and told you he is over 18." Under the circumstances Mr. Fowler be-crossed on the breast. The effect of this urious ways of living, there is a sense of lieved it only fair to strike the name of is very agreeable, and not at all unbecom-

Huts of the Natives.

to contain no word or figure of speech to ex-

TWO LITERARY PATRIOTS claim to remembrance at the present time LIVING IN THE PHILIPPINES pearance is very much that of magnified. to construct a building more inflammable than a nipa but, and a fire once started among a collection of them does not stop, Character Sketch of the People We Are as a rule, until all are consumed. On Easter About to Rule. Sunday, 1893, some 4,000 were burned in the pueblo of Tondon, mear Manila. At the

same time, this style of architecture has its advantages. If the owner wishes to move from one neighborhood to another, all he

has to do is to take his house to pieces, pile it upon a caraton, or buffalo cart, with his pots, kettles and family atop, and transfer it to the new locality, and the sight of a domestic establishment thus moving is worth seeing. The motive power is supcept driving could be indulged in from 10 plied by a carabao, or water-buffalo, a

The traveler bound for the Philippines by huge, mouse-colored brute, with enormous way of San Francisco or Vancouver, says a horns, possessed of amazing strength and writer in the Springfield Republican, who phenomenal deliberation of movement; these imagines that he has exhausted the marvels creatures in a wild state are utterly of the far east after a glimpse at dainty, ferocious, but when domesticated may be charming Japan, and another at the barbaric guided by a child. All heavy draft work is wonders of China, will find himself egre- done by them, as the little, stunted, nagiously mistaken after a three days' voyage tive pony is equal to nothing more than from Hong Kong to Manila, upon landing pulling light carriages or serving as a hack at that strange old Spanish port, which under the saddle, thereby resembling the stands at the mouth of the river Pasig, in natives themselves, who gracefully yield all the typhoon-swept, earthquake-rent island coolie labor, such as lifting and carrying, to Some Points from a Specialist in that of Luzon. Filled with impressions of the Chinamen.

almond eyes, yellow complexions and pig- In spite of their appearance of muscular "Cats are by no means as hardy as is tails, he finds himself now in the midst of strength, the natives seem incapable of se uggested by the old adage that each cat a race of chocolate-colored beings, with vere manual labor, and to possess very little has nine lives," remarked a veterinarian straight, scrubby, black hair of the shoe- stamina; a touch of the calentura (jungle who makes a specialty of treating sick cats. brush description; and a greater contrast fever), which would only cause an Amerithan that between the "Chino" and his can or Englishman to swear, will lay a Philippine neighbor could not exist, al- Filipino on his back for a week. It is the though the blood of the two races has in- same in case of the cholera, this dreaded scourge of the far east is almost invariably The aboriginal "Filipino," still to be fatal among the natives, who die by hunfound in the mountains and forests of Lu- dreds during an epidemic; whereas there it in chilly weather, should constitute their of "frizzy" hair, and represents the lowest ing, even after a second or third attack, zon, is a black dwarf with an enormous head are several instances of Englishmen recoverrace of savages. Treacherous, cowardly, which may be accounted for by the fact with animal instincts, these little creatures, that the white men during an epidemic arc known to the Spanlards as "negritos" (little accustomed to exercise some care in the black men), wander in bands through the for- way of food and drink, while the naests, sleeping under a few boughs wherever tives disregard the simplest rules of health, they happen to be at nightfall, and subsist- not only with regard to cholera, but to other ing by means of their bows and acrows, pestilence, such as the smallpox. I have and upon what fruit and coccanuts the forscen natives in the worst stages of the lat-"Remember to see that a cat always has ests afford them. In the vicinity of the set- ter disease walking in the crowded streets tlements and towns, however, centuries of in- unnoticed. During my time of residence, tercourse with other races, particularly Ma- there were only four cases of smallpox lays, who long ago invaded the islands in among the Englishmen, two of which were thousands, have obliterated all traces of their | fatal; one being the "black" smallpox, which pronchitis, pneumonia and consumption be- original characteristics, and the Filipinos, is invariably hopeless from the first, and ing especially prevalent among them as who are today trying to throw aside the the other that of a burly, powerful stevedore they are very susceptible to dampness. One Spanish yoke, are a race of stalwart, mus- who told me only four days before his death cular fellows, ranging in color from the that he had never been vaccinated and never dark chocolate of the Malay to the light would be. The other two cases were those estlessness and languor it is safe to ad- yellow of the Mestizos (half-castes). The of young Scotchmen, neither of whom had features as a rule are well-shaped, but the been vaccinated since childhood, but both cittle with a sheltered place until the effect eyebrows are very apt to meet over the fully recovered without a scar. I was vac-

nose, particularly among the women, which cinated seven times before it "took;" Where the presence of any kind of poison gives them a lowering, savage cast of coun- would have had it done twenty times if

The National Sport.

The principal and all-absorbing amuse ment of the natives-in fact, what may be called their national sport-is cockfighting; and his fighting rooster is as much if not more so an object of solicitation and care to every Filipino as his family itself. In Manila there is a large building of bamboo and nipa erected solely for this diversion and the uproar which arises from it every Sun-OF day afternoon can only be compared to that heard at a league base ball game at home. A native so unfortunate as not to own a fighting cock would be an object of scornful pity to his neighbors; and it is difficult to walk the streets in the native guarter without stumbling at every few yards over a pair of feathered combatants having a trial battle under the watchful care of their owners.

One of the drawbacks to Filipinos servants is a peculiar superstition which exists among them to the effect that the soul of a person asleep has departed temporarily and is taking an independent aerial light, and that if the sleeper is suddenly awakened the wandering spirit may not

monotony and loneliness about it which can- known as the United States Maltsters' assoclation. Nearly thirty manufacturers from Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Ohio and New York were made charter members of the new not be overcome by one from northern climes. Out of the track of the great steamship lines, the islands are seldom visited by organization. The following officers were elected: President, John C. White, Buffalo, New York; secretary, John Park, Chicago, treasurer, Charles E. Pettit, Kenosha, Wis. "globe-trotters," partly on account of their reputation for cholera, typhoons and earthquakes, and a new face was seldom seen in our little Anglo-American colony. Amuse-

a. m. to 5 p. m. on account of the deadly

heat, and horseback , riding, tennis, etc.

could only be undertaken early in the morn-

ing or late in the afternoon, and even under

these conditions the exercise was too violent

After two years of this sort of life I came

away fever-stricken, weighing forty pounds

But now I often look back with a feeling

less than I should and glad enough to leave.

of longing for that queer, wild life among

the palm trees and bamboos, with the great

volcanic ranges towering in the south; in

those islands of wonderful tropic beauty

where the birds never sing, the flowers have

no smell and the southern cross glitters just

Electric Light Convention.

for electric current and methods of billing

current to customers. Among the notable visitors to the convention is Prof. Fufquita

the American Malting company, was per-

fected today. The new associattion will be

CHICAGO, June 7 .- The twenty-first con-

Following this paper there was

over the horizon all night.

tricity."

in Japan.

Arnold's Bromo Celery cures headaches. 10c, 25c, 50c. All druggists. ments were few and far between; the inevitable Spanish bull fights and in the cool months of December and January a few Congressional Nominations.

dances among the Spaniards and richer class PITTSBURG, June 7.—The Twenty-second congressional district republican convention met here today and renominated John Dalof Mestizos; a little shooting and a great deal of card playing, whisky drinking and zell. In the Twenty-third district William A. Graham was nominated to succeed Wilgeneral club life, went to make up a rather wearying, not to say demoralizing, round of liam A. Stone, recently nominated for gov-ernor of Pennsylvania. existence. No form of outdoor recreation ex-

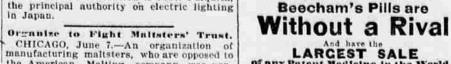


such as Wind and Pain in the Stomach, Giddiness, Fuluess after meals, Head-ache, Dizziness, Drowsiness, Flushings of Heat, Loss of Appetite. Costiveness, Blotches on the Skin, Cold Chills, Dis-turbed Sleep, Frightful Dreams and all Nervous and Trembling Sensations, THE FIRST DOSE WILL GIVE RELIEF IN TWENTY MINUTES, Every sufferer will acknowledge them to be

A WONDERFUL MEDICINE.

vention of the National Electric Light as-sociation commenced a three days' session BEECHAM'S PILLS, taken as directat the Auditorium today. After a meeting of the executive committee President Samed, will quickly restore Females to com-plete health. They promptly remove obstructions or irregularities of the sys-tem and cure sick Headache. For a uel Insull of the Chicago Edison company delivered his annual address. Calvin Rice of Brooklyn read a paper on "Cost of Gen-eration and Distribution of a Unit of Elec-Weak Stomach general discussion on prices and discounts

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JOBBERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF OMAHA. DRUGS. LIQUORS.



a time at the boldness of the scheme. This incident formed the subject of Hopkinson's ballad, "The Battle of the Kegs," the first part of which runs as follows: Gallants attend and hear a friend Trill forth harmonious ditty, Strange thing 1'll tell which late befell In Philadelphia city,

"Twas early, as the poets say, Just when the sun was rising, A soldier stood on a log of wood, And saw a thing surprising.

As in amaze he stood to gaze, The truth can't be denled, sir, He spied a score of kegs, or more, Come floating down the tide, sir.

A sailor, too, in jerkin blue This strange appearance viewing, First damned his eyes, in great surprise, The said, "some mischief's brewing.

These kegs I'm told the rebels hold, Packed up like pickled herring. And they're come down to attack the town In this new way of ferrying."

The soldier flew, the sailor too. And scared almost to death, sir, Wore out their shoes to spread the news And ran till out of breath, sir.

The ballad, through fifteen more verses tells that Sir William Howe was warned of danger and that troops fired volley after volley into the floating kegs, while the artillery bombarded this deadly device of the Yankces.

Francis Hopkinson took a prominent part in the great convention in Philadelphia in 1787 to agree upon a form of national gov



JOSEPH HOPKINSON.

ernment and when the constitution was ratified he wrote the "History of a New Roof, in which humor and good sense were delightfully mingled. His "Specimen of a Collegiate Examination" and his "Letter on Whitewashing" caused considerable comment at the time they were published. He was made United States judge for the district of Pennsylvania by President Washington, but enjoyed that dignity only a short time, as he died May 9, 1791.

Author of "Hall Columbia."

Joseph Hopkinson was born in Philadelphia on November 12, 1770, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1786 and then studied law. He practiced at Easton, Pa., but soon returned to Philadelpiha, where he quickly attained prominence in his profession and was elected to congress in 1814.

Mr. Hopkinson was an intimate friend of Joseph Bonaparte when the latter lived at Bordentown. President John Quincy Adams appointed him United States judge in 1828 and he took part in the convention of 1837. which revised the constitution of Pennsyl-He wrote a number of articles on vania. He wrote a number of articles on legal and ethical subjects, but his only Council Bluffs. By mail, 14 cents. Address

Isaac Cohen off the rolls. Loot a Jewelry Store.

ness, which, fortunately for them, is the ST. LOUIS, June 7.-At noon today while lacob F. Smith, a jeweler at 1545 South when dressed, is drawn smoothly back Jacob F. Smith, a jeweler at 1545 South Broadway, was out at lunch burglars broke open the back door of his establishment and looted it, taking eighteen trays of watches looted it, taking eighteen trays of watches from the forehead, without a suspicion of a curl, into a knot at the back of the neck, and other fewelry, valued at over \$3,000. The merchant had left the store locked and was only four doors away at the time of the robbery, which took place on a crowded thoroughfare. The police are out in force, but have been unable to run down the rob-bers. and decorated with a huge comb. Often, however, for the sake of comfort, the hair is worn loose, and in its natural state is superb; soft, wavy and glossy, often falling to the feet in a glorious, raven-black mass. They are forever washing and combing, it, and cleanliness of the head is their especial Completes a Mammoth Lens. pride. I do not remember having seen a

GREENVILLE, Pa. June 7.—The vener-able Rev. John Peate has, after many months of labor, completed the wonderful lena which he has been shaping and polishing for the American university at Washington. The single native, man or woman, with the least sign of baldness, and gray heads are rare except among the very aged. big glass, the largest of its kind in the counbig glass, the largest of its kind in the coun-try, is boxed up ready for shipment. The glass will be transported to Washington in a special express car furnished by the uni-versity. A few nights ago Rev. Mr. Peate tested the glass and pronounced it a marvel. The native huts are curiosities. Built of bamboo inside and out, they are raised from the ground by stout posts of the same

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