The Weekly Independent

BY H. HUCKINS.

LINCOLN, - - NEBRASKA.

Europe must have an ordinance against Turkey-raffling.

The sultan is said to have broken faith. We didn't know that he had any to break.

It is evident that Lord Dunraven believes that yacht races should be sailed in printer's ink.

It is a mistake to suppose that people hate to be laughed at. Look at the comedian, for instance.

A young man who lacks in gallantry toward his mother and sister is likely to lack it toward a wife.

A woman in Greensburg, Ind., died of remorse the other day. No fears of an epidemic are entertained.

While not sympathizing greatly with the sultan, we think it may be fairly said that his job is no sinecure.

The candidate discovers that "no cross, no crown," is about the shape of it under the kangaroo dispensation.

High breeding gracefully insists on its own rights. Good breeding gracefully remembers the rights of others.

The nawab of Basoda may not be a very learned personage, but he is splendidly adapted to the purposes of comic opera.

We imagine we can hear Col. Dan Stuart praying for a restoration of the parity between lumber and physical culture.

Ordinary talk doesn't seem to affect the sultan. After a while some of the war ships may come along and give him a blowing up.

The sultan is decorating those who committed the atrocities, not necessarily for publication, but simply as an evidence of bad faith.

Coxy did not go himself, but he sent his son to Cuba to help struggling Cubans to keep Spaniards off the grass. Give Coxey due credit.

A negro who wounded four people in Kansas with a hatchet has been released and the victims have been bound over to keep the peace.

New York, not being able to get either the republican or democratic convention, might try for the populists. They would not be afraid of the Tiger.

From the way oil wells are being discovered in Indiana it might be supposed that the earthquake had shaken part of Russia over to our side of the globe.

Men who feel that the safety of the country and the success of candidates of 1896 will be dependent upon what they do will be very busy from this time on.

It is difficult for a man coming home late at night to realize that the towering female who stands at the head of the stairs is the timid little girl he asked to be his wife.

A Kansas man has been committed for contempt in refusing to taste beer in court. Most of his fellowmen will look upon him as being justly punished for despising an opportunity.

These repeated rumors of Senator David B. Hill intending to marry are very distressing to that young man. Mr. Hill thinks the public should realize by this time that he is wedded to his art.

An inquiring man thrust his fingers into a horse's mouth to see how many teeth he had. The horse closed his mouth to see how many fingers the man had. The curiosity of each was fully satisfied.

A Polish journalist of Chicago has been sent to jail for four months just for saying that another man had been sent to the penitentiary, when, in fact he had not, and there was no occasion for sending him. He apologized and explained that he had been taken in by a joker, who gave him the story, but as he was publishing a humorous paper the jury showed him no mercy.

The "Foreign Notes" editor makes a specialty of European war-clouds and he says it's a mighty clear day in the eastern hemisphere when there are none in sight. His very presence gives us nervous prostration every passing hour. The sporting editor considers him a little leery along these lines, and claims that European war-cries are simply an enlarged and profusely illustrated edition of the lip mills of the American prize ring, all blow and no blows.

How does it happen that the populists always bob up holding the balance of power in every big political contest of late years? During the memorable fight in the Illinois legislature which finally resulted in the election of Senator Palmer, the populist members of that body controlled the issue of the fight, and now, in Kentucky, the recently elected legislature stands 68 democrats to 68 republicans on joint ballot, with the two populists controlling things as usual. The struggle for the Kentucky senatorship promises to be a remarkable one.

SPECIMEN STONES.

Gems of the Utmost Perfection and Very Rare and Precious.

Before the existence of "specimen stones" becomes, through the drain of them to America, a thing of the past for us, it may be well to say a few words about things which very few people have ever seen, and henceforward have little chance of seeing. The word "specimen stone" explains that it is a gem of the utmost perfection, but few know how rare and precious it is and how little it differs to the eye of any but an expert from an ordinary example of this kind. Specimen stones are masculine luxuries. They are never set, because even the most delicate setting might hide defects which would make them comparatively valueless. The desire to possess them constitutes the last infirmity of noblemen, for not only are they the most consecrated form of property, but the appreciation of them is the most exclusive form of culture.

It may seem strange, but is true, that there are probably not fifty persons in England who can tell a diamond worth a hundred pounds a carat from one worth five-and-twenty, and of these fifty not a dozen are jewelers. The trade in specimen stones is wholly in the hands of four or five great firms, and minor dealers, who have no custom for this class of gems, know almost as little about them as the laity. It takes years of practice, with such rarity of opportunity as the market affords, to train the eye to recognize exactly the orthodox color of a ruby, emerald or sapphire, and to distinguish a brilliant of the first water from an ordinary "fine stone" demands a delicacy of vision which most persons could never acquire.

Stones may be divided into four distinct classes. Poor stones, obviously bad in color and full of "clouds," "flaws" and "feathers," may be bought (one marvels who buys them) at comparatively exceedingly low prices. The value of two rubies of the same size, for example, might be severally £1 and £1,000 per carat. Then come the ordinary stones, stones which a lady may wear without discredit, their flaws and the poverty of their color not being visible except to the practiced eye. Of such stones consist ninety-nine per cent of those worn even by rich women. "Fine stones," being of thrice the value, are only to be seen on the persons of those who are fastidious as well as rich, for, though a commonly good judge can detect the difference at once, there is too great a temptation, with most women, to put conspicuous quantity before unconspicuous quality, for the latter to prevail.—Pall Mall Budget.

PROTECTS USERS OF "ROYAL."

Baking Powder Company Wins Its Case in United States Court.

The decision of Judge Showalter in a recent case that came up before him sustains the claims of the Royal company to the exclusive use of the name "Royal" as a trademark for its baking powder. The special importance of this decision consists in the protection which it assures to the millions of consumers of Royal baking powder against inferior and unwholesome compounds. The excellence of this article has caused it to be highly esteemed and largely used almost the world over. Its high standard of quality having been always maintained, consumers have come to rely implicitly upon the "Royal" brand as the most wholesome and efficient of any in the market. The cupidity of other manufacturers is excited by this high reputation and large demand. Very few of the hundreds of baking powders on the market are safe to use. If their makers could sell them under the name of a well known, reputable brand incalculable damage would be done to the public health by the deception. The determination of the Royal Baking Powder Company to protect the users of the Royal baking powder against imitators by a rigid prosecution of them makes such imitations of its brand extremely rare.

The Oldest Christian Fan.

The oldest Christian fan in existence dates, it is claimed, from the sixth century, having belonged to Queen Theodelinda, the princess who possessed a nail of the holy cross, which afterwards was set in the iron crown of Lombardy. The fan is preserved in the castle of Monza, near Milan, and shown to the tourists as a relic. It is a folded fan, made in two leaves, which shut on each other by means of a spring. It is gilded and ornamented with pearls and rubies, and bears traces of a Latin prayer. The handle is of solid gold, inlaid with gems. The young girls of Milan go to Monza on a certain day in the year simply to touch this magical fan, as it is supposed to bring about a speedy and happy marriage.

Doing Things by Halves.

"Please give me some more chicken," said Teddy, as he passed his plate the fourth time.

"I'm sorry there is no more, but we only had half a chicken on the table," answered the hostess kindly.

"Humph," grumbled Teddy, "I don't see why you don't kill a whole chicken while you are about it."—Life.

An Encouraging Sign.

Farmer Meadow—How is your son doing in the city?

Farmer Harrow—He hasn't said much about his business, but he writes me that he's got lots of friends there.

Farmer Meadow—That's encouragin'. That shows that he ain't had to borrow money yet.

Derelicts.

It is announced that of the twenty-eight vessels abandoned by their captains and crews on the Atlantic within the past three months, nineteen were loaded with timber, and are believed to be still drifting about.

NEBRASKA NEWS ITEMS.

Latest Happenings of Note in the State—Report of Regents.

The regular report of J. S. Dales, secretary-treasurer of the board of regents, has been filed with Governor Holcomb. The report covers a period of six months, ending November 30, and the items of expenditure are listed as follows: University fund, salaries and wages, $45,981; current expenses, $10,354.44; general fund, library building, $70,718.65; secretary's cash, university fund, $171.22; agricultural experiment station, $4,448.38. Among the receipts is an item of $7,500 for the experiment station from the government and $299.94 for cattle and other products; from the Morrill fund as the instalment for 1895 and 1896, $21,000. The report gives a detailed account of the expenditures and receipts of the law school and other departments.

WANT CUBA RECOGNIZED

Mass Meeting Held in Omaha With that Object in View.

A large meeting was held at Creighton hall in Omaha Monday evening to express sympathy for Cuba in her struggle for independence. The speakers were Hon. John L. Webster and Hon. Wm. Bryan. The speeches were warmly applauded and at the close of the meeting resolutions were adopted which expressed sympathy and favoring a congressional declaration, as soon as possible, "not inconsistent with our treaty obligations."

After the adoption of the resolutions Judge Scott was called for and made a radical speech for Cuban recognition which was applauded to the echo. Tom Majors also spoke briefly.

Outcalt's Acquittal to Be Investigated.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 10.—To-day the federal grand jury will begin investigating the way in which the jury Saturday acquitted Richard Outcalt of complicity in robbing the Capital National bank. Some sensational revelations are imminent. Judge Dundy said that some papers and some people had been trying this case before the public before the court had taken it up, endeavoring in that manner to influence the jury, and the law should step in and see that such conduct did not go unpunished. The court, Judge Dundy said, had received threatening letters from different ones, advising him as to his duty, and these things were to be investigated.

More Criminal Cases.

In the Omaha criminal court Monday ing Judge Scott made a beginning on the cases against thirteen members of the Bruton gang. There are a full half dozen of these cases, and they charge either grand larceny and burglary, or the receiving of stolen property. The names of two or three of the members of the gang are on each of the informations and they have each demanded a separate trial. The thirteen men who are supposed to constitute the gang were arrested last October, and have admitted their guilt to several of the charges.

Humboldt Raised a Bonus.

At a citizens' mass meeting held at Humboldt Monday evening, $3,000 was subscribed and guaranteed to O. A. Cooper, whose large flour mill burned a few weeks ago, as an inducement for him to rebuild at that place. Mr. Cooper has received several handsome offers from other towns. Some of which are more than twice the amount raised in Humboldt. The citizens of Humboldt and vicinity are now congratulating themselves upon being abie to retain this splendid industry.

Counterfeit Coin.

Monday noon a United States secret service man came to Omaha and hunted up G. W. Raworth and obtained possession of the bag of counterfeit coin, which Raworth had found under a sidewalk near Twenty-seventh and J street. The detective said that the matter would be thoroughly investigated, and a watch placed on certain people in town, who are suspected of dealing in spurious coin.

The Kissel Girls' Case.

After hearing the evidence in the case of the little Kissel girls Saturday County Judge Plambeck of Fremont sentenced them to a term in the state industrial school. The ladies having in charge the Kissel affair have had several warrants taken out against Fremont men, charging them with rape. The names could not be learned.

Fortunate Fremont Woman.

A rumor is afloat in Fremont that Elizabeth Smith of that city has fallen heir to the Palmer house property in Chicago. Nothing can be learned as to its truth, as Mrs. Smith is absent in Milwaukee. It is known, however that Mrs. Smith's husband and his relatives owned property at one time in the neighborhood of the Palmer House.

Daniel F. Miller Dead.

Daniel F. Miller, a pioneer politician and lawmaker of Iowa, died in Omaha Monday evening. He was eighty-one years of age and for more than half a century had been a prominent figure in Iowa legal circles. Old age was the cause of his death.

Two Boys Drown at Salem.

Sam Method and Wade Shirley, two boys about eighteen years old, were drowned at Salem Monday while skating. The ice has supported large crowds during the week, but the warm sun made it melt and it broke with the boys.

The Son Avenged His Father.

PARIS, Texas, Dec. 13.—Eleven years ago Amos Wright, a farmer of Delta county, killed a man named Kennedy in a quarrel. Kennedy's son, Walter, aged 6 years, swore vengeance at the time. Saturday he went to Wright's place and shot Wright dead. Then he surrendered.

An Old Kansas Mill Burned.

WAUSEON, Kan., Dec. 14.—The Louisville roller mills, three miles north of here, were burned Thursday night, causing a loss of about $12,000, including $2,000 in stock, with no insurance. The mill was erected thirty years ago.

TROLLEY CARS AND PILLS.

From the Evening News, Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Anna Burns, of 338 Plane Street, Newark, N. J., is a decidedly pretty brunette, twenty-six years old, tall, and a pleasant conversationalist. On the ground floor of her residence she conducts a well-ordered candy store. When our reporter visited her store, she in response to a question told him a very interesting story.

"Until about two months ago," she began, "I enjoyed the very best of health and could work night and day if necessary. Suddenly, and without any apparent cause, I began to suffer from intense pains in my head, in my limbs and temples. Almost distracted with this seemingly never ending pain, I tried cure after cure, prescription after prescription and almost a gallon of medicine of all kinds. Nothing did me any good. In fact I became worse. The knuckles of my hands soon became cramped and the pain in my hips became more and more distressing each day. Business in the store had to be attended to, however, and so I was obliged, suffering as I was, to keep more or less on my feet and occasionally I was forced to go out. This was the ordeal I dreaded. Each time I went out I trembled when I came near the car tracks, for my pain at times was so severe that I was obliged to stand perfectly still no matter where I was. On one occasion I was seized in this way while I was crossing the tracks on Market Street and there I stood perfectly rigid, unable to move hand or foot while a trolley car came thundering along. Fortunately it was stopped before it struck me, but the dread of it all lasted as long as my pain, for I never knew when crossing the tracks, whether I would not drop to the ground in my agony and be crushed to death. My anxiety to get well grew apace and I had about given up in despair when I saw in the Evening News one day, an advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Here was something I hadn't tried before and I lost no time in getting to the nearest drug store. There I paid fifty cents for a box of these truly wonderful, health restoring pills. Before I had finished taking half of the pills I began to feel relieved; the pains in my hips gradually disappeared and for the first time in many days, I felt as if there was some hope. I continued to take the pills and the more I took the better I felt. I finished one box, got another, and now having taken only a few of the second fifty cents' worth, I am free from all pain and as happy as the day is long. Since I began to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I have gained thirty pounds and now when I cross the car tracks I don't care if there are a dozen vehicles near by. It is a great relief, I assure you, and suffering humanity has a never failing friend in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I know what I am talking about. I speak from experience."

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THE DINNER HOUR.

A Philosopher Says That the Meal Is Never Served Ahead of Time.

"It is a curious thing," said the grumbler, "that, while I have been keeping house for thirty years and have had my wife tell me a thousand times that dinner was late, I never once knew of a time when dinner was ahead of time. I made a careful inquiry among my friends (and I have many who have been domestic longer than I) and do not find a single well-authenticated case when dinner was ever, at any time or place, ahead of time. Five times a week the cook will do something that she ought not to do and dinner will be anywhere from five minutes to an hour behind time, but she never gets under sufficient headway to have things on the table before the appointed time. I have made this curious and interesting phase of home life a careful study, and I intend to write a pamphlet about it."

"I guess you're right," said the kicker. "I am a married man of some few years myself, and I have had the same experience. I may get home an hour earlier than usual and be hungry as three bears, but that does not make a particle of difference. Dinner never comes before 6 o'clock, which is the scheduled time, but it very frequently comes much after that time. I had an old uncle once who noticed the same thing. He was in the house one day and he put the clock ahead two hours to see if he couldn't work the miracle. But the cook fooled him."

"What did she do?" asked the grumbler, eagerly.

"She turned on the natural gas before she put in the match, and when the fire department got through it was 9 o'clock."

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The Helpful Teacher.

The Prince's Tutor—And now we come to the Emperor Caligula. What does your royal highness know of him?

The prince is silent.

Tutor—Quite right, sir, the less said about such a monster the better.

A Familiar Game.

Little Det—Let us play keep house.

Little Ethel—All wight. You pretend you are a—a lady, and I am callin' on you.

Little Det—That'll be fun. Now sit down and ask me how I like my new girl.

KILLED BY A FALLING TREE

Young Boy Near Talmage Fails to Heed a Warning in Time.

Monday afternoon while W. Horstmann, a German farmer living four miles north of Talmage, was cutting down a tree for the winter's wood, it became lodged in another one, necessitating the felling of the other tree, and while doing it, he told his little boys to get away so that the trees would not fall on them. Just as the trees fell, the youngest of them, a three-year-old, came running toward his father. The father called to the little fellow to run back, at the same time starting forward to get him out of the way; but it was too late. The trees caught them and Mr. Horstmann was knocked down but escaped with only a bruise. The little boy, however, was crushed underneath the tree, his neck was broken, and his head was split open, causing death instantly.

KISSEL GOES FREE.

Charges of Incest Made Against Him Not Proven.

George Kissel, who was arrested last Thursday in Fremont, charged with practicing incest upon his daughter Pearl, had his hearing Tuesday morning. The evidence was not convincing and he was discharged. George Webber, a butcher, was arrested Tuesday charged with rape. George Kissel had the complaint sworn out charging him with having illicit relations with his (Kissel's) daughters, but he was dismissed, as the girls denied the charge. The arrests of both Kissel and Webber were made on confessions gotten from the Kissel girls, but when the time arrived to do something they denied their confessions. The whole business seems to be a mass of lies.

ALL BEATRICE MYSTIFIED.

Suicide of Carrie A. Turner Causing Much Conjecture.

Coroner Fletcher of Beatrice received a telegram Tuesday saying, "Hold body for identification by O. J. Snyder, who starts at once." Signed A. F. Turner. It was Miss Turner who committed suicide in that city last week and the authorities have been trying to find her friends. It now developes that the deceased and the man who registered "A. T. Turner," stopped at the Windsor hotel at Lincoln a few days before the suicide and that Turner is her uncle and that he deserted her.

Was a Keokuk Girl.

KEOKUK, Iowa, Dec. 11.—The woman who was murdered or who committed suicide at Beatrice, Neb., Sunday, was Miss Carrie Turner of this city, who has been living with her uncle, A. F. Turner, at Kahoka, Mo., while her father, C. B. Turner, formerly of this city, has been serving out a sentence in the Kansas state prison for the murder of his brother-in-law at Atchison. Miss Turner and her uncle left Kahoka November 26 for Kansas, intending to bring back with them the woman's father, who was about to be released from the penitentiary. Nothing was heard from them afterward. The girl's father was wealthy while here.

Trace the Harness Thieves.

The local authorities have succeeded in locating the harness and blankets which were recently stolen from several farmers near Plattsmouth. On December 5 a man named Thomas Ellis, shipped two boxes over to Hamburg by freight, stating that they were household goods. The boxes were billed to himself and it has been learned that the boxes contained all of the stolen harness and blankets. As no reward has been offered for the recovery of the property, and the county will not defray an official's expenses for errands of this nature, Ellis will probably be allowed to enjoy his ill-gotten gains in perfect security.

Young Lady Missing.

Miss Victoria Hedden, a young lady attending the state university, left her boarding-house Tuesday evening at about 6 o'clock for an errand up town. At last accounts she had not returned and fears are entertained that she has been waylaid for the purpose of robbery, or has been abducted, although no valid reason could be assigned for the latter conjecture. An organized search is being made for her by her friends and the police.

There Was No Shooting.

Edgar Long, the young man who struck Oliver Crowder last Friday night over a girl, is still at large, but the officers are on the lookout for him. His brother Frank, who was placed in jail at York Saturday morning, has been released on a bond of $200 to appear December 19 for a preliminary hearing. That there was no shooting done is conclusive, and the case will result in a trial for an assault with intent to do bodily injury.

Wooley is Barred.

E. H. Wooley, a Lincoln attorney, was debarred from the practice of law and his name stricken from the list of practicing attorneys by Judge Chapman of Plattsmouth Tuesday morning. Wooley is charged with corrupt practice in the Griswold matter, and was guilty of making and swearing to a false and scurrilous affidavit attacking the court.

Pet Stock Show.

Grand Island is preparing for the fifth annual exhibit of the Nebraska pet stock and poultry association which opens there Wednesday. A good list of entries was made, and the exhibit promises to be a success.

Quarantine Against Smallpox.

A rumor to the effect that smallpox existed in the small town of Curtis in Frontier county, caused the authorities to investigate the matter and in case of Stockville, who made it, reported that a case did exist there, and the authorities at once placed Curtis under quarantine regulations.

Charged with Embezzlement.

The trial of E. C. Hockenberger is in progress at Grand Island. He was at one time county treasurer and secretary of the school board, and is charged with embezzling $2,000 of the school board funds.

Keeping an Eye on Bank Employes.

On the occasion of a visit to Paris last winter I renewed acquaintanceship with a very old friend who is employed in a bank in that city. During the evening we took in several innocent and harmless recreations, and I suggested to him that we might see something a little more out of the common. To my surprise he said that if I wanted to see Paris on the shady side he would find me a reliable guide, but he certainly could not go himself, because if he did he would be like a statesman out of office at 9 o'clock the following morning. Pressed for an explanation, he told me that every official in his bank, and he believed in every other bank, was practically under police surveilance day and night, and that pictures of each of them were in the hands of skillful detectives. Instead of waiting until a bank official got behind in his accounts in consequence of excessive gambling or high living, the directors preferred to close the stable door before the horse had got out.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Western and Eastern.

Every once in awhile the Western mother, after putting her children to bed and picking their playthings off the floor and putting things to rights, sits down to her woman's magazine for comfort and discovers that the mother who doesn't have a southeast room for a nursery, with a matting floor and delicate, colored pictures on the wall, is not a true mother and is "raising" her children like barbarians. The Eastern woman is not only foolish, but is allowed to appear in print.—Atchison Globe.

A Singular Form of Monomania.

There is a class of people, rational enough in other respects, who are certainly monomaniacs in dosing themselves. They are constantly trying experiments upon their stomachs, their bowels, their livers and their kidneys with trashy nostrums. When these organs are really out of order, if they would only use Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, they would, if not hopelessly insane, perceive its superiority.

Anthony Hope declines to lecture in this country because, first, he is a very poor talker, and, second, he has nothing to talk about. No further apology is necessary.

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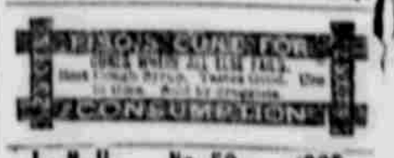

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