

**To Be Congratulated.**  
The world is, after all, a happy one, and as we gaze from the window of our editorial monastery at the sun-kissed landscape, sweet visions of milk and honey, humming birds and molasses dance before our astonished vision like a calf before a circus procession. Last Saturday one of our subscribers came in and paid, in cold cash and in cold blood, three years in arrears and two years in advance. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."—Nauvoo Rustler.

**Troops on the March.**  
A single battalion of Infantry 1,000 strong, which is the strength of an English battalion, takes up a road length of 525 yards, including about eighty yards for stragglers. A battery of field artillery takes up 200 yards and a regiment of cavalry takes up, when marching four abreast, 650 yards. An army corps, with its staff, wagons, guns, hospitals, etc., would extend over thirty-four miles.

**Paper Walls at Indian Head.**  
In order to minimize the destructive effects of possible explosions in the government's new powder manufactory at Indian Head all the buildings are provided with "paper" walls at the ends. The theory is that these light walls will be immediately blown aside by the concussion of the explosion, leaving the main walls, which are built as strongly as possible, practically unharmed.

**Accomplished Interpreter Wanted.**  
Can anyone in Pittsburg speak Kransh or Wendish? If so a nice berth in the postal service awaits him. Kransh and Wendish are the tongues of two ancient people of Slavonic stock. Their dialects are distinct, and as they exhibit an uncontrollable desire to write letters, a mystified postal service needs the services of an interpreter.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

**Valuable Collection of Fishes.**  
President David Starr Jordan of Stanford university, California, has returned from a three months' trip through Japan, where he succeeded in securing the largest and most complete collection of Japanese fishes ever obtained by scientists. Collections or descriptions were made of all but 15 known species, besides 125 species unknown to science.

**Boston's Pity for Monkeys.**  
The "overworked" monkeys of hand-organ rinders are now exciting the pity of peculiarly kind-hearted people in Boston, and they are writing pitiful appeals to the newspapers for the relief of "the poor little creatures, evidently fagged out and always grasping the chain with the little left hand to lessen the jerk upon the neck collar."

**Shipyards in Scotland.**  
Greenock and Port Glasgow between them now turn out more ships than any other districts of the Clyde of the same size. There are fourteen yards, boiler shops and repairing places between and in the two towns, which cover a distance of only three miles, and these employ many thousands of hands.

**Raise Tarantulas for Webs.**  
The Australians, it is stated, are raising tarantulas on account of their webs, the filaments of which are, owing to their extreme lightness, desirable for many purposes. Each insect gives between twenty and forty yards of filaments, eight of which twisted together make a thread.

**A Cycling Feat.**  
Howard Hale, an expert cyclist, has brought to a successful finish his remarkable feat of riding 100 miles or more a day for a year, Sundays excluded. His road has lain through the Midlands, Scotland and the west and south of England. His total distance was 32,496 miles.

**French Admiral Eluded British.**  
French papers are chuckling over an alleged feat of Admiral Gervais during recent manoeuvres of the French fleet. He is said to have slipped through the straits of Gibraltar at night without being noticed by British observers on the rock.

**Salary of £3 a Year.**  
The parish clerk of Sulgrave, England, has again successfully sued the church warden for the payment of his salary of £3 a year. He said that he had on several occasions provided the communion wine out of his paltry salary.

**Dies as He Lives.**  
For death is not the end of all, and the wicked is not released from his wickedness by death; but every one carries with him into the world below that which he is and that which he becomes and that only.—Plato.

**Stopping Trains.**  
A train traveling at the rate of 60 miles an hour can be brought to a standstill in 400 yards, at 55 miles an hour in 340 yards, 50 miles in 275, 40 in 180, 35 in 135, and 30 in 100 yards.

**Women to Be Half Understood.**  
Women like to be half understood before they speak, and the grosser intellect of man seldom more than half understands them after they have spoken.—Marion Crawford.

**Sierra Leone's Big Game.**  
Sierra Leone is probably stocked with the greatest variety of big game, the sport to be obtained being elephants, hippopotami and deer.

### IN OLD BILBAO.

**Most Entertaining Spaniards Except the Catalans.**  
Among other places along the Spanish coast the queen regent of Spain visited recently on board the royal yacht was Bilbao. This very important town is the capital of Biscay, one of the four sister provinces. It is beautifully situated along the banks of the river Nervion and surrounded by high and partly wooded hills. The old town is very uninteresting, with its ugly houses, many stories high, and badly paved streets. There are one or two fine churches, and the quaint, much-venerated shrine of Begonya, perched high up on one of the hills. The Bilbainos would never forgive Maria Christina if she did not take her youthful son to hear mass in that miraculous "basilica." The new suburb of Bilbao—Euzkadi—is very modern and can vie with any other European capital, with its fine buildings and well laid out parks.

The principal drive is by the water-side, along which coquetish villas extend. Where the river flows into the sea are two small suburbs called Portugalete and Las Arenas—seaside resorts with a fine hotels and bathhouses. A splendid iron bridge, invented by a Spanish engineer, connects the two banks; so high is it that vessels pass underneath. Vessels of 3,000 tons can go far up the river to the wharves where they take in their loads of the rich iron ore from the mines of Preaka, Goldames, Friana and Castro. Last year alone 5,999 vessels, mostly English, entered the port, carrying away 6,000,000 tons of iron ore. Many of the mines are worked by English companies, and in some aspects Bilbao reminds one of an English seaport. There is a very large British colony in Bilbao, the consul holding one of the most important posts in Spain. A quiet, restful looking cemetery nestles on the bank of the river and the great vessels, as they pass, always dip their flags in token of respect to this tiny corner of British territory. The English sailors' home has been a great boon, as yearly it helps to keep 60,000 sailors out of mischief. The Bilbainos, as the people of Bilbao style themselves, are, next to the Catalans, the most enterprising of Spaniards. Since the war with the United States they have bought seventy foreign steamers of more than 2,000 tons each and have registered them in Spain, in order to undertake the carrying of their own ores to foreign countries. The same enterprising spirit is shown in their foundries, their manufactures of every kind and in the network of broad and narrow gauge railways all around Bilbao.

Unfortunately there is an equal activity displayed by the extreme socialists in the rural districts of Biscay and in the industrial and mining country, almost to the very suburbs of Bilbao. In the suburb of Densto is the open-air ball game ring, where thousands of socialists assemble on frequent occasions to denounce capital and the powers that be.—J. Wright in Chicago Record.

**ADMITTED GUILT.**  
**A Missouri Convict Pardoned for Telling the Truth.**  
Gov. Bob Stewart, Bourbon and Democrat, was the most picturesque character who ever occupied the executive mansion in Missouri. He defeated Major James S. Rollins for governor in 1857. The governor was from St. Joseph and many are the stories told of this eccentric and erratic westerner. The following incident illustrates Gov. Stewart's keen noted throughout Missouri. It was sense of humor for which he was the custom of the governor to question the convicts in the penitentiary as to why they were imprisoned. The invariable answer was an avowal of innocence and of wrongful conviction. Finally, in his rounds he encountered one prisoner, who said he was imprisoned for horse stealing. "Are you guilty?" asked the governor. "Well, governor, I guess I am; I took the horses," rejoined the man in stripes. "Get right out of this penitentiary," Governor Stewart vehemently replied. "You will contaminate all these innocent men who have been wrongfully placed here."

The fellow was released immediately and a pardon was filled out for him.

**Skill of the Cameo Cutter.**  
The cameo cutter's occupation is very exacting. He can put in only a few hours' work at a time as a usual thing, because of the tension on his nerves. A quivering hand may be responsible for the single stroke which will spoil a week's work. He must have an eye almost like a microscope, and a very delicate touch; he must be an artist in soul, and as skillful a craftsman as is a watchmaker; he must know how to model and draw, and he must have a knowledge of chemistry, so as to remove offending spots. The work is executed in relief on many kinds of hard or precious stones, but essentially the chalcidonic variety of quartz and on shells.

**Royal Corpses Awaiting Burial.**  
It is said that since the year 1700 a custom has prevailed in Spain which prohibits the burial of a dead king before the death of his successor. The late King Alfonso XII, therefore, lies embalmed on a marble slab in a vault of the Escorial, covered over with a sheet. On the death of his son, the present young king, the body will be removed and buried with great pomp by the side of its ancestors in the Escorial chapel, that of Alfonso XIII, taking its place on the marble slab.

### VULTURE AND SNAKE.

**Studied Out of School.**  
Gen. Chaffee, not having the advantage of a military education before he became a soldier, has taken every opportunity presenting itself to become proficient in his profession. He has completed courses in law and military tactics.

**New York's Free Lectures.**  
Free lectures given under the auspices of the New York city department of education show an increase in attendance of 18,673 during the last winter and spring, as compared with the same period of a year before.

**Tomtits in a Letterbox.**  
At Cranborne, Dorset, a pair of tomtits have been nesting in the private letter box of a farm house. Letters have been placed in the box almost daily without the birds being disturbed and nine eggs have been laid and hatched. The same letter box was utilized as a nest last year.

**Executed an Englishman.**  
Maj. Lothaire, the Belgian officer who executed the Englishman named Stokes in the Congo Free State, has been dismissed from the position as manager of the Congo Free State trading company. It is understood that this is the result of the charges brought against him of cruelty to the natives.

**German Army Step.**  
In the German army the step is reckoned at 31 1/2 inches, and the number of steps in a minute at 112; in the British at 29 1/2 inches, and the number at 110; in the Italian at 29 1/2 inches, and the number at 110; in the English at 29 inches, and the number at 116 steps a minute.

**The Keeble Tax.**  
A little boy in Bangor, Me., was suffering from a severe cold and his mother gave him a bottle of cough mixture to take while at school. On his return she asked him if he had taken the medicine. "No," he candidly replied, "but Bobby Jones did. He took it, so I swapped it with him for a handful of peanuts."

**Ak-Sar-Ben at Omaha.**  
You'll "see things" if you are in Omaha this week. The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben have arranged a program compared with which their efforts of previous years sink into insignificance. Six days and nights of fun and frivolity; of gorgeous street parades, free vaudeville shows, band concerts, and out-door masquerades. The greatest week's amusements ever provided by any western city—an Oriental Carnival and an Occidental Street Fair, all in one. Half rates to Omaha, via the Burlington route, September 25, 26, 27 and 28. Only 60 cents for round trip from Plattsmouth. See the ticket agent—the Burlington ticket agent.

**Great Horse Sale.**  
We will sell at auction October 13, 1900, at the farm of A. S. Will, opposite Eight Mile Grove cemetery, two (2) car loads of good horses, weighing from nine hundred (900) to fourteen hundred (1,400) pounds, well bred, good style and good action. Sale will commence at 10 a. m. sharp. Terms of sale: One year's time will be given on bankable notes, at 8 per cent interest, or 2 per cent off for cash; all stock must be settled for before leaving premises. Free lunch at noon. A. S. WILL & SONS.

**The Last Chance.**  
September 26, is the date of Burlington's next low rate excursion to points east. The last of the Home Visitor's excursion is announced for Wednesday, September 29. One fare plus \$2.00 is the round trip offered from all Burlington Route stations in Nebraska and Kansas to everywhere in Iowa, Wisconsin and the northern peninsula of Michigan and to nearly everywhere in Illinois, Northern Missouri and Southern Minnesota.

**Harper Whiskey Received Gold Medal.**  
(Special Dispatch.) Paris, Aug. 25.—American whiskeys received the official approval today when Gold Medal was awarded to Bernheim Bros., Louisville, Ky., on their I. W. Harper whiskey. Sold in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, by F. G. Egenberger.

**EDITOR'S AWFUL FLIGHT.**  
F. M. Higgins, editor Seneca (Ills.) News, was afflicted for years with Piles that no doctor or remedy helped until he tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world. He writes, two boxes wholly cured him. Infallible for Piles. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cents. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co.

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### For Those Going East.

General Passenger Agent Francis is enthusiastic on the subject of the "home visitors' " excursions which the Burlington has announced for September 10 and 26. "From present indications, I believe I am safe in saying that our facilities will be taxed to the utmost to provide accommodations for east-bound travelers who will take advantage of these rates," said Mr. Francis yesterday. "Our mail has increased enormously during the last week. We are receiving inquiries from all parts of Nebraska. "I knew, of course, when I announced the rates that they would find favor with the people of this state, but my most sanguine expectations are being exceeded. No such 'wide open' rates as those of September 10 and 26 have ever before been made by any Nebraska railroad. As you know, the rates are not confined to Chicago, Peoria or St. Louis. They apply to every point in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. The good people of this state, having time, money and inclination to go east and visit their friends, are going to keep us busy in looking after them properly. We shall, of course, do this. If necessary we can secure a large number of coaches from connecting lines. These, with our regular equipment, will enable us to care for the business in good shape. "The revenue which these excursions will add to the company's treasury is an important item, but my principal idea in running them is to send east several thousand men and women who will be living illustrations of the fact that just now Nebraskans are on Easy Street. The renters and

small farmers of Iowa, Illinois and Indiana are bound to be impressed with the prosperous appearance of their visitors from the West, who, with money in both pockets and good clothes on their backs, will advertise the state more effectively than a ton of printed matter."

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