

It completely unmans a new woman to don skirts.

Judge Culver had his buggy tarred and feathered the other night.—Wichita Eagle. Insane, beyond a doubt.

Col. Breckinridge insists that he never said he was out of politics for good. Well, what difference does it make? He is out.

Bloomers offer a new terror for the small boy who has been accustomed to wear his father's trousers cut down and made over.

The newspaper is a great educator, but a man doesn't want to read two reports of the same event in two daily papers, unless he wants to get his mind confused.

The Pittsburg Press makes quite a fuss over the discovery that the new woman can strike a match on her bloomers. This certainly throws a new light on the subject.

If you think nobody cares for you just stand up at the circus. You will be surprised at finding how many people will take an interest in your uprising and downfall.

We believe no difficulty would be experienced in getting any amount of stakes if a swimming match across the Atlantic could be arranged between Corbett and Fitzsimmons.

Female baseball clubs are reported from various sections of the country, but the new woman can make a hit quicker by putting buckwheat cakes across the plate, not a baseball.

The Atchison Globe remarks that "kissing is a pretty bad thing when you come to think about it." Don't think about it. She who hesitates is lost; he who hesitates is a chump.

A pleasing feature of these bloomer weddings will be the absence of the long trains, which cause the guests so much trouble. Indeed, there is nothing about the bloomer girl to step on except her feet.

Two Oregon physicians quarreled and fought a duel, each shooting the other. It was very unprofessional to give each other leaden pills like that, but probably it helped along the general health of the community.

Miss Flagler, who shot and killed a negro boy who was stealing a few pears from her father's orchard in Washington, went into convulsions the other day when a thoughtless friend sent her a basket of pears. What a pity she didn't display her tender-heartedness earlier in the game!

Oregon people are raising a strong protest against the continuance of the horse-cannery industry in that State. They claim that it will injure the reputation of the State and of other canning industries. They do not want people to say or think "dead horse" when they see the brand "Oregon" on canned meats. The horse cannery has started business, but little is known of its business yet.

A wooden leg, if stood upon, is not dutiable, according to a recent decision of the Treasury Department. To be admitted without the customs tax it must be attached to the body of the owner. False teeth in the mouth, wigs on the head, false eyes in their sockets, are, under the same ruling, also exempt from duty. The false leg that does not support the owner must bear its part of the support of the Government. Thus the imported leg must do its duty or pay it.

A curious sight was witnessed in Cincinnati during a fire there the other day. In the building all the upper floors were stored with peanuts, seven thousand bags in all. As the fire ate its way into the peanuts and burned the windows of the building out, the nuts rolled out of the windows in a steady stream. Each nut was blazing and they had the appearance of a stream of fire-balls rolling out of the windows. The seven thousand bags, which were a total loss, were valued at \$3 a bag. As there were only forty thousand bags of peanuts in Cincinnati and one hundred and twenty thousand in the entire country, the loss of this stock will affect the market.

The Boston Transcript has been informed on good authority that while the Columbia beat the record of any other warship in crossing the ocean the real test of its ocean-crossing speed remains to be made. Its informant says it could have done better if its commander had been willing to do what was done lately by the captain of a transatlantic liner—namely, kill a fireman in his effort to get the greatest speed out of his ship. As naval officers have more soul than the agents of great ship-owning corporations, there is no likelihood of such a test at present. The Transcript aptly says: "If transatlantic liners will kill a man for an extra hour of the record, and men-of-war will not, we must await a time of war for an actual test of the utmost speed on a long run; for then it is a damned right and patriotic to sacrifice."

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Water-town arsenal. It is a disappearing gun carriage, mounted. The carriage, which is built for an 8-inch gun, weighs when mounted about 64 tons and can be easily traversed or elevated in any desired position. The idea of the carriage is to protect the gun and the men from the enemy. The gun is loaded and sighted from behind its parapet and is exposed to the fire of the enemy but a few seconds when being fired. A charge of 120 pounds of powder is needed for the 8-inch gun and a projectile weighing 300 pounds will be used. Boston Harbor is to be equipped with this style of carriages, and it is estimated that fifty will be necessary. They are also to be placed at Portland, Me., New York, Potomac river below Washington, Fortress Monroe and Fort Wadsworth. When this system of disappearing gun carriages is put into the forts ironclads of a hostile fleet will probably keep their distance.

We have heard of a Kansas cyclone which blew a dwelling house over into an adjoining county and then went back after the cellar, but we never, until the other day, heard of a burglar going back to a residence he had looted to ask for part of the plunder he had inadvertently dropped in his hurried leave-taking. But such a case was reported to the Chicago police. Mrs. Kate Claymore's home on the South Side was burglarized, and among other things considerable valuable jewelry was stolen. One diamond bracelet worth \$150 was taken, but its mate was overlooked. Next day a well-dressed man called on Mrs. Claymore and said he was an officer from police headquarters and had been sent to get the second bracelet for comparison with one which had been recovered from a pawnshop by the police. The bracelet was handed to him without a moment's hesitation and he left. Mrs. Claymore also was "left," the diamond bracelet and the young man disappeared together; neither has been seen since. It would be a pity to eclipse such a genius as this by imprisonment, even if he were caught; but there is little likelihood of such an outcome, anyway.

Chicago Record: The condition of the war in Cuba is exciting as much interest in Europe as it is in this continent. Naturally enough, the sentiment in Europe, and especially in England, is thoroughly with Spain, and the English papers go to the extreme of advising Spain to patch up her difficulties with Cuba so as to regain possession of the island. Part of the British press regards Spain's effort to subdue the Cubans as hopeless, and advises compromise, because it believes the next step after independence would be annexation to the United States. And, says the London Times, "annexation to America would be regarded with little favor by British statesmen." While Cuban independence does not mean annexation to the United States by any means, it is not certain that Spain can patch up a compromise with the insurgents. The Governor General of Cuba has tried in every way possible to treat with the rebels and has failed. They have rejected every offer of reconciliation. They are not only terribly in earnest but are confident of success. The rebellion is spreading, moreover, and is now costing Spain at the rate of \$50,000,000 a year—a drain which that country's treasury cannot long stand. Up to the present the attempts to subdue the rebellion have failed as miserably as have the efforts to treat with the insurgents. The London Times in closing its advice says: "Giving autonomy (to Cuba) will be a bitter pill, but unless it is swallowed the embryo movement for annexation to America may gather strength until it becomes irresistible." There is at present no avowed national sentiment for the annexation of Cuba in this country. The feeling that we have territory enough is general, and the advocates of territorial acquisition do not create public opinion in the United States. Spain may fix up her dispute and quarrel with Cuba as best she can without feeling that the United States is anxious to seize upon Cuba as the result of her years of misgovernment of that fairest of all her possessions.

A New Explosive. A Bridgeport inventor says he has discovered an explosive which will blow an invading army into cats' meat as soon as it is dropped among them. He has gone to Cuba to try it upon Gen. Campos and his peninsular myrmidons, and if news from that island were not so habitually untrustworthy it would not be waited with increased interest. So many destructive agents of warfare are reported in this period that if all their claims were realized war would become impossible and another mode of settling international and international difficulties would have to be devised. But many of them thunder in the index, exploding with more smoke than carnage, and effecting no revolutionary change in military methods. The Bridgeport fulminant may be in this category, but its pretensions remain to be tested.

Love Will Find a Way. At Frankfort-on-the-Main a young woman recently resorted to an ingenious method of removing the obstacles in the way of her love. The mother of the young man to whom she had given her affections offered a stout resistance to the consummation of the marriage, but speedily repented her rashness, for the young lady thereupon denounced her for speaking disrespectfully of Emperor William. Treading on imperial toes in Germany is dangerous, so the old lady was arrested, and, pending her trial, the young man and young woman got married.

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MAY GET IT BACK

The Insurance Companies May Recover Fraker's Money.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 11.—Robert T. Herrick, the insurance lawyer who captured Dr. G. W. Fraker, the insurance swindler, will file with the clerk of the United States court an amendment to the bill in equity which the insurance companies filed last week to recover the money paid to the Fraker heirs. The original bill asked for the return of such money as the heirs had recovered from the companies which fought their claim until the February compromise. It now develops that the heirs have spent a considerable portion of this money, but that Judge Lincoln, the administrator, has invested some \$5,000 secured from the Equitable and other companies which settled without a fight. The Equitable paid the heirs nearly \$9,000 on two \$5,000 policies rather than participate in the fight made by the other companies, and is making no effort to recover it. There is a possibility that the companies which made the fight may recover all they paid if Judge Phillips will order the beneficiaries to repay to them all they owe. Mr. Herrick estimates that the money already tied up in litigation will be sufficient to return to the companies which made the fight sums as follows: Kansas Mutual Life, \$8,500 out of \$10,000 paid out; Hartford Life and Annuity \$13,000 out of \$15,000; Provident Savings Life and Annuity, \$8,500 out of \$10,000 and Knights of Pythias \$2,500 out of \$3,000.

Blanche Lamont on the Stand.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 11.—In the Durrant case Tuesday Mrs. C. G. Noble, aunt of Blanche Lamont, was on the stand. She identified the clothing of her niece and gave the facts of the girl's disappearance. When shown the chip diamond ring which the second hand dealer, Adolph Oppenheimer, says Durrant tried to sell to him a few days after the murder, Mrs. Noble said it belonged to Blanche's sister, Maude, but had been worn by the dead girl, and was one of the three taken from Blanche's hand and sent to her aunt through the mail after the murder. Mrs. Noble was given more time in which to verify her idea as to the date after Blanche's disappearance, when Durrant called upon her and offered to make a search for the missing girl, intimating that he believed that she had gone astray.

Yesterday's testimony otherwise was of policemen who found the dead girl's books and clothing where they had been hidden in the church. The defense applied itself to showing that the books and clothing could not have been placed where they were found without the murderer having plenty of time and getting very dirty from the dust. It will claim that neither of these conditions apply to Durrant, as he showed no dirt on his person when seen immediately after the murder, and his time was then limited.

Shot by an Unknown.

LARAMIE, Wyo., Sept. 11.—William Powell, a one-eyed ranchman living on Horse creek, was shot and instantly killed yesterday morning by an unknown person. Powell had many times been before the courts for cattle stealing, but he always escaped conviction. This morning he left his ranch with his hired man to work in a hay field two miles distant. On the way his wagon broke down and the hired man was sent back to the ranch house for tools and material to repair the vehicle. The man had gone but a few hundred yards when the report of a rifle rang out and the hired man turning saw Powell fall from the wagon. Fearing that he himself was fated, the frightened man hastened on to the ranch, where he met the mail carrier just starting for Laramie, who brought the report of the murder. Sometime ago, when a man named Lewis, reported to be a notorious rather living in that county was shot, Powell stated while in Laramie that he also was slated to be killed, but he was prepared for them. It was known that he usually carried a gun, which he could use with deadly effect, being fearless and a good shot.

Reserve Short.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 11.—Nothing official, as far as can be ascertained, was received at the treasury department yesterday from representatives of the Belmont Morgan syndicate to indicate whether or not they intended to make good the treasury depleted gold reserve. At the close of business yesterday the reserve stood, all withdrawals deducted, at \$97,544,656, or nearly \$2,500,000 below what is usually regarded as the reserve limit. In ordinary operations the treasury lost \$16,000 in gold yesterday owing to a small withdrawal of gold at New York for export \$180,000 was also reported late in the afternoon. Treasury officials express no uneasiness over the declining gold reserve, as they feel assured that the syndicate and the New York national banks will not permit it to fall below the limit of confidence.

A Pains Friend.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 11.—Alfred Paeker, the cannibal convict, serving a life sentence in the penitentiary, has been defrauded out of \$125 by James Daly, who was released from the penitentiary last month. Daly pretended he could get a pardon for Paeker by the use of the money, which was furnished him by Paeker from his savings. Becoming suspicious of Daly, Paeker told the warden and yesterday Daly was arrested here for the theft.

DEFENDER GIVEN THE RACE

The Yachting Committee Decide the Race in Favor of Defender.

THE MURDERS PLAN TO ESCAPE

Holmes, the Brute, is Formally Charged With the Slaughter of Howard Pitzel by the Coroner Jury.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The regatta committee of the New York yacht club rendered a decision late yesterday afternoon sustaining Mr. Iselin's protest against Valkyrie and awarding yesterday's race to Defender. This result was reached after deliberations and conference lasting practically all day. As the occurrence was directly under the eyes of the committee and only one decision was possible. Everyone conversant with the racing of yachts and rules of the road at sea agreed that the British yacht was at fault. Lord Dunraven and his friends, however, held that his boat was crowded by Defender and that the accident was unavoidable. The committee gave each side ample opportunity to state their case and took the testimony of each yacht and of others who were on board. David Henderson, who sailed on the Defender as a representative of Lord Dunraven, and J. R. Bush, who represented the New York yacht club on the Valkyrie, each reported on the occurrence. All the interested parties were at the yacht club house until late in the afternoon. With Lord Dunraven were Rear Commodore Arthur Gannie of the Royal Clyde yacht club, sailmaker Ratze, H. Maitland Kersey, Captain Cranfield and Sycamore. In Mr. Iselin's party were Woodburg Kane, Newbury Thorne and Herbert C. Lucas.

It was 4:30 p. m. when the decision was announced. It was in the form of a reply to Mr. Iselin's protest and reads as follows:

Mr. C. Oliver Iselin: We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Tuesday protesting the Valkyrie. We have given the matter our careful consideration and believe that the foul occurred through the miscalculation of the distance between the two yachts at a critical moment. From our observation, sustained by that of others who were in good position to see, we find that the Valkyrie, in contravention of section 11, racing rule 15, bore down upon the Defender and fouled her by the swinging of her main boom while luffing to straighten her course. We also consider that Defender allowed Valkyrie sufficient room to windward to pass clear of the committee boat. Your protest is, therefore, sustained. (Signed.) S. NICHOLSON, Chairman. IRVIN GREENELL, CHESTER GIBSWOLD.

Made Friends With the Watchman.

CARROLLTON, Mo., Sept. 12.—Soon after the jury in the trial of the Taylor brothers rendered a verdict of guilty of murder of the Meeks family, and Judge Rucker sentenced them to be hanged October 2, the two manifested a friendliness for Night Watchman Brown of the county jail, and as soon as they felt sure that he was their friend they offered him a liberal sum of money to assist them in "breaking" out of jail. Brown then gave the proposition in detail to Sheriff Stanley, who instructed him to encourage the Taylors and hear their plans. Brown met the Taylor brothers the next night and assured them he could and would fix it so they could escape, but that it would bring suspicion upon him and the condemned murderers to be seen conversing together, it would be advisable to conduct further negotiations in writing. They accepted the advice and as the letters were received by Brown they were submitted by him to Sheriff Stanley, who, of course, knew what replies were sent to the Taylors. Extra guards will now be put in the jail.

Holmes Indicted.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 12.—Coroner Castor yesterday announced that in his verdict in the Inquest over the remains of Howard Pitzel he would declare that the child came to its death at the hands of H. H. Holmes. His finding will be filed today. The Marion county grand jury yesterday afternoon found an indictment against Holmes for murder in the first degree and should he escape conviction in Philadelphia he will be brought here for trial, where the chain of evidence against him is much more complete.

Odd Fellow Suicides.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—Peter S. Hoffman, a prominent and wealthy Odd Fellow, who made regalias and other secret society supplies, committed suicide Wednesday morning at his home in the Winchester flats, where he lived with his wife and two daughters. He was seventy-two years old and said to be mentally queer.

Dim of Apoplexy.

ATCHISON, Kan., Sept. 12.—John Beis an old and prominent banker of this state, died of apoplexy yesterday morning while at work in his office.

A Bawling Attempt.

KIRKCRUBY, Ill., Sept. 12.—Detectives are searching for three men who made a bawling attempt to rob the north-bound express train on the Illinois Central Tuesday night near here. They were riding on the platform of the express car and after cutting the bell wire attempted the express car door with a slingshot hammer. The messenger brought the train to a stop as soon as he heard the noise by applying the air brakes and the robbers jumped off.

A STRANGE CASE.

Prosecution May Hang Durrant For Murder.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 13.—The prosecution managed to get some strong links in its testimony against Theodore Durrant for the murder of Blanche Lamont yesterday. Five material witnesses were examined and they all stood the cross examination of Durrant's counsel without abating any of their positive answers.

In yesterday's session Durrant's movements were traced from 8:30 on the morning of the day of the murder until after 3 o'clock, when he was on a car with Miss Lamont going toward the Emmanuel Baptist church. The first witness was a grocer who had several times weighed Miss Lamont, the last time on the 28th of March, six days before the murder. She then weighed 115½ pounds. This disposes of the defense theory that she was too heavy for Durrant to have carried into the tower. The prosecution then introduced a fellow student of Durrant, who on the morning of the murder had seen Durrant with Miss Lamont riding on a street car toward the boys' high school, which she attended in the morning. Durrant had a few days later admitted to the witness that the girl was Miss Lamont, and had explained her disappearance by saying he thought she had gone astray. He said she was weak and easily led. Durrant's counsel made a vigorous fight against this proof of Durrant's movements on that morning, but when the conductor of the car he and Miss Lamont rode on identified him and a reporter to whom he had admitted that he had escorted her to school that morning were produced counsel said they would admit that he had been in her company on the car. Two of the three young lady students of the normal school which Miss Lamont attended in the afternoon testified. They positively identified Durrant as the man who met Miss Lamont at the normal school and got on a car with her, which carried them in the direction of the church. One of the girls rode on the car with them to the Market street transfer point, from which it is supposed Durrant and the girl rode directly out to within three blocks of the Emmanuel church and there alighted.

The prosecution proposes next to take up Durrant near that point, and by two witness who knew him show that he went to church with the girl, the well-known incident of Durrant's appearance in the room where Organist King was practicing on a piano, as he came down a passage way which led from the tower, will close the main case for the prosecution. This will be fortified with testimony tending to show that Durrant was not where he ought to have been that afternoon, and that a number of things about the church are against the statement he is known to have made. The case went over until Monday.

An Awful Punishment.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 14.—An evening paper publishes a long account of the capture of Gen. Florencio Bustamante at La Libertad. It says that Bustamante probably met a fearful death at La Libertad soon after he was landed from the Pacific mail steamer City of Sydney. Just before the steamer left port the rumor came from the shore that he had been seized by a maddened populace, saturated with coal oil and roasted alive. The Sydney passengers did not have opportunity of verifying this revolting report, but they all testify that such was the news brought off to the steamer a few minutes prior to her sailing. According to the article, the American consul-general Cooper, demaded of Captain Johnson that officer had refused to take any part in the search after the refugee. In fact he had refused to permit armed men to make the search. Captain Johnson thereupon bid his crew to make search, and Bustamante was finally found hidden in the coal bunkers. Soon after he had been hurried ashore the rumors of burning by oil reached the ship.

Grand Stand Collapses.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 13.—A section of the grand stand on the river front in the rear of the Galt house, which was occupied by Grand Army officials and visiting members of the parade, collapsed while the fireworks display was in progress last night. Dozens of the occupants sustained bruises, sprains, contusions and slight injuries, but none were seriously hurt. A panic was only averted by the appeals of several cool-headed men to the two thousand people on the seats to keep cool. Several ladies fainted and were removed by the ambulance corps. Exaggerated reports that ten were killed and scores injured were spread about the city and bulletined out of it.

Ship Seized.

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 13.—The government has been notified of the seizure by a United States cutter in Bering sea of the Canadian sealing schooner Beatrice. She was sent back to Victoria. The offense was failure to keep a record of the number of seals and the location of capture.

The Constitutional Convention.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 12.—The constitutional convention was in session only an hour and a half Thursday. K. E. Miller, the colored congressman of a few years ago, presented a contest on behalf of a negro delegation from Williamsburg county, which was referred to the committee on secession. Col. Robert Aldrich introduced a complete constitution which was referred. It is intended to prevent negroes from holding an office in the state.

Nebraska Notes

The authorities of Plattsmouth are making considerable efforts to stamp out the social evil.

Nebraska City, by way of diversion, will extend the pavement area a few square rods this season.

Manroft has the largest school population of any town between Emerson and Tekamah, the number being 233.

A Nebraska City man named Francisco is under bonds not to break his wife's neck, as he has repeatedly threatened to do.

Charles Hooper of Dodge county dug up a sugar beet from a patch of twenty-seven acres that weighed a little less than ten pounds. It is the largest one so far reported from anywhere.

The following is the mortgage record of Jefferson county for the month of August: Farm mortgages filed 33, amount \$23,932.90; satisfied 4, amount \$27,692.00; town and city filed 10, amount \$3,449.22; satisfied 9, amount \$4,369.64; chattel filed 77, amount \$13,466.74; satisfied 19, amount \$2,679.42.

At the county convention of the straight democrats, says the McCook Times-Democrat, a speaker to illustrate a point made use of the word water, and the chairman called him to order and stated that that was the first time in the thirty-five years of his experience that water was ever mentioned in a democratic convention and hoped it would be the last.

Harold Usher and Lyle Williams, two young men of Fairmont, went to a sandbank for a load of sand. While getting it out the bank caved in and buried Williams all but his head. Usher was knocked down and covered entirely. The sand being very dry both got out with little damage. Williams has a badly bruised hand and Fisher is somewhat bruised about the head.

William Worland threashed on his place, one and a half miles south of Chapman from thirty acres, 3,010 bushels of oats machine measure over-running in weight from fifteen to twenty bushels to the hundred. This is the largest yield of oats ever harvested in this locality, and without a doubt will prove to be the banner yield of the state. Ten days more of warm weather such as the present, will place the corn beyond danger of frosts.

An irrigation company will organize at Springview soon and a ditch from the mouth of Snake river, above Valentine, to and through Keys Paha county will be built. A distance of seventy-five miles. The level was made some weeks ago and committees were elected to lay out the district and officers elected to take charge of the work. Elections will be held this fall to vote bonds and work will be pushed, hoping to get water on the land for next year's crop. With an irrigation ditch through Keys Paha county she will be a garden. Keys Paha is well supplied with springs, creeks and rivers, with miles of wild hay flats and wild forests. Her lands are the best in the world with a more water.

The police of Plattsmouth captured a man named James Kelly, who it is supposed to be a noted crook. At any rate, he is one of the smoothest men that ever visited that city. Kelly in some manner nipped a pocketbook from the inside vest pocket of a traveling nurseryman and made his escape before the theft was discovered. The wallet contained a roll of money amounting to \$150. Kelly was captured, about an hour after the theft, in the B. & M. yards, but he had thrown the money away, retaining the pocketbook. The money was afterwards found by some railroad men. While an officer was searching the thief he came near stealing the officer's watch out of his pocket. After he had been searched several times, he still continued to produce money at will. The police believe he is an all round crook, as they received a card giving a fair description of the man about a year ago.

Quite a sensation is being made out of an elopement which took place at Valley, Nebr. When Thomas Hunter and Min Miller skipped by the light of the moon for Fremont, it was supposed that they would be married next day, come home and be forgiven. But it seems they have not yet been united in the holy bonds of wedlock. Hunter, finding himself without funds, was unable to pay their board bill, left their belongings at the hotel and started to walk west. In the meantime the parents and relatives of the girl were searching Fremont high and low for them. Nothing was heard of them, however, until Thursday evening when Jim Colten returned from his search. He said he had tracked them to Columbus and would meet them there. The story told by Hunter and Min Miller was that they were walking to Denver on a wagon and had represented themselves as man and wife and occupied the same room. In this way they secured their board and lodging free of charge. In the elopement nothing could be done with them, as both were of age, but now it may be made warm for them.

The Otoe County Program, a new populist paper, has been started at Nebraska City. It has five editors, and E. S. Littlefield is "one of 'em."

The Cortland Herald says it must have more advertising or go out of business. The people of that village cannot afford to lose so good a paper.

W. R. Fulton has leased the Ottowa Ottoburn for a year to F. L. Burns. In making this announcement, Mr. Fulton intimates that he will move away from Ottowa.