

Dr. Beaumont glasses January 10th.

C. W. Hinton of Salem spent Saturday at the county seat.

Eva McDonald and little niece spent last week in Lincoln with relatives.

The Burlington has issued an order that all conductors must hereafter wear frock coats to be furnished by the company.

Over half the business and professional men of Falls City are wearing glasses fitted by Dr. Beaumont who comes again to Falls City January 10th.

Mr. R. A. Sterling representing the Genesee Pure Food Company of Le Roy, N. Y. was a pleasant caller at The Tribune office one day this week and before leaving presented the editor with two packages Jell-O Ice Cream Powder for making Ice Cream.

One of the best ways to widen the sphere of the Falls City spirit is to encourage every farmer to take a Falls City paper. By so doing they become imbued with those things which concern the city and become interested in the success of those things for which we should all labor.

M. E. Church. Services at the M. E. church next Sabbath as follows: 9:45 a. m., Sunday school.

Francis Knisely returned to Peru Tuesday after spending his vacation at home, to take up his school work again.

Harve Brannon is trying bachelor life while his wife and babies are visiting.

Rev. Brewer commenced a series of meetings at the Maple Grove church Sunday evening.

New Years Day being Frank Houtz's 58th birthday, about twenty of his relatives and friends gathered at his home and completely surprised him.

Born to Wm. Horstman and wife December 27, 1905, a son.

Ellis Houtz and wife came down from Verdun Sunday to attend the surprise party for his father.

Mrs. Geo. Johnston returned last Friday from Stella after a few days visit with a brother there.

Mrs. F. M. Shaffer was a guest at John Reischek Monday afternoon.

Geo. Peck and wife entertained J. W. Maust and wife of Strausville and their son E. T. Peck and family.

Noah Peck's returned home from St. Joseph last Wednesday.

Adam Schulenberg is quite sick.

Mrs. Neely of Kansas City visited at Mr. Houtz Monday.

Rev. Stouder and daughter Esta and Mollie were called to Emporia Kansas to the bedside of the former's daughter Mable last week, who is very ill with typhoid fever.

MINIATURE JAP GARDENS.

Made in This Country and Used to Decorate the Dinner Table for American Society.

The little Japanese gardens displayed in the windows of florists are made in this country, but by Japanese artists.

"We import the dwarf plants and trees used for the purpose from Japan," said one dealer to a New York Sun reporter.

"How much are they? The ones that you see here range from \$3 to \$6. We have more expensive ones. These are the \$6 ones in these round terracotta pots.

"Some people use them for jardiniere for the center of the dining table. The coloring is rich and good and the little gardens always interest people."

Only Japanese art could achieve these wonderful miniature gardens, many of them not more than eight inches across.

A perfect illusion of extensive landscape is won by the clever placing of the tiny dwarfed trees, the heartful twists given to weedy gravel paths, the carefully arranged vistas.

The smallest gardens are, as a rule, grown in little shallow porcelain dishes of pretty design and coloring. The larger gardens are grown in shallow earthenware pots, bowl shaped.

Flooded with bright sunshine the gardens show off to the best advantage.

"I love mine in the sunset light," says a woman who is so devoted to her garden that she has had a special high stand made for it to rest on in a bow window, where it may catch an admirable all round light.

"When dusk comes the garden is delightful, so dark and bosky and cool. And in the moonlight? Well, you just ought to see the moonlight on my garden, lightening up the dearest little white pagoda on the side of a steep hill.

"My garden's poetry to me all the time. Through it I keep sense of summer near me all through the winter months."

WAS HONEST IN POLITICS.

Mark Twain, Stumping for Hawley, Told Exactly What He Knew of the Famous General.

This is the way in which Mark Twain once introduced Gen. Joseph R. Hawley at a public meeting, according to the Hartford Times: "I see I am advertised to introduce the speaker of the evening, Gen. Hawley, of Connecticut, and I see it is the report that I am to make a political speech.

Gen. Hawley—That nominated Grant.

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WIVES WHO NEVER SPEAK.

Tales of Several Spouses Who, During Their Natural Existence, Remained Mute.

A Korean woman is not permitted to speak or nod on her wedding day, says the New York Herald. Should she transgress she at once becomes an object of ridicule and loses caste.

Although no such universal custom is prevalent in the western world, extraordinary cases are not wanting. In the early forties a Mrs. Jones, living in Pennsylvania, undertook, for a wager of \$150, to remain mute for the first month of her marriage.

On the anniversary of their wedding day a Brussels couple named Dupont quarreled so bitterly that the wife, in a burst of passion, swore that her husband should never again hear the sound of her voice.

A Brun woman whose husband was in hiding from the authorities inadvertently betrayed his whereabouts to a neighbor who was secretly in the pay of the police. As a result he was taken and received a term of imprisonment.

MINDS HIS OWN BUSINESS.

Youthful "Dude" Tourist Silences Stage Driver Who Hated to Be Interrogated.

Wallace Cummings used to drive the old stage which ran between Bridgton and Portland, says the Boston Herald. One day Wallace had as a passenger out of Portland a young city chap, or dude, as Wallace called him.

The old driver, who detested this sort of interrogation, stood it as long as he could. Finally he blurted out: "Say, stranger, if you'll mind your business I'll mind mine."

Thus snubbed, the young man relapsed into silence. They had driven about ten miles farther when they came to a long hill, where the driver was obliged to ply the brake.

Wallace stopped his horses; then, breaking the long silence, he said: "Say, stranger, did you see that mail bag slide off?"

The rest of the journey was driven in cold silence.

ODD RECORDS TO THE FORE

When One Cannot Be Famous Through Natural Sources, There Are Many Other Channels.

Those who fail to gain distinction through other means seem to seek oddity of performance, and every little while there appears a challenge from some "champion egg eater" or other freak.

The 40-quail-in-40-days performance has been outdone by a man who recently ate a whole goose each day for 30 days, the fowls weighing from six to eleven pounds.

A Paris couple recently waltzed without cessation for six and three-quarter hours, while an English actor danced all the way from London to Norwich.

The best club swinging record has been standing for 17 years, when 386 different combinations were shown in sixteen minutes and a quarter, 2,311 revolutions being required.

A score of 6,434 points was the result of a 24-hour endurance billiard match in Paris, the contestants covering 30 miles in walking around the table, and a violinist has played a combination of 4,800 notes in four and a quarter minutes, averaging 19 notes a second.

Reciting Dante's "Divine Comedy" from memory in 20 hours is another queer record, while others have gained fame through making 2,000 ham sandwiches in 19 hours and 40 minutes, dressing ten sheep in 33 minutes, 200 chickens in 44 minutes and killing and dry picking 103 geese in ten hours.

DURING AN OCEAN CALM.

Ship Rolls and Tosses, But Sails Cannot Get Enough Wind to Carry the Vessel.

All the afternoon the brig rolled on the long swells, which hourly grew heavier, says Century. They leaped against the horizon, swung onward beneath the keel, and swept past with the unrelenting persistency that seemed the embodiment of persistent hate.

SLAV'S RULER A BUSY MAN

Even in Time of Peace Czar Has More to Do Than Any Other Man in the World.

There is nowadays not a great deal of gaiety at the Russian court, says Century. The emperor is a very busy man; he probably has more to do, even in time of peace, than any other man in the world.

Simply Crazy.

"Happy, though married two days," was one of the many labels attached by practical jokers to the luggage of a newly married couple who left an English railway station the other day on their way to Canada.

ARE KITCHEN PERQUISITES.

Cooks and Stewards Who Get Commissions on Purchases Make Marketman Groan.

Perquisites for the head of the kitchen are matters to be mentioned with bated breath, says the New York Times. They are something that neither the cook, chef nor market man will allow, yet it is a well-known fact that in most large households the steward of the establishment, whoever that may be, makes a comfortable income in commissions.

"It was all right," groaned the marketman the other day, "when I allowed them 5 or 10 per cent. on the bills, but when they begin to demand 15 and 20 per cent. it looks serious."

At some of the bureaus where high-priced servants register they will not take one whom they know exacts commissions. There are few who are refused on that account, however, for, as stated, it is not a subject that is usually mentioned.

One family in New York absolutely refuses to allow anyone in its employ to receive commissions on household supplies purchased. They look into the matter carefully, and none is given.

There may be an understanding with the family that a commission is to be received, and the matter is then on as legitimate a basis as that of any other business.

INSURING AGAINST TWINS.

Underwriter Makes \$125 in Venture Which He Knew He Could Not Lose Out.

An English gentleman of limited means had married recently into a very prolific family, says Leslie's Monthly. There was prospect of an addition to his household.

"Twins," reflected the gentleman, "are much more expensive to support than one child." And he sent his broker to one of Lloyd's underwriters.

This somewhat threadbare tale shows fairly both sides of the game of insurance. The evident side is chance. The underwriter invited a loss of £973.15.0 for which he would have nothing to show.

The point of the story is that the lady presented her impecunious husband with one fine son. The underwriter, deducting, say £2 as the value of his time and his actuary's, set down a net profit of £245.0, for which he had advanced nothing—but the risk, science.

Still the Same.

"I met Dumley to-day for the first time in years. He hasn't changed much."

"O! he hasn't changed at all, but he doesn't seem to realize it." "How do you mean?" "O! he's forever talking about 'what a fool he used to be.'"—Catholic Standard and Times.

ORIGINALITY IS A POWER.

By Fostering This Characteristic One May Attain Great Things in Life.

There are a thousand people who will do faithfully what they are told to one who can lay out a programme or execute it; a thousand who can only follow to one who can lead.

Whatever your work in life, do not follow others. Do not imitate. Do not do things just as everybody else has done them before, but in new, ingenious ways.

Resolve that, whether you accomplish much or little in the world, it shall be original—your own. Do not be afraid to assert yourself in an original way.

There is nothing else which will kill the creative faculty and paralyze growth more quickly than following precedents in everything, and doing everything in the same old way. I have known progressive young men to stop growing, become hopelessly ratty, and lose all their progressiveness by going into their fathers' stores, factories or places of business, where everything was done in the same old-fashioned way.

How many of our business houses are weighted down with machinery, old, antiquated methods, ponderous bookkeeping, and out-of-date appliances, when new devices, or new methods, with short-cut way of doing things, would enable them to economize greatly on room and get along with less help; but they cling to the old with a fatal tenacity.

This is why so many old concerns, which have been strong and powerful for generations, gradually shrink, shrivel, get into ruts, and fail, while their newer competitors, the bright young men who have gone out from these houses, do things in a new way, adopt up-to-date methods, keep up with the times, and go on to greater success.

WOMEN WASTE VITAL FORCE

Fair Sex Loses Much Nervous Energy Through Errors Which Might Easily Be Avoided.

Women (according to a lady doctor) lose much nervous force through errors which might be easily avoided.

One notable instance is seen in their manner of walking. Many women have an uneven gait, a nervous, jerky step that jars the whole body and keeps most of the muscles tense and drawn.

A good way of correcting a bad walk is to carry a waltz tune in the mind, and keep step to it as far as possible without actually dancing. After a time the walk will become regular and buoyant, and the habit once formed, there is no occasion of continuing the device of keeping step to a tune.

Women lose much of their vitality in needless excitement and in misplaced sympathies. Their emotions are easily drawn upon, and instead of reserving their powers for important occasions, they dissipate them on the smallest provocation.

Chinese Cotton Mills.

Thirteen hours and a half constitute the working day of a Chinese mill hand in the cotton factories, night shifts working but ten hours. In spite of the long hours the pay is very small, the best workers receiving but 12 cents a day.