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CIVIC SOCIETIES.

CLASS LODGE No. 146, I. O. O. F.—Meets every Tuesday evening of each week. All transient brothers are respectfully invited to attend.

Burglars at Nebraska City.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., June 6.—The residence of Dr. Campbell was entered last night and robbed of a quantity of silverware and \$25 in cash. The thieves left no trace.

Will Build at Once.

KEARNEY, Neb., June 6.—Information of a most reliable nature reaches here this evening from St. Louis that the Missouri Pacific railway company will push the work on their Kearney extension forward to this point at once.

Heavy Rainfall Near Pender.

PENDER, Neb., June 6.—The heaviest rain season visited this neighborhood last Monday night accompanied by hail and wind. Several buildings were damaged by the wind and considerable corn and other crops were either washed out or buried.

For the Chautauqua.

KEARNEY, Neb., June 6.—Mr. G. W. Flick and Colonel W. W. Patterson arranged today for building on the Chautauqua grounds and by tunneling the hills north of town and tapping the canal to form a magnificent lake from which they will procure a natural overflow into the Wood river.

Hail at Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Neb., June 6.—Very heavy showers fell here Monday evening. About 10 o'clock chunks of pretty solid ice began to thump upon the roofs of buildings. One stone is reported as being nine inches in circumference. No wind was stirring and the hail was not abundant, so but little damage was done besides the breaking here and there of a window pane.

struck by Lightning.

NELIGH, NEB., June 6.—About 12 o'clock Monday night during a terrific shower, lightning struck the house of N. D. Jackson and completely wrecked it. The most marvelous part of the accident was that none of the family, which consisted of Mr. Jackson, his wife and three children, were injured. About two hours later fire was discovered in the ruins but was extinguished before it had burned much.

Murder at Culbertson.

CULBERTSON, Neb., June 5.—A little before noon today, John B. Hunter, a hardware merchant here, deliberately shot and killed H. B. Hull, a farmer living two miles east of town. The shooting took place in a billiard hall and was the result of a dispute between Hunter's father, Gallant V. Hunter, and Mr. Hull. A jury was empaneled and after an examination a verdict of death by a pistol in the hands of John B. Hunter was rendered. Mr. Hull was a man generally esteemed by his neighbors, while the Hunters have been regarded as quarrelsome and dangerous characters. There is some talk of lynch law being resorted to tonight.

A Dead Body Found.

FREMONT, Neb., June 6.—The body of an unknown man was found this morning five miles west of Fremont, near the railroad track, by the crew of a passing train. Coroner Abbott, of this city, was summoned and an inquest was held on the body at Ames. The coroner's jury, after weighing all the facts and surrounding circumstances, returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to his death by means of a blow upon his head, crushing his skull, but when, where and how the blow was administered they were unable to tell. The man was decently dressed and evidently not a tramp. Two letters were found on his person written at Wahoo, and as nearly as could be deciphered the signature to the letter was "Mrs. R. McGag Meagher." The body was brought to Fremont and unless identified will be buried in the potter's field.

Washed off the Boat.

WISNER, Neb., June 6.—The high water of last week swept away the iron bridge over the Elkhorn, opposite Wisner, and the citizens constructed a temporary float for the crossing of foot passengers. At 1 o'clock today, while a party of eight persons were crossing from the west bank, the boat dipped, and the current being strong, swept the whole party off. Lena Matthias, aged sixteen years, Anna Matthias, aged five years, Otto Matthias, aged eleven years, all children of Ferdinand Matthias, of this place, and Franz Marx, a farmer living five miles south of Wisner, were drowned. The wife and eldest daughter and eldest son of Ferdinand Matthias were saved by the prompt action of some who witnessed the accident. The Matthias family were returning from the wedding of their son, Frank, which took place last evening, six miles south. An effort was made by the citizens to recover the bodies, but the high water and swift current made it impossible to do anything and the search was abandoned.

SONNET.

When comes the ending of my mortal days,
And my freed spirit soars to the unseen,
Across the shadow waves that intervene
Between the visual realms of earth, where rays
From clearer skies oft penetrate the haze
With colors crystalline and laminae,

Warning to the Fair Sex.

The ladies of the stage, perhaps even more than their non-professional sisters, are careful of the preservation of their charms. Like most of that sex commonly known as "the sex," they make a copious application of "baby powder," etc., after the bath, and are not innocent of various powders and cosmetics on other occasions. Probably many of them go in for less innocuous dryers, softeners and beautifiers after ablution than the "baby powder."

Here is a tale for their ears.

Frau Frohn, a German actress of excellent reputation, died a few days ago in Berlin in a somewhat extraordinary manner. On leaving her bath she powdered herself with some sort of talc. Then she cleaned her nails with the point of a pair of scissors. She stuck herself on a finger, and the perfumed powder got into the slight wound. Instantly the finger began to swell, and the doctors who were called in were unable to stop the poisonous progress of the venereal taint. The finger was amputated, and then the hand, but nothing was of any use, and the unfortunate woman died in the most horrible spasms.—New York Herald.

Beaten at His Own Game.

"An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," said the ancient Hebrews, and a Confederate soldier describes an incident which occurred during the halt of his regiment at Fort Clifton. It occurred to a man picketing the river bank that it would be amusing to take careful aim at the man on the other side doing the same duty for the enemy, fire, laugh to see the fellow jump and dodge, and then try again. He fired, laughed, dropped his musket to reload, and while smiling with satisfaction, heard the "thud" of a bullet and felt an agonizing pain in his arm. His musket fell to the ground, and he walked back to camp with his arm swinging heavily in his side. The surgeon soon relieved him of it altogether. The other fellow learned a lesson. The "Yank" had beaten him at his own game.—Youth's Companion.

Venezuela's Cable Railway.

A cable railway is to be built from Caracas to La Guayra, Venezuela, under special concessions from the Venezuelan government. Caracas is the capital of Venezuela and La Guayra is the principal seaport of the republic. They are only about sixteen miles apart, but are separated by high mountains, which have heretofore prevented easy communication. It is proposed to tunnel the mountains and carry the cable road through the tunnel. The company guarantee to finish the road in three years, and to charge a single crossing from thirty-six cents to fifty cents for each passenger.—Boston Transcript.

Training the German Soldier.

The Germans claim that their musketry instruction is enough better than the French to make up for the superiority of the French magazine rifle. The Inspector-General, declaring recently in a confident tone that "a fairly good rifle in the hands of marksmen well commanded, all else being equal, is more effective than a superior rifle can be in slowly and too confident hands." No one will doubt the truth of this who has seen large bodies of troops at work at the butts, nor can those who know how careful is German military instruction doubt that the arm used by German troops will be made the most of, so far as untrifling drill will suffice to make up for natural awkwardness. But the men from the farming districts, the Bauernleute, especially those from Saxony, Wurtemberg and Hanover, have big, clumsy fingers, and those who have seen the time they make over the simple and heavy apparatus of the needle gun will be slow to believe that they can approach the French in the skillful use of the mechanism of the magazine rifle.

Under the new regulations the German soldier is taught to fire standing, kneeling, lying down, behind a parapet, from a shelter target, behind a tree, and at a running target. Attempts are made to teach the soldier how to judge distance by sound, the way to the striking of the first bullet fired; and knowing the adjustment of the sights and the wind gauges for three ranges, 400, 800 and 1,200 meters, he is expected to be able to estimate a new range by means of these known points in his practice firing.—Scientific American.

Reading in Rail Cars.

Reading while riding in rail cars or in omnibuses is to be avoided. The rapid shaking, trembling or oscillating motion of the cars makes it very difficult to keep the eyes fixed upon the words, and is very tiresome. I have seen many persons who attributed the failure of their eyes to the daily habit of reading while riding to and from the city. Children should be cautioned against reading with the head inclined forward. The stooping position encourages a rush of blood to the head, and consequently the eyes become congested and the foundations for nearsightedness are laid.—Professor David Webster, M. D.

Commemorating the Jubilee.

Mr. Assheton Smith is commemorating her majesty's jubilee in a remarkable manner. He has caused to be planted on the slopes of Moel Rhiwen mountain a plantation composed of 830,000 trees. Nearly 300 men have been continually employed since the jubilee in planting the trees, which will be so arranged as to represent the words "Jubilee, 1887." Each letter measures 200 yards long and twenty-five feet wide. The first tree of the letter J was planted on jubilee day.—Boston Budget.

THE ONE WHO STAYS AT HOME

The wheels of the world go round and round,
In the press of a busy throng,
And my freed spirit soars to the unseen,
Across the shadow waves that intervene

Over and over good-bys are said,
In tests that die with the day,
When eyes are wet that cannot forget,
And smiles have faded away;

Always one for the little tasks
Of a day that is never done;
Always one to sit down at night
And watch with the stars alone.

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No Longer a Trade.
"Baseball," said John Ward a couple of days ago to a newspaper man, "used to be a trade; now it is a profession. No mere mechanic can play ball as it is played these days. Before a man can properly fill an important position in a first class club at the present time he must be so thoroughly absorbed in the game that he must, figuratively speaking, eat, drink and sleep baseball and nothing else. He mustn't allow his mind to wander to any thing outside the game, or he is lost. To be a great ball player requires a special genius, just as much as it does to achieve greatness in any of the other branches of life. The game has improved, and so have the players.—New York World.

An Economical Father.
A miserly old man lived with his son, who was somewhat of a prodigal. The son turned seriously ill one day, and the used by German troops will be made the most of, so far as untrifling drill will suffice to make up for natural awkwardness.

Wisconsin's Farmers' Institutes.
Farmers' institutes have become an institution in Wisconsin. Eighty-two were held last year in forty-five counties, and 273 practical topics were discussed. More than one hundred lecturers and specialists imparted instruction, and the state appropriated \$12,000 to help the farmers' cause alone.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Tempered by Electricity.
By the old method the steel wire from which watch springs are made was heated to the proper temperature and immediately plunged into oil in the new process the wire is immersed in the oil bath first and is then brought, by means of an electric current, to the desired degree of heat.—Boston Budget.

Working People's Plants.
Plants most cultivated by working people in cities are said by a florist to be the geranium, the heliotrope, fuchsia, daisy gillyflower, primrose, pink and oxalis. These will grow where less hardy plants would die, and will thrive in small quarters.—Chicago Herald.

England's Watch Trade.
The introduction of American watches into England has reduced the number of gold cases marked at the London assay office from 34,844 in 1876 to 20,416 in 1886, and of silver cases from 119,394 in 1876 to 93,708 in 1886.—New York Sun.

Plenty on Hand.
Wife—Why is it, John, that you rarely kiss me now? Before we were married you bothered me almost to death.
Husband—I know it, my dear, and I laid in stock enough to last.—The Epoch Budget.

NOTICE

We earnestly request all of our friends indebted to us to call at once and settle accounts due. We have sustained heavy loss by the destruction of our Branch House at Fairmont, Neb., by fire and now that we need money to meet our obligations, we hope there will not be one among our friends who would refuse to call promptly at this particular time and adjust accounts. Trusting this will receive your kind consideration and prompt attention, we remain, Yours Truly, SOLOLMON & NATHAN.

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