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THE Lincoln Call cruelly enquires why C. J. Smythe don't go and tell his troubles to a lawyer.

THE "furriners" do not seem specially delighted with President McKinley's message. This is the most satisfactory reason why the message should be applauded by patriotic Americans.

THE populist state railway board of transportation is a huge joke. Its attempt to regulate rates, etc., is so farcical as to make laughing stock of the great reform party wherever the facts are known.

MR. DINGLEY says the public revenue in the next fiscal year will be sufficient to meet all current expenditures. After that the country will hope for some debt reduction in the old republican fashion.

BRYAN has repudiated the doctrine of absolute paper money, now being advocated by many leading populists. The silver syndicate is not interested in booming anything that will not help the silver mine "billionaires." It is worth something to know thus early in the fight, where Mr. Bryan stands.

THE announcement that from 25,000 to 30,000 operatives in the woolen mills of New England have received notice of a 20 per cent advance in wages, remarks an exchange, and that thousands of others will enjoy like evidences of prosperity in the near future, must be greeting news to the political agitators.

A LINE of steel barges has been arranged for, to carry grain from St. Louis to New Orleans. This means a great deal for Nebraska, which is thus brought closer to the seaboard by the transportation. It will result in better prices for our grain and meat products, an item of greatest import to the prosperity of the whole state.

AUGUST, \$19,023,614; September, \$21,633,098; October, \$24,391,415; November, \$25,000,000. That is the record of the earnings of the Dingley law in its first four months, a steady, healthful growth which indicates that before its first year has ended it will be producing a surplus, something unknown in the history of the Wilson law.—Ex

THE Georgia legislature recently passed a measure making it a misdemeanor punishable by fine to play football. Governor Atkinson has vetoed the bill on the ground that the college faculties are the proper parties to say whether the students should play foot ball or mumble-pet. The governor is evidently something of a backstop himself.

SENATOR ALLEN is making good use of the congressional grabbag, by introducing a bill appropriating one million dollars for the erection of a new public building at Lincoln. As the present building is not entirely occupied, it will be noticed that a new one is needed as badly as a railroad to the moon. "Popocratic reform" contains more politics to the square inch than any brand of reform that has been noticed in this country since the days of John Brown.

MEMBERS of the state fair ring who have held high carnival for many years and grown rich from their plundering are desirous of blaming Omaha for the failure of the fair to pay out. Such a belief will find no lodgment with people who attended the fair and noticed the crowds present from all parts of the state. A million in attendance would have made no difference with the cash balance in the treasury—it would have found the yawning pockets of the plunderers just as readily as smaller sums.

GOMEZ, at the age of seventy, actively leading a vigorous and irresistible revolution for Cuban independence, presents one of the picturesque and heroic figures of the age, says the New York Mail and Express. One may survey the whole field of human endeavor without finding another man who in his antecedents, personality and chosen qualities of combines as many of the dramatic qualities of chivalry and romance as are entered in the great commander of Cuba's patriot army. He is indeed one of the world's Grand Old Men.

THE little republic of Hayti imprisoned a man some time ago for some trivial offense, who turned out to be a citizen of Germany. Now the German government comes to the front with two powerful war-ships and demands \$20,000 indemnity and an abject apology. When a big bluff shows such zeal in punishing an inferior in physical strength, it only emphasizes the cowardice of the former. Germany would never think of treating the United States or England in such an insolent and arbitrary manner, and Emperor Wilhelm will gain no prestige from such actions.

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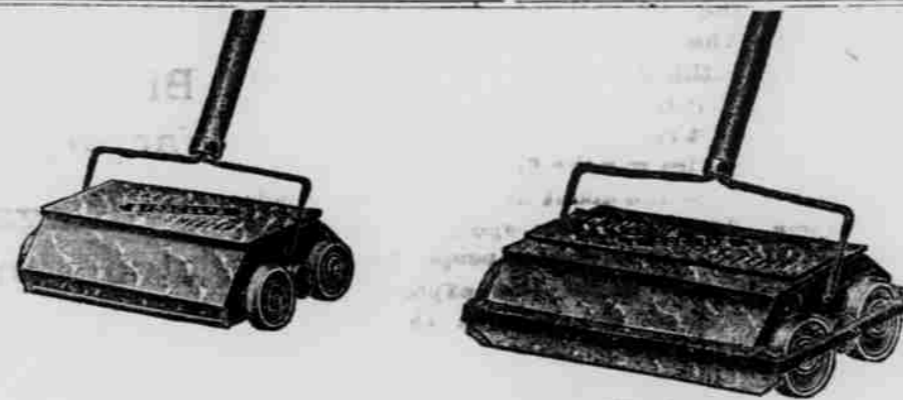
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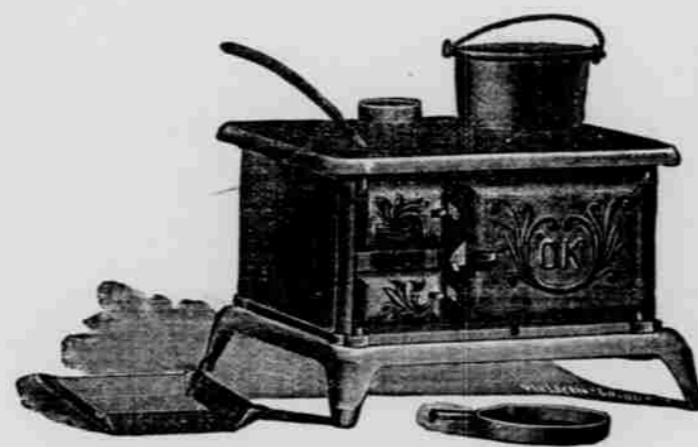
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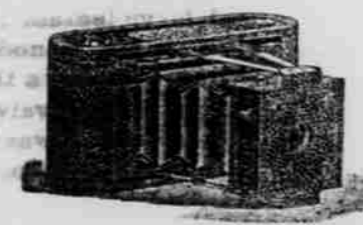
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A VERY ROMANTIC STORY.

FICKLE GODDESS SMILES ON A COOK IN A DES MOINES HOTEL.

Large Estate in England is Now Hers Without Question—The Mother Lost All Track of Her Child.

DES MOINES, Dec. 8.—Victoria May Jennings Ballard, a cook in a boarding house at 701 Sixth avenue, tonight learned that her claim to a large estate in England has been established without question, and she will leave for Liverpool next week.

She is twenty-two years old, and her story is romantic. She was the only daughter of a younger son, who at the time of her birth, twenty-two years ago, had no apparent prospect of coming into any property. She was left in charge of a maid after her father's death, who brought her to America, with the half consent of her mother. The latter lost track of her for a long time. Over a year ago her mother died, after having come into a property valued at over \$50,000, and the girl here was left sole heir. Detectives were set to work on the case and finally located her several months ago in Detroit. The investigation of her claim was taken up and meantime she came here having little expectation that anything would come of it. Today she was notified through attorneys who have been looking after the case that everything was settled and that she would come into the property as soon as she could comply with legal formalities. She is petite, pretty and, before she was reduced to poverty by the misfortunes of the woman who brought her to America, was given a fair education.

CONFESSES HER DEED.

Deliah Fales Says That She Killed Jerome Kern.

WAVERLY, Ia., Dec. 8.—Deliah Fales has confessed her share in the tragic death of Jerome Kern. The man was found dead in a lonely wood on August 23 last, and the young woman now confesses she fired the bullets that killed him. She was indicted today, and it is said her alleged accomplice before the act, Kern, a son of the victim, will be indicted tomorrow. When she was a mere child of thirteen years she charges that the elder Kern betrayed her, and that ever after he harassed her with his attentions. More than that, he sought by blackening her reputation, she states, to keep others from paying court to her. Twice before she became attached to the murdered man's son, she had been in a fair way to become happily married, but as many times had Jerome Kern, she declares, poisoned her lovers against her. At last, worn by the same method he sought to prevent his son from marrying her, the pent up hatred of years vented itself in the commission of the crime.

"I killed him with premeditation and deliberation," she said. "I prayed God to give me strength to do it with

all the earnestness that I could command, as I have prayed Him for forgiveness. I have suffered no pang of conscience. On the contrary, a restful calm seemed to come into my life from the moment I knew he was dead. I never slept so well as I did after the night I fired those fatal shots."

Miss Fales' confession starts by telling of the love affair of herself and young Kern and of the opposition of the father. They discussed the question of putting him out of the way and they agreed that that would be the best way out of the difficulty. One day the elder Kern suggested to the young woman that she meet him. She saw here the opportunity that she had been waiting for and assented, making an appointment for the following morning in the woods near her home. They met and he assisted her to alight from her vehicle.

"He was on his knees before me," says her confession. "I saw my chance to kill him. I had the revolver just inside my coat, which was buttoned up. As he was kneeling there I pulled the revolver out and shot him quickly in the chest. He whirled round on his knees a little ways and as he fell forward I shot him in the right side of the back. After the first shot he said: 'Lie—something—I don't know what; I could not understand. I don't know whether his clothes caught fire or not. I hurried away.'"

Then follows a detail of the plotting of the two to lay the crime at the door of John Lewis, a former lover of Deliah's. They even prepared a letter purporting to have been written by the deceased on the day of his murder and which was left where it would be readily found, as it was a few days ago. This letter said that if harm came to Kern, Lewis must be held responsible.

William Kern's confession corroborates that of Miss Fales in almost every detail.

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OLD SOLDIERS MEET AT ASHLAND.

Reunion of the Nebraska Association of Veterans.

The Veterans Are Favored With Some Good Speaking—A Former Fremont Citizen Writes to His Friends From Klondike—Other Interesting Nebraska News.

ASHLAND, Neb., Dec. 8.—The first day's session of the reunion of the Nebraska Association of Veterans, was held in Ashland today. The association was formed by the surviving veterans of the First and Second regiments which the territory of Nebraska furnished in response to the call of President Lincoln for volunteers. The exercises were held tonight in the hall of Boq McCook post No. 31 of this city. Mrs. Delia A. Woodbury, president of the Woman's Relief corps, announced the speakers. Elder C. P. Hackney opened the exercises with prayer. Following him came Hon. H. H. Shedd, with the address of welcome to the visiting comrades. John Q. Goss of Bellevue, secretary, responded in behalf of the association. The program was interspersed with music by the mandolin club of this city. One of the best parts of the program was a flag drill, given by the pupils of Miss Lillian Bell's room of the Ashland public schools. William N. Becker, jr., editor of the Ashland Gazette, in behalf of the soldiers of Bob McCook post, presented Ashland's grand old man, Elder C. P. Hackney, with the badge of membership in the post, to which the aged minister responded briefly.

Ex-Governor John M. Thayer of Lincoln made the address of the evening. He related to the audience his experiences as colonel of the First Nebraska regiment of volunteers. He told of meeting with General Grant at Pilot Knob, and gave the account of how Nebraska's regiment drove back the rebels. The last speaker was Thomas J. Majors of Peru. The business meeting of the association will be held tomorrow. A campfire will be given in the evening.

News From the Klondike.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 8.—Mr. T. A. Plumbbeck of this city received a letter yesterday from Isaac Jensen, formerly of Fremont, but the last four years in the employ of the Northwestern Trading and Transportation company, being most of the time at Fort Cudahy. Last spring he went to Dawson, where he conducted a store for the company. He does not give a very glowing account of the Klondike country, though he says there is "mineral" there in paying quantities, and some of those who wintered on the Yukon the winter of 1896-7 took out fortunes.

Struck by a Train.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 8.—Harry Hopkins of Omaha, a freight conductor on the Union Pacific, was struck by an engine in the Union Pacific yard here this afternoon, just as

he was about to leave with his train for the east. Hopkins was standing between two tracks and did not observe the engine of the incoming train. The engineer on the incoming train was looking back for signals and the pilot of his engine struck Hopkins, throwing him away from the track. The injured man is somewhat bruised about head, hip and side. His injuries are not considered serious.

Killed by a Bull.

GENEVA, Neb., Dec. 8.—Friends of the unfortunate man who was dead in a cornfield in Gleggery precinct, near Milligan, did not abide by the coroner's verdict, and summoned a physician yesterday, who on post mortem examination discovered that Joseph Kuma had been killed by a ferocious bull. The horns of the animal had penetrated vital organs, causing a horribil death.

Shipping Sheep.

ULYSSES, Neb., Dec. 8.—Malone Brothers loaded two double-deck cars with sheep for Chicago, and G. L. Smith seven, a part of 15,000 head that those parties are feeding this winter. There are cattle and sheep enough around Ulysses to consume all the corn crop, and farmers are receiving 16¢ cents, or about 2 cents above the market price if it had to be shipped out. Straw and hay are at quite a premium.

Mrs. Holechek Buried.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Dec. 8.—Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock over the remains of Mrs. Antoine Holechek, the woman who was shot and killed by her husband on Saturday last. The services were held at the family home, where the shooting occurred, and were conducted by Anthony Novak of this city.

DURRANT AGAIN LOSES HIS CASE.

Supreme Court Summarily Dismisses His Two Appeals.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Late this afternoon the supreme court dispelled the last hope of W. H. T. Durrant, the murderer of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams, by disposing in a summary manner of his two appeals. In a written opinion from the pen of Chief Justice Beatty, which is concurred in by all but one of his associates, the court affirms the judgment of Judge Bahers in remanding the prisoner to San Quentin until the date set for his execution, but reverses the re-sentencing of Durrant to be hanged on November 11, and remands the case to the superior court with instructions to proceed according to law. As the remitter was ordered issued forthwith and the court holds that execution can only be stayed now by the issuance of a certificate of probable cause, it only remains to resentence the condemned murderer, which will probably be done tomorrow.

Justice Garoutte alone dissented from this opinion, maintaining that Durrant's appeals should have been dismissed, as the time required by law for their perfection had been allowed to lapse.

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