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Below is the song in its correct apparel, form and structure, and as sung by the Indiana Geo. Club, P. Chapman, T. L. Dilley, John D. Ingalls, Merrill Ingalls, Thomas Dyke, Henry S. Graham and J. Chappelle Clarke.

THE OLD KENTUCKY BABE. In a green and fertile valley On the old Kentucky shore, Years ago there was born a precious babe;

Then hurrah for honest Abe! For the Old Kentucky Babe! For we're going to make him president this fall. He'll swing our country back, On its old accustomed track, Just as easy as he used to swing his mail.

Once he canvassed it with Stephen In the State of Illinois, And he made the little Giant very sore; For his sham squatter doctrine Was decided by the boys, To be but a twaddle and a bore.

Chorus, then hurrah, etc. Then a groan for little Steve! None his doctrine can believe; To the South for all rainy he will call, Ah! little he'll rejoice, When he hears the people's voice, Making Abe to be our president this fall.

Chorus, then hurrah, etc. A Reunion of Prominent Old Settlers. Christmas day witnessed the happy reunion of the eight children of Charles and Margaret Young at the comfortable home of Frank Younger, south of this city.

The order fixing the terms of court for the year 1891 in the various counties in the second judicial district was filed with Clerk Showalter yesterday, and is as follows. CASS COUNTY. March 2nd; May 24th; and October 12th.

LANCASTER COUNTY. February 9th; September, 21st. OTOM COUNTY. March, 23th; June 15th; December 7th. SAM'L M. CHAPMAN, J. Judges ALLEN W. FIELD, J. Judges

Giant Trees. Andrew Caldwell, special agent of the general land office, appointed to make an investigation as to giant trees (sequoia gigantea) in the Stockton and Vastilis land districts in California, reports that in the Vastilis district there is one small and one large grove of giant trees. The latter is the Virgin forest and contains over 1,200 giant sequoias and many more small trees.

A Break at the Power House. Last night about 6:30 the stores using electricity for lighting purposes were suddenly enveloped in darkness and the never-failing gas had to supply the demand for light. The trouble was caused by the breaking of the engine crank on the main shaft which runs the governor.

Wayne Stennett, a prominent citizen of Stennett, Iowa, was in the city last night, the guest of J. M. Johns and family. L. C. Erven, an old time Plattsmouthian, visited his father-in-law, Mr. Nelson Jean yesterday. He returned to Omaha this morning.

The Mass Meeting at Weeping Water. Yesterday was held the much advertised mass meeting at Weeping Water, and but a small crowd comparatively speaking were present. The attitude of the commissioner was cussed and discussed by some of the speakers.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners. GENTLEMEN: At your session of Dec. 19th, you officially decided to postpone the calling of a special election for a period of forty days, believing this to be an unreasonable length of time to delay and defeat the will of three-fifths of the votes of Cass county; therefore,

Be it resolved: That it is the sense of the majority of the people assembled at a public meeting held at Weeping Water Dec. 26th, called for the purpose of taking into consideration the acts of the commissioners at their meeting of Dec. 19th,

- 1. That the time taken is altogether too long to suit the wishes of the people. 2. That the necessities of the case demand more prompt and rapid work on your part. 3. That less than one-half the time taken by you would be sufficient to convince you as to the legality of the petition.

4. We ask and claim the right to add names to the petition as fast as secured. 5. We condemn the action of the Plattsmouth boomers in trying to defeat the will of a large majority of the citizens of this county.

6. We believe the petitioners of Cass county are in earnest in this matter, they are not satisfied with the present location of the county seat, and never will be under existing circumstances. The matter will have to be settled right or endless trouble and litigation will be the result.

7. As a matter of economy to the tax payers and the county at large, we, as citizens of Cass county most emphatically demand that the prayer of these petitioners must be heard without unnecessary delay.

Signed: WALTER CUTFOURTH, H. HOLENBECK, W. OSSENKOPF, I. N. WOODFORD, H. G. RACE, Committee.

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Want Another Judge. At the last meeting of the Lancaster county bar association a committee comprising Messrs. H. H. Willson, M. B. Reese, A. S. Tibbetts, C. L. Hall, C. M. Parker, W. J. Bryan and A. W. Scott was appointed to bring before the legislature the necessity of an increase of the number of judges in the second judicial district from two to three.

The snow storm yesterday was one of the most general ever known and extended from Maine on the Atlantic coast to the most southern points of Virginia. The thermometer at Bangor Maine registered twenty-five degrees below zero. The snow storm seemed to extend as far west as Iowa, Missouri and Kansas.

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J. Q. Adams, president of the Band of Eagle, is in the city today. A decree was rendered in district court yesterday quieting title to a piece of land as against one Throckmorton.

Miss Effie and Edward Randall and Miss Belle Poland are spending the holidays with Mr. Joseph Mapes and family. J. W. Paddock a cousin of senator Paddock residing in Omaha has just been appointed a government director of the Union Pacific Railway by president Harrison.

A. F. Lewis, editor and proprietor of the Louisville Advertiser, spent Xmas with his parents in Ashland. Arthur is making the Advertiser a success.—Ashland Gazette.

A lamp was thrown over in Sherwood's store last night which came near causing a conflagration. But prompt action stopped the flames before any serious harm had been done.

Miss Leola G. Carter, eldest daughter of O. M. Carter, and niece of the Thomas boys in this county, is to be married soon to Mr. Newton E. Barkalow, one of Omaha's wealthiest and most popular young men.

The Masonic Ball last evening, owing to the dust and high wind was slimly attended, though an unusually good time was had by those present. The supper at the Riley was an elegant affair which went far toward making the evening's enjoyment a success.

The telegraph today says, a farmer named Hollowman, living in Mahaska county, Iowa, today found a solid gold nugget weighing seventy ounces, on the edge of a small creek on his farm, and it is believed a heavy deposit of the precious metal will be found on investigation.

Jeff. L. Stone, the editor and proprietor of Kearney county's best paper, the Minion Register, is hilarious over the arrival of the first heir, a bright fair haired boy that looks like his dad. The Herald extends congratulations. Mr. Stone, it will be remembered, was at one time city editor of the PLATTSMOUTH DAILY HERALD.

The county commissioners today are busy looking over plans for the new court house. No action was taken in the matter though some very handsome plans were shown, all of which were inside the appropriation. These present from abroad were architects, Ellis, Voss and Sidney Smith from Omaha; James Tyler, Wm. Gray and O. H. Placey, of Leola and G. E. McDonald, of Geneva, together with eight or ten contractors from Omaha and Lincoln.

Safe burglars are evidently abroad in Cass county according to the following item in the Wabash News; Last Saturday night some party or parties entered the lumber office of John Murty at Kenwood, and bored three holes in the safe and knocked the knob off the combination lock, the safe was still locked when discovered, and the indications are they failed to make entrance, but the safe is ruined.

A paragraph is going the rounds about a girl dying from tight lacing. An editor commenting on the fact says: "These corsets should be done away with, and if the girls can't live without being squeezed we suppose men could be found who would sacrifice themselves. As old as we are, we'd rather devote three hours a day without a farthing of pay, as a brevet corset, than see these girls dying in that manner. Office hours almost any time."

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New Use for Old Hose. While dredging on the oyster beds near New London, Conn., an oysterman brought up something which at first sight looked like a lifeless sea serpent covered with immense scales, but on examination it turned out to be a strip of hose seven feet long and three inches in diameter, completely hidden by the bivalves, which had become fastened to it. By actual count there were over 1,000 oysters on that piece of hose.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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BATTLING WITH AN OCTOPUS.

Difficult Fight with a Monster Having Seven Foot Tentacles. Three young men aged about 18 years had an exciting encounter with an octopus, or devil fish, under the old wharf belonging to the Myers Canning company, at West Seattle. It resulted in the frightful creature being killed after a fearful struggle. It was necessary to sever completely every one of the horrible creature's tentacles from its body before it gave up the struggle. The fight was witnessed by quite a number of spectators.

The boys were fishing for tomcod from the front of the wharf when they noticed a considerable commotion in the water under the wharf. One of them, Dick Smith, took a long pole and climbed under the wharf, to find out, if possible, the cause of the disturbance. He had not gone far when in the semi-gloom he discovered a strange shape and saw a pair of small eyes glaring at him. In his fright he poked at the animal with his pole, but to his horror and amazement it was wrenched from his hand as easily as though it had been a straw.

Young Smith gave a frightened yell and climbed to the top of the wharf to give the alarm. Several boys, arming themselves with poles and spades, climbed down under the wharf to investigate this marine monster and if possible capture it. After the eyes of the boys had become accustomed to the gloom they beheld to their wonder and surprise that the creature with which they had to deal was a huge devil fish, pushing the water into foam with its merciless arms, which were spread out for a distance of about seven feet in every direction.

The boys attacked the creature with poles and spades. One boy made a strike at the animal, cutting it slightly with a spade. The infuriated creature seized the spade in its grasp and threw it far out among the piles. The fight continued for some time, the animal seizing everything that was thrust at him. Several times one of the boys narrowly missed being caught and drawn beneath the surface by the monster of the deep.

At length, by a united pull at several poles which the octopus was seized in his blind rage, he was drawn from the water, but even then he kept up the fight with unabated fury, striking viciously at everything within reach. One after another the tentacles were severed from the frightfully misshapen body. Even after the last arm had been severed the animal did not give up the fight, and when any one approached it, glared at them and caused its body to quiver in a manner that induced a thrill of fear to run over the beholder, even with a knowledge that it was harmless.

The devil fish was finally dispatched with a spade. The arms were carried away by the several boys who had severed them as trophies of the fight, but the body remained on the ground and was viewed by many people during the remainder of the afternoon.—Seattle Press.

Letters as Metaphors.

Some curious examples of the use of letters as metaphors may be found in the works of Lightfoot and Wetstein. We often hear of a person having a "stigma upon him." A stigma was formerly the branding iron used by the Greeks for marking their criminals. It was in shape not unlike a small figure five (5), and was usually applied upon the forehead, cheek or back of the hand, where it would not fail to be noticed. The Hebrews are said to have used their final letter, tau, for a similar purpose (see Ezek. ix, 4). In the Talmud it is related that the Book of Deuteronomy came and prostrated itself before God and said: "O Lord of the universe, thou hast written in me thy law, but if a testament is defective in some parts it is defective in all. Behold, Solomon endeavored to root the letter job out of me. Neither shall he multiply verbs" (see Talmud, Sanhed., xx, 2. B'bra Deut. xvii, 17). "Then," says the Talmud, "the holy blessed God answered, 'Solomon and a thousand such as he shall perish, but the letter shall not perish out of thee.'—St. Louis Republic.

How Animals Die.

That beasts and birds go aside from their comrades to suffer the extreme trials of death is a pathetic fact not generally known. Whales come ashore when they feel ill, so that the waves may dash out the life that is fast ebbing away—deliberate cases of suicide, you will say. Sometimes, no doubt, their friends desert them. The healthy ones feel that the companionship of an enfeebled individual is a possible source of danger. Or it may be that the sight of death is intolerable to them, just as it has been to many human races. Whatever the explanation, the fact remains that in the animal world, as a rule, creatures go away and die by themselves; the denizens of the water commit what might be called suicide by leaving their own elements for one in which they cannot exist.—St. Louis Republic.

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Ellen Terry's Childhood.

When Ellen Terry was a little girl about 11 years of age she belonged to Mrs. Charles Kean's company at the Princess'. She was one evening acting 'Duck in the 'Midsummer Night's Dream,' and had to come up through the stage floor on a trap door, standing on a mushroom. The trap door was shut too soon, and one of her feet was caught. She screamed with pain, and her sister Kate, then acting Titania, ran to her and threw her arms round her. Still the child continued to scream and Mrs. Charles Kean seeing what was wrong, came on the stage and struck with her heel for the trap door to be opened. The man naturally mistook the signal, and shut it tighter, and the child's screams redoubled. Mrs. Kean whispered to her: "Be a brave girl, Nellie, and finish your part, and you shall play in 'King John.'"

The trap door was by this time opened, but the little girl's toe was broken. She finished her speech, however, though she fainted when she got off the stage. Later on she played the part of Prince Arthur. Another time, in the same company, she had to play one of the angels in 'Catherine of Aragon's Vision.' To give the appearance of distance the large angel came first, and they graduated in size until the end, and Ellen Terry, being the smallest actress, was placed at the top of the row. Whether the height she was from the ground made her feel less known, but she evinced her feelings in the most tangible manner, proving most unpleasantly to the other 'angels' beneath her (who remonstrated with her afterward) that, however spirit and her appearance might be, she was subject as any mortal to the ills that flesh is heir to.—London Tit-Bits.

The Chinese to Italy.

Lord Wolseley believes that the Chinese are the coming race, and that they will overrun the world the moment a great general or lawgiver arises among them. For 500 years the Chinese have been ruled by "the simple method of having all the more active, capable and progressive heads shorn off by the Tartars." No one of more than average intelligence is permitted to exist, and the government is on one side an organized system of massacre. When Commissioner Leh was asked whether it was true that he had beheaded 60,000 men in three years, his answer was, "Oh, surely more than that." Some day, however, a new Chinese Moses will arise and resist.

The people, who are quite fearless, will then, Lord Wolseley thinks, adopt the profession of arms, hurl themselves on Russia and sweep over her, India and the continent of Europe. The English, the Americans and the Australians will have to rally for a desperate conflict, probably in western Asia, which will be a veritable battle of Armageddon. Such prophecies are, of course, of small practical use, but we agree that a very little might set the Chinese moving, and that her millions, once let loose, could no more be stopped than a stream of lava. Lord Wolseley is all for keeping on good terms with the Chinese and so are we, but at the same time we do not forget that the Roman emperors who tried to conciliate the Goths fared no better than those who defied them.—Omaha World-Herald.

New Decorative Process.

A new process by which artistic designs can be photographed on paper, cotton cloth, velvet and other fabrics is becoming the "crange" in England, as any lady can by its means take any white fabric and print upon it designs to suit her own taste, and in which pressed leaves will serve instead of a transparent for the production of many effects. At a recent meeting of the Photographic Society (England) a well known photographer printed different leaf patterns upon different parts of a piece of white cotton cloth.

He then developed the different patterns with various developers by applying each of the latter locally with a brush. The result was a party series of designs in variegated colors upon one piece of cloth. The colors at present obtainable by the use of developers in the process are red, orange, purple and maroon. By mixing the purple and orange developers an unsatisfactory kind of an approach to green is said to have been obtained. Developers to yield blue and green with this process have yet to be discovered.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Why Clock Faces Have Four 'I's.

Do you know why four 'I's' are used to mark the hour of four on clocks and watches instead of the usual Roman numeral 'IV'? The tradition among clock and watchmakers is that in the year 1370 the first clock similar to those now in use was made in France for Charles V, surnamed the Wise. The king could not deny that the clock was an excellent timekeeper; but as he wished to find fault with something, and so live up to his name, he insisted that four was incorrectly marked, and that four 'I's' should be substituted for 'IV.' The makers could not convince him of his error, which has been perpetuated as the king's mistake through all the succeeding years.—New York Ledger.

Russia Twelve Days Behind.

England made the change from the old or Julian calendar to the Gregorian in 1752. At that period the original thirteen states were British colonies, and as the new system went into operation at that time throughout England's American dependencies it has been in effect from the beginning of the United States government. Russia still clings to the Julian calendar. That is to say, Dec. 7 in this country is Nov. 25 in Russia.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Terrible Possibility.

Aunt Julia—Well, Flossie, what do you think of your little brother? Flossie (who is the happy possessor of a photographic doll)—I haven't heard heard him say a word yet, and I shouldn't be surprised if he'd lost his cylinder out.

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