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IOWA ITEMS, Iowa college at Grinnell figures up its loss by the recent tornado at \$90,000.

The old settlers of Lee county hold their annual reunion at Fort Madison, August 24.

A state convention of Iowa mutes will be held in Des Moines September 6th.

The lawyers get a good slice out of the B. F. Allen estate at Des Moines, as over \$77,000 have already been allowed for attorneys' fees and court expenses.

An Iowa man has written a letter to Warden Crocker, at Washington, in which he says he will give \$1,000 toward the Garfield Memorial hospital if he is allowed admission to the jail next Friday to see Gutzman.

About 5 o'clock on the morning of the 22d the bank building of Scribner, Burroughs & Co., at Cherokee was struck by lightning, and the five young men sleeping in the building got up without being called. No one hurt.

The \$30,000 appropriated by the state being insufficient to carry out the needed improvements at the state normal school, the citizens of Cedar Falls generously propose to donate the \$5,000 or \$6,000 which is lacking.

The scholars of the Mt. Pleasant high school presented their superintendent, Prof. Hunt, with an elegant gold watch on the last day of school.

The committee appointed by the grand lodge of Iowa Masons to purchase the Masonic library of the late R. F. Bower were in the city yesterday and concluded negotiations for it. The price paid was \$4,000 cash. The library will be taken to Iowa City.

In Harrison county a young fellow named Francis M. Board married Mrs. Julia A. Wight without waiting for the latter to get a divorce from her first husband.

Mrs. J. R. Patterson, of Buchanan, has been held to answer for poisoning her husband in May last. An investigation showed the presence of strychnine in the stomach, but it is doubtful if the wife administered it.

In Shelby county a few days since Luke Hawkins shot and killed Joseph Cummings. The latter was drunk and had fired his way into Hankins' house, drove out the woman and children and threatened to murder the whole outfit.

Patrick Forbes, a saloon keeper at Prairieburg, Linn county, has been bound over on the charge of killing his wife. It is charged that the defendant, about a year ago, in one of his quarrelsome moods, struck his wife with a lighted kerosene lamp, and her clothing became saturated with its contents.

Excitement in the Lime Kiln Club, Detroit Free Press. There was great excitement in Paradise hall as the members began to assemble. The Calvert Lithograph company had for weeks been engaged in getting out a chromo entitled: "Passing the Bean Box in Paradise Hall."

Waydown Babe's eyes glared with enthusiasm as he stood and contemplated the work of art, and turning to the Rev. Penstock he softly whispered: "We don't look so beautiful as angels, but their benign expressions can't be beaten."

Various other members indulged in flattering remarks, and when brother Gardner entered the hall there was hardly a dry eye in the house. He stood in front of the picture in earnest contemplation for a few minutes, and then walked to his accustomed seat and opened the meeting by saying:

"It pays to be good. Don't be too good, but be just good 'nuff. Christopher Columbus discovered America, but has he ever been put in a chromo? He was too good. Cap. Kidd, de pirate nubber even had his photograph on sale. Why? 'Case he was too bad. My advice to you is to hit de happy neutral ground between Columbus an' Kidd. One was too good to want to knock somebody's head off arter stubbing his toe on a stone; de other was too bad to subscribe for a religious publication. As I told you in a former lecture, be purty good on de whole and a little bad on de average. If you hit a hot wallet, don't give it up till you have counted de money in it an' have de best of proof dat somebody los' it. If you lose yer own wallet, don't expect any better from de finder. Dean! be profane, an' 'jit don't hesitate to give de English language full sweep when you catch a boy gridin' yer apple trees. Honor your fader and your mudder, but don't lend de ole man any money unless you have good security. Come down liberally to erect churches, but if you have any brick to sell ask de contractor first price. Do yer duty by orphan asylums, but don't board any orphans for less dan three dollars a week. Love your nuybar an'

thysel, but see dat he returns yer shovel an' spade an' rake in good order or make him pay de retail price. Be honest, but don't let a grocer imagine dat you buy a quart box of strawberries expectin' to get ober a pint an' a half. Obey de law, but don't clean out yer alley unless yer nuybar does. Be seen often at church, but don't argue dat de preacher knows de aigo de world an' de area of Heben any better dan lots of odder folks. Support de cause of eddication, an' yit remember dat some of our biggest fools an' people who have bin stuffed full of it. Wid dese few impervious injections to assimilate de general incongruity of astronomy we will endeavor to disparage de similitude of de syntax."

This was probably thrown out for the benefit of the Rev. Penstock. That individual had been an attentive listener, and he was on his feet before the president closed.

"Did you wish to move de previous question?" softly inquired Brother Gardner.

"No, sah, I desired to—"

"Your desire an' cutter order, sah, an' you will please drap back! You needn't stoop down hard 'nuff to bring down de roof, but I want to feel a jar with your strike."

Penstock sighed deeply and fell back, and the secretary announced that the next thing on the programme was the election of candidates.

Truth and Honor. Query:—What is the best family medicine in the world to regulate the bowels, purify the blood, remove coarseness and biliousness, aid digestion and tone up the whole system? Truth and honor compels us to answer, Hop Bitters, being pure, perfect and harmless.—Toledo Blade.

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