Council Bluffs

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If you want WINDOW GLASS call Bell phone 599, Bluff City Glass and Mirror Works, 501½ West Broadway. We make a specialty of GLAZING at low prices.
Alderman Beebe, Dr. Traynor, P. Gunoude and Detective T. H. Ricaardson left last evening for Alliance, Neb., and the sand hills, on a week or more hunting trip.
H. J. Underwood began a suit against the Milwaukee railroad company, claiming $500 damages in connection with some stock shipments from Council Bluffs to Chicago.
When O. B. Mason, 28 years old, a laborer, was discovered carrying a loaded revolver he was promptly arrested by Detective Richardson. In police court yesterday morning he was fined $25 and costs, and in default of payment was sent to jail.
Word was received from Des Moines yesterday that at the meeting of the state organization of Daughters of the American Revolution the invitation of Council Bluffs to become host or hostess of the members at the meeting next year had been accepted. The next state conference will be held at about the same date next year.
Orwilda Mason, who was a June bride this year, yesterday included her application for divorce in the big batch of suits filed late in the day. She was united in marriage here to Omar B. Mason on June 28 and announces in her petition that she was obliged to leave him on August 11 on account of cruelty. She applied to Judge Woodruff for an order restraining him from in any manner interfering with her.
The Woman's Relief corps workers have arranged for concert lectures by Stella Stephall, famous both as a singer and speaker, to be given November 15 and 16. Miss Stephall is said to be a musician of rare ability and has had much training in both this country and abroad. She will be assisted by Miss Bernice Lagrop, both in the capacity of soloist and accompanist on the piano. The concerts are for the benefit of the corps relief fund.
An automobile owned and operated by Attorney Wallace Benjamin got into trouble through its energizing agency, the gasoline tank, and became a thing of terror instead of an object of affection for its owner. It was ablaze from one end to the other, and the firemen were compelled to make a run to 103 Park avenue to save it from complete destruction and also adjacent property. The incident occurred yesterday morning. Good work with the chemical prevented serious damage.
Senator C. G. Saunders left for Davenport last evening, where he will speak today before the State League of Commercial Clubs on the subject of terminal taxation. Senator Saunders was chosen to present to the last Iowa legislature the terminal tax law prepared by City Solicitor Clem F. Kimball, acting in his official capacity as chairman of the legislative committee of the League of Iowa Municipalities, and made a brave fight for its life, but failed. He has given the subject much thought and investigation and his address at Davenport ought to be very valuable to the cause in the future.
A new arrangement was made by the mayor and members of the city council yesterday, by which a closer supervision may be had of the opening of street pavement for any purpose. Heretofore all that was necessary was for a plumber to go to the city clerk's office, secure a permit and make the required deposit to cover the cost of relaying the pavement. Now this is also required, but before any work may be done, either Mayor Maloney or Alderman Minnick, chairman of the streets and alleys committee, must be notified, and one or the other must accompany the person wanting to open the pavement and determine whether it is necessary. If there is any possibility of preventing it by making use of longer lines through yards and alleys, it will be insisted upon. If permission is granted the alderman or the mayor will see to it that the pavement is properly laid and that no open ditch remains a minute longer than is necessary. Excavation will have to be commenced early enough in the day to insure completion of the work before nightfall.

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Eighteen different styles and designs in our window to select from; 30c paper for 10c. Many other designs, best quality, for 5c, 7½c and 10c. Its a good chance to get that room papered cheap. H. Borwick, 211 So. Main St.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers were reported to The Bee on October 20 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

Paula Muller and hus. to Louise Kreidler Sly, 40 ft. of lot 1, blk. 4, Park add to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d.	$ 500
Earl Hatch to Charles A. Jones, und 1-6 interest in lots 41 and 42 in blk. 16 in Wright's add to Council Bluffs, w. d.	600
Charles A. Jones and wife to Clifford Hatch, lots 41 and 42 in blk. 16 in Wright's add to Council Bluffs, Ia., qcd	1
Leroy C. Hatch and wife to Alice Hatch et al., lots 41 and 42 in blk. 16 in Wright's add to Council Bluffs, Ia., qcd	1
Clifford Hatch et al., to Dewey and Alphonso Hatch, lots 41 and 42 in blk. 16 in Wright's add to Council Bluffs, Ia., qcd	1
J. P. Hess, trustee, and wife to Mary F. Wallace, lot 3 in blk 9 in Benson's sec. add to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d.	1
Nancy Smith to Cyrilla S. Preston, lot 2 in blk. 29 in Avoca, Ia., w. d	...
Seven transfers total	$1,104

SAM SNYDER LOANS MONEY on household goods, horses, cattle and all chattel securities at a big discount of the usual rate. Office over 320 West Broadway.

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Council Bluffs Produce Market.

The following quotations, showing prices paid to producers, are corrected daily by William Higgeson, city weighmaster, for publication in The Bee:

Corn, 66@67c; new, 55c per bu. Wheat, 92c per bu. Oats, 45c per bu. Hay (loose) $11.00@12.00 per ton. Alfalfa (loose) $12.00@13.00 per ton. Potatoes, 70@90c per bu. Apples, 30@60 per bu. Butter, 25c per lb. Eggs, $5.00 per case, case count. Chickens, 8c, live weight.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to the following named persons:

Name and Address.	Age.
Henry Heissenbuttle, Fremont, Neb.	27
Cora Patterson, Philadelphia, Pa.	27
Paul Meyer, Kingman, Ia.	59
Martha Peterson, Council Bluffs	49

Persistent Advertising is the Road to Big Returns.

Council Bluffs

GRAND LODGE SESSION OVER

Odd Fellows Install Officers and Leave for Homes.

LAWS WILL BE CODIFIED

Stymest Stevenson of Council Bluffs Installed as Grand Master—Admission Fees Slightly Increased.

The sixty-fourth annual meeting of the grand lodge of Iowa Odd Fellows closed Friday afternoon, and the thousands of Odd Fellows who have been in Council Bluffs since Monday left for their homes in all parts of the state. The declaration was made by members who have attended every one of the sixty-four meetings and others whose more youthful age permitted the attendance of a lesser number that this meeting was in all respects the greatest gathering of Odd Fellows ever held in the state and likewise the most important.
The final meetings of the grand lodge were busy sessions. The first matter taken up yesterday morning was the election of trustees for the orphan's home, resulting in the selection of A. A. Crossley of Mason City as resident trustee for the three-year term, and Past Grand Master L. W. White of Woodbine, for two years to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Past Grand Master L. G. Snyder upon removing from the state.
C. E. MacCanon, official reporter, furnished this synopsis of the secret meetings:

Official Report.

There was adopted a resolution providing that the grand secretary shall attend the sovereign grand lodge, and that his expenses be paid by this grand lodge.
A resolution was adopted appropriating $13,000 for the maintenance of the orphans' and old folks' homes at Mason City during the ensuing year.
The finance committee reported the receipt of the sum of $345.97, bequeathed to the grand lodge by Sister Phoebe Nickirk, to be used as the beginning of an endowment fund for the homes.
The per capita tax for the maintenance of the Orphans' home for the ensuing year shall be 30 cents, 15 cents to be collected in January and 15 cents to be collected in July, and that the per capita tax on account of the construction of the Old Folks' home shall be 50 cents, 25 cents to be collected in January and 25 cents to be collected in July.
The finance committee presented an estimate of the expense in conducting the affairs of the grand lodge during the ensuing year, amounting to $19,225, and that amount was appropriated.
Mrs. Lewis was continued in the position of matron of the home.
A committee was ordered named to revise and codify the constitutions of the grand lodge and subordinate lodge, and present such revision and codification to the next meeting of the grand lodge. The intention of such codification is to put the laws of the order in such form as will make them convenient and accurate of reference.
A resolution thanking the local committees, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, the city officials and citizens generally for the splendid reception and hospitality extended and the public press for the generous space devoted to reports was unanimously adopted.
A resolution providing for the installation of a heating plant at the home of sufficient capacity to provide heat for three buildings, thus providing for the possibility of a third building being constructed within the next ten years, was adopted.
A resolution was adopted providing that the fees for admission to the order shall not be less than $14, instead of $11, as at present, the new fees to be in effect January 1, 1912.
The board of instruction presented the names of forty-one members of the order who had passed satisfactory examination in the unwritten work, and otherwise being qualified were recommended to be commissioned to instruct in the unwritten work.
There was presented an amendment to the laws of the order making it obligatory upon the grand master, in appointing deputy grand masters, to select past grands who are qualified to instruct in the unwritten work, and are holders of commissions from the board of instruction, approved by the grand master.
The credentials committee reported that there had been a total of 366 past grands who received the grand lodge degree, the largest number at one session of the grand lodge since 1899, when the grand lodge met in Creston.
The public installation of officers was proceeded with, when the following officers were installed:
Grand Master—Stymest Stevenson, Council Bluffs.
Deputy Grand Master—E. W. Cutting, Decorah.
Grand Warden—Henry F. Wagner, Sigourney.
Grand Marshal—Fred Sherer, Lewis.
Grand Conductor—J. P. Lambertson, Albia.
Grand Guardian—E. Mefferd, Woodbine.
Grand Herald—S. S. Hall, Benton.
Grand Messenger—W. C. Joseph, Council Bluffs.
Grand Chaplain—C. E. Kight, Valley Junction.
Grand Reporter—C. E. McCanon, Des Moines.
Board of Instruction—N. Jasper Jones, W. W. Brunton, F. W. Wrate, George S. Dunn and J. C. Richards.
Committee on Appeals—H. C. Ring, Zala A. Church, J. H. Henderson, W. W. Moore and B. W. White.
Finance Committee—F. L. Ingals, C. E. Alexander, Harry Cheney, E. V. Harper and E. G. Rigdon.
Credentials Committee—A. A. Montgomery, chairman.
Judiciary—J. P. Starr, chairman.
Memorial—Edmund Pendleton, chairman.

Saturday Specials.

In our big grocery and meat department. Brooms, special for Saturday: Regular 49c carpet broom, 29c; Quaker Oats, package, 8c; 90c box soda crackers, 65c; tomatoes, per basket, 10c; fancy celery, 4 stalks, 15c; Wisconsin cabbage, lb., 2c; sweet potatoes, per peck, 15c; new horseradish, per bottle, 10c; Pancake flour, per sack, 25c; 25c pail Karo syrup, 19c; yellow bananas, dozen, 15c; Swiss cheese, lb., 30c; fancy hand-packed table corn, 7 cans for 55c; 10c Palm Olive Toilet soap, 4 bars for 25c; lettuce, 2 for 5c; our Way Up flour, none better at any price, every sack warranted satisfactory, per sack, $1.45; 3-lb. pail lard, 39c; fancy pork roasts, lb., 12½c, 15c; fancy boneless rib roasts, lb., 15c; dressed spring chickens, lb., 12½c; bologna, lb., 10c; breakfast bacon, strip, lb., 13½c; home-made hamburger steak, per lb., 12½c; choice shoulder steak, lb., 12½c; choice rib roast, lb., 12½c; summer sausage, lb., 18c; home-made sausage, lb., 12½c. J. Zoller Mercantile company, the big uptown store, 100-2-4-6 Broadway. 'Phone 320.

SWITCHMAN KILLED WHEN ENGINE STRIKES A TRAIN

MARSHALL, Tex., Oct. 20.—After reversing his engine when almost upon a freight locomotive, a Texas & Pacific railroad passenger train engineer jumped to save his life today. The two locomotives collided with sufficient force to start the passenger locomotive backward, and it continued unchecked in the local yards, crashing into eastbound passenger train No. 4 on the Texas & Pacific railroad, killing Clint Hall, a switchman of Whelan, Ark., and injuring sixteen persons, mostly passengers.

Council Bluffs

Host of Lawsuits Get Under the Wire in District Court

Pretty nearly a record number of petitions instituting suits in the district court were filed in the clerk's office yesterday. At 5 o'clock the number was nearly thirty and attorneys were still hurrying to get others in. It was the last day of filing for the October term. A majority of the suits were for damages, which constitute more than one-half of the regular court business and its heavy expense to the taxpayers. None of the suits was of great importance. The divorce docket was increased by about the average number of new cases.
Joe Kamm asks $1,500 damages from William Roper, whose automobile, driven rapidly down North Sixth street at dawn, on the morning of August 12, struck Kamm's buggy at the Mynster street intersection, smashed it and painfully hurt him.
F. E. Wasser brings a suit against M. H. and Cora Sherman, owners of the old Aylesworth fruit farm, on East Broadway, to recover a balance of $485.05, alleged to be due as wages from August 10, 1910, to July 7, 1911, in accordance with a verbal contract to give Wasser and his wife $50 a month, he to work on the farm and she in the house. Credits of only $37.95 are mentioned.
R. H. Emery sues Floyd Jones, owner of a local automobile delivery, for $500, on account of alleged damages sustained on October 2, when a buggy in which he was riding was hit by a machine driven by young Jones.
The Iowa Fruit and Produce company sues the street railway company, claiming $500 damages for injuries to a wagon and valuable horse, when the wheel of the vehicle stuck in a track at the east approach of the river bridge, on June 8.
Peter Nelson and Jens Larsen want $200 damages from G. E. Ellsworth, for alleged trespass of the Ellsworth dairy stock on field crops, cultivated in the vicinity of the dairy in the southwest part of the city.
L. C. Besley asks $5,000 damages from the street railway company for a remarkable condition which, he alleges, existed at Manawa, when a dam constructed by the company to raise the level of the water in the lake, injured a large tract of agricultural land by causing an overflow of water. It is not asserted, however, that the injury was inflicted in the drouthy summer of 1911.
A remarkable suit is filed by E. H. Richards against George P. Colon. He alleges that on March 18, 1910, that Colon, confederating with Robert Brown, Edward Dawson and others, got him drunk and induced him to buy a pretended interest in a pretended Council Bluffs saloon and to sign a note for $4,500 secured by mortgage on a good Iowa farm located near this city. He also alleges that during the first five months of 1910 they secured from him $5,200 in cash. He asks a judgment against them for $9,700 and cancellation of the mortgage.
A suit is brought by J. D. West against Merritt Ellis and Fred Brown for $350 commission due from the sale of a $13,000 stock of shoes in Council Bluffs.
H. R. Wygert sues O. C. Brown for $150, alleging that he ran into, with his automobile, and smashed an autocycle which he left standing at the street curb.
A damage suit wherein $2,500 is claimed for personal injuries was instituted by C. E. Venard against Winfield V. Mayne, son of Harley Mayne. It is alleged that Mayne was driving an automobile on the roadway north of the city on August 31 and in attempting to pass the wagon driven by Venard struck it from the rear, overturned it and painfully hurt Mrs. Venard and her sister, Mrs. Sadie Sage, and his nephew, Joe De Vere.
Among the batch of divorce suits is that of Caroline Alice Hauser against William Hauser. They were wed in Omaha September 21, 1900. She alleges cruelty and asks for the custody of their child and title to the homestead property with all of its contents, located at 619 Oakland Drive. She also says he has property located at 2304 West Broadway and other investments which should be equitably divided.
Kjerstine Jensen married Jens Marius Jensen in far away Denmark on April 1, 1893, and came with him to this country. She lived with him until September 8, this year when she says she was obliged to leave on accounty of cruelty. She wants the custody of three minor children and such other relief as the court may give. Estella May Allen seeks divorce from Henry Allen on the grounds of cruelty. They were wed in Council Bluffs on date left blank and separated on September 10, 1911.
Two damage suits against the street railway company are brought by the father of Clara and Hattie Jacobson for injuries alleged to have been sustained by the children while changing from the Manawa car to the North Eighth street car. Small amounts are asked, $300 in one case and $450 in the other.

Saturday Specials.

In our big hardware department: Wash machines, up from $3.57; bird cages, up from 85c; Economy cobler outfits, complete set for fixing shoes, 69c; No. 8 extra good waffle iron, 78c; 50c galvanized water pail, 35c; $2 extra heavy, copper bottom wash boiler, $1.50; willow clothes baskets, 78c; 6-inch stove pipe, 12c; 6-inch stove pipe elbows, 12c; fire shovels, up from 2c; heavy oil cloth rug, 59c; wood-lined stove boards, 58c; charcoal, per package, 10c; Perfection oil heater, $3.29; boys' handled axe, 69c; men's handled axe, 85c; kindling hatchets, up from 15c; axe handles, up from 15c; 16-inch Japanned coal pail, 19c; extra large, heavy galvanized garbage can, $2; iron pumps, up from $1.90. J. Zoller Mercantile company, the big uptown store, 100-2-4-6 Broadway. Phone 320.

Wanted old mirrors to resilver to look like new. Bluff City Glass and Mirror Works. Bell phone 599.

California wines, 50c per qt. Kentucky whiskies, bottled in bond, $1 per qt. Rosenfeld Liquor Co., Tel. 2323.

MRS. HENRY GIBBONS DIES AT KEARNEY HOME

KEARNEY, Neb., Oct. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Henry Gibbons, wife of Henry Gibbons, master of the grand lodge of Masons of Nebraska, died at her home in Kearney at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The funeral will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Grand Secretary Francis E. White and other prominent Masons of the state will be present.

Council Bluffs

Mayor Maloney Will Designate Land Show Day

Not sufficient important business rather than a press of other duties that have kept the city officials and aldermen constantly busy all week caused the contemplated council meeting last night to be postponed. A brief meeting of the council, with just a quorum, was held during the afternoon for the purpose of assessing the Broadway paving, but no other business was done. The work required several hours and a journey over the new pavement.
One of the things expected to be brought up if the meeting had been held was the acceptance of the invitation to attend the Omaha Land Show and the official designation of Wednesday, October 25 as Council Bluffs day. This will be done at the meeting on Monday night, and Mayor Maloney will issue a proclamation designating the day. It will be one of the big days of the show with a number of special features, including moving pictures showing the nature-color films taken in the Yosemite and Yellowstone National parks with explanatory lectures by Bruce Leffingwell and H. H. Hays, national lecturers, whose duties are to describe and familiarize the public with the great natural park reserves of the country. The pictures are made by the new natural color process and are the next best thing to a visit to the places described.

Pianos in all the latest fancy veneers of the very best makes procurable, at A. Hospe Co., 407 W. Broadway, Council Bluffs, Ia. Easy payments.

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THE REAL RANKIN IS NOW NEMESIS OF MILLIGAN

J. D. Rankin, the real Jesse Rankin of Tarkio, Mo., arrived in Council Bluffs yesterday afternoon for the purpose of securing a timely interview with the young man who has been trailing the family escutcheon in the dust. When Mr. Rankin, at his home in Tarkio, read in The Bee the story printed Tuesday morning announcing the wild escapade of the fellow posing as the grandson of the late David Rankin, one of the men whom the people of northwestern Missouri have long known and honored, the telephone was immediatey used and the Council Bluffs police department informed that the man who married 15-year-old Maude Blumenstine Monday evening and was in jail two hours afterwards was Jess or James Milligan, a former resident of Tarkio and well known there. Mr. Rankin took the first train to Council Bluffs, not for the purpose of protecting the family name, but to insure the holding of the imposter until he can be returned to Missouri. As there is a Jess and Jim Milligan, Mr. Rankin was in doubt as to which it might be.
He confronted Milligan in the city jail immediately after reaching the city and told the police it was Jim Milligan. Mr. Rankin, who is a young man of refinement, connected with the largest banking business in that portion of Missouri and married and providing for his family of wife and two children, told briefly of some of the Milligan exploits. He said the boy's father is now in jail at Rockport charged with bootlegging, and that another brother is being sought by the federal authorities for the same offense. He said Milligan went to Kansas City some time ago and engaged a fine livery team and carriage upon the representation that he was J. D. Rankin, drove out of town and sold the outfit. He was next heard from at North Platte, Neb., where he became connected with a valuable fur overcoat, again giving the name of J. D. Rankin. He is also wanted for a crime committed at Springfield, Mo. The sheriff was expected to arrive from Tarkio last night to take Mijligan back.
It is now recalled by the police and others that Milligan came to Council Bluffs in July and represented himself as J. D. Rankin. The Rankins are extensive dealers in automobiles, and Milligan came nearly concluding operations for the purchase of a fine car from a Council Bluffs dealer. He was only prevented getting away with it when the garage men sent a chauffeur with him. All he got was a good, free ride about town. It is also recalled that Milligan was around the Goodrich hotel during the afternoon of the evening that James Ganz attempted to line a dozen men in the office and rob them and the cash register, firing half a dozen shots. Milligan was in his company and was drinking with him and is believed now to be largely responsible for the crime of the liquor-crazed man. One of the patrons of the hotel had his pockets picked that evening before Ganz made his wild attempt and Milligan is believed to be responsible for the loss.
An enormous amount of embarrassment has been caused Mr. Rankin and his family by the persistent impersonation by Milligan. Mr. Rankin said he received a postal card about ten days ago from a strange young woman, directed to Tarkio, in which the young woman said she arrived home safely and thoroughly enjoyed the trip with him, alluding to many incidents of a shady character. Mr. Rankin said Milligan would now be retired for a good long time. The only request that Milligan had to make when he met Rankin at the city jail was for "a good cigar."

Hundreds of new mouldings and frames to select from for those pictures to be framed, at The Fauble Art Shop.

Grinnell Pioneer 90 Years Old.

GRINNELL, Ia., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—Children and grandchildren are gathered here today to celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Squire Miles Chaffee. He was born in Springville, N. Y., but came to Grinnell with his invalid wife in December, 1868. He has been elected justice of the peace for twenty-eight consecutive years, township clerk for the same time, overseer of the poor seventeen years, city treasurer six years, county coroner five years, deacon in the Congregational church twenty-four years and in all these cases has never sought the office. Mr. and Mrs. Chaffee will celebrate their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary on Tuesday, October 24.

"Blue Law" for Chicago.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Chief of Police McWeeny today promised a "blue law" in regard to gambling, since Assistant Chief Schuettler, who said he could stop gambling, has been given charge of a special squad to stop gambling. He said Schuettler's men would make no distinction between parlor bridge whist and home penny ante games and the professional games of roulette, faro bank and poker.

WHEN DAMS BREAK LOOSE

Wrath of Resistless Waters, as Pictured in Fiction.

ROMANCE MIXED WITH DISASTER

Charles Reade Describes the Terrible Consequences of a Dam Giving Way in Spite of Precautions.

With the admixture of romance overlooked, Charles Reade's description in "Put Yourself in His Place" of the bursting of the dam at Onsley reservoir, near Hillsborough, England, gives in fiction a thrilling picture of the realities of the disaster at Austin, Pa., September 30, 1911, and at Johnstown, Pa., May 31, 1889. The novelist describes the dam, its great width and strength, and the special precautions of the constructor to enable any undue pressure of the water to be relieved without delay. Then came the finding of a crack in the dam, the opening of the sluice pipes, and the inspection, all too late to avert the disaster which the giving away of the dam brings on the inhabitants of the adjoining valley. The most remarkable of the escapes was that of Henry Little and Grace Coventry, two lovers who had been separted, Grace having married Frederick Coventry. Following is a description of the scene:
"What seemed a mountain of snow came rolling, and burst on them with terrific violence, whirling great trees and fragments of houses past with incredulous velocity.
"At the first blow, the house that stood nearest to the flying lake was shattered and went to pieces soon after; all the houses quivered as the water rushed round them two stories high.
"Little never expected to live another minute; yet, in that awful moment, his love stood firm. (He screamed to Grace, 'The houses must go!—the tree!—the tree! —get to the tree!'
"But Grace, so weak at times, was more than mortal strong at that dread hour.
"'What! Live with him,' she cried, 'when I can die with you!'
"She folded her arms, and her pale face was radiant, no hope, no fear."
Now came a higher wave, and water reached above the window sills of the bedroom floor and swept away the ladder; yet, driven forward like a cannon bullet, did not yet pour into the bed rooms from the main stream; but by degrees the furious flood broke, melted and swept away the intervening houses, and then hacked off the gable-end of Grace's hous, as if Leviathan had bitten a piece out. Through that aperture the flood came straight in, leveled the partitions at a blow, rushed into the upper rooms with fearful roar, and then, rushing out again to rejoin the greater body of water, blew the front wall clean away, and swept Grace out into the raging current.
The mighty reflux, which, after a short struggle, overpowered the rush of water from the windows, and carried Grace's helpless body away from the tree, drove her, of course, back toward the houses, and she was whirled past Little's window with fearful velocity, just as he was going to leap into the flood and perish in an insane attempt to save her. With a loud cry he seized her by the long floating hair and tried to draw her in at the window, but the mighty water pulled her from him fiercely, and all but dragged him in after her; he was only saved by clutching the side of the wall with his left hand; the flood was like some vast solid body drawing against him, and terror began to seize on his heart. He ground his teeth, he set his knee against the horizontal projection of the window, and that freed his left hand; he suddenly seized her arm with it, and, clutching violently, ground his teeth together, and, throwing himself backward with a jerk, tore her out of the water by an effort almost superhuman. Such was the force exerted by the torrent on one side and the desperate lover on the other that not her only, but her stockings, though gartered, were torn off her in that fierce struggle.

A New Danger.

A new danger soon brought them both to their senses; an elm tree whirling past grazed Coventry's plane tree; it was but a graze, yet it nearly shook him off into the flood, and he yelled with fear; almost at the same moment a higher wave swept into Little's room, and the rising water set everything awash, and burst over him as he kneeled with Grace. He got up, drenched and half-blinded with the turbid water, and, taking Grace in his arms, wadded waist high to his bed, and laid her down on it.
Fearful as the situation was, a sickening horror was added to it by the horrible smell odor, a compound of earthiness and putrescence; it smelt like a newly-opened grave; it paralyzed like a serpent's breath.
Stout as young Little's heart was, it fainted when he saw his bedstead, and his drawers, and his chairs, all slowly rising toward the ceiling, lifted by that cold, putrescent, liquid death.
But all men, and even animals, possess greater power of mind, as well as of body, than they ever exert, unless compelled by dire necessity; and it would have been strange indeed if a heart so stanch, and a brain so inventive, as Little's, had let his darling die like a rat drowned in a hole, without some new and masterly attempt first made to save her.
To that amount of horror and paralysis succeeded an activity of mind and body almost incredible. He waded to the drawers, took his rifle and fired both barrels at one place in the ceiling, bursting a hole, and cutting a narrow joist almost in two. Then he opened a drawer, got an ax and a saw out, and tried to wade to the bed; but the water now took him off his feet, and he had to swim to it instead. He got on it, and with his ax and saw he contrived to paddle the floating bed under the hole in the ceiling and then with a few swift and powerful blows of his ax soon enlarged that aperture sufficiently; but at that moment the water carried the bedstead away from the place.
He set to work with his saw and ax and paddled back again.

Tumble of Houses.

He drew himself up through the aperture, and Grace, holding his skirts with her hands and the bed with her feet, climbed adroitly on to the head of the bed—a French bed made of mahogany—and Harry drew her through the aperture. They were now on the false ceiling, and nearly jammed against the roof. Little soon hacked a great hole in that just above the parapet, and they crawled out upon the gutter.
They were now nearly as high as Coventry on his tree; but their house was rocking and his tree was firm.
In the next house were heard the despairing shrieks of poor creatures who saw no way of evading their fate; yet the way was as open to them as to this brave pair.
"Oh, my angel," said Grace, "save them! Then, if you die, you go to God."
"All right," said Henry. "Come on."
They darted down the gutters to the next house. Little hacked a hole in the slates, and then in the woodwork, and was about to jump in, when the house he had just left tumbled all to pieces like a house of sugar, and the debris went floating by, including the bedstead that had helped to save them.
Little jumped in, hacked a hole in the ceiling, and yelled to the inmates to give him their hands.
There was a loud cry of male and female voices.
"My child first!" cried a woman, and threw up an infant, which Little caught and handed to Grace. She held it, wailing, to her breast.
Little dragged five more souls up. Grace helped them out, and they ran along the gutter to the last house without saying, "Thank you."
The house was rocking. Little and Grace went on to the next, and he smashed the roof in, and then the ceiling, and Grace and he were getting the people out, when the house they had just left melted away, all but a chimney stack, which adhered in jagged dilapidation to the house they were now upon.
They were now upon the last. Little hacked furiously through the roof and ceiling, and got the people out; and now twenty-seven souls crouched in the gutter, or hung about the roof of this one house; some praying, but most of them whining and wailing.

Despair and Hope.

At this moment was heard a sound like the report of a gun; a large tree whirled down by the flood, struck the plane tree just below the fork, and cut it in two as promptly as a scythe would go through a carrot.
It drove the upper part along, and, going with it, kept it perpendicular for some time. The white face and glaring eyes of Frederick Coventry sailed past those despairing lovers. He made a wild clutch at them, then sank in the boiling current, and was hurried away.
This appalling incident silenced all who saw it for a moment, but then Little started to his feet and cried, "Hurrah!"
There was a general groan.
"Hold your tongues!" he roared. "I've got good news for you. The water was over the top windows; now it is an inch lower. The reservoir must be empty by now. Keep quiet for two minutes, and you will see."
Then no more was heard but the whimpering of the women, and, every now and then, the voice of Little; he hung over the parapet, and reported every half minute the decline of the water; it subsided with strange rapidity, as he had foreseen.
In three minutes after he had noticed the first decline, he took Grace down, through the roof, on the second floor.
When Grace and Henry got there, they started with dismay; the danger was not over; the front wall was blown clean out by the water, all but a jagged piece shaped like crescent, and it seemed a miracle that the road, thus weakened and crowded with human beings had not fallen in.
"We must get out of this," said Little. "It all hangs together by a thread."
He called the others down from the roof, and tried to get down by the staircase, but it was broken into sections and floating about. Then he cut into the floor near the wall, and, to his infinite surprise, found the first floor within four feet of him. The flood had lifted it bodily more than six feet.
He dropped on to it, and made Grace let herself down to him, he holding her around the waist and landing her as light as a feather.

The Aftermath.

Henry then hacked through the door, which was jammed tight; and, the water subsiding, presently the wrecks of the staircase left off floating, and stuck in the mud and water; by this means they managed to get down, and found themselves in a layer of mud, stones and debris, alive and dead, such as no imagination had hitherto conceived.
Dreading, however, to remain in a house so disembowled within, and so shattered without that it seemed to survive by mere cohesion of mortar, he begged Grace to put her arc around his neck, and then lifted her and carried her out into the night.
"Take me home to papa, my angel," said she.
He said he would and tried to find his way to the road which he knew led up the hill to Woodbine Villa. But all landmarks were gone; houses, trees, hedges, all swept away; roads covered 3 feet thick with rocks, and stones, and bricks, and carcasses. The pleasant valley was one horrid quagmire, in which he could take few steps, burdened as he was, without sticking, or stumbling against some sure sign of destruction and death; within the compass of 50 yards he found a steam boiler and its appurtenances (they must have weighed some tons, yet they had been driven more than a mile), and a cow, and the body of a wagon turned upside down (the wheels of this same wagon were afterward found fifteen miles from the body).

Pointed Paragraphs.

Gossips tell all they know and then some.
The social whirl has made many a girl giddy.
Most of life's so-called tragedies are merely comedies.
The motto of a grass widower: "Once stung, always shy."
Money makes the mare go; the lack of it makes her go hungry.
Many a self made man merely offers an explanation that doesn't explain.
People who take the will for the deed never break into the millionaire class.
A wise girl never tries to fool her mother. She lets the old lady fool herself.
The one way to help a worthless man along is to administer a swift kick in the proper place.
It sometimes happens that a man who never even saw an airship flies just as high and falls just as hard.—Chicago News.

Killed While Duck Hunting.

ANTIOCH, Ill., Oct. 21.—Attorney Charles G. McRoberts of Chicago was shot and instantly killed while hunting ducks at Grass Lake, near here, today. A guide, Ben Cobb, was with McRoberts in a duck boat. As the ducks came by the guide shouted to the attorney to sit down, but the attorney misunderstood, and stood up in the boat just as Cobb fired. The charge tore the whole top of McRoberts' head off.

Body on Mountain Peak.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 21.—Uncladd and with the throat cut, the body of Henry Connelly was found today at the top of a mountain peak near Sunland. Connelly, who had been employed on a ranch, disappeared two weeks ago. A letter received today, addressed to Connelly, indicated that he had a brother living at 158 North Central avenue, Chicago.

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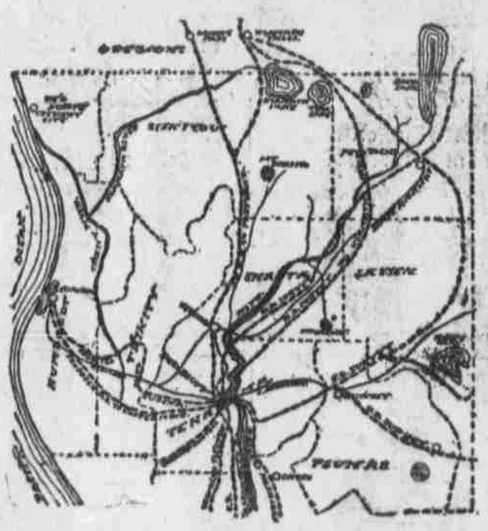

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