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**MARION.**

J. C. Rollins entertained his brother and wife from Indianapolis one day last week.

Mrs. Nettie Naden of Danbury was the guest of her sister Mrs. S. H. Stigebauer, one day last week.

About 76 one hundredths of an inch of rain fell here last Wednesday evening, accompanied by a terribly strong Northwest gale, which tore up the headed grain stacks also blew down a great many of the shacks of grain.

Miss Daisy Albrecht is back again in Dodge's store after a few weeks rest.

County Attorney Sidney Dodge of McCook was in town all last week.

J. H. Wicks and Clint Pew were McCook visitors, Saturday afternoon, going over in the former's auto.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eifert Saturday July 16, a daughter.

Several from here were to Beaver City to the chautauqua, Sunday.

R. S. Sanders from north of town purchased the livery barn from W. S. Andrus, recently.

Clarence Reed of Fairview and Ralph Smith were at Otis, Colo., closing days of last week.

The new alfalfa mill is nearly ready for business which is a great addition to the town and country.

Grandma Gockley visited in Danbury a few days last week.

L. D. Gockley and wife spent Sunday at their son's, north of town.

S. B. Gockley and family, southwesterly of McCook, visited his brother T. F. Gockley of Fairview, Sunday.

**Notice for Bids.**

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the city clerk of the city of McCook, Nebraska, until 8 o'clock p. m. (central standard time) August 5, 1910, for a contract to perform all work and furnish all material necessary for laying such sidewalks, cross-walks and curbs within the corporate limits of the city of McCook, as the city council may order to be laid during the current municipal year. Bids shall be made per square foot for the following material: Concrete. Sidewalks, cross-walks and curbs to be laid in accordance with the provisions of the ordinances of the city of McCook, and the specifications on file in the city clerk's office, and subject to the approval and acceptance of the city engineer. All sidewalks, cross-walks and curbs to be guaranteed by the contractor for a term of two years from the date of acceptance, and renewals to be guaranteed for a like term. The contractor to furnish a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars with sureties to be approved by the city council. The city engineer's estimate is as follows: Sidewalks per square foot, twelve cents; cross-walks per square foot, eighteen cents; curbing, five inches thick, per square foot, (surface exposed) fifteen cents. The city council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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**Talent of Success.**

The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well, without a thought of fame. If it comes at all, it will come because it is deserved, not because it is sought after. It is very indiscreet and troublesome ambition which cares so much about fame, about what the world says of us, as to be always looking in the faces of others for approval, to be always anxious about the effect of what we do or say, to be always shouting to hear the echoes of our own voices.

**Relic of the Past.**

The modern housewife if she now sees an old clothes powder in the collection is apt to wonder "what is that for?" It was a powder for pounding clothes in a barrel on washing day in the everlasting fight with dirt. It is far removed from the modern laundry or the washing machine of the present day.

**EARNED FORTUNE WITH HOOPSKIRT**

Joseph Thomas Enlarged Upon Modest Bustle.

INVENTOR IN MANY LINES.

Death of Crinoline Creator Recalls Evolution of Sewing Machine and Sulphur Match Maker—Was Native of France, but Lived in America For Sixty-four Years.

More than half a century ago two men sat in a dingy room working hard to perfect a contrivance for sewing, and the result of their efforts was the first sewing machine. One of the inventors was Joseph Thomas, who died recently at his home in Hoboken. He was eighty-three years old and for the last three months had been bedridden.

Thomas was an inventor of many machines that have brought millions to those who bought the patents, and one of his ideas was the hoopskirt, which was popular with women from 1850 to 1870. Thomas had always been a keen observer, and in many instances his wife aided him in inventions, telling him what was needed by women.

When he was a mere boy he noticed the bustles worn by women, and when out with his wife one day they talked of the peculiarities of feminine fashions. "I wouldn't wonder that they would soon have bustles all around the skirts," he remarked.

**Fortune in Crinoline.**

It was not long afterward that Thomas launched the hoopskirt, and he soon found that even at \$300 a dozen he could not make them fast enough for the demand. He was offered thousands of dollars and first rejected all offers. At that time he had several other ideas, and when finally he received an offer from a Philadelphia concern of \$50,000 he accepted it. That amount of money meant a good deal to a poor inventor in those days, and Thomas was regarded as one of the coming millionaires. The Quaker City firm made hundreds of thousands from Thomas' invention. The idea went from here to Europe and thence to European countries.

Thomas then settled down to perfect his other ideas, and the sewing machine came next. He did not get any money for that, as he was employed as one of the draughtsmen in a machine company. But he earned a big salary, and his employer made a handsome present to Thomas and George Bles, the other inventor.

Thomas left the company when he found he had enough money to devote himself to other ideas. He realized the necessity of a machine for the manufacture of sulphur matches without recourse to the old method of dipping small sticks into a prepared solution. He made the machine.

**Inventor From Youth.**

Thomas was nineteen years old when he came to America from a small town in the vicinity of Paris. His father had made small inventions, and from the time the boy started going to school he showed a keen interest in all the different pieces of machinery. When Thomas arrived in this country he had little money, and it was while he was working in a machine shop in Paterson that he met his wife. That was sixty-four years ago.

Thomas was a brother of General Thomas, who fought with great distinction in the Franco-Prussian war. The soldier brother received the Legion of Honor from the French government and was retired with other honors.

**AMERICAN CANS POPULAR.**

Malays Use Them For Every Imaginable Purpose.

To the Malay peninsula every year go about 1,300,000 one gallon tin cans containing American petroleum. Consul General Du Bois of Singapore writes:

"Thousands of the cans are used as water buckets. The interior of a Malaya, a Tamil or a Chinese home contains American tin cans of all sizes and shapes put to some useful purpose. Sieves are made by puncturing holes. Thousands of dustpans are made from the cans by removing one side, curving two sides and attaching a large wooden handle. Baking and cooking utensils of all kinds are also skillfully manufactured from them and may be seen in thousands of homes.

"For storing articles of food against on slaughters the tin can is a blessing. Hundreds of men are engaged in manufacturing tin cans into funnels, pepper and salt casters, cocoanut and nutmeg graters, lamps, biscuit tins, tea and coffee pots, ladies, mugs, cake parties, Chinese pipes, oil pumps, money boxes and the framework for false teeth.

"So necessary has the American tin can become to these people that to be deprived of its manifold uses would cause a real hardship."

**Illinois to Boom Poultry.**

As a result of action at a meeting of the Illinois State Poultry association at Springfield recently a department of poultry may be established in connection with the state university at Urbana. The members favorably passed on a proposition to have drafted a bill authorizing such a school and appropriating \$10,000 for the purpose. Governor Deneen promised his aid in bettering poultry growing conditions in Illinois.

**American Firearms in Demand.**

Brazil bought 5,750,000 worth of firearms in 1909 against only \$1,500,000 worth in 1908. The American share rose only from \$500,000 to \$800,000, or \$300,000 out of the increase of \$1,250,000. American revolvers lead in Venezuela. Automatic revolvers sell best in England. Belgium buys American makes.

**FATE OF FAMOUS SEA FIGHTER**

Sloop of War Portsmouth to Become a Museum.

WILL BE SENT TO CALIFORNIA

Vessel Used by New Jersey Naval Reserve at Hoboken to Go to San Francisco Around Cape Horn—Government Has Given the Tonopah to Jersey Sailors in Her Place.

Nearly threescore years and ten of usefulness, first as a warship and then as a ship on which fighting men are trained, the sloop of war Portsmouth is to end her days in peace. She will be sent to San Francisco, where she will be used as a naval museum. For fourteen years she has been the home of the First naval battalion, naval reserve of New Jersey, and during all that time she has been moored to piers at Hoboken, N. J.

For several years the Jersey sailors have been cramped for room on the old wooden sea fighter, and the United States government has given to them the monitor Tonopah, a more modern ship. The Portsmouth will soon proceed to the Pacific, going around Cape Horn.

**Conspicuous in the Mexican War.**

The state of California has been very anxious to obtain the old sloop, for she was one of the most active craft in the Mexican war, and it was through her efforts as a blockader that California was annexed to the Union. On her arrival in San Francisco harbor the Portsmouth will be moored at the foot of one of the principal streets. She was built in 1843 in the New Hampshire city whose name she bears. Three years later she broke into fame, in June, 1846, at the outbreak of the Mexican war, when her commander, John B. Montgomery, took possession of the harbor of San Francisco, in which she was the first United States warship to enter.

In August, 1846, the Portsmouth took part in the engagement which resulted in the capture of Los Angeles on the 13th of the month. Later she figured in the capture of Monterey. The next year (1847), in October, her guns and those of the United States steamer Congress bombarded the city of Guaymas, which was reduced in a few hours.

After the close of the trouble with Mexico Captain Andrew H. Foote was placed in command of the Portsmouth and ordered to China to put an end to the attacks of the Chinese on American ships. At that time the Chinese treated all English speaking countries as enemies.

The big black ship, her sides bristling with guns, kept the Chinese quiet for a time, but there were occasional outbreaks, in suppressing one of which Captain Foote himself led his men in person.

**Earned Title of the "Black Devil."**

It was on Nov. 15, 1856, that Captain Foote was in a cutter crossing the harbor of Canton when one of the Chinese forts opened fire. The fact that the American flag was flying made no difference to the orientals, and when the fire was taken up by another fort Captain Foote found himself in danger of a furious crossfire of grape and canister.

Returning to the Portsmouth, Captain Foote took up a position in front of the forts and opened fire, soon silencing the Chinese guns. More than 500 Chinese were killed, and the lesson was so salutary that never again were Americans in danger.

Through this engagement the Portsmouth earned her title of the "Black Devil." This was carried until after the civil war. During the rebellion she was rather inactive, her principal service being at the blockade of the Mississippi by Farragut.

After the civil war, having become antiquated by the advent of ironclads and no further opportunities presenting themselves for her to distinguish herself, she lay at anchor at the navy yard until the Jersey naval reserve wanted her, and she was turned over to it for a training ship. For several years she was moored at the foot of Fourth street, Hoboken, and later was taken to her last berth at the foot of Fifteenth street. She is 98 tons, fully equipped, she carried twenty-two guns and a crew of 161. The Tonopah, which is expected to arrive within a few weeks, will be moored at the same place, and the Portsmouth will be sent to the New York navy yard to be prepared for her long voyage.

**Other Sales Criticized.**

Congressman Martin takes particular notice of the sale of the Tala estate to Frank W. Carpenter, executive secretary of the Philippine government. He declares that the bureau of insular affairs, notwithstanding that the information was demanded, suppressed the name of the purchaser and would not admit that the estate had been sold at all. The Colorado congressman quotes a recent report from the director of lands at Manila, in response to a cable from Secretary of War Dickinson at the direction of the house of representatives, which indicates that Carpenter has an agreement for the purchase of the entire estate as rapidly as it becomes vacant, and he says the same report discloses the fact that Dean C. Worcester, Philippine secretary of the interior, has approved the sale to Carpenter and also a lease to his own nephew of 3,000 acres of public lands for twenty-five years at 8 cents per acre.

**Exploitation Long Expected.**

When a dozen years ago, the United States acquired the Philippine archipelago as the result of a brief but glorious war against Spain loud mouthed rumors were heard in the land to the effect that the fertile acreage of the Filipino people would be "exploited" by American trust interests. Mr. Taft was sent to the islands and made such a record as a civil administrator that he has become president of the United States. For twelve years the islands have been ruled by Uncle Sam, who made efforts honest and earnest to prove that the prophets of exploitation were but as sounding brass. Now the cymbals have begun to tinkle. Vague hints of the onslaught of the corporate interests are heard. Congressman Martin is by no means the only person in official life who scents spoilation. The fact that his fellows in congress got a distinct whiff of the aroma is evidenced by their vote to create the committee of inquiry.

The friar lands of the archipelago have been looked upon with gloating eyes by certain interests in the United States ever since Uncle Sam paid Spain some millions of dollars for a few thousand islands which had been won in war. The settlement of the problem of the friar lands was vexatious and delicate. Somewhere between 400,000 and 500,000 acres was the combined area of the lands held by the four orders of friars or monks. For many years these lands had been filled by tenants, many of whom claimed ownership of the acres they occupied. Prior to American occupation there was much bloodshed over the matter. Priests were slain or imprisoned. Parish churches were closed for lack of parish priests. The Filipino natives rebelled.

Then came the United States into authority. What about the friars' holdings? That was the ticklish problem. Confiscation was proposed, but the United States has not been doing much in the confiscation line at any time since the establishment of the nation. The upshot was, after commissions named by the pope and by the United States government, that the friars' lands were purchased and made a part of the public domain.

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