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PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 25, 1888.

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THIRD LODGE NO. 84, A. O. U. W.—Meets every alternate Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Transient brothers are respectfully invited to attend. F. J. Morgan, Master Workman; E. S. Bardsley, Foreman; Frank Brown, Organist; J. H. Bowen, Guide; George Houseworth, Recorder; H. J. Johnson, Financier; Wash. Smith, Receiver; M. Maybrite, Past M. W.; Jack Daugherty, Inside Guard.

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THE HAND OF GOD.

Terrifying and Awe-Inspiring Spectacle Seen in the Sky at Findlay, Ohio.

FINDLAY, O., May 24.—Monday night about 11 o'clock a weird and awe-inspiring spectacle made its appearance in the northern sky beyond the city, which not only startled those abroad at that hour, but was so terrifying in its aspects as to thoroughly frighten all who were witnesses to its awful grandeur. All through the early hours of the night a strange, fitful light, uncanny and unnatural in its character, flashed at intervals in the north, growing in intensity, however, each moment until shortly after 11 o'clock, when the light suddenly concentrated in the formation of a clear and vivid representation of a hand of giant proportions, through which pulses of light, red as blood, throbbled and bounded as though in human arteries and then fell from the tips of the fingers in great ruby drops, which were swallowed up in the darkness below. The hand reached from the horizon through which it seemed to be thrust, half way up the sky, the wrist and fingers being particularly well defined and perfect in form and proportion, the index finger pointing toward the city. Back of this spectral hand beams of light constantly changing from amber to amethyst rose and fell regularly, while over and beyond this wonderful sky picture fleecy clouds drifted like incense arising from some burning altar of the heaven.

For more than an hour this impressive and mysterious exhibition was visible, and then came a shadow; the fire behind the scene appeared to go down and gradually die out. The banner of light and cloudlets drifted away, and finally, as midnight came, the heavens resumed their normal appearance. At least a hundred of Findlay's best citizens witnessed this remarkable spectacle which was this morning the universal topic of conversation. The superstitious are thoroughly alarmed, and insist that it is the hand of God portending some direful calamity or disaster to the city.

A Whale in Fresh Water.

WINONA, Minn., May 25.—The people living in the neighborhood of Lake Winona are a good deal excited over the appearance of an enormous fish which spouts water fifteen or twenty feet in the air, and is declared by many to be a species of whale. The fish is said to be four or five feet long, very large and heavy, with a smooth skin and without scales. His movements in the water were slow and sluggish, and he seemed to be frequently burrowing with his head into the highway as if seeking an outlet from the lake. One man emptied a repeating rifle at the visitor, but the bullets glanced from his skin and seemed to make no impression whatever. Scores of people saw the fish Sunday and vouch for the truth of the story. He did not appear today, and is believed he got through the bridge and went down the stream.

Hail Storm in Texas.

SULPHUR SPRING, TEX., May 25.—A destructive hail storm passed over the country two miles east of this place Tuesday, doing great damage to growing crops and fruit trees. Cotton plants are destroyed and must be replanted. The hail stones were so large that they broke the shingles on the roofs and tore the limbs from the trees. The village of Brookston, Lamar county, is reported almost demolished by the storm, but no loss of life occurred.

CORSICANA, TEX., May 25.—One of the worst storms ever seen in this section occurred last Wednesday night. The damage to business and residence property will exceed \$25,000. Damage to crops cannot be estimated, but it is very great. Nearly all the trees in the city and for miles surrounding were blown down.

Destructive Cyclone.

WELLINGTON, KAN., May 25.—A cyclone struck the town of Argonia, a few miles west of this city, about six o'clock last night, cutting a swath in the thickest settled portion of the place. Among the buildings destroyed are the Methodist church, the Palace hotel and a considerable number of stores and dwellings.

No fatalities are reported but several persons were severely injured by flying timbers.

Death of Mrs. W. H. Potter.

SEWARD, NEB., May 25.—Mrs. W. H. Potter, wife of the general manager of the telephone company in Nebraska, died last night about midnight of remittent fever and inflammatory rheumatism. She has been sick for a long time but was thought to be recovering. Mr. Potter is away from home and is supposed to be in Chicago. She was about twenty-three years of age and leaves a young child.

The Sioux Willing to Sign.

PIERRE, Dak., May 25.—A report has just reached the city of a large gathering of Indians from Red Cloud, Pine Ridge, Burle, Standing Rock and Cheyenne agency met at Cherry creek on the upper Cheyenne river to take action regarding signing the treaty opening the Sioux reservation to settlement. The Indians were the representatives of the different tribes of Sioux, and almost unanimously favor the question. It is understood this council is to settle the matter of council as regards the rank and file of the various bands.

Fatal Cyclone at Imperial.

BENKLEMAN, NEB., May 25.—Mail advices received here today report a severe cyclone last Tuesday night at Imperial, the county seat of Chase county. One man, a stranger from the east, was struck by a piece of board hurled by the wind and sustained a fractured skull. He will die. A little babe was blown against a farm wagon and had an arm broken. A dozen small frame houses were overturned, but no further fatalities are reported.

Voted Bonds For Waterworks.

CHADRON, NEB., May 24.—There was an election held here today to vote bonds to build waterworks. There was a light vote cast but every vote polled was for bonds. There were 284 votes polled. This is the second election held here to vote bonds. The first election they were carried but the election was declared illegal. Three hundred and fifty thousand dollars was voted.

A Brakeman Killed.

FAIRFIELD, NEB., May 24.—Arthur Macy, a brakeman on the Kansas City & Omaha, was run over here in the yard at 4:30 this afternoon. His boot heel caught in a frog and one car passed the entire length of his body. He leaves a wife and three small children.

Close Figuring in a Yacht Race.

Of the many schemes which were tried aboard the Volunteer to add a trifle to her speed in the international races one comes to public notice now and then. In a conversation the other day about the influence of "windage" on a yacht's speed Gen. Paine dropped a hint which showed how fine things were worked up on the Volunteer. It appears that during the Thistle races all the reef points were taken out of the Volunteer's mainsail to get rid of the resistance which they would cause. Then, to make the surface of the canvas as perfect as possible, the holes where the reef points had been were plugged with soap.—Boston Globe.

Miss Alcott to Young Authors.

Each must work in his own way, and the only drill needed is to keep writing and profit by criticism. Mind grammar, spelling and punctuation, use short words and express as briefly as you can your meaning. Young people use too many adjectives and try to "write fine." The strongest, simplest words are best, and no foreign ones if it can be helped. Write and print if you can; if not, still write and improve as you go on. Read the best books and they will improve your style. See and hear good speakers and wise people, and learn of them. From a Private Letter in St. Nicholas.

The Empress' Coronation Dress.

The empress of Russia has sent her coronation dress to the national museum. The mantle was literally cloth of gold, for it was a very supple gold tissue, with the heraldic eagle of the Romanoffs applied in black silk. On the heart of the bird was the arms of Moscow, the sacred city; on the wings those of the kingdoms over which the czar reigns and of the duchy of Finland. The train of the dress was also of gold tissue, richly embroidered, and the combined weight of so much metallic thread as was used in the dress and mantle caused great fatigue to the illustrious wearer.—Boston Transcript.

Oil of Peppermint.

Oil of peppermint in vapor diluted even to a part in 100,000 will kill cockroaches in an hour, they dying in convulsions. One drop of the oil placed under a bell jar covering a cultivation of cholera bacilli will kill both bacilli and spores in forty-eight hours. It is also regarded as among the best surgical antiseptics, and of great value in phthisis and diphtheria.—Boston Budget.

Two Kinds of Letters.

Roscoe Conkling, who, since his retirement from public life, scrupulously refrained from expressing his opinions otherwise than privately upon public—especially political—subjects, said: "Two kinds of letters bother a man most—those that he writes and those he does not write."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Cooking English Sparrows.

The Japanese students at Cornell university have a way of cooking English sparrows so that they make a very palatable dish, and the Japs like them so much that they make a standing offer of three cents apiece for all the sparrows brought to them.—New York Sun.

An American who has traveled for two years in Germany says he never heard one German ask another to solve a conundrum. They simply don't have any.

MEDICAL STUDENTS.

WHAT ZURICH UNIVERSITY IS DOING FOR THE FAIR SEX.

A Dissecting Room Full of Lady Students. The Scalpel in Taper Fingers—Enthusiasm in Scientific Work—An Interesting Sight—A Discussion.

The workshop of a medical college! But, in place of spectacled young men with long gowns and sharp scalpels, there are a score of girls robed in protecting overalls and deftly dissecting the subjects before them. That's what I saw in the preparatory school to the medical branch of the Zurich university. This year a better idea of the female medical student may be gathered than ever before, because the number is so much greater, and, as the number increases, each individual is freer in her actions, for she feels she excites less attention. The climate is growing yearly. For this season the total of young ladies studying this branch in Zurich is forty-four, against thirty-three last season.

Don't think this dissecting room is an absolute place of horror. The bodies are divided into their several parts, before the students approach them, and each young lady has her chosen portion to operate upon. This reduces the uncanny appearance to a considerable extent, for no bodies entire are to be seen lying on the many slabs or tables. At one table where I stopped a delicate and spirited young lady, holding in her gloved hands a razor like knife and pair of fine pinchers, was cutting at a dissected head, studying the organs of sight, probing into the cavities of the brain and picking useful thoughts from what to me was a ghastly trophy. And yet her delicacy of treatment, her unmistakable enthusiasm, her evident comprehension of every stroke she made, removed that feeling from me in a few moments, and I lingered, watching her quick movements as intensely as I would any ordinary scientific experiment.

"Yes," she said, in reply to my question suggested in virtue of a slight acquaintance I had with her, "I make the eye my specialty, for I believe, in addition to being one of the most interesting points to study, it is likewise a more potent factor than generally believed in the health of an individual. I have known persons to suffer from severe headaches and pains in the back who have attributed the trouble entirely to spinal disorders, when, as a fact, it arose from their eyes being out of focus. They actually could not see out of one eye, and yet they did not know it. It seems incredible, and yet any intelligent oculist will substantiate what I say. There is no doubt that persons have been the victims of nervous prostration brought on by a difficulty with the eyes of which they were ignorant, but which a very easy operation would have removed."

A little further on a disciple of this glorious art stood over a partially cut leg, from which she was stripping the skin and flesh and explaining the muscles, as they presented themselves, to the several new scholars who stood about her, intent upon her motions. There was no hesitancy in her incisions, she cut with a clean stroke, and every time the blade fell just where it was intended. She was graceful and emphatic in her treatment of the subject, and under her ready tongue the relations of the various nerves, tendons and muscles she exposed were made clear and carried their full meaning to the expectant audience about her.

In a distant corner a young woman and several male students were discussing an abdominal operation by one of them in the trunk of a one time study Frenchman, resting upon their particular slab. There appeared to be considerable difference in opinion prevailing, and I remarked with a certain elation peculiar, perhaps, to my sex, that the young woman held her ground and her idea stubbornly, and the young men paid due and proper attention to what she frequently said.

I next noticed a fashionably attired dame, wearing a promenade dress and having every indication of being in the mode, who, protected only by a small white apron plentifully decorated with varicolored ribbons, was cutting and sawing at an arm, baring the muscles with an ease and dexterity that was certainly natural, and could never have been wholly acquired. At first sight I judged, this apparently worldly and giddy creature was prompted by some morbid passion to amuse herself in this manner, but when I asked the professor who accompanied me, he said she was a skillful manipulator of the scalpel among all those then attendant, and could strip a muscle as cleanly and as beautifully as an established surgeon. On the street one would take her for the average shopping butterfly, with refined features and a rosy, semi-transparent skin.

The professor further assured me that the women were particularly dexterous in handling muscles. These small, taper fingers gave them an advantage over the males, and their eyes were quicker to detect details and minutiae. After once becoming accustomed to the use of the scalpel, the women are more patient than the men, and they prosecute their researches more persistently.

It was to me very interesting to watch the girls not musing with their male colleagues and studying with them the terrible mystery of human construction. There was no jocundness, no loud talking or unseemly mirth. All was quiet, orderly, strictly in the line of business. The young lady to whom I have referred was the only one who gave any suggestion of the outer world, and she was eccentric. She was a genius and assumed the privilege of genius.

Her companions were robed in all concealing white Mother Hubbards, tight at the neck and tight at the waist, otherwise falling unbound from shoulders to feet; beneath this, clothing as little cumbersome as can be worn. The modern bustle is, of course, forbidden, and corsets are discouraged. The freest action is sought for anything that interferes is cast aside. The rules are made rather more stringent than those, so that each student fills the smallest place she well can. Superfluous clothing, in other words, is barely tolerated, and upon the head is worn a white turban.

The male students do not hesitate to openly declare their opposition to the presence of women in the medical profession, and yet when brought in contact with them in the operating room they treat the females with the utmost deference and respect.—Zurich Cor. New York Star.

One grade of Chinese tea costs \$6 per ounce, and the chrome goes with it either.

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