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Abruzzi may still be a great man in his own country, but over here he has dropped entirely out of the prominent citizen class.

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It is noticeable that the German papers have made no outcry over the fact that King Edward has personally written to Andrew Carnegie.

There is a bank clerk in Elyria, O., who never has any difficulty in striking a balance. His father was a slack-rope walker, and his mother was a trick bicycle rider.

Were the Mrs. Gilman brand of sociology to come into vogue there would soon be no society for sociology to operate upon and the exuders of guff would be among the unemployed.

Miss Ross Becker has been appointed a claim agent and United States pension attorney at Missouri. She has been known for years as one of the most successful women in St. Louis, being a notary public and an insurance agent.

Massachusetts has a law to prevent recklessness and speeding in automobiles, which law may be rendered ridiculous by its wrong punctuation, as it forbids driving over roads "laid out under the authority of the law recklessly or while under the influence of liquor." Boston, in consequence, is in rhetorical spasms.

The secretary of the Colorado state bureau of child protection believes that a bad child gets its start from an ill-ordered home or from parents who possess evil traits of character, and wants a law passed making parents responsible for the misdoings of their minor children. But as bad traits of character are often inherited, what would the secretary do in case of an adopted child?

In a fire panic in a New York cheap theater, a so-called exit was found to be a veritable trap, barring in the fleeing crowd instead of letting them find a way to safety. One would naturally suppose that the holocaust in Chicago would have prevented this dangerous practice for all time; but the lessons of catastrophes are quickly lost, especially when they are followed by no retributive measures.

There will naturally be much feminine sympathy for the New Jersey woman who has appeared in court to complain about her husband's cruel treatment, relates the Washington Star, and who says: "I am a graduate of a cooking school. I make biscuits, pies, cake and all sorts of dainties to please him, and he calls it all 'indigestion fodder.'" The judge advised the woman to cook corned beef and cabbage occasionally, and she said she would.

A Minneapolis woman is suing the Western Union Telegraph Company for damages because when she telegraphed to her brother that "Pat," her husband, was drinking, and "to come at once," the message was made to read "Pat is dying," and a horde of relatives, notified by her brother, came from far and near to attend the wake, and she had the expenses to pay. If Pat had had anything to say in the matter he would probably have permitted them to pay their own expenses.

Said an anxious mother to the family doctor: "What shall I do with my daughter Mary? She is simply candy crazy and, of course, eating nothing substantial makes her pale, if not downright yellow." Said the wise physician to the anxious mother: "Put Mary into a sweet shop, and she'll soon abhor the stuff! It is heric treatment, but it will cure her appetite for candy." Poor Mary! says the Indianapolis Star, how much pleasure she is going to lose for lack of a little self-denial.

An extraordinary demand has arisen in the eastern counties of England for second-hand Bibles—the older and dirtier the better. Copies which formerly realized four pence are now readily bought for half a crown. They are being used to manufacture evidence of age in the case of old-age pensions. A woman who produced a Bible to prove her age as 76 from an entry on the flyleaf had, unfortunately, omitted to tear out the title page, which showed that the Bible was printed in 1895.

American musicians have complained to the president that imported musicians get the jobs. As the question turns on whether these latter are artists or contract laborers, and the Americans are determined to protect their jobs, anyway, there is plainly going to be some music in the air.

"Death Valley Scotty," who gave away money when he could not get rid of it fast enough by spending it, wants now to become a marine. He would make a good one for the wise ones to tell their troubles to.

CAPITAL CITY NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE STATE HOUSE.

THE WORK OF THE LAW MAKERS

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Hard Sledding for Tax Dodgers. Publicity of assessments as a remedy for tax shirking by large property owners is proposed in a bill introduced in the lower branch of the legislature Friday by Bowman of Nuckolls. The act is intended as well to furnish a check upon the work of the county assessor and his deputies. It provides that he shall publish in detail in one or more newspapers the names and holding of all persons, firms and corporations that are listed for taxation in the sum of \$500 or over. A schedule is included in the bill for the guidance of the officer in making the publication.

Notes, mortgages and other securities must all be set forth in print, together with these other items: Merchandise, miscellaneous credits, jewelry and diamonds, automobiles, carriages and other vehicles, horses, cattle and grain. If there are other forms of property, the bill contemplates that they shall likewise appear. As payment for printing the lists, the bill allows one-fourth of the regular legal rates.

Bowman's measure is H. R. No. 304, being the last one in regular numerical order that has been offered in the house. It will be read the second time on the next day the house meets and will then be referred by the speaker to some committee. It is the first bill of its kind that has been presented.

Retain Wolf Bounty. The senate refused to repeal the present law offering a state bounty on wild animals. S. F. No. 82, by Randall of Madison, introduced to repeal the law, was indefinitely postponed, its introduction voting against his own bill because he said western members desire the law retained.

The repealing act and the present law were treated with considerable levity. Although the subject appeared to be a joke and was so treated, there are now unpaid bounty claims on file in the state auditor's office amounting to \$52,143.50 and this will be swelled to \$60,000 by the first of April. All

Boeltz Solves Labor Problem. Boeltz of Merrick county is the introducer of a bill in the house providing for the employment of convicts on the public highway by counties or municipalities. The bill provides that upon the written request of a majority of the members of county boards the warden of the penitentiary, under the direction of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, shall enter into a contract with the county asking for the prisoners. The county shall furnish all tools with which the prisoners are to work and shall pay all the expenses of guarding them while at work. The prisoners are not to be employed on work requiring skilled labor. Every able-bodied prisoner, save those under the death penalty are subject to the employment under the terms of the bills.

Ask for \$25,000 for Monument. The senate committee on finance ways and means, Miller of Lancaster chairman, met Tuesday afternoon and decided to ask the senate to increase the house appropriation of \$15,000 for a monument to Abraham Lincoln. The house has passed a bill carrying an appropriation of \$15,000. The senate committee will ask for \$25,000 to be given by the state on condition that the state monument association raise \$10,000 additional from private subscriptions. The proposed plan is for the erection of a statue with appropriate historical settings on the state house grounds, the work to be done by one of the most famous sculptors of the world.

Non-Partisan Superintendents. H. R. No. 292, by Pickens, is a bill to remove the office of county superintendent from the domain of partisan politics. The time of election is fixed on the first Tuesday in April, when school district elections are to be held all over the county. Nominations will be made by petitions filed with the county clerk at least twenty days beforehand, and he will supply printed ballots with the names of all candidates. No party designations will be permitted. The act applies to all counties, but makes an exception in favor of Douglas by fixing the time of election there on the first Tuesday in May.

Beatrice Gets First Appropriation. First among the institutions appropriation bills to come before the house committee of the whole was the one providing \$70,000 for new new buildings and \$5,000 for repairs at the Beatrice institute for feeble minded. It was considered Friday forenoon and after an hour's discussion was recommended for passage. The bill was introduced by Begole of Gage as H. R. No. 57. It originally carried a total appropriation of \$100,000, covering three new buildings, but the finance committee cut out \$30,000 for an epileptic hospital, leaving \$35,000 each for a boys' and a girls' cottage.

A New Asylum Proposed. Dipomania and drug fends are to be treated at a new institution, built and equipped for that special purpose, if S. F. No. 258, which was introduced by Ketchum, becomes a law. The Ketchum bill empowers the state board of public lands and buildings to select a site and have the buildings erected and equipped, a fund for that purpose to be hereafter appropriated. The board is also to give to the institution a name, which shall in no manner suggest the purpose for which it is maintained.

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Possibility of a Pottery. Much talk is current about the prospects of Louisville having a pottery shop in the future. A letter recently received by a business man in Louisville from A. W. Blackwell of East Akron, O., who was formerly a stoneware maker, says that the great amount of clay to be found in the hills near there will make it necessary for potters to turn their attention to that place for good pottery clay before long. Plans are under way for interesting eastern capital in the pottery. Some years ago Louisville had a large shop which was afterwards turned into a brickmaking establishment and the promoters of that industry who are still in the vicinity look on the proposition with favor.

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Oldham's Motion Pending. The motion of W. D. Oldham for leave to file and docket a suit to test his right to a place on the supreme bench as a result of the recharter by the legislature of the vote on constitutional amendments, is still pending in the supreme court. He has waived his right to file the suit in a district court, but Judge J. R. Dean, whose seats he contests, has not filed a waiver. It is reported that Judge Dean desires a little more time to consult his attorney.

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Criminality of Waste. If I wanted to train a child to be thrifty I should teach him to abhor waste. I do not mean waste of money; that is a waste because very soon there is no money to waste—but waste of material, waste of something that is useful but that you cannot represent in money value to the waster. There is waste of water, waste of gas and things of that kind. If you would wish your children to be thrifty I would beg to impress upon them the criminality of waste.—Lord Rosebery, in an Edinburgh Address.

NO MEDICINE But a Change of Food Gave Relief. Many persons are learning that drugs are not the thing to rebuild worn out nerves, but proper food is required. There is a certain element in the cereals, wheat, barley, etc., which is grown there by nature for food to brain and nerve tissue. This is the phosphate of potash, of which Grape-Nuts food contains a large proportion. In making this food all the food elements in the two cereals, wheat and barley, are retained. That is why so many heretofore nervous and run down people find in Grape-Nuts a true nerve and brain food.

"I can say that Grape-Nuts food has done much for me as a nerve renewer," writes a Wis. bride. "A few years ago, before my marriage, I was a bookkeeper in a large firm. I became so nervous toward the end of each week that it seemed I must give up my position, which I could not afford to do. "Mother purchased some Grape-Nuts and we found it not only delicious but I noticed from day to day that I was improving until I finally realized I was not nervous any more. "I have recommended it to friends as a brain and nerve food, never having found its equal. I owe much to Grape-Nuts as it saved me from a nervous collapse, and enabled me to retain my position." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

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