

### SERVED HIM RIGHT.

Retribution Which Overtook a Heartless Editor.

Skimper had a novel newspaper experience in Frontierville. He landed there with his outfit in a prairie schooner drawn by four mules. His staff consisted of a shock-headed boy that did everything from sweeping the sanctum, when the accumulation of paper and other things amounted to a blockade, to reporting the local events by word of mouth while Skimper put them into English, says the Detroit Free Press.

The town grew like a mushroom, for it became the center of a big mining boom, and money was plenty. Fortunes were quickly made and it was not long before there sprung up a local aristocracy, based solely on a foundation of riches. Skimper, with the true instincts of democracy, ridiculed this in a town that had no communication with the outer world except by wagon trains and a pony express. The indignant women raised a crusade against him and it was not long until his advertising patronage dwindled to less than a starvation revenue. Skimper was game and swore that he would sink with his colors flying. He found his chance for sweet revenge just as he realized that he must give up the fight and seek for pastures new. There was a branch of a national female organization in Frontierville, especially popular because of its liberal contributions to the cause. It was invited to the general round-up of the society at St. Louis and concluded to go in a body. Just as this was settled Skimper's paper came out with a page of summer styles, stolen from a paper ten years old. There was a great stir in the town and dressmakers were at a premium. When the Frontiersville delegation marched into the big convention hall, wearing antiquated bonnets, teetering crinolines and full-size bustles, propriety and fraternal feeling combined could not restrain the laughter. As soon as money could accomplish the transformation the styles of the visitors were brought up to date, but Skimper was never forgiven and he took retreat in a little town as far east as the Atlantic ocean would permit.

### WHY SHE REFORMED.

The Alarm Clock Went Off in Her Bustle.

"I've quit smuggling," admitted the good old lady who is prone to consult her conscience and look upon the laws of men as the outgrowth of fallible judgment and of political prejudices, says the Detroit Free Press. "If I can get my laces and jewelry and my dress goods for less money in the Dominion of Canada than I can here, I regard it as my right to do so. But one experience with the revenue officers made them watchful of me and now I do my shopping on this side rather than be subjected to the annoyance of their surveillance. I had gradually grown up to the habit of getting my silks, wools, seal goods and diamonds in Windsor. In fact, I bought nearly every thing over there that I could get at a reduction and conceal about my person. One afternoon when I was there I found the daintiest and prettiest and cheapest little alarm clock that I had ever seen. We needed such an article in the house, and, after being assured that it was a good timekeeper and to be depended upon to wake us at any desired time, I bought it. At that time bustles were a good deal larger than we wear them now and I had no trouble in concealing my purchase. I also had about my person several articles of silverware secured at a bargain, and a beautiful little diamond ring for a favorite niece. The Canadian officials at the landing knew me and bowed pleasantly. On this side I felt perfectly secure because I had been engaged in individual smuggling for years and no one had ever asked me a question. As I stepped to the dock one of the deputies lifted his hat and began to examine the basket of some poor woman who was landing. Out of curiosity I awaited the result, but right in the midst of the investigation there was a bur-r-r and a whir-r-r that made me faint. My alarm clock had proclaimed itself. I was caught redhanded, and they said they were letting me off easy when they confiscated the goods. That's the only reason that I ceased to smuggle."

### WALK ON HOT STONES.

A Curious and Revolting Custom Among the Fijians.

Fijian feet can endure more terrible contact than the blow of a hard-hitt cricket ball. There is a Fijian tribe, says the London Daily News, which might make a fortune of any entrepreneur enterprising enough to bring them to civilized lands. They are called the firewalkers. About once a year they give on the island of M'uya, about twenty-two miles from Sava, the Fijian capital, what must be one of the most extraordinary exhibitions in the world. In a forest glade about a quarter of a mile from the shore a hole is dug in the ground about twenty-five feet wide and six feet deep. Flat stones are spread over its bottom and wood piled on them and set alight. When the stones are red-hot the burning logs are dragged away, the stones carefully made to lie as evenly as possible and all flames extinguished. A party of tribesmen, garlanded with green leaves, then descend into the pit and deliberately walk over the glowing stones in procession. Their bare feet are not burned or even made hot. The display takes place under the eyes of spectators, native and European. This year a steamer was actually advertised in Australia to take visitors to witness the spectacle.

### Nothing in His Name.

Ura Goodman is the name of a New York citizen but, all the same, he was arrested for burglary last week.

### GET THEIR TIPS FROM CROOKS

Bank Officials Take Means to Protect Their Treasure from Thieves.

It is said by a police official at city hall headquarters that some of the city banks, whose hoard of surplus cash has been increasing largely of late, have been experimenting with an expedient long in use by the Bank of England officials of paying known crooks for information of any contemplated raid upon their vaults. The Bank of England's first experiment of this kind dates from 1850, when the directors of the bank listened to a startling proposition made by a "ditch digger." The laborer told the directors that he had discovered a new and unsuspected method of getting into the cellar vaults, where the gold and silver bars were kept, and that he would sell his secret to them for money. The directors hesitated, believing that they had taken every precaution against loss from the vaults in putting up heavy masonry, with plenty of iron bars, and by manning the building with armed watchmen. But finally they granted the man, who seemed to talk fairly, a chance to try his plan, and a night was named for the undertaking. At the appointed time a committee of the directors descended to the cellar and heard a peculiar scratching sound under their feet. Two hours later the floor opened and the ditch digger bobbed up serenely, like the evil spirits in the spectacular drama. All around them lay bars of precious metal, totaling in value £2,000,000. The man explained satisfactorily how it was done and as a reward the directors assured him an income from life on an investment of \$10,000. The crook was content and it is believed he remained honest ever afterward. But other cracksmen were tempted by his luck to try the same game and the directors were inundated with suggestions and tips on new methods of burglary and how to prevent them. Among other things, they paid \$20,000 for a process, invented by a young chemist, for copying the ink, paper, watermarks and designs of the bank notes so perfectly as to defy detection. The directors found they could use his system more satisfactorily and more profitably than their own in the production of their currency. Despite the fact that these expenditures have run up into big figures in the last half century the directors of today say that all the money was well invested.

### FAMOUS OLD CLOCK.

That for 510 Years Has Regulated the City of Rouen.

Rouen, one of the principal cities of France, and the great seat of its cotton manufacture, possesses the oldest public clock in the world. The great Rouen clock has held its place in that city for 510 years and is the pride of its citizens. Placed in 1389, it has been running without interruption from that day to this, requiring nothing except cleaning and a few trifling repairs of its accessory parts. The great clock had so accustomed the citizens of Rouen to look upon its exactitude as a matter of course, that when, in 1572, the breaking of a wire prevented its sounding 5 o'clock one morning, the population was in a state of consternation. The magistrates summoned the custodian—Guillaume Petit—and remonstrated gravely with him. Until 1712 the great clock had no pendulum. For 328 years it had no other regulator than a "foliot," an apparatus unknown to the majority of modern clockmakers. The pendulum in clockwork was introduced in 1659, but so well satisfied were the people of Rouen with the time-keeping qualities of their famous old clock that 53 years were allowed to pass before a pendulum was substituted for the "foliot." Equipped with this new apparatus it has continued to this day to strike the hours and chime the quarters.

### St. Winifred's Well to Be Protected.

Mr. Justice Byrne has thrown the protecting ermine over the High Court of Justice over St. Winifred's Well, in England, and declines to allow the water of the famous fountain—which is supposed to be endowed with miraculous powers quite as wonderful as any in the Grotto of Lourdes—to be bottled and ticketed for home and foreign consumption, like soda water or lemonade. The High Court of Justice did not exhibit the bottling of Winifred's mixture out of any childish desire to keep her benefactions for the select few, but simply because the riparian owners of the stream fed from the spring object to be deprived of their quantum of water to enrich the local board, who wished to sell it for their own pecuniary profit. These owners had enjoyed the rivulet from time immemorial, and preferred its contents to a collection of useless surgical appliances. His lordship held that, although the board were the custodians of the well, they had no right to carry off its miraculous waters, which must remain in situ. Those who wish cures must get them on the spot. An injunction preventing any interference with Winifred was accordingly granted.

### Some Mythology.

Detroit Journal: When the maiden in the old Teutonic myth saw the dragon approach, she was much terrified. "Are you going to devour me?" she shrieked, clasping her hands agonizedly. "No, Maude," replied the dragon, sarcastically, "I'm simply going to take your chewing gum away from you!" Whence we see that even a dragon eventually becomes tired of being asked foolish questions.

### No Immediate Danger.

Sandy Waysides (reading)—"Here's a brand-new microbe just made its appearance." Yawning Yergason—"Don't worry, no immediate danger. We never get nuttin' till it's second-hand."

### MORE ENGLISH IRON.

Timely Discovery at Kent in the Dover Coalfield.

When the coal boring was put down at Dover about six or eight years ago, by Mr. F. Brady, on the site of the old Channel tunnel works, there were indications in the cores of the presence of iron ore in the strata between 500 and 600 feet from the surface. The indications have now proved correct, says the London Chronicle. In the course of sinking the No. 2 shaft a bed of valuable oolitic iron ore has just been struck at a depth of rather less than 600 feet. The seam proves to be no less than twelve feet thick and probably extends over a great area, the quantity being practically unlimited. The diameter of the shaft is twenty feet and the quantity brought to the surface in passing through the twelve feet amounted to about 350 tons. Samples of the ore have been submitted to analysis, with highly satisfactory results. A washed sample of the ore yielding 45.8 per cent of iron. On testing the collected works today I inspected a considerable bulk of the ore and the manager informed me that a washed sample tested at the works yielded between 50 and 60 per cent of iron. The analysis shows that the ore is free from sulphur and phosphorus. The ore is stated to be of much richer quality than the Wealden ironstone, worked in Kent and Sussex a century ago. Prof. Boyd Dawkins, in a paper read before the British association in 1891, described a sample obtained from the original boring. From this it appears that this bed of iron ore is identical with that described by Blake and Hudson at Abbotsbury, in Dorset, where it occurs between the Kimmeridge clay above and the Corallian rocks below. It is also practically identical with the valuable iron ore worked for many years in Westbury, Wiltshire. The ironstone presents very singular physical characteristics. It is composed of dark brown, shining grains of hydrated oxide of iron, like millet seed, imbedded in a crystalline base, partly of calcium and partly of iron carbonate.

### MORE GLACIERS THAN GOLD

Scientists Found Many Natural Wonders Up in Alaska.

Two members of E. H. Harriman's scientific party that has been exploring the Alaskan coast for some months past have returned to Vancouver and bring accounts of their cruise on the steamer Elder, which indicate that Mr. Harriman and the scientists will return laden with many laurels. They seem to have developed a mania for glaciers, having visited and explored more than thirty, some of which were unknown except to natives. In one bay, not shown on the maps or charts they discovered an immense glacier, not as large as the giant Muir, but much more grand and picturesque. The bay extends inland more than twenty miles and at a point near the glacier a sounding line of forty fathoms did not touch bottom. This inlet they named Unknown Bay. It was here that the Elder manuevering among the cakes of ice broke from the glacier, broke a propeller blade, making it necessary to return to Orca, where repairs were made. At the head of Disenchantment bay they found four glaciers which had never been seen before by white men. In Ice bay, twenty miles across, opposite Carroll's glacier, the party discovered a new glacier with a front of three-fourths of a mile. This was named Harriman's glacier. Observations taken in the vicinity of Grand Pacific glacier showed that its ice wall had receded three miles during the 20 years that have elapsed since Muir and Reed visited the place and established their survey. The different scientists are having gratifying success in all lines. The botanists have found several new plant species and a collection of marine species made by the party it is said, will be superior to any other in existence. Ornithologists have had phenomenal success and are able to show new bird specimens.

### His Heart Is on the Right Side.

Physicians in a hospital at Omaha discovered that the heart of John M. Murphy, one of the inmates, lies on the right instead of the left side of his body. Operations were at once begun to transfer it to its proper place. Murphy is accustomed to handling heavy burdens and two years ago he observed some startling change going on around his heart. The organ seemed to be slowly crowded toward his right side. In the course of a year he found his heart beating nearly in the center of his body, and then it passed distinctly over to the right side. The doctors performed an operation. They found his heart had been crowded out of place as the result of the formation of pus in the natural heart cavity. This was drawn off, a section of the ribs taken out and the delicate organ pressed towards the left. It could not be moved much, but the surgeons think it will gradually return to its accustomed place. It is believed to be the only case of its kind in medical history.

### Remarkable Escape from Death.

D. W. Kluder of Wharton, Ohio, a member of the Third regular artillery who was shot twenty-six times in the Filipino outbreak in February, and who received the most terrible wounds in the Manila campaign, still survives. He was shot at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and because he was thought to have been killed, was not treated by the surgeon until 9 o'clock that night. His escape from death on the field is one of the most remarkable on record.

### Long Day.

In Spitzbergen the longest day is three and one-half months.

The heathen religions put together, according to the latest statistics, there are in the world 143,000,000 Protestants, 98,000,000 followers of the Greek church, 230,000,000 Roman Catholics, and 176,000,000 Mohammedans. As the population of the world is estimated at 1,500,000,000, and adding to the adherents of the four great religions of the world other 53,000,000 for the thousand and one beliefs with comparatively few followers, there are left 800,000,000 people who worship strange gods or practice curious rites in lieu of religion, and who come within the definition of the "heathen," for whose conversion large sums are collected year after year amongst the churches throughout the civilized world.

### The Sun's Carbon Shell.

It has often been suggested that the brilliance of the sun's disk is due to incandescent particles of carbon, and within a few years past the presence of carbon in the sun has been demonstrated by the spectroscopy. Lately Prof. Hale, the director of the Yerkes observatory, has shown that there is a thin layer of carbon in the lower part of the sun's atmosphere. It surrounds the solar globe like a luminous shell, and, under normal conditions, is probably not more than 500 miles above the sun's surface. But when an eruption takes place, from beneath, the carbon layer, like all the other constituents of the solar atmosphere, is broken up and locally dispersed by the tremendous agitation.

### Largest American Flag.

George Main of this city in 1855 or '56 made the biggest specimen of the Stars and Stripes ever manufactured, which was flung to the breeze at a reception to President Franklin Pierce. The democrats of Concord were bound to "beat the record," and hired Mr. Main to make for them a flag 120 feet long by 90 feet wide, containing 1,200 yards of bunting. It was hung across Main street, between the state house yard and a building on whose site the New Hampshire savings bank block now stands. Mr. Main made \$5,000 worth of flags for the Pierce and Buchanan campaigns.—Concord Patriot.

### Monkeys Escape.

Two monkeys have escaped from their cage in the garden of the Bull and Bush hotel, Hampstead, England, and have been exploring, not only the heath near Golder's Hill, but have also enjoyed themselves in the well-kept grounds of houses adjoining the heath. One of the animals, "Joey," got into trouble last August, when he and three companions went out on a similar expedition. His companions were killed and "Joey" was wounded and captured. On being taken back to his cage his owner bought another monkey to keep him company, and it is this new companion "Joey" has now led astray.

### Highest Buildings in the World.

The ten highest structures in the world are in order as follows: The Eiffel tower, Paris, 984 feet; Washington monument, Washington, D. C., 555 feet; the city building, Philadelphia, 535 feet high; the cathedral of Cologne, Germany, 511 feet; the cathedral of Strasbourg, Germany, 466 feet; the chimney of St. Rollox chemical works, Glasgow, 455 1/2 feet; St. Martin's church, Landshut, Germany, 454 feet; St. Stephen's church, Vienna, 453 feet; the great pyramid of Egypt, 450 feet, and St. Peter's church, Rome, 448 feet.

### Blue Roses Grew Wild.

An account of the blue rose has been given by the German gardeners in Slavonia, Chwika and Bitz, who are cultivating it. Reports came of blue roses that grew wild in Servia, and a specimen was sent to them two years ago with violet blue flowers. They have been experimenting to see whether the color is retained under cultivation or whether it is due to the soil of the moors where it is found. If the roses retain their blue, the plants will be for sale in 1901.—New York Sun.

### A Sure Coffee Test.

There is no drink more delicious than a cup of coffee when the beverage is made from the best seed. To test it, put a spoonful gently on the top of a glass of water. If the coffee is pure it will not sink for some minutes and will scarcely color the water; but if chicory is mixed with it it will sink to the bottom immediately, rapidly absorbing the water and also giving it a dark-reddish tinge.

### A Wonderful Natural Bridge.

Down on Pine creek, near Camp Verde, Ariz., is a natural bridge that is probably greater than any other in the world. It is nearly five times the size of the natural bridge of Virginia, and has a span of more than 500 feet across Pine creek, which is dry 300 days in the year. The height of the bridge is about eighty feet, and it is about 600 feet wide.

### Carrier Pigeons Armed.

In China carrier pigeons are protected from birds of prey by apparatus consisting of bamboo tubes fastened to the birds' bodies. As the pigeon flies the action of the air passing through the tubes produces a shrill whistling sound, which keeps the birds of prey at a distance.

### Preferred Water.

One sensible man in Winterport, Me., who has wanted city water put in his house, but felt that his income was hardly equal to it, this year concluded to drop the use of tobacco, after thirty years' use of the weed, and put in the water.

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### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

Legal Notice.

James Bacon, Clara Bacon, John W. McMennamy, Jr., McMennamy, first real name unknown, wife of John W. McMennamy, Jr., Carrie Williamson, Williamson, first real name unknown, husband of Carrie Williamson, Mary E. McMennamy, Charles McMennamy, McMennamy, first real name unknown, wife of Charles McMennamy, defendants, will take notice that Charles E. Gibson, plaintiff herein, has filed a petition in the district court of Holt county, Nebraska, against you, impleaded with John C. Cowin, William W. Wallace, Ella Scott, and Scott, first real name unknown, husband of Ella Scott, the object and prayer of which is to foreclose a certain mortgage dated June 1, 1889, for \$800.00 and interest, upon the west half of the southwest 1/4, and the west half of the northwest 1/4, of section 26, in township 20, north, of range 10, west of the 6th P. M., in Holt county, Nebraska, given by James Bacon and Clara Bacon to the Shawwater Mortgage company, and assigned to the plaintiff, which mortgage was recorded in book 48, page 49, Mortgage Records of Holt county, Nebraska, and to have the same decreed to be a first lien and said land sold to satisfy the same.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 22d day of October, 1899.

Dated September 12, 1899.

CHARLES E. GIBSON,  
By S. D. Thornton, his attorney. Plaintiff.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
LAND OFFICE AT O'NEILL, NEB.

September 21, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at O'Neill, Nebraska, on October 28, 1899, viz:

THOMAS J. JOYCE, H. E. No. 15182, for the SW 1/4 Sec 20, Tp. 28N, R. 12W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Charles E. Gibson, Charles Ingersall, Joseph Peters and Patrick Conners all of O'Neill, Neb.

S. J. WEEKES, Register.

Watch this paper for other verses.



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Old Kentucky Conveyance Which Carried Many Notables.

Standing under an old shed in Bloomfield is an old dismantled stage coach which has a remarkable history, and which, if put on exhibition, would be an object of curiosity and wonder to the people not only of Kentucky, but of the United States, says the Taylorsville Courier. This remarkable stage has had many ups and downs during its time. It was at first the property of Ham Jones, a noted stage-driver way back in the '50s. After the pike was built from High Grove to Bloomfield this stage was then run between Louisville and Bloomfield. This old coach was built at Concord, N. H. During the war it was captured many times by the confederates and recaptured by the federals. It was also captured many times by the guerrilla bands led by Andy McGrunder, Quantrell, and Capt. Terrell. It was used as a passenger, plundered, and destroyed. It has seen many hands of dollars in the hands of the owners in the cushions and corners of this old stage and carried many of the distinguished men who have ridden in it were Col. Charles A. Wickliffe, James Guthrie, Gov. J. B. Helm, Gens. Buell, Phil Sheridan, Rousseau and Sherman. And it is said that Gen. John H. Morgan on one of his raids through Nelson county, took passage to Louisville and remained in the city several days. Many of the best noted drivers of ante-bellum days of stage coaching have sat in the box of this old stage.

### Vitality of Snails.

The snail is blessed with great powers of vitality. A case is recorded of an Egyptian desert snail which came to life upon being immersed in warm water after having passed four years glued to a card in the English Museum. Some species, in the collection of a certain naturalist, revived after they had apparently been dead for fifteen years; and snails, having been frozen for weeks in solid blocks of ice, have recovered upon being thawed out. The eggs are as hard to destroy as the snail itself. They seem perfectly indifferent to freezing, and have been known to prove productive after having been shriveled up in an oven to the semblance of grains of sand.