

LODGE ATTACKS FORAKER BILL.

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DEFENDS PRESIDENT'S ACTION.

Making Race Question Out of the Brownsville Case, Senator Lodge Declared, Was the Greatest Misfortune to the Negroes.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Senator Lodge of Massachusetts before the senate this afternoon discussed the pending bills for the reinstatement of the Brownsville soldiers, defending the president's course and attacking the bill fathered by Senator Foraker.

Senator Lodge said that the Warner bill allowed the president to reinstate the men, while the Foraker bill made the reinstatement obligatory under easily fulfilled conditions.

Discipline at Stake. The Foraker bill, he declared, would be ruinous to the discipline of the army.

Senator Lodge declared that the president had the right to discharge men from the army and that congress had no power to rescind his action, though congress could render such action impossible in the future if foolish enough.

"If you impair the proper authority of the commanding officer," he said, "you make it impossible to have an effective command. This would go far towards converting soldiers from an army into a mob."

The senator declared that he believed that the soldiers undoubtedly did the shooting at Brownsville and that the greatest misfortune to the negroes was the making of a race question out of the case.

Seiffert-Warnke.

Battle Creek, Dec. 16.—Special to The News: Wm. Seiffert and Miss Alma Warnke were married Monday morning at 9 o'clock in the Lutheran church by Rev. J. Hoffman. The groom is a son of William Seiffert of Norfolk and the bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Warnke of this county, and well known. After a short journey to the east they will reside in Stanton, where the groom is in business.

A Creighton Baby.

A little son has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Compton in Creighton. Mrs. Compton was formerly Miss Glennie Evans of this city. Mrs. G. W. Evans went to Creighton Wednesday to visit the grandson.

Royal Highlanders.

Officers of the Royal Highlanders for the coming year were elected last evening. S. D. Robertson was elected illustrious protector; Mrs. George Madsen, chief counselor; Miss Fannie Graul, secretary; Mrs. J. G. Troutman, treasurer; C. E. Hartford, sentinel; John Krantz, warden; Mrs. W. J. Gow, evangelist; C. W. Lamont, member board of managers. Officers will be installed on January 19.

Spanish War Veterans.

Among the north Nebraska men who have been elected vice presidents of the general committee for the second reunion of the Spanish war veterans of Nebraska to be held in Omaha during the coming April are: Major G. A. Eberly of Stanton, Colonel Fred Gagner of Madison, Captain Allen G. Fisher of Chadron, Captain A. J. Koenigstein formerly of Norfolk, and Lieutenant Charles Hall of O'Neill. At the reunion it is expected that the organization will be made permanent in the form of a Nebraska department of the United Spanish War Veterans.

Business Changes in the Northwest. J. P. Classen has sold his Madison photograph studio to H. E. Anderson of Bladen. Mr. Classen expects to move in a short time to a farm which he owns near Spencer.

SENATE ALSO ASKED TO ACT.

Aldrich Introduces Resolution Aimed At Roosevelt's Message.

TOUCHES ALL SECRET SERVICE.

Senate Also Has Before it For Action That Part of President's Message Which Gave Offense to Congressmen—in Hands of Committee.

Washington, Dec. 16.—A senate resolution of censure against the president because of the secret service part of his message at the opening of congress was offered today by Senator Aldrich. The resolution was referred to the appropriation committee. It involves an investigation of the whole secret service.

SENATE CALLS FOR INFORMATION.

On Employment of Detectives Against Negroes in Brownsville Case.

aker's resolution calling on the war department for full information regarding the employment of detectives to shadow the negro soldiers dismissed by the president, was adopted by the senate without discussion.

MILWAUKEE'S BIG ISSUE.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 16.—The Wisconsin railroad commission today approved the issue of \$150,000,000 additional stock by the St. Paul railroad to build the Pacific coast extension.

A NEW REPUBLIC.

Island Renounced Allegiance to England and Starts Own Show. Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 16.—That the natives of Bokoahanga, an island in the Manihiki group, have renounced their allegiance to Great Britain and established a native republic, was the news brought today by the steamer Makura from Australia. The British flag was hauled down after a mass meeting.

"LID" FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

Stern Measures Expected When Taft Takes Presidency.

BAN ON CALLS FOR RESISTANCE.

American Governors Expected to Replace the Natives—Stern Measures Against Those Who Ferment Unrest in Newspaper Calls.

Manila, Dec. 16.—The replacement of native governors by Americans, the forbidding of newspapers to publish calls to resist the government and other repressive measures are expected to be inaugurated as the American policy after Judge Taft assumes the presidency.

READY FOR RANKIN TRIALS.

Eight of the Defendants Plead Not Guilty to the Outrage. Union City, Tenn., Dec. 16.—Eight of the defendants charged with the murder of Captain Rankin by night riders pleaded "not guilty" today. Talesmen to the number of 250 have appeared in court.

HUNGARIAN MINERS ENTOMBED.

Explosion Kills Thirteen—Fate of Others Not Known. Vienna, Dec. 16.—An explosion in the Doman coal mine near Reszeza in Hungary today killed thirteen miners outright. Many are entombed in the mine and their fate is unknown.

Tenements Burn, Four Missing.

New York, Dec. 16.—Six tenement houses burned today. Four people are missing and it is feared that they perished. The cause of the fire is unknown.

One Body Ashore.

Grand Marais, Mich., Dec. 16.—The body of one member of the crew of the lost steamer, Clemson, was washed ashore but was not recovered on account of the ice. The man had on a life preserver.

CASTRO TO BLOW HIMSELF.

Delighted With Berlin Reception and Will Spend \$250,000 There. Berlin, Dec. 16.—President Castro, delighted with his reception here, announced that he would spend \$250,000 here before leaving, which amount he had intended to spend in Paris.

BAD WRECK IN FRANCE.

Ten Killed, Score Injured in Tunnel Collision. Limoges, France, Dec. 16.—Ten persons were killed today in a collision between a passenger and a freight train in a pouch tunnel between here and Paris. A score were injured.

FOR WATERWAY BONDS.

Committee Named to Draft Bill to Be Given Congress. Washington, Dec. 16.—Congressman Ramsdell of Louisiana, president of the Rivers and Harbors congress, today appointed a committee of four to prepare a bill for congress, providing a bond issue for waterway improvement.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

C. C. Gow left at noon for Herrick, S. D. L. B. Nicola was in Bloomfield on business. August Deek of Hoskins was in town yesterday. Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Salter left for Chicago at noon. Miss Martha Steinkraus of Pierce was in Norfolk yesterday. The next dance in the Elk series is given next Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Johnson are in Omaha taking in the corn show. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pilger of Stanton visited in Norfolk Tuesday afternoon. Miss Emma Schlack of Battle Creek was down in Norfolk Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Frank Schultz and Miss Anna Ruhlrow of Pierce were in town yesterday. Mrs. J. A. Custer has returned from a few weeks spent with her sons in Omaha. Mrs. A. J. Weatherholt, Mrs. George

were Norfolk visitors from Hoskins Tuesday afternoon.

Arthur Hartung of Hooper, Neb., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Zesche.

Mrs. Hayes and Miss Ada Hayes left Norfolk yesterday to spend the holidays in Merrill, Wis.

Mrs. Arthur Wichman and Miss Ada Wichman of Hadar were Norfolk visitors Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Harper of Beatrice were guests at the Geo. Christoph home over night. They had been visiting Mr. Harper's parents at Plainville.

Misses Norah Dixon and Bertha Howe returned yesterday from Omaha where they have been visiting friends and relatives and attending the corn exhibitions.

William Frum of Omaha, a brother-in-law of the late Mrs. Mary Elliott of this city, died Tuesday in an Omaha hospital. Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson of Oakdale, relatives of Mrs. Frum, passed through Norfolk for Omaha to attend the funeral. Mr. Frum had visited in Norfolk.

Burt Mapes left at noon for O'Neill. H. A. Lantz left for Tecumseh yesterday.

B. T. Reid is home from a trip up the Bonestell line. John Loch of Battle Creek was in Norfolk yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reineccus are visiting in Madison. A. J. Durland went to West Point yesterday afternoon.

H. C. Matrau is expected home from Omaha about Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hays were passengers to Omaha yesterday.

Mrs. A. H. Kiesau went to Omaha yesterday to attend the corn show. Mrs. Munson of Battle Creek was visiting friends in Norfolk yesterday. Ed Tillotson of Bellevue, Mich., is in Norfolk visiting his cousin, A. H. Viele.

W. S. Slaughter, vice president of the Bank of Herrick, was in Norfolk Tuesday.

J. F. Walton and V. L. Walton went down to Des Moines yesterday on business.

Frank Lamb and little son have returned to Madison after a visit with Harry Lamb.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller and daughter of Stanton were in Norfolk on Monday. Henry Hasenflug went to Hadar yesterday to look after some real estate transactions.

Mrs. M. C. Demmon left yesterday to attend the horticultural exposition in Council Bluffs.

Miss Hagaman and Mr. and Mrs. John Pofahl of Hoskins were Norfolk visitors on Monday.

B. A. Staley, one of the proprietors of the new store at Foster, was in town on business yesterday.

L. F. Spencer of Beemer who has been in Creighton most all fall passed through Norfolk yesterday on his way home.

Herman H. Miller went down to Columbus yesterday for a consultation with the attending physician at the hospital there.

Mrs. C. Briggs of Norfolk left yesterday for California where she will spend the winter with friends of last winter's making.

O. C. Hauptli and bride, who have been spending a delightful wedding trip in Arizona, are expected to be home in Norfolk Sunday next.

Mr. J. R. Carter, who is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry Evers of Morningside, Sioux City, is expected home the last of the week.

J. N. Marsh of Niobrara, a prominent stockman and cattlefeeder, passed through Norfolk yesterday with cattle billed for the Sioux City market.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: R. S. Poelke, Gregory, S. D.; C. C. Daily, Creighton; H. H. Turpin, Oakdale; J. R. Judrew, Lynch; J. A. Storn, Herrick; S. D.; E. Halverson, Burke; S. D.; R. J. Allen, Herrick; S. D.; Arthur Oliver, Wisner; George Slater, Burke; S. D.; B. A. Staley, Foster; H. J. Backus, Humphrey; K. W. McDonald, Pierre.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Scott, a daughter. Elmer Hardy is working in the C. S. Hayes jewelry store during the Christmas rush.

J. O. Weathers, a former manager of the Western Union in Norfolk, is at Weatherly, Mo.

Mrs. M. E. Cooper has established an apartment for hair dressing, etc., at 260 South Tenth street. Mrs. Cooper has studied in Omaha.

Casper Rief, said to be the largest individual landowner in Cuming county, died at his farm home near West Point Monday night at the age of seventy-two.

Two Mormon missionaries have been canvassing the town for recruits this week. Whether or not they have had any success in Norfolk has not been ascertained.

The Queen Esther circle met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. H. Oxnam. The feature of the evening was the packing of a Christmas hamper for the little child in the south circle is supporting.

It is stated at Battle Creek that Congressman Boyd's recommendation of the appointment of Fred W. Richardson, the father of County Clerk George E. Richardson, as postmaster, will end the postoffice contest there satisfactorily.

W. J. Hahn received a letter and photographs yesterday from his brother-in-law, Eli Poesnecker, of Nulato, Alaska. The very tang of the icy Arctic is in the pictures which are real photographs of fur clad adventurers and reindeer.

Madison Chronicle: Judge Isaac Powers was appointed guardian, ad litem, last week, of Fritz Hangartner, whose mother was recently burned to death in a gasoline explosion in Norfolk and whose father is an inmate

erty in name of Mrs. Hangartner at the time of her death was ordered by the court to be made over to Mr. Hangartner.

E. M. Huntington sold a half section of land in Gregory county last week. As an idea as to how land values have increased during the last six months it is stated that the piece referred to has just doubled itself in value during that time.

The case of Mrs. Olga Brummond against O. P. Herrick, the sewer contractor, will not be tried before Judge Welch. Herrick has dismissed his appeal and Mrs. Brummond will obtain the damages awarded her by Justice Eliseley. Mrs. Brummond claimed that her first street property was damaged by the blasting of the sewer ditch. The house which was claimed to have been damaged has since burned down.

The recent transfer of property from Heraan Boche to his wife for a nominal consideration included not only his farm south of the city but also the personal property. The property was signed over to the wife for merely a nominal consideration. It is not known that the threatened suit of Mrs. Frank Jarmer for damages through the death of her husband had anything to do with the transfer as such action, local attorneys state, would in no wise effect the suit if brought.

The athletic association of the Norfolk militia, a detachment of the First Nebraska National guard, held a short meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. Lawrence Hoffman was elected president, Leo Horsley secretary and treasurer. The supply of basket ball equipment ordered some time ago arrived yesterday. Space is being cleared in the armory for the practice of the game. A team with which to meet all and any invitations will be chosen as soon as the preliminary practices have the talent located.

The president's message, giving the results of the war department's investigation of the Brownsville affair, was read, as follows:

"I enclose herewith a letter from the secretary of war transmitting a report of the investigation made by Mr. Herbert J. Brown, employed by the department, in conjunction with Captain W. G. Baldwin, to investigate as far as possible what happened at Brownsville on the 13th and 14th of August, 1906.

"This report enables us to fix with tolerable definiteness at least some of the criminals who took the lead in the murderous shooting of private citizens at Brownsville. It establishes clearly the fact that the colored soldiers did the shooting; but upon this point further record was unnecessary, as the fact that the colored soldiers did the shooting has already been established beyond all possibility of doubt. The investigation has not been far enough to enable us to determine all the facts, and we will proceed with it; but it has gone far enough to determine with sufficient accuracy certain facts of enough importance to make it advisable that I place the report before you.

Concealment a Grave Offense. "It appears that almost all the members of company B must have been actively concerned in the shooting, either to the extent of being participants or to the extent of virtually encouraging those who were participants. As to companies C and D, there can be no question that practically every man in them must have had knowledge that the shooting was done by some of the soldiers of B troop, and possibly by one or two others in one of the other troops. The concealment was itself a grave offense, which was greatly aggravated by their testimony before the senate committee that they were ignorant of what they must have known. Nevertheless, it is to be said in partial extenuation that they were probably cowed by threats, made by the more desperate of the men who had actually been engaged in the shooting as to what would happen to any man who failed to protect the wrongdoers. Moreover, there are circumstances tending to show that these misguided men were encouraged by outsiders to persist in their course of concealment and denial. I feel, therefore, that the guilt of the men who, after the event, thus shielded the perpetrators of the wrong by refusing to tell the truth about them, though serious, was in part due to the unwise and improper attitude of others, and that some measure of allowance should be made for their misconduct. In other words, I believe we can afford to reinstate any of these men who now truthfully tell what has happened, give all the aid they can to fix the responsibility upon those who are really guilty and show that they themselves had no guilty knowledge beforehand and were in no way implicated in the affair, save by having knowledge of it afterward and failing and refusing to divulge it.

Would Reinstate Some Soldiers. "Under the circumstances, and in view of the length of time they have been out of the service, and their loss of the benefit that would have accrued to them by continuous long service, we can afford to treat the men who meet the requirements given above as having been sufficiently punished by the consequences they brought upon themselves when they rendered necessary the exercise of the disciplinary power. I recommend that a law be passed allowing the secretary of war, within a fixed period of time, say a year, to reinstate any of these soldiers whom he, after careful examination, finds to have been innocent and whom he finds to have done all in his power to help bring to justice the guilty.

"Meanwhile, the investigation will be continued. The results have made it obvious that only by carrying on the investigation as the war department has actually carried it on is there the slightest chance of bringing the offenders to justice or of separating the innocent from those who are doubtless hardly any innocent, but the less guilty from those whose guilt was heinous."

A Saving Grace. Florence—I can't understand why Ethel married Mr. Gunson. He is old enough to be her father. Lawrence—Yes, but he is rich enough to be her husband.—Exchange.

MESSAGE SENT TO SENATE.

President Transmits Report on Brownsville Affair.

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Says Investigation Will Be Continued. Foraker Reads Letters From Former Soldier Telling of Alleged Attempts to Get Confession From Him.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Brownsville affair consumed nearly the entire session of the senate. Senator Foraker obtained the floor early in the day and read letters from a former soldier of the Twenty-fifth regiment, telling of the procedure of the government in attempts to get a confession from him. Mr. Foraker introduced an amendment to his original bill for the re-enlistment of these soldiers providing that a commission of three retired army officers be created to determine whether the discharged soldiers are innocent of complicity in the shooting up of Brownsville as a prerequisite for their re-enlistment, instead of leaving that duty with the president, as provided by the Warner bill.

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BANK ROBBERS GET \$16,500.

Portland Institution Held Up by Three Masked Men.

MAKE OFF WITH RICH HAUL.

President and His Son Obey Command of "Hands Up." While Fritz Crawls Through Cage Window and Passes Out the Money.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 8.—The East Side bank, located at East Washington street and Grand avenue, was robbed last evening by three masked men. It is understood that they secured about \$16,500. The president of the bank, Henry H. Newhall, and his son, Roger Newhall, were just closing the day's business when two men armed with pistols entered. President Newhall and his son were ordered to hold up their hands, and while they were thus under the cover of the robbers' revolvers, one man crawled through the cage window, passed out the money and crawled back into the foyer through the window. A third man guarded the entrance. The three men made their escape before an alarm could be sounded.

Both sides of the river are being searched by police and detectives in an effort to apprehend the criminals.

RUEF CASE NEARING AN END.

Defense Rests Without Calling Witnesses to the Stand.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Albe Ruef's trial upon an issue of municipal bribery exposures of 1906—the alleged bribery of a supervisor in the award of the United Railroads trolley franchise—is approaching an end. Some time tomorrow the jury will begin consideration of a verdict. Arguments are now being made and it is practically assured that a verdict or a disagreement will be included in the records of the court before the end of the week. The decision of the attorneys for the defendant to call no witnesses has undoubtedly shortened the proceedings by many days, and while the move was not entirely unexpected, there was much surprise when Henry Ach, Ruef's leading counsel, announced that the defense would rest.

ACCUSED OF BLACKMAIL.

Council Bluffs Man Bound Over to District Court.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 8.—C. A. Willing, who was arrested charged with attempted blackmail, has been bound over to the district court. At his preliminary hearing three letters were produced which had been sent to the proposed victim, Charles McKeown of Crescent, in each of which threats of vengeance were written in the event of McKeown not depositing \$350 at a given point on the railroad tracks. The authorities are now looking for a second man who is believed to have had a hand in the attempt to extort money from McKeown.

Wealthiest Negro in Sioux City Dies. Sioux City, Dec. 8.—When W. H. Staley, a telegraph operator, stopped at the restaurant of J. C. Matthews, colored, on his way home from work, he found Matthews stretched full length on a table. He tried to wake him with a vigorous pull at his leg, but discovered the man was having an epileptic fit. A few moments later the negro came out of the fit and collapsed, dying within a short time. He was the richest negro in Sioux City.

JOHNNY DUMPER GOES SKATING WITH FOUR OMAHA GIRLS

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 11.—To the Editor of the News: Did you ever go skating with four Omaha girls? I did, but I went empty more. The ice has been fine over to Hanscum park and I've bin skating several times.

The other nite the lady in blue that tends the cigar stand ast me how was skating over to the park and I sed fine, and she sed sed she wist she sed go, she hadent bin skating this year and Uncle Oscar hurd her and he sed he hadent bin either and if she card to go he'd get sum skates and we'd all go after supper, she ses sure, and I ses there was a girl up on Harney street that tended the same business college as me that wud go if I went for her and Uncle Oscar sed we'd meet at a certain restaurant at ate o'clock and have a hot cup of chocolate before we started and all go together. The lady in blue sed that wud be just the cheese and I sed it wud suit me to a checker.

You know Uncle Oscar's bin getting fat sins he quit farming and cum to live in a hotel and his big toe's bin hurting him dreadful and the doctor sed he had a touch of the gowt and proscribed more outdoor exercise. That's why Uncle Oscar was so tickled to go skating.

So I went up on Harney to where the girl lived and when I got there they was another girl there abed of me with her skates and they was about to start together so of course I had to take 'em both. And just as we was leaving, the telephone rung and another too girls that lived down the street a little ways ast them to stop for them, and this girl I cum after sed she'd like to but Mr. Dumper was going to take 'em and he mite object to having so meny girls. Of course there was nothing for me to do but butt in and say it wud be all rite with me, and so we stopt down to their house and that's how I cum to take fore girls skating.

I sed we'd have to take a car down town cause I promist to meet Uncle Oscar at the restaurant and have a cup of hot chocolate, and the girls sed that was just the stuff for a cold nite and we got on the street car and rold down town and it cost me a quarter. Uncle Oscar lookt kind of agast when we all fled into the restaurant for seven times ten was seventy cents but he had the lady in blue with him and he shelled out burtfully.

We boarded a park car and Uncle Oscar pade the fair, and he sed it seemd like old times to be going skating again. He sed he uster be considered the champion skater of Injiana, that omet when he lived on the old home farm his little sister got sick in the nite and it was twelve miles down the river to where the doctor lived and the rodes was blockt with snow and he put on his skates and skated them twelve miles in forty minuits, and the river was open in places in the middle and he had to jump sum of those open places that was from ate to ten feet wide and it was nite too. And the doctor sed he cudent get thru with a team so Uncle Oscar borried a hand-sled and hauled the doctor home in an our and five minuits, and got him there in time to save his little sister's life. The girls all ses, Oh! wassent that fine! But one of them ast how he got across the open places with the sled. Uncle Oscar sed he'd forgot to explain how that was but it was very simple: It was such a cold nite that the open places was all froze over solid when he cum back and he just skated rite along. The girls all ses Oh! agast, and the lady in blue ses it must indeed have been cold.

Uncle Oscar sed it had been meny a day sins he had skates on and it mite bother him at first but he blieved after he got limbered up he cud show his heels to meny of the young fellers, (and he sure did). He sed he wassent uster these new fangled lever skates, that when he skated he had skates that he serude into his heels and strapped onto his soul so they never cud cum off.

When we got to the pond I had to strap all them ate skates onto them fore girls feet besides my own and

my hands like to of froze. Aint it queer how if girls goes skating alone they can strap their own skates on just fine but if they have a feller with them they just sit like a bump on a log with its hands in its muff.

When I got thru Uncle Oscar was having a awful time. He'd got her skates on the rong feet and had to take 'em off and start afresh and his hands got cold and he cudent pinch the straps hard enuf to pull them shoe and his cuff button cot in her shose string and then his hands was so numm he cudent tie that and he got nervous and exited and his clothes is all getting to tite for him emy way and as he was stooping over to begin on the other foot his back spender buttons busted off and he was in a awful stue.

He rose up and ses "Johnny, cumz with me I want to speak to you a minnit!" He wud speak to the hote house and he ast me if I didnt hav sumthing to fix them spenders with; and I had sum shinget nails and I fixt them up so they wud hold if he was careful and when we got back the cigar lady had finist putting on her own skates.

I helpt Uncle Oscar get his skates on rite, one of them shinget nails a sticking him in the back all the time, and he sed he'd haf to limber up a bit before he took embody out. And you'd ougter've seen him. He must have tride to cut one of them spread-eagles for one foot went out from under him one direction and the other one went the other way, and there he was all sprawled out and cudent get up till I took his skates off and he sed he blieved he'd have to go home and get another pair of pants.

There was a lot of folks down skating and just then a hot travelling man that bords at the hotel skated up to the cigar lady and ast her if she had company. She sed she didnt have just at present and she'd be delited, and my, you ougter've seen them skate, just as graceful as too geese a swimming together.

Uncle Oscar didnt stop to watch them a minnit but limpt off to the street car line a holding up his clothes with one hand for the shinget nails had tore out.

I was, wishing a travelling man wud cum along and take sum of my girls but they didnt and I just had to keep a going first with one and then with another and sumtimes with too, and omet all together and we played we was a foot-ball team, with me for center and the girls for tacketts and guards, and they was shreeking and sigling and I was a urging more team wurk when all to once I steppt on a shiny stiek sum kid had droped and made a tuck-down and they all pild on top of me. I like to a smuth-erd.

I tell you I was just about all ita when we finally got on the car for home, and I just had enuf money to pay our five fairs and get transfers for Harney and my hart neerly stopped palpittating when one of the girls sied and sed "My! Wudent a good cup of hot chock, taste rite about this time!" And the other girls sed "Oo, oom, yes!"

And just then I thot of a skeme. I began to feel rood on my pockets and lookt skairt and sed "By jinks, I must have lost it!" And the girls all lookt skairt too and ses "What? What have you lost, Mr. Dumper?" And I ses, "My pocket-book!" And they ses "O, you must've lost it when we all tumbled on you!" And one of them ses, "Stop the car and we'll all go back and help you find it!" And I ses, "How! You get back, I just paid out my last bit of change for our fairs?" And they ses, "Oh, that's so, we never thot of that!"

So I told them to use their transfers to get to home on and if I cudent find my pocket-book I'd go out early in the morning before embody else got there and look for it. But I didnt need to; I found it in my room all safe and sound in my other pants pocket. That wassent lying, was it? That was just wurking