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Little 5-year-old Willie had been t  
the theater and upon his return  
mother asked him how he liked  
play. "Oh," he replied, "the play  
all right, but I didn't get to see  
all of it." Why, how did that  
pen?" asked his mother. "Be-  
answered Willie, "the roller must  
been broke for the window blind  
down two or three times."

Delivered the Goods.  
The statement that Ruyard Kir-  
ling had received a shilling a w  
for a story in an English magaz  
induced a wag to write him and  
close a shilling postal order. "Here  
that wisdom was being retailed a  
shilling a word," writes the joker.  
inclose a shilling for a sample." Kir-  
ling kept the order and sent back  
word "Thanks."

**COUNTY NEWS**

**STAFFORD SAYINGS.**  
Ole Anderson is working at Bergstrom's.  
Tom McGrane now sees with a glass eye.  
John Carr went to Omaha Friday with some cattle.  
Horton brothers are plastering their house as they do not intend to freeze this winter.  
Melvin Hagerman and Tom Barret will take in the Exposition this week.

Dan McGrane attended a meeting of the Highlanders at Page Saturday evening.  
Nels Bergstrom and family spent Sunday at Inman, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fowler.  
Mr. Patterson, of Omaha, was buying hay here Saturday.  
C. F. Smith and wife returned from the exposition Saturday.  
Jack McGrane came up Saturday and spent Sunday at home.  
Miss Mainwaring will give a lecture on Temperance Friday evening at the school house. We have no saloons at Stafford, however the lecture will do no harm.  
Mr. Posson has just completed a large cattle shed for T. Brown. Mr. Brown has one of the best equipped farms in this locality.  
Miss Edith Larson has a new buggy and now drives to and from her school.

**INMAN**

Aary Van Valkenburg will return to Omaha soon.  
When Gen. Hancock led only 5,000 men at "Mary's Heights," the killed was half as many as in the entire "Dewey Island" war.  
The stockholders of the Inman separator company will meet in Tompkin's store November 2.  
Why are Bryan's speeches like Shakespeare's works? Because in both there is "Much ado about nothing."  
In the absence of Mr. Peterson Mr. Cates has charge of the separator.  
Ma. Thompson is adding 30 feet to Downey & Watson's store.  
Everybody is well pleased with Rev. Khrer. He preached two strong sermons Sunday from the texts, John 12:32, and Rom. 1:16.  
Mr. Sylvanus will go to Wayne and Mr. Dodge to Tilden to husk corn.  
Reporter.

**PAGE ITEMS.**

Mr. Leonard Hess went to Omaha Tuesday morning.  
Mr. Smith has his new barn completed and painted.  
Mr. and Mrs. Snyder go to Tecumseh Tuesday to make it their future home.  
John Gray is now a partner in the firm of Hunter & Gray, and has moved his family to the store building, while George Hunter moves his family back to his farm, and E. E. Hunter occupies the Gray homestead.  
A lot of our young folks tripped the light fantastic toe in Mr. Smith's new barn Friday eve.  
Mrs. Townsend is adding some improvements to her home.  
James Moffit is now at home after several years absence in Oklahoma.

Charles Allen, the well digger, has been helping Wm. Lord and Wilsie Stewart to find water on their respective homesteads with fairly good results. Some of the wells have a fashion of going dry unless dug to "sheet" water.  
A. A. Wagers has moved his family to the Snyder place this week.

**ARE YOU GOING ABROAD?**

If you contemplate a trip to Europe during the summer, please remember that any ticket agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St Paul R'y can furnish you rates, tickets and up-to-date information, as well as reserved berths on ocean steamers—all lines—in advance of sailing.  
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**THE MADSTONE SELDOM FAILS**  
Wonderful Properties Claimed for a Memphis Possession.  
From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch: There is in the house of Mrs. H. R. Beebe of 73 Dunlap street, Memphis, Tenn., a wonderful madstone, which for 75 years has enjoyed the reputation of performing wonderful cures of hydrophobia. Mrs. John Shelton, the sister of Mrs. Beebe, is the owner of the stone. It was willed to her by her father, a minister in the Christian church, to whom it was presented by a poor German woman in his parish. The pastor made good use of it for more than half a century. In all those years only two persons treated with the stone failed to recover. One of these had let the wound go unattended for over nine days; the other was a farmer, too busy with his crop to permit of the applications which were considered necessary. Mrs. Shelton lost her father twenty years ago, she has used the madstone constantly since and has never either lost a case or made a charge for treating. People come from far and near to be treated. In many instances dumb brutes that have been bitten by rabid dogs have died, while people bitten by the same dogs have recovered, showing conclusively that the animals were mad. The stone is broken in several pieces and has something the appearance of a piece of coral. It is porous and absorbs the poison when applied to the wound. It was broken by being gnawed by a valuable dog. The dog was being treated for hydrophobia. He had been bitten and the stone was bound to his wound. He not only gnawed the stone off, but tried to chew it into bits. The stone is applied by being first put in hot water for a few minutes. Then it is taken out and placed, as hot as can be borne, upon the wound. This is repeated hourly for twelve hours. If there is more than one wound the treatment is extended to twenty-four hours.

**Lottery Scheme for Spain.**

Under the auspices of the Spanish government a great lottery scheme will be launched in Madrid August 1, the receipts of which, minus the prizes, will be turned over to the government for its most pressing needs. It is thought that by September the salaries of civil and military servants recently suspended can then be made good. Circulars are being sent out all over Europe, and it is expected that 500,000,000 pesetas, or about \$100,000,000, will be netted by the government. There are five capital prizes of 500,000 pesetas each. The lottery is now new in Spain, but Spanish lottery has never been popular in other states of Europe, investors preferring to take their chances with the Dutch or Prussian lotteries. The Spanish lottery in 1897 brought the treasury 3,000,000 pesetas, in the same year the Portuguese lottery gained 1,750,000 milreils (nearly \$2,000,000). The lottery is authorized in other countries of Europe. In Italy last year the government gained 62,000,000 lire (\$12,400,000), showing that the poor lazzarone was not without his savings. In Holland the official lotteries gained \$300,000; in Denmark the winnings amounted to about half a million more. But the Prussian lottery, which is annually operated under the direct authority of the state, is the most popular. There are a number of prizes of 500,000 marks every year, and in 1897 the receipts of the treasurer amounted to over 100,000,000 marks.—New York Times.

**Not Infallible.**  
Harriet Martineau, the English author, was shrewd and practical, and had what men are pleased to call a "masculine intellect." But she was not always correct in her deductions, a fact illustrated by the following anecdote, told in her "Memoirs" by Sir Charles Murray, who was then the English consul-general in Egypt: One afternoon we met at the villa of my old friend, S. W. Larking, on the banks of the Mahamoudieh canal. In the course of our stroll through the garden we came to a small gate, the pattern of which was new to Miss Martineau, who was walking in front. She stopped, and looking at the gate in an attitude of intense admiration, exclaimed: "How truly Oriental! What wonderful taste these easterners have in design!" She went on, and as Larking and I followed through the gate, he whispered to me, "I got it out last week from Birmingham."

**MUTUAL INSURANCE.**  
How Governor Holcomb Defeated It Till He Organized a Company.

The remarkable record of Silas A. Holcomb in the matter of insurance legislation challenges the attention of the people of the state and leads at once to the inevitable conclusion that it would be unsafe to place such a man on the supreme bench. A weak man in the presence of temptation while in the gubernatorial chair, what could be expected of him as a judge? What case would be safe in his hands?  
During the legislative session of 1895 there was a determination to pass a law which would allow the organization of mutual companies for the insuring of village and town property. To defeat this there was present at the state house an organized lobby, possessed of ample means for oil room purposes. It was well known at the time that \$10,000 in cash was on hand to be used in defeating mutual insurance legislation.  
On Jan. 17th Mr. Brockman of Richardson introduced house roll 246, a bill authorizing the formation of mutual companies. It was perfectly satisfactory to the people who were demanding mutual insurance. The record of the introduction of the bill is found on page 261 of the house journal.  
On Feb. 26th the bill was reported to the general file and was delayed there until March 27th, when it was taken up in the committee of the whole and recommended for passage. On March 30th (page 1183 of the house journal) it was passed by unanimous vote. Such reformers as Barry, Hull and Soderman were there and voted for the bill. The reason for the unanimous vote was that the insurance boodle had been in sight so notoriously that any man voting against the bill would have been marked at once as a boodler.  
The lobby concentrated its efforts to defeat the bill in the senate. Every method of delay was resorted to. At least one prominent clerk was bribed. Money was offered to senators to get them to delay or lose the bill. At one time the one crooked clerk and one boodling senator carried it away, and were made to disgorge only after the senate had issued warrants for their arrests.  
In the senate, as in the house, all the boodle plans failed. The bill passed with but one dissenting vote, and that one senator was politically blacklisted for that act, and has never since been allowed to hold office.  
But the old-line insurance people knew what they were doing. They had delayed the final passage of the bill until the last day of the session. They knew what Governor Holcomb would do. They knew that he would wait until after the adjournment of the legislature, when all danger of passing over his head was past, and then he would veto the bill.  
The record shows that on April 6th (page 1359 of the house journal), the bill was presented to the governor by a joint committee. Until it reached his hands it was carefully guarded to keep the lobbyists and boodlers from stealing it. At that late day one of the clerks was offered \$1,000 if he would lose the bill or allow himself to be held up and robbed of it.  
After the adjournment of the legislature Governor Holcomb carried out his part of the contract. After numerous consultations with a Lincoln lobbyist he vetoed the bill. For this action he was never able to give a decent excuse, and left himself open to the strong suspicion that he had entered into a satisfactory deal with the boodling lobby.  
The defeat of this meritorious bill in such a suspicious manner caused much indignation over the state and the next legislature met with the determination to pass a mutual insurance bill and put it through so early that a cowardly governor could not head it off. Jones of Nemaha on the 18th of January, 1897, introduced house roll 183, a bill exactly similar to the Brockman bill, except that it had several more sections relating to assessments and other matters, which were also covered in the laws already on the statute books. The bill passed the house on the 13th of March by unanimous vote. It passed the senate on the 2d of April with just one negative vote and was presented to the governor on the 3d of April.  
For some reason not orally explained, but which is pretty well shown up by the records, Governor Holcomb held the bill until the 8th of April, when he announced to the legislature that he had signed it.  
Now the sequel: That same day the news was given out that a new insurance company had been organized under the new law and that Silas A. Holcomb was elected as its president. This action had been taken before the bill was signed and the salary of the president was fixed at \$50 per month. Comment on this transaction is unnecessary. "The records are the best evidence."  
From that date to the close of his official term as governor Holcomb drew money every month as follows:  
Salary as governor. . . . . \$208.33  
Salary as insurance president. . . . . 50.00  
Rate-off in house rent deal. . . . . 19.80

\$278.13

This was a pretty comfortable salary for a "plain man," and did not count the other perquisites he might get in the way of railroad passes, assessments from clerks and appointees and other "complimentaries," as O. W. Palm would term them.  
Silas made the office pay, but the insurance scandal will be remembered. It will have another chapter.

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