

THE WAGELER

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LINCOLN, - - - NEBRASKA

The College Degree.
The degree-giving habit, says the World's Work, came to us from the English universities, and the medieval badge once meant something to educated men. But now, remarks the writer, it no longer has any special significance to any body of men, and men of actual attainment are quietly dropping the explanatory letters that are supposed to indicate their educational achievements. Nowadays a college graduate has spent from two to five years in an institution where he may have eaten a substantial intellectual meal, or may have tasted instead a vast number of tempting educational dishes—or merely had a good time and hired a coach to do the required thinking. He may have entered college after a thorough training in a good fitting school, or he may have been "accredited" by a perfunctory school teacher, and have been really unprepared for any higher studies. Under such conditions the conferring of degrees is a piece of scholastic bunccombe, endeared by tradition and of some supposed commercial benefit to the recipients. It is natural enough that young people in college should confound the taking of a degree with the getting of an education. But what is really more lamentable is that American colleges seem unable to put their stamp upon their graduates in some more enduring manner than by giving them little rolls of parchment and the right to add some capital letters to their names.

Earthquake a Health Tonic.
There was too, in San Francisco, an improvement in the general health of the people after the earthquake. It is an undoubted fact that a great many women who were in a poor state of health before the shock, with had appetites and defective digestion, are now eating all they can get and digesting it without trouble, while the mental condition, which so often accompanies the dyspeptic state, has equally improved. The explanation, says the London Hospital, is as simple as it is rational. These people were fortunately deprived of their drams, alcohol and luxuries; they had nothing but simple food, and they were compelled to take exercise in the open air to get it. The men have found it possible to live without cigars or whisky and the ladies without candy. They have cooked their simple meals in the streets, to the better ventilation of their houses; for lack of light they have gone to bed early, with the compensation that they have risen with the lark. They have had the enforced benefits of a sanitarium, and good health is the result.

Women are sometimes regarded as likely to lose their heads and grow hysterical with fear in times of sudden danger, but every little while some incident occurs which puts them in another light. An open car filled with passengers ran away down a long hill in New York the other day. When it was found that the car was beyond control many passengers screamed and jumped and some were badly hurt, says the Youth's Companion. A woman who had a baby in her arms stood calmly up in her place, motioned to a man on the street who was watching the approaching car, tossed the baby to him as the car passed, and then sat down. The man caught the baby, and in a few moments the mother walked back, thanked him, and took the child. Nothing panicky about that!

Ocean freight rates are kept remarkably firm considering the tremendous increase in the world's output of ships. There were put in the water on the Clyde in June a greater tonnage than was ever before floated in any one district. Lloyd says there are now 377,500,000 tons of merchant ships and over 30,000 vessels. Of these two-thirds are steamers and the others sailers. British yards alone floated 207 vessels during the first half of the present year, the tonnage of which exceeded that of any previous six months by more than 100,000 tons.

All the old sayings seem in a fair way to be disproved. That lightning does strike twice in the same place has been demonstrated. In fact, down at Cape Henry, Va., it struck the same place twice in the same day, and that was the reason why the wireless telegraph station went out of business temporarily.

The harvest of the sea has not been as bountiful as that on land. There is likely to be a scarcity, if not an actual famine, as regards certain kinds of fish, owing to the poor success of the fishermen on the Labrador and Newfoundland coasts and elsewhere.

It is claimed that in the English army maneuvers the battle of Antietam has been fought without its mistakes. Uncle Sam will hardly attempt a similar experiment with the Boer war.

Nebraska News

FREEBERN SERIOUSLY HURT.

Jack Slipped and Car Body Struck Him Near Base of Brain.
Robert Freebern lies at St. Elizabeth's hospital, Lincoln, seriously injured, and with but a slight chance for recovery, as a result of a lifting jack slipping and allowing a car body to strike him with great force. He was working in the switch yards of the Beatrice Creamery company, near Seventh and P streets, when the accident happened. He was lifting a car with a jack, and a part of his body was under the car. The jack slipped and the car came down, striking him near the base of the brain, on the neck. He was picked up unconscious and taken to St. Elizabeth's hospital. Yesterday consciousness returned at brief intervals, but his injuries are said to be very serious. Dr. E. L. Holyoke said: "He has a chance for recovery, although his case is a serious one. Consciousness returned at times during the day."

CIRCUIT COURT FOR LINCOLN.

New Court Room to Be Ready for October Term.

Judge Hunger, George H. Thummel, clerk of the United States circuit court, and C. J. Goss, United States district attorney, all of Omaha, were in Lincoln the other day to inspect the new court room in the new federal building, and to see whether arrangements could be made for holding the fall term of federal court next month. They found that the building would be ready and the court room would be fitted up in good shape for occupancy by that time. Court will convene in Lincoln October 8.

Let Contract for School Building.

At the special meeting of the Grand Island board of education, called for that purpose, the contract was let for the construction of the new high school building. J. H. Wagenknecht of Wathena, Kas., being the successful bidder. The figure was \$47,123. Other bids were: L. Crosby & Son, Kansas City, \$48,168; R. P. Baster, \$48,539; Falldorf & Fauble, Grand Island, \$48,941; Jonas Prentz, Omaha, \$53,150. The board selected a gray pressed brick for the facing of the building above the water shelf. It is estimated that electric and other lighting fixtures, and the heating and plumbing will cost \$7,000, which will still leave the board within the \$60,000 voted, not including the furniture.

Find a Gravel Pit.

The Northwestern Railroad company has for some time been testing the land in the vicinity of Long Pine, in search of good gravel. They succeeded in locating an extensive bed of excellent gravel on the property belonging to Carl Pettijohn. The railroad company has leased the land and will install a sand sifting plant on the place in the near future.

Man Killed at Bassett.

Noah Crandall, living thirty-four miles southeast of Bassett, was killed the other day. Mr. Crandall was riding in the back of a buggy containing two hunters when one of their guns was accidentally discharged striking him in the abdomen. He lived only an hour. Mr. Crandall leaves a wife and three small children in poor circumstances.

Woman Dies of Burns.

Mrs. Elmer J. Miller of Grand Island, who was frightfully burned in an explosion of kerosene, after trying to start a fire with the oil, died after suffering intense agonies. The bereaved husband is helpless through the injuries he also received in trying to rescue his wife. The family is in needy circumstances and the people of the community are taking up a liberal subscription for its aid.

Waterworks Bonds Carry.

At the special election held in Elwood to vote upon the proposition for bonding the village for \$12,000, to construct a system of water works, the bonds carried by the vote of eighty-nine to six. This insures a first class system for the town. Work will commence as soon as the bonds are issued and sold, and the contract let for their construction.

Fire at Dorchester.

Fire originated in the restaurant kept by Mrs. Nevitt at Dorchester. The whole building was aflame before the alarm was sounded. Another building burned that was occupied by Miss Johnson as a dressmaking establishment. All her effects were safely removed, but the restaurant stock was a total loss. Insurance on buildings is reported as \$900 and stock \$200, which is regarded as a fair amount. The cause of the fire is unknown. A steady rain alone prevented the spread of the fire to other buildings.

WRECK ON BURLINGTON.

Two Men Killed by a Collision at Scott's Bluff.
Freight No. 302 on the Guernsey line of the B. & M. was run into by an extra ore train at Scotts Bluff and two cars were derailed and the way car demolished. Four men were in the way car at the time and two of them, J. P. Kennedy of Denver, the labor agent of Maney Bros. & Co., and E. B. Dunkin, the representative of a wholesale powder firm of Kansas City, Mo., were instantly killed. The other two occupants of the way car escaped with only slight bruises. A carpenter's bunk car, with seven occupants, following the caboose, piled on top of the way car, completely crushing it. None of the carpenters were injured.

FLOOD AT JACKSON, NEB.

Hundreds of Tons of Hay Washed Away and Hogs Drowned.
Water from a cloudburst in the northwestern part of Dakota county and the eastern part of Dixon county rushed down the valley of Elk creek, sweeping away hundreds of tons of hay, drowning hogs caught in pens, flooding cellars, washing away railroad tracks and doing other damage, near Jackson, Neb., all of which is conservatively estimated at \$100,000. The wave of water in the creek when it struck Jackson was seven feet high. The Omaha & Great Northern railroad lost considerable track.

Henry Leslie Killed Himself.

News has reached Rulo, Neb., that Henry Leslie, sr., of Shubert, Neb., aged seventy years, died at his home from wounds, which he had made the day before with a razor that he had carried from the house to a shed on the back end of his lot. Not returning to the house his wife searched for him, finding him with his throat cut. No cause for the deed can be assigned, unless his advanced age, accompanied with poor health, caused him to tire of life. Mr. Leslie was a well-to-do farmer, who had retired from his farms five years ago. He owned two good farms east of town, free from encumbrance. He was a highly respected church member and a resident of the Shubert neighborhood for forty years.

Nebraska Man Finds Gold.

While herding sheep on a mountain thirty miles from Spencer, Idaho, Ed Wiseman, a former resident of Columbus, Neb., and afterwards of North Bend, Dodge county, saw a yellow glitter reflect the rays of the sun far up on the mountain side. Investigating, he found the mountain to contain great deposits of gold ore. He staked out a claim and paid the government fee. Wiseman has been unable to develop his claim because it is so far from a railroad and there is no water within twenty miles. He expects, however, that it will make him wealthy sometime.

Mr. Lytle Took Poison.

The funeral of R. M. Lytle was held at Benedict. He took strychnine and told his wife he had stolen it from the rats. He was a well-to-do farmer and had no domestic troubles. Several years ago Mr. Lytle was sick and was taken to a hospital and he had a dread of going back. He had been ill for some time. Some think his act was on account of some trouble over an estate in Iowa.

Heavy Fire Loss at Staplehurst.

W. C. Hartman of Staplehurst, one of the heaviest dealers in horses in the state, lost his new barn and contents from spontaneous combustion of hay. There being no wind the firemen were able to save all outbuildings. Total loss on barn \$6,000; on hay and contents \$2,000; partly covered by insurance.

Will Rohmeyer Injured.

Will Rohmeyer, son of L. H. Rohmeyer, editor of Beobachter, at Auburn, while jumping out of a buggy recently, broke his leg. The young man was principal assistant in the office of the Beobachter, and as every printer does not understand a German "case," Mr. Rohmeyer, senior, is decidedly short of help.

Knocks Preacher Lorimer Down.

Rev. W. M. Lorimer, who is pastor of the Presbyterian church of Utica, was attacked on the streets by Call Ragan, who knocked him down several times with his fist and not being contented with having struck him, finally kicked him. The trouble was the result of the grand jury investigation. Ragan was brought up for gambling, and was fined in the neighborhood of \$105. Ragan immediately after the assault went before a justice of the peace and pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$5 and costs.

Gossip from Washington

Interesting Items Gathered at the Capital—Social Leader of the White House Must Be a Single Man—Cleaning Up the Executive Mansion.



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WASHINGTON.—It is openly declared that the president has decreed that the major domo of the White House must be a single man. Those who make this assertion point to the removal of Maj. McCawley, for nearly four years leader of social functions at the White House, who recently married the widow of Judge Davis, as their proof.

No recent White House announcement has created as much comment and concern in official and high social circles as the order deposing Maj. McCawley. It was upon Maj. McCawley that most of the important details connected with the Roosevelt-Longworth wedding devolved. Maj. McCawley has held a much similar relative position in the White House under the Roosevelt regime as Harry Lehr holds in Mrs. Astor's "600." Without him no social function could have succeeded half so well. He is handsome, dashing, a divine dancer and as a cotillon leader his reputation in Washington is unequalled.

And now his romantic marriage at the height of his popularity to the widow of Judge John Davis, of the court of claims, has been followed by the much discussed official announcement transferring Maj. McCawley to the Marine barracks at Washington, and placing a new major domo at the White House.

"Beau Brummel is paying the penalty of getting married," is what official Washington is whispering. It should perhaps be explained that Maj. McCawley has long been honored with the title of the Beau Brummel of Washington, and very deservedly, too.

The incoming holder of that distinguished position is Capt. Frank McCoy, of the Third cavalry, at Lewisport, Pa.

Maj. McCawley was an obscure officer in the Marine corps until a little more than four years ago, when largely through the record and high standing of his father, the late Col. McCawley, of the Marine corps, he was chosen aide to the president. Since then he has loomed high in the social firmament at the capitol.

POLISHING UP THE WHITE HOUSE.

When President Roosevelt and his family come back to Washington they will find the White House as bright and clean as the proverbial pin.

For weeks the executive mansion has been closed to visitors and in the hands of workmen repairing and renovating the interior.

Congress at the last session appropriated over \$50,000 for this work, and under the supervision of Col. Bromwell, superintendent of public buildings and grounds, every defect, inside and outside, has been noted and remedied.

The contractors have guaranteed the work for at least ten years. A new roof has been put on the entire building and the leaks in the wings and office building have been stopped. The state parlors on the ground floor have been redecorated, but the well-known Blue, Green and Red parlors still retain their colors, while in the East Room the prevailing tints are ivory and gold.

Upstairs on the second floor, where are the living rooms of the president's family, the same thorough renovation has been made.

GROWTH IN OUTPUT OF COAL MINES.

According to the report of Edward W. Parker, statistician of the United States geological survey, the production of coal in the United States in 1905 amounted to 392,919,341 short tons, having a value at the mines of \$476,756,963, surpassing in both quantity and value all previous records in the history of the country. Compared with 1904 the output in 1905 exhibits an increase of 41,102,943 short tons, or over 11 per cent. in quantity, and of \$22,385,942, or over seven per cent., in value.

Of the total production in 1905 77,659,850 short tons were Pennsylvania anthracite, with a value at the mines of \$11,878,000. The total production of bituminous coal and lignite was 315,259,491 short tons, valued at \$334,877,963. The production of anthracite coal in Pennsylvania in 1905 was 4,503,151 short tons more than that of 1904, while the increase in the production of bituminous coal was 36,599,882 short tons. A portion of these increases in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania would terminate.

In each decade the output of the United States has been practically doubled. The report shows that there are 628,174 men and boys employed in coal mining in the United States.

The largest part of the increased production in 1905 is credited to the great activity in the iron industry, as is shown by the fact that the amount of coal made into coke increased from 31,278,537 to 41,412,323 short tons and that the larger increases were in the coking coal producing states and those which furnished fuel to the iron furnaces.

VETERAN CONGRESSMEN BEING RETIRED.

This has been a hard summer for the veterans of congress. Early in the season old Gen. Grosvenor, of Ohio, went down in defeat before a young rival.

A few months later Representative Bankhead, of Alabama, the Democratic Father of the House, was unhorsed by Richmond Pearson Hobson, who would like to have a fleet of "5,000-ton battleships."

Now comes Samuel Matthews Robertson, of the Sixth district of Louisiana, who is now serving his tenth term. He lost out at the primaries held recently. He was elected to fill a vacancy in the Fifthth congress and stood next to Bankhead in years of service in the house. He defeat leaves De Armond, of Missouri, the Democratic Father of the House, although, in comparison with Gen. Ketcham, Gen. Bingham, Hitt, of Illinois, and Speaker Cannon, he is only a newcomer. The first mentioned is now serving his seventeenth year term, but as they have not been continuous and there has been one hiatus in the record of Speaker Cannon, the 14 terms of Gen. Harry H. Bingham, of Philadelphia, make him the Father of the House.

De Armond's jump into the Democratic premiership in the matter of service was made positive by the defeat of Bankhead, of Alabama, who has since been elected "alternate senator," to fill the vacancy that may be caused by the death of either Senator Morgan or Senator Pettus, both of whom are more than 80 years old.

His sole will come to De Armond by reason of his premiership unless the Democrats control the next house. In such an event he may be designated to administer the oath to the Democratic speaker, John Sharp Williams.

OUR SOLDIERS WEAR GOOD SHOES.

"Uncle Sam keeps well in mind the saying, 'A man is not well dressed unless he wears a good pair of shoes,'" said a government inspector, "for he takes care that the army is fitted out with the most comfortable and nattiest of footwear. To be sure, he does not go in for upper jawed, flaring soles, or twisted, ugly toes, but he provides the finest of leather and insists that the boots for his soldiers shall be well made. His inspectors look after the shoes at every process in their manufacture, and any short cut of leather or negligently placed nails that might result in corns or sore feet are pointed out with condemning fingers and the boots are thrown aside.

"Once in awhile the style in army shoes changes and then a big batch of shoes will be thrown on the market, which merchants eagerly gobble up. The man who buys those shoes will not get a new style army shoe, but he gets the finest shoe on the market for high grade leather and good workmanship.

"The United States army marching shoe of to-day has a cap and is a shoe for a man to be proud of. The cap is not only over the toe, but across the heel, and it gives just that touch of ornamentation which the well dressed man likes.

PERUNA PRAISED.



MRS. ESTHER M. MILNER.

Box 321, DeGraff, Ohio.
Dr. S. B. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—
I was a terrible sufferer from a pelvic weakness and had headaches continuously. I was not able to do my household work for myself and husband.

I wrote you and described my condition as nearly as possible. You recommended Peruna. I took four bottles of it and was completely cured. I think Peruna a wonderful medicine and have recommended it to my friends with the very best of results.

Esther M. Milner.
Very few of the great multitude of women who have been relieved of some pelvic disease or weakness by Peruna ever consent to give a testimonial to be read by the public.

There are, however, a few courageous, self-sacrificing women who will for the sake of their suffering sisters allow their cures to be published.

Mrs. Milner is one of these. In her gratitude for her restoration to health she is willing that the women of the whole world should know it. A chronic invalid brought back to health is no small matter. Words are inadequate to express complete gratitude.

From cover to cover without feeling some of the symptoms.

A wise man may profit by the actions of a fool.

Unique Election Cry.
A wooden-legged candidate for the town council of Claston, Eng., urged his fellow artisans to elect him on the ground that a wooden leg in the council would be a pleasant variety among the wooden heads there now. "Vote for Peggy!" was his inspiring slogan.

Important to Mothers.
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*.

In Use For Over 30 Years.
The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Plans Monument to Negro Poet.
The Rev. Dr. David W. Clark, of Cincinnati, is making an effort to secure sufficient money to erect a monument over the grave of the late negro poet, Paul Laurence Dunbar. Mr. Clark's father was a slaveholder, but he says "the man who wrote 'When Mandy Sings' and 'When the Corn Pone is Hot' deserves a monument."

Cheapsens Cost of Liquid Air.
A Dane named Knudson is credited, with discovering means of producing liquid air at the cost of no more than one-sixth the usual price, and it is said that his process, which is mechanical rather than chemical, will ultimately put liquid air on the market at not more than about two cents a gallon. The same invention makes it possible to sell oxygen at a cent a cubic foot, which promises to bring it into rather wide industrial use.

DOCTOR DESPAIRED

Anemic Woman Cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Recommends the Pills to All Others Who Suffer.

Angemia is just the doctor's name for bloodlessness. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure anemia as food cures hunger. They cured Mrs. Thomas J. McGann, of 17 Lincoln Place, Plainfield, N. J., who says:

"In the spring of 1903 I did my usual house cleaning and soon afterward I began to have the most terrible headaches. My heart would beat so irregularly that it was painful and there came a morning when I could not get up. My doctor said I had anemia and he was surprised that I had continued to live in the condition I was in. I was confined to my bed for nearly two months, the doctor coming every day for the first few weeks, but I did not improve to amount to anything. Altogether I was sick for nearly two years. I was as weak as a rag, had headaches, irregular heart beats, loss of appetite, cramps in the limbs and was unable to get a good night's sleep. My legs and feet were so swollen that I feared they would burst.

"Before very long after I tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I felt a change for the better. I have taken about twelve boxes and although I was as near the grave as could be, I now feel as if I had a new lease of life. I have no more headaches, the heart beats regularly, my cheeks are pink and I feel ten years younger. I feel that I have been cured very cheaply and I have recommended the pills to lots of my friends."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all druggists, or will be sent by mail on receipt of price, 50 cents per box, six boxes \$2.50, by the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.