

The Peasant's Reply.

A gentleman who has recently returned from Russia relates an incident which, although trifling in itself, is yet most pathetically suggestive of the condition of the poor in Russia, and of the state of things which has bred so deep and so widespread discontent among the people.

Being about to leave some station at which he had been staying for a few days, the gentleman in question called in a mookhik—to attempt the spelling of George Kennan—on his trunk. The man was of enormous build, with every appearance of great strength, while the traveler is not above medium height, and while of compact mold is by no means of muscular appearance.

The trunk was rather overfull, and the task of bringing the buckle on the strap into its place was by no means a light one. The Russian tried again and again, becoming short of breath and red in the face with his efforts, while the American looked on at first in impatient silence and then with contemptuous reproaches. At length, losing patience, the traveler pushed the mookhik aside, and with a single quick effort brought the strap down and buckled it.

"There," he said, "are you not ashamed, you great big fellow, to be all this time bungling over a thing that I can do in a minute, and I only up to your shoulders?"

There was no trace of anger in the reply: "Ah, little father, but you have had meat to eat all your life."—Boston Courier.

She Was Too Eager.

A well known vocal teacher of Boston, whose reputation brings him pupils from all over the country, relates that there once came to him a lady who announced herself as a music teacher from another city, and declared her intention of taking a course of lessons. She asked his terms, and pronounced them satisfactory, and then went on to talk about the time of lessons.

"You see," she explained, "I have only a limited time in Boston, and I must manage so as to get the whole twenty lessons into that."

"How long are you to be here?" the other asked.

"Three weeks," she replied.

"Twenty lessons in three weeks?" he exclaimed in amazement. "How could that be done?"

"Oh," she responded easily, "I could take two lessons some days."

"Yes," the teacher answered, "or you might take the whole twenty lessons one after the other all at once. That would only take about ten hours."

The face of the lady brightened.

"Would you really be willing to give them to me that way?" she asked. "Then I could get home inside of ten days, and get my advertisement as your pupil printed before the end of vacation." And the amusing part of the story is that the woman could not be made to see the absurdity of her suggestion.—Boston Courier.

Paddy's Idea of a Microbe.

Two sons of the Emerald Isle sat in the depot the other day, running from one current topic of discussion to another. They finally reached the subject of the great prevalence of sickness. "Aren't ye afraid of typhoid fever?" said Denis.

"Yes, I am," replied Pat.

"Pat?"

"Yes, Dinny."

"What are these microbys and germs the doctors are talking about?"

"Waal, I'll tell ye my idee, Dinny. Them germs and microbys are peculiar things. Flannigan was tellin' me about them. He sez they reside in the wather. He was fishing Monday, and he pulled up his line, begob, and found a microbe on it. He sez it loked like a bullhead, but it had a peculiar face. He sez he threw it back after he got over being scart. Me own opinion is, Dinny, that microbes are a peculiar kind of fish."

"Begob, I guess ye're roight, Pat. There's a good dale of sickness prevallin'."

"Yes," replied Pat, "there's a good dale, Dinny. There do be well pable complainin'."—Albany Argus.

Reptiles Seventy Feet in Length.

What the mammals are in the scale of creation today the reptiles were in the mesozoic epoch. They swam the seas, climbed trees and were most phenomenal jumpers. Some of them even flew. While some were herbivorous, living upon plants, others were carnivorous, preserving existence by devouring their vegetable eating consins. The vegetarian reptiles were enormous beasts, often as much as seventy feet in length. They afforded food for the carnivorous reptiles, which were smaller than the herbivorous kind, just as lions and tigers nowadays are smaller than oxen.

Though bigger, the vegetarian creatures usually had no armor nor weapons to defend themselves with. Their most powerful defence was a kick, which, delivered with a hind leg fifteen feet in length, was assuredly not by any means to be despised.—Professor Cope in Washington Star.

Uncleanliness Often the Trouble.

The variety of shoes which claim to follow the natural shape of the foot is almost as large as those that do not. Some of these shoes are so absurdly broad at the toes that they give an impression that they were designed for a hoofed beast; others are ventilated in the sole. But, in spite of all these original and expensive patented devices, the fact remains that as many people escape all afflictions of the feet who wear ordinarily well shaped, hand sewn shoes as those who adopt eccentric shoes. It is evident that there is some other trouble besides the shape of the shoe that is at work.—New York Tribune.

Reasonable.

Father—My dear girl, the last gown you got was only eighty dollars, but this one is ninety dollars. Is this worth ten dollars more than the other?

Daughter—Certainly, father. Just think how much later it is.—Cloak Review.

From Monday's Lally.

Hon. W. B. Shryock and wife came down from Louisville to visit friends to-day.

Miss Gracie Wiles returned to her studies at Cotner University this morning.

Miss Alma Waterman and Miss Hattie Latham are at the metropolis to-day.

Curtis Watson, of McCool Junction, came in Saturday with his wife to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Horning. Mr. Watson returned home this morning.

Elmwood citizens have subscribed the necessary stock and got everything in order for the new creamery which will be erected in that wide-awake village.

THE HERALD is sorry to note the fact that Wm. Hays is lying very near to death's door; his friends would not be surprised at any time to learn of his demise.

A sneak thief picked up A. C. Wright's overcoat (brown in color) this morning at L. C. Stiles' boarding house and got out of sight without being apprehended.

The handsome pine tree on the court house site is being taken up and lowered so as to be at a grade where it will remain to grace the front lawn of the new building.

Wiley Black purchased 26 head of hogs from Henry Mertens, which weighed 11,375 pounds an average of 437½ for which he received the neat sum of \$327.00 who can beat it?

The first game of base ball this season was played by the Lincoln and Omaha professionals, at Omaha yesterday resulting in a score of 11 to 10 in favor of Lincoln. It was a ten innings game.

The High School commencement exercises will take place on Thursday evening, June 11, at the opera house. On the evening following the city schools will give an entertainment at the same place.

From all that we can gather from Eastern papers, there is going to be the greatest emigration from Illinois to Nebraska the coming year that has ever yet occurred. From the reports in the papers many of the very best citizens are preparing to come west and take advantage of the cheap lands now on the market in this state. Times are bound to be better.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Why Big Men Have Little Wives.

There is a very general and ancient impression that big men in choosing wives prefer small women. At first glance this would appear true, because the number of big men with little wives is certainly in an overwhelming majority, as we see them. In the five years I have held my office I have learned a thing or two through the medium of the marriage license office, and it is my impression that it is not that big men prefer little women, but that little women prefer big men, and it is the experience of the world-wise that what a woman wants and starts out to get she generally captures.—Globe Democrat.

The Inquest.

The coroner held an inquest over the remains of the late U. V. Mathews this morning. The testimony indicated that Mr. Mathews had gone to the water closet before retiring in the evening, or during the night, and on leaving the closet had been suddenly stricken with death. He was found about 7 o'clock this morning in the closet, lying on his side as peacefully as if he slept; there was not the slightest evidence of a struggle, which went to show that heart failure was the cause of his death.

The jury composed of Messrs. M. B. Murphy, Wm. Herold, Wm. Neville, P. P. Gass and J. G. Richey, brought in a verdict as follows:

That from the evidence before them the deceased came to his death from some natural cause to the jury unknown. No marks of violence or anything to indicate that he had been foully dealt with.

As was announced in Saturday's HERALD Mr. and Mrs. Spurlock addressed the congregation at the M. E. church yesterday morning on the subject of early methodism in Plattsmouth. There was a large congregation to greet them, there being present a number of friends from the other churches of the city. Mr. Spurlock spoke at some length on the organization of the church and its early ministry. He was followed by Mrs. Spurlock, who spoke of some of the privations of the early workers, and referred feelingly to her own pleasant relations to the church which were soon to be severed by removal to York. At the close of the services the friends present showed their appreciation of the worthy couple by going forward and bidding them an earnest farewell, with best wishes for their success in their new work. The service was a very impressive one and many kind friends regretted to see Mr. and Mrs. Spurlock go from our midst. They will leave to-morrow for York, where they will take charge of the Mothers' Jewels home at that place.

Obituary.

DEED, Saturday night at midnight, Mrs. Mary A. Doyle, at the age of fifty years.

The deceased was born in Ireland and came to this county about nine years ago, to secure her portion of the estate inherited from her brother John Tallon. She has resided in this city ever since up to the time of her death.

She was a zealous member of the Catholic church and a hard-working, industrious woman.

The immediate cause of her death was an attack of la grippe, followed by pneumonia.

She leaves four children, Mrs. Mary Rauen, Clarence, Joseph and John, the youngest being over 18 years of age.

Her husband died in England nearly twenty years ago.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The friends of the family are invited.

Death of U. V. Mathews.

The people of Plattsmouth, were shocked this morning by the sudden announcement of the death of Mr. U. V. Mathews, who was in his usual health up to the moment of death. Mr. Mathews had been in failing health during the past twelve months, and had closed out his business preparatory to permanently retiring from the active pursuits of a mercantile life. During the past few weeks he assured his friends that he was feeling better and, hoped to regain his old time vigor with the coming spring.

Yesterday morning he, as usual attended divine services at the First Presbyterian Church of our city, which church he has regularly attended since taking up his residence in our midst years ago. He was a most estimable citizen universally respected and beloved by his large circle of intimate friends. He was a public spirited man whose voice and influence was always exerted in favor of public improvements. He was a genial, companionable, kind hearted man, who enjoyed the companionship and society of his friends and his kindly presence will long be missed by our people.

Mr. Mathews came to Plattsmouth some twenty years ago from Afon, Iowa, and during his residence in Plattsmouth he has been engaged in the hardware business which he recently disposed of to his nephew, Mr. J. W. Hendee.

He was born at Seneca Falls, New York on the 10th day of February 1820 being seventy one years one month and twenty seven days old at the time of his death. At the age of twenty five years he left New York for the northwest and for a number of years was engaged as a civil engineer in Illinois and Iowa assisting in and locating the pioneer railways which so materially aided in opening up this country to an early settlement—He then engaged in active business pursuits in Illinois and was married at Ke-waunee in that state where his wife died some twenty odd years ago leaving no children. Removing from Illinois Mr. Mathews for a short time engaged in business at Afon, Iowa, from whence he removed to Plattsmouth, making this place his final home.

He leaves surviving him two brothers one in Illinois, and one in Iowa, and three sisters one of whom Mrs. Searles, resides in this city. The date of his burial will not be announced until word has been received from his brothers and sisters.

Colonel Lafayette O'Neill is setting up cigars today by the box on account of a 14½ pound girl which arrived at his house this morning.

A Bold Forgery.

From Tuesday's Daily. The First National Bank received today from an Omaha bank for payment two checks, one for \$95 in favor of W. P. Woods and purporting to be signed by Wildman & Fuller and certified across the face in red ink as good by Sam'l. Waugh, cashier. The other check was for \$74 and was certified in the same way, but was made payable to Wilson Woods and was signed H. B. Wildman instead of L. B. the name it was evidently intended for. The first check was dated March 30 and was cashed by a bank at Schuyler. The second check was cashed at Kimball, Nebraska, a few days later. The moment Mr. Waugh saw the checks he noticed they were very clumsy forgeries. His own signature nor that of Wildman & Fuller in any manner bore the least resemblance to the signatures which appeared on the checks. There is no clue to the forger, but the banks of Kimball and Schuyler may be able to run him down, and as they are the losers in the operation they will certainly make strenuous efforts to secure the villain and teach him a lesson. This is a novel way to forge paper, yet it seems no bank of ordinary prudence would cash paper of that kind for a stranger. If these banks have done so they ought to lose the money they have advanced, and learn something.

LOYALTY TO PRINCIPLE.

Shermanicus shows his integrity of purpose, as may be seen from a perusal of his editorials given below:

BEFORE TAKING. Here are the opinions of the Journal before the rate bill was voted. "Gov. Boyd cannot afford to veto the Newberry bill." "If Gov. Boyd were to veto the rate bill he would probably wreck the patriotic citizen's democracy to ever carry the state."

AFTER TAKING. Here are the opinions of the Journal since the veto message was signed by the governor: "We are confident that the administration of Gov. Boyd when it shall have ended will show him to be the patriotic citizen which his party has always claimed him to be." "Gov. Boyd's veto message of the Newberry bill is a strong document which will show such new light on the measure in question. The Journal is free to confess that the arguments he presents are very convincing and are argued with a freedom and candor that leaves no doubt of his honesty of motive and purpose."

"The facts presented by the governor make it apparent that the measure was two wrongs. It is the policy of the railroad to impose a discriminating, or governing, law for the reason that such legislation may become a precedent and give power to forcing the end of the railroad act upon the principle that it is easier to stop all by obstruction in the start. Experience has taught them that 'big corks from the ocean grow' and it is a much easier job to stamp up on the ocean and kill the germ to choke down the sturdy oak after it shall have obtained its full growth.—March 20.

The following special telegram appeared in the Bee from Lincoln this morning.

General Manager Holdredge of the B. & M. refused to reinstate the union switchman discharged from the yards here. To night all the switchmen in the B. & M. yards struck. About fifty switchmen are unemployed and half a dozen are working. There has been no exhibition of violence. The strike was made under the advisement of Grand Master Sweeney of the switchmen's union.

No switchmen went out here and no conductors or brakemen have quit anywhere on the line so far as we are able to learn. New men were promptly hired at Lincoln and took the places of the strikers. The strike will probably extend no farther and may probably be considered at an end.

The G. A. R. Anniversary. Notwithstanding the free show and the big crowd at Fitzgerald's Hall last evening, and the entertainment at the opera house, the Grand Army boys and their friends very comfortably filled Rockwood Hall to properly commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of their order. H. J. Streight read the history of the first Post, which was organized at Decatur, Ills., twenty-five years ago, together with a general history of the order. F. A. Bates gave an interesting account of the ups and downs of McConhie Post. The charter members were Ben Hemple, H. J. Streight, R. R. Livingston, Peter Cooper and a few others whose names we could not learn.

The orator of the evening was Judge Chapman, who in a pleasing manner addressed his comrades for over half an hour, giving a very interesting history of the objects, aims, and accomplishments of that grand order.

The entertainment was one of more than ordinary merit and if possible shall have been given in opera house.

Charley Vallery and Andy Taylor came very near having a serious runaway last evening while returning home in a buggy. As they were passing the crossing opposite Judge Chapman's residence the neck-yoke suddenly broke, causing the tongue to fall to the ground. This frightened the horses so badly that they ran into a deep gutter at the side of the road. Mr. Taylor jumped out and received a slight injury to one hand. Charley was thrown forward onto the horse's neck and hung on for all he was worth. The buggy was badly broken. Charley and Mr. Taylor procured saddles and rode home, leaving the buggy here for repairs.

Notice. STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss. In County Court Cass County. To all persons interested in the estate of Josiah S. Keefer, deceased: Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of April, A. D. 1891, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., at the county judge's office in Plattsmouth, in said county, the petitioner asking for the appointment of A. C. Adams as administrator de bonis non of said estate, will be heard and considered; at which time and place all persons interested in said estate, or who have any claims against it, should be appointed as such administrator de bonis non.

Dated the 28th day of April, A. D. 1891. A. S. HANNEY, County Judge.

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