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## CIVIC SOCIETIES.

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**CLASS CAMP NO. 32, MODERN WOODMEN of America**—Meets second and fourth Monday evening at K. of P. hall. All members are requested to meet with us. L. A. Newcomer, General Consul; W. C. Whitely, Worthy Advisor; F. Morgan, Exalted; J. E. Morris, Clerk.  
**PLATTSMOUTH LODGE NO. 8, A. O. U. W.**—Meets every alternate Friday evening at Rockwood hall at 8 o'clock. All transient brothers are respectfully invited to attend. J. A. Galsche, M. W.; S. C. Green, Exalted; S. C. Wilde, Recorder; S. A. Newcomer, Overseer.  
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## Latest by Telegraph.

**BORROWED AND STOLEN.**  
**ANOTHER HORROR.**  
**Terrible Accident on the Chicago & Atlantic in Indiana**  
**A REAR END COLLISION.**  
**A Freight Dashes at Full Speed into a Passenger Train.**  
**MANY BURNED TO DEATH.**  
**Fire Breaks Out and Adds to the General Terror.**  
**Almost a Second Chatsworth.**

CHICAGO, Oct. 11.—A terrible accident occurred on the Chicago & Atlantic railroad last night at Kouts, a small station about fifty-five miles east of Chicago. Passenger train No. 12, which left here at 7:45 p. m., stopped just this side of Kouts at 9:45 to make some repairs. The fast freight train No. 48, which should follow on instructions, received a clear bill at Boone Grove, six miles west of Kouts, and had got up a good speed when it crashed into the rear of the half passenger train. The night was dark and the scene during the next half hour was dreadful. The rear coaches of the passenger train were smashed and telescoped so that the three occupied less space than one. No one in the Pullman sleepers was injured. The conductor telegraphed to the nearest town that all escaped unhurt. The car and none were injured in the collision. General Manager Broughton, with all the clerks and others who could be of any use at the scene, left as soon as he heard of the accident this morning.

Upon the arrival of the wrecked train at the water tank, the scene of the accident, the engineer discovered a portion of the engine out of gear and a stop was made to fix it. A signal is said to have been sent back to stop the next train should it come along while the passenger was still at the water tank, but for some reason this signal was ignored, if sent, and the next express, which runs at a high rate of speed, crashed into the train. The entire passenger train, consisting of five cars, was completely wrecked. Amid a pandemonium of crashing timbers and human shrieks and toppling fragments of the wreck the horror was tripled when he confused mass of splintered and broken wood was discovered to be on fire. Those who miraculously escaped uninjured immediately turned their attention to those imprisoned in the wreck, and all but about twenty, it is now thought, were rescued.

**A PASSENGER'S HORRORING NARRATIVE.**  
One gentleman, a passenger from Taunton, Mass., who was on his way home, was sitting in the first car asleep, with his hand on his satchel. "The first I knew," said he, "I heard a frightful crash and the car seemed shattered and the pieces were flying past me. The next I knew I found myself almost buried in the ruins and they seemed to keep piling up. I tried to extricate myself and found I was near a window. It was very dark and all around me were yells and groans and the blackness made it fearful. I didn't seem to be hurt beyond being shaken up, so I called for help out of the window. Some man—I don't know who—helped me out, and I then turned in and helped to get others out. A little while after I got out, though, the whole thing took fire, and we were forced to give up working on it, bit by bit, and let it burn with the horrible cries of those inside in our ears. At one place there were two or three women, apparently all together, and we tried to get them out. They were shrieking all the time in a manner to freeze one's blood, for the fire was coming nearer to them all the time. We worked as long as we could, but could not get them out, and the fire came all around them and finally silenced their screams. To hear their desperate cries, as the fire came nearer and nearer, and finally reached them, was simply appalling."

**FIRE ADDS TO THE HORROR.**  
The wreck burned to the trucks, no facilities being at hand to extinguish the fire. A car load of the injured was taken eastward from the wreck this forenoon. They were maimed, bruised and burned, some quite badly.

**A PATHETIC INCIDENT.**  
A pathetic incident of the wreck is related by the station agent. It is of a young lady from Ohio, whose name could not be remembered. She was one of the passengers on the ill-fated train, and when the crash came, with presence of mind and energy worth a strong mind-

ed masculine, she seized an axe from its resting place on the side of the car and hewed her way through to the window. Her own safety assured, her thoughts turned to the helpless unfortunate ones whose cries for assistance sounded behind her. They did not call in vain, for she rushed in the direction of the cries and personally aided those poor souls from the wreck. To use her own language: "I did all I could, and would have continued had I not heard Dr. Perry crying and moaning piteously that his feet were burning. Then my strength gave way, and I was compelled to desist and seek assistance myself."

**BULL-HEADED RAILWAY OFFICIALS.**  
11 p. m.—All efforts to obtain information from Huntington as to the names of the killed and wounded have up to this hour been unavailing. The Chicago & Atlantic railway officials, who went there with the coroner to-day, seem to have complete possession of all sources of information on this point and they refuse positively to make public the names of the victims of the disaster. The killed and wounded were taken from the scene of the wreck to Huntington early this afternoon accompanied by the coroner.

The water tank at which the wreck took place was tended by an employe, for whose accommodation a small shanty was attached to the pump house. For a long time he has not used it, but has gone into Kouts every night, leaving the tank entirely alone.  
He was asked to night what precautions were taken in his absence to prevent such a catastrophe as that which had occurred. "Not a precaution," he answered, "except a sort of thing they call a semaphore. It is an English contrivance and is supposed to act as a signal, but it don't."

The wrecking force at the scene of the disaster numbers 500 men and their many lights, stretched along the full length of the wreck, can be seen miles away over the marsh. Enough of the wreck is still left to give an idea of the mass of ruins strewn before the tank after the collision. The freight train in part escaped, but the front cars were piled in the most fantastic ways upon each other. Not a vestige of any of the coaches, woodwork was left. The telescoping of the baggage car, smoker and day coach had been complete and the speedy flames did the rest, leaving not a splinter, the sleeper even sharing the fate of the others. The bodies which the coroner found were burned into cinders and covered the ground under the trucks.

At midnight the track was still impassable. The coroner telegraphs the Associated press from Huntington at midnight as follows: "Cannot as yet give the names of the killed. There were eight adults and one child dead and two persons wounded at Kouts. Know nothing of any other wounded."

**Water at Falls City.**  
FALLS CITY, Neb., Oct. 12.—Last evening at a depth of ninety-four feet, in the public test well in this city, the workmen after passing through nineteen feet of blue clay entered a fine bed of coarse gravel, that appears to be abundantly supplied with water, and all those interested are greatly pleased.

**Frost and Attachments.**  
O'NEILL, Neb., Oct. 11.—This section received its first heavy frost last night. Very little harm was done, as corn is very generally out of the way and will be a much better crop than was anticipated earlier in the season.  
John C. Hayes, general merchandiser and saloon, has been closed by attachments. He will resist them.

**AN INDIAN FEAST.**  
**THE GREEN CORN STAMP DANCE AT TULSA, I. T.**

**Scenes at the Autumn Festivities of the Creek Indians—A Very Thorough Cleaning Process—A Perpetual Priesthood. Sacred Fire—Hospitality.**

This festival is a religious rite and is far from being what is generally supposed an ordinary dance. It usually continues for four days and the ground on which it is held is consecrated to the service for which it is used by being cleared of all obstructions and laid off into different rings or places for the dances. A post is planted in the center of one of these rings and a fire is kindled near the post, and around this post and fire the company, composed of men, women and children, dance to the music of a peculiar kind of drum, which is accompanied by the singing and shouting of the dancers. The first day is occupied in feasting and the night is taken up with a dance. The second day is used as a fast, in which they take no food and the night is spent without sleep, the dance continuing all night. On the third day, about noon, they partake of what is known as the "bitter medicine," composed of some wild herb known only to a certain member of the tribe, who attends to

the preparation with religious zeal and great solemnity. The effect of this bitter medicine is very powerful in the way of stirring up the inward organization of the person taking it, producing violent vomiting, and is intended as a cleansing power. In taking the medicine does not act sufficiently to make the person usually free from a wing of an eagle or other large bird having feathers of proper length is taken, and the feather edge trimmed off, except a small bunch of the point. This the person that has not been sufficiently cleansed inserts into his mouth and down into the stomach, giving it a peculiar twisting twist, and by repeating this operation and laying himself over a log, face downward, he finally is relieved of the contents of the stomach, and arising he pronounces himself internally cleansed. After thoroughly satisfying themselves that there is nothing left in them, the whole number of those who have taken the cleansing process repair to the river, where they all stand in the water, and at a given signal from the leader they dive under four times, and thus they claim the outside is cleansed also.  
Then they dry themselves in the sun, and each one securing an arm load of wood, returns to the dancing ground, and rebuilding the fire with the wood they have brought, and sweeping the ground perfectly clean, they renew the dance until the fourth day, when they break up and return to their homes.

These grounds are selected and established with great care by the elder members of the tribe, one of whom is leader, and one who holds his office during life, and at his death the office descends to some other one, also a member of the same family, thus imitating the perpetual priesthood of the Jewish people. The grounds of this place were established about forty years ago, and the ashes which make the white sacred were brought from a similar dancing ground in the state of Alabama at the time, and are buried here, where a new fire is built every year, and the fire is carried to their homes and kept burning all the entire year. Thus the same fire that burns upon the main altar is to be kept burning in the home of each individual, and is intended to remind them constantly of the sacred obligation that they are under in this respect.

During these festivities the most perfect order prevails in camp, and anything of a contrary nature is promptly checked and the offenders reminded that the ground whereon they stand is holy ground.  
The dance is very peculiar, and in many respects is less objectionable in its features than our more modern dances. Each individual operates independent of any one else. There is no choosing partners and no flirtation between the sexes, and anything of that kind would be considered a gross insult, and would meet with strong resentment, if not very prompt punishment. The costumes of many, especially the women, are very gaudy, and are composed largely of fancy ribbons and feathers. One was very conspicuous in this respect, having a beautiful head dress of ribbons, reaching from head to foot and representing the colors of the rainbow.  
These people are not barbarians, as might be supposed, but they wear the civilized dress, and only add these fancy ornaments as others ornament themselves.

The Creek extend a friendly invitation to the other tribes to join them in this festival, and many of their neighbors avail themselves of the hospitality thus offered.  
The Shawnees living within reach always attend, and it is thought that they excel in the matter of dancing, many of the women being peculiarly graceful in their movements. —Kansas City Times.

**A Most Remarkable Fossil.**  
Professor H. G. Seely exhibited the most remarkable fossil which has ever been found to the geologists. This fossil showed the development of the young of plesiosaurs. Until this fossil had been found and forwarded to him he had sought throughout the collections of Europe for evidence on that development, but without success. No incident in the history of fossilization was more singular than that which this specimen displayed. The fossil was a series of mummies of minute plesiosaurs, less than five inches in length, which had the substance of their flesh perfectly preserved and their bones preserved within the flesh. The remains showed different conditions of development. This was the only case that had ever occurred of the mineralization of the muscular substance and the preservation of the external form of these animals; and so perfect was the preservation that the circle of the eye was preserved, and the constituent bones could be distinguished. —Fall Mail Gazette.

**Mexican Waterpouts.**  
A dispatch from the City of Mexico says that recent serious damage done by wash-outs on the northern section of the Mexican Central road was due to waterpouts bursting on the track, and that it is a curious fact that waterpouts seem to be attracted by the iron track and telegraph wires. Recently in building the Guadalupe branch of the Mexican Central railway, it has been noticed by engineers that as fast as the construction advances rain follows, and they hold that this is due to the large quantity of steel rails on flat cars, which are carried forward as fast as the work of construction permits. The most noticeable fact is that the country is dry in advance of the construction trains and also behind them for many miles. Rains beat down, as described, in bucketfuls just where the steel rails are, but only in circles a few miles in diameter. —Rochester Democrat.

**In the Swiss Hotels.**  
The fashionable Swiss hotels now have African tarrans provided over by handsome Swiss girls in native dress. This is said to account for the withdrawal of English patronage.

**The Much Lamented Seashore.**  
The cities of the seaboard are like heated ovens, and no one likes to be actually cooked alive. The seashore! Oh, that is very well in its way; but then—no one can assassinate me, and hence my courage to tell the truth—but then, the seashore is only a little better than the oven. The dead glare of the sun on the level and blistered sea; the rank smells of the marsh bogs, and the oozy flats steaming stenchful under the hot rays when the tide is out; the night fogs, the chilly dank mornings; the soppy mists which roll their wetness even into your sleeping chamber; and then the dismal, rainy mornings when the grass is as seaweed and all the trees drip dismally! Oh, yes, I know what the much lamented seashore is, for I was born on it.—W. H. H. Murray in New York World.

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