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MINOR MENTION.

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A. J. Dyer, ex-captain of police, has been appointed night watchman at the Wabash yards.

J. J. Bolin has been appointed to patrol duty and was yesterday assigned a beat on Middle Broadway.

A meeting of the Chautauqua executive committee will be held this evening at the office of H. H. Van Brunt.

John Vannoude was arrested yesterday afternoon for beating his wife at the family residence on Benton street.

The night patrolmen have been furnished with dark lanterns with instructions to let their light shine in all dark places.

The young ladies of St. Paul's church will give a party in the Royal Arcanum hall Monday evening, April 7. Everybody invited.

The Married Ladies' Social Knitting club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. F. B. Warner, 545 Washington avenue. All members are requested to be present.

Dr. M. J. Bellinger yesterday took out a permit to erect a $6,000 hospital in Benson's second addition. Pat Sharkey also secured a permit to erect a $1,300 cottage in Park addition.

The cases of State vs Maher and Ritchie for carrying concealed weapons, resisting an officer and assault with intent to do great bodily injury has been set for trial in Justice Barnett's court tomorrow.

The case of the United States vs C. H. Converse for sending obscene matter through the mail was submitted to the jury in the federal court yesterday, and a verdict of not guilty was returned about 3 o'clock.

Miss Reynolds, the state secretary of the Young Women's Christian association, is in the city. She will give an address this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Baptist chapel. She has the reputation of being a very interesting speaker.

Judge Deemer went through the district court docket yesterday and cut out several of the old legal chestnuts that have been hanging fire for some time. Several of them were cases brought by A. Overton against the liquor sellers.

The uniform rank, Knights of Pythias, will give a select party at their hall this evening, to which their friends are cordially invited. Tickets admitting gentleman and ladies, 50 cents. Arrangements have been made for a very enjoyable time.

Leonard Everette, J. F. Kimball, F. H. Hill, F. Wies, E. L. Shugart, S. Eiseman, E. W. Hart, George Metcalf, William Arnd, J. C. Mitchell, C. R. Hannan and Chris Straub represented Pottawattamie county at the anti-prohibition republican convention in session at Des Moines yesterday.

Easter Sunday will be fully observed next Sunday in the Congregational church. In the morning an appropriate sermon will be preached by the pastor. In the evening a pleasing concert will be given, consisting of anthems by the Orpheus quartette, solos, songs by the children and recitations.

The district court grand jury has been empanelled and set to work. There are about twenty cases to be investigated by them this term. The jurors are: William Champlin, Minden; Joseph Hancock, Garner; E. Carter, Rockford; B. R. Chambers, Hardin; J. K. Annis, Washington; A. W. Wyman, Keg Creek.

Sam Johnson was fined $8.10 yesterday morning for intoxication and B. Graves was assessed $9.60 for a similar offense. M. J. Norton had likewise overloaded and was fined $8.10. Another information was filed against him charging him with resisting an officer, but the charge was not sustained and he was released.

Joseph Anton and John Echan, a couple of peddlers from Damascus, were taken before Judge McGee to explain why they had not secured a license. The matter was finally arranged satisfactorily, and the dark browed strangers departed, first receipting for their effects on the police register in cabalistic characters that excited the curiosity of all beholders.

The athletic exhibition on April 11 by the gymnasium classes will include a full musical programme, both vocal and instrumental, in addition to the gymnastic work. Mrs. Evans, and Mrs. Sherman in a duet, Perry and Frank Badolet in a duet, Willie Murphy in a solo, and the Orpheus quartette in new selections compose a programme which may be enjoyed by all.

David Mooney was yesterday tried before Justice Barnett for the larceny of $15 from Herman Strate, in whose market he was employed. Mooney was tried before Justice Schurz on Tuesday for embezzlement, but the charge would not stick, and another information was filed for larceny. The case was then removed to Barnett's court on a change of venue, and after a very short examination the defendant was discharged.

Deputy Sheriff Campbell of Mills county was in the city yesterday serving subpoenas in the case of the State vs George Gerspacher and J. Sullivan, arrested for burglarizing the store of Mr. Klonsbein at Malvern on the night of March 25. The cases will be heard today before Justice Barnes of Glenwood. Mr. Campbell claims the state has a good case, and he is firmly of the belief that both defendants will be held to await the action of the Mills county grand jury.

The disbarment case against Colonel D. B. Dailey in the federal court came to naught, and has been dismissed. The plaintiff, Mrs. Eliza Slack, claimed that the defendant failed to turn over money he had collected for her, which the defendant admitted, but said that he had a claim against her for more than that amount for services rendered. The case was compromised on the outside, and there was nothing left for the court to do in the matter.

The second floor of the city jail is being put in first class order and fitted up for the use of the police department. Private offices are being partitioned off, and everything is being cleaned up and repainted. At best these quarters are really needed for other purposes. For this reason a move is on foot to have another story added to the patrol house, to be fitted up for police headquarters, and as several of the aldermen favor the idea it is very probable that the work will be done.

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Dr. H. S. West, porcelain crown and bridge work, No. 12 Pearl.

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S. B. Wadsworth & Co., 207 Pearl street, loan money for Lombard Investment company.

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E. A. Spooner has removed his shoe store to No. 31 Main street. He has an elegantly fitted up place and a splendid stock of goods ready to meet his friends and all other people who want good goods and low prices.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Miss Anna Haniphan of Weston is visiting Mrs. N. O'Brien.

George Batty of Portsmouth, Ia., was in the city yesterday.

Miss Kate Champlin of Boone is a guest of Mrs. F. B. Warner.

W. R. Raymond is home from Grinnell, where he has been attending school.

Misses May Campbell and Vera Foss of Missouri Valley are visiting Miss Ella Young of this city.

Josiah Danforth has returned from Hot Springs, Ark., where he has been for the past three weeks.

Mrs. W. J. Burns and baby of Spokane Falls, Wash., are here on a visit to her sister-in-law, Miss Katie Burns.

Mrs. M. Krammer and daughter of Creston are visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. J. Carothers, No. 1120 Third avenue.

J. M. Matthews has resigned his position on the Nonpareil, and and accepted another as bookkeeper for the Globe Publishing company.

Herman Buerdorf, formerly in business here with L. Kirscht, left last evening for Lemforde, Germany, his old home. He will be absent about six months, and his many friends will wish him a prosperous voyage and safe return. His visit completed he will probably re-engage in business here.

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Finest photo gallery in the west—Sherraden's new place, 43 and 45 Main street.

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The gasoline stove is more dangerous than the unloaded gun. Save life and property by using the C. B. Gas and Electric Light Co.'s gas stove.

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J. C. Bixby, steam heating, sanitary engineer, 943 Life building, Omaha; 202 Merriam block, Council Bluffs.

THE NEWS IN THE BLUFFS

Aldermen Say Reform Is Necessary in the Fire Department.

PUSHING THE CREAMERY SCHEME.

The Second Annual Art Exhibit—A Series of Runaways—A Very Healthy Showing—The Plumbers' Ball.

Charles Nicholson, the belligerent assistant fire chief, gave himself up at police headquarters yesterday morning. The case against him for assault and battery was called, but he was not ready for trial and the case was continued until today. The indications are that Nicholson has "put his foot in it" to a very considerable depth. He was laid off yesterday for ten days by Chief Walters—at least the chief made an unsuccessful attempt to lay him off, but Nicholson stated that his job suited him first-rate, and he would hang on to it for a while longer. There is a probability, however, that he will find his pay about ten days short at the end of the month. Whether any other action will be taken is not yet decided.

It was reported yesterday that the fire committee would investigate the case this morning. Chairman Caspar of that committee was seen and asked about the matter. He denied that any such action would be taken. "In the first place," said he, "I want it understood that I am not pledged to Nicholson or anybody else. As far as that matter is concerned I have not expressed myself. I have stated that I did not think it advisable to make a sweeping change in the department all at once, and I still hold to that belief. As to investigating this assault case, that is something that the fire committee has nothing to do with. The chief of the department appoints and discharges men, and he can discharge Nicholson if he wants to. Of course if Nicholson should then demand an investigation the fire committee would then be in a position to look into the matter, but at present it is outside of our jurisdiction. In this connection I may state that I don't think that the rules governing the department are quite what they should be, and I shall introduce an ordinance touching upon this matter at our next meeting. The new chief will be appointed then, and it will be as well for him to begin under the new rules at the start. Things have not been running just as they should and the department needs a general bracing up all around."

Alderman Lacy, another member of the fire committee, was also seen, and he expressed himself very plainly. Said he: "We need stricter discipline in the fire department. This man Nicholson ought to be kicked out. He has made more trouble in the department in the last two years than all the rest of the men put together. This isn't his first offense by a good deal, for he has been mixed up in five or six fights that I know of. How long would he keep that up in any other city? Every little while he gets drunk and raises the devil, and it has been overlooked altogether too long. It is spoiling the department and ought to be stopped. I am getting tired of hearing some of these ellows kick. They couldn't earn $1.50 a days anywhere else, but they get into the department at $65 or $70 a month, and then put in their time kicking up a general fuss. We all know that a fireman's life is dangerous and all that, but these men don't have to take the place if they don't like it, and it comes with very poor grace to have them trying all the time to break up the department. We must have better discipline and that is all there is to it."

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Easter bargains for this week at the Boston Store:

Lace bordered and colored hemstitched handkerchiefs, 10 and 12½ cents, now for 5 cents.

A lot embroidered hemstitched handkerchiefs, from 12½ to 19 cents, this week for 10 cents.

The latest novelty—A complete line of black Pongee and China silk handkerchiefs, bargains marked 58, 69, 95 cents, and $1.19.

Kid Gloves—Call and get our prices, lower than ever. We carry a full line of the genuine Foster gloves, black and colors, in dressed and undressed. Special prices $1, $1.25, $1.50 and $1.75. All the above goods guaranteed.

Corsets—We call your attention to the new line of summer corsets at 45 and 58 cents. A guaranteed corset for 69 cents worth $1.

Ribbons—Five thousand yards of No. 5 and 7 ribbons, in colors only, to go at 2 cents a yard, worth 7 and 10 cents.

We show all the latest novelties in Scotch clan tartan and a choice line of plaids.

Two hundred boxes ruching in Vandyke, Directoire, in white, cream and tints; special this week, 19 cents a yard. Some of the above goods sold at 25, 50 and 75 cents.

BOSTON STORE,
Council Bluffs.

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Helping the Farmers.

At the board of trade meeting Tuesday evening the proposed creamery was the principal subject discussed and a serious interest was manifested. The very strong report in favor of the enterprise made by the investigating committee, Messrs. Waite, Champ and Officer, was considered and unanimously adopted. Messrs. E. H. Sheafe, William Siedentoph and others spoke in favor of an immediate and vigorous effeort to raise the balance of the required stock. All of the speakers dwelt upon the urgent necessity of doing something to help the farmers and claimed that this could best be accomplished by establishing a good creamery at Council Bluffs. Mr. Briggs, the creamery man who it is expected will operate the factory when it is completed was called upon and briefly addressed the board. He stated that the advantages of the separator system consisted in obtaining nearly twice as much butter, worth, in the market, more than twice as much per pound than is obtained by the average farmer from the same quantity of milk. This makes the value of a cow's product about four times as much as when handled by the old method. This accounts for the statement in the state dairy commissioner's report that the value of a cow's product in Jones county is about $50, while in this county the average is about $12 per cow. Jones county has forty-four separator creameries, while this county has none. The farmers of Jones, Delaware and other creamery counties are prosperous and out of debt, while the farmers of the more fertile fields of Pottawattamie are having a financial struggle.

There are today over twenty thousand cows in this county. If their product could be handled in separator factories, it would average at least $40 per head for an annual aggregate of $800,000.

As it is handled the cows do not average over $12 each, or an aggregate of $240,000—a net loss of $560,000 per annum.

Besides this, if a system is introduced which will make the cows pay, your farmers will soon have two or three times as many of them.

The business men are in duty bound to furnish their farming community the best possible market for their farm products; this cannot be done without a first-class separator creamery.

Speaking of the creamery stock as an investment Mr. Briggs stated that he felt positive that it would pay, and pay well. He had agreed that he would superintend the factory upon the basis that the stock was to receive a dividend of 15 per cent, before he should be entitled to any salary. That he considered this a guaranty of 15 per cent to the stockholders, as he had no ambition to donate a year's salary.

The following committee was then elected by the board to solicit and obtain the balance of the stock: Louis Hammer, chairman; F. A. Conover, Jacob Neumayer, Simon Eisman and John Beno.

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We want you to list your rental property with us and we will secure you good, reliable tenants. Rents collected and special attention given to care of property. E. H. Sheafe & Co., Broadway and Main st., up stairs.

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of fine watches and jewelry in the city, and the place to buy the best goods at the lowest prices, is the establishment without rivals, the most reliable firm of

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From Editor to Evangelist.

F. L. Hayden has tendered his resignation as editor of the Globe, to take effect next Saturday night. His successor has not yet been appointed. It is rumored that the change is the result of a disagreement between

the editor of the paper and the management. Mr. Hayden states that he desires to enter a different field of work, having taken a great interest in the temperance movement since the Murphy meetings were held in the city a short time ago, and as he is president of the Temperance Reform club, desires to give more time to the work. He made application for the position of secretary of the Young Men's Christian association, at the request of the executive committee of the association, and it is stated that he will be appointed at the committee meeting next Monday evening. Mr. Hayden is a very affable and social gentleman, and would undoubtedly make the association a popular and efficient secretary.

Look at This.

There is no necessity for ladies who have not the means, or do not desire to pay the fancy prices usually asked, to wear anything but the best shoes if they will call at the "Boot Upside down" shoe store on North Main street. They will find the highest grade of goods at prices cut in two, and the largest line in the city to select from. Here are a few items:

Ladies' lace and button hand-turned French kid Oxfords $1.00, worth $1.75, and $1.75 worth $2.50.

Ladies' French kid hand-turned button shoe at $3.00, worth $5.00.

The best line of ladies', children's and misses' fine shoes in the city at just one-half regular prices.

A genuine French kid shoe at $2.50, in common sense last only, worth $4.50.

The same prices rule in gentlemen's shoes. Edwin C. Clapp's genuine hand-turned eight and nine shoes, French calf, cordivan and kangaroo, in all styles, sizes and widths, at $5.50. No better shoes made. We satisfy all tastes and save money to all customers. No. 25 Main street.

The Annual Art Exhibit.

The Council Bluffs Art association is preparing to make its second annual exhibit. The succes, that attended the first effort a year ago has encouraged the organization to repeat the effort on a broader scale, and with some new features. It is determined that exhibitors shall show only their own productions, and but one or two of these. By this careful selection only the best pieces of work will be exhibited. W. W. Chapman has kindly tendered the use of his rooms. The lighting here is fine, and all work can be shown to the best advantage. The date and other details of the exposition will be announced later.

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Choice residence property centrally located for sale by E. H. Sheafe & Co.

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For sale, on account of sickness, J. Dickey's general merchandise stock, located on Broadway, Council Bluffs, will be sold at a discount for cash or trade for good unincumbered city or Omaha property. Address Duquette & Co., Council Bluffs.

A Dearth of Sickness.

"I see by some of the papers that we are having a great deal of sickness just at present," said Dr. C. H. Pinney yesterday, "but I can't see it in that light. I know that I had fewer cases in the city last week than during any week since I have been practicing here. I had several cases in the country, and some of them were quite severe, but the city is very free from sickness just now. It has been so all winter. The records at both the hospitals show that they have not had half as many patients as they had during the winter of 1888-89, and the county physician tells me that he has not prescribed for half the cases this winter that he did a year ago. I tell you this has been a very healthy winter. There has been lots of talk about the influenza, or grip, but the fact is there hasn't been a case in the city. The genuine influenza attacks strong men as well as weak, and it also takes hold of horses in the form of epizootic as it did in 1872, but we haven't had any of it this year. We had a pleasant, open winter until along in January, and then when that sudden cold snap came folks were wearing light clothing and going without their arctics, and the first thing they knew they were laid up with colds, and then we heard that everybody had the grip. Nine cases out of ten were common, everyday colds, and the others were not Russion influenza. We have had some pneumonia, and several cases of diphtheria, but to say that we had a sickly winter is all moonshine. I tell you that this is an unusually healthy city, and at present, as well as during the past few months, it has been even more healthy than usual."

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The Manhattan sporting headq'rs, 418 B-way.

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J. G. Tipton, real estate, 527 Broadway.

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Important to Horsemen: Large line horse and turf goods. Probstle, 552 B—y, C. B.

A Corner on Runaways.

Yesterday was a day of exciting runaways. The first was at noon, when N. W. Williams' team dashed up Bancroft street and headed straight across Broadway. They struck the corner of Maurer's china store, and narrowly escaped going through the large plate glass window into a costly lot of china. Both horses were thrown to the sidewalk and were secured. The sidewalk was somewhat torn up, but no other damage was done. The shock was so great that it shook the building, and the mark of the collision was left on the heavy stone pillar at the corner of the structure.

Shortly afterward a milkman's team indulged in a free and easy go-as-you-please on Washington avenue, and milk cans and milk plainly marked the course taken by the runaways.

Scarcely had the excitement subsided when a pair of bronchos started down Broadway for their share of the fun. They were stopped near the corner of Main street before any damage was done.

About 5:30 a farmer's team took a spin on South Mrin street. They collided with a lamp post at the corner of Ninth avenue and Fourth street, wrecking the wagon and smashing the post and the letter box attached. No one was injured.

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Several desirable dwellings with modern improvements for rent in vicinity of the Presbyterian church. E. H. Sheafe & Co., rental agents.

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Drs. Woodbury have removed their dental office to 101 Pearl street, up stairs.

Marr Decided to Appeal.

Hank Marr, who runs a dive near the water works pumping station on Lower Broadway, had a hearing before Judge McGee yesterday on a charge of assault and battery. The prosecuting witness was David Brown, who appeared with both eyes on crutches. He alleged that the job of artistic frescoing was done by Marr. The defendant pleaded not guilty, but after hearing the evidence the court held that the prisoner was guilty as charged and fined him $50 and costs. The bond for appeal was fixed at $100, which was given by the defendant, and he will have the case heard again. He was defended by William Sears and Judge Aylesworth. County Attorney Organ conducted the prosecution.

BURLINGTON ROUTE.

Home Seekers Excursions.

The Burlington route, C., B. & Q. R. R., will sell from principal stations on its line on Tuesdays, April 22 and May 20, home seekers' excursion tickets at half rates to points in the farming regions of the west, southwest and northwest. For tickets and further information concerning these excursions call on your nearest C., B. & Q. ticket agent, or address P. S. Eustis, general passenger and ticket agent, Chicago, Ill.

The Plumbers Will Dance.

Next Monday evening the first annual ball of the Council Bluffs plumbers will take place at Masonic temple. Dalbey's band will furnish music for the occasion. A programme of twenty-four numbers has been prepared, and the dance will be under the direction of the following committees:

Arrangements—John Moran, Dennis Harmer, Thomas Rich, Robert Smith and Walter Stephans.

Floor—Jack Smith, Will Jeffries, Wallace Miller, Al Bowers, Al White and George Worsley.

Reception—Fred Rapp, Al Sales, W. Beecroft and Bert Hoon.

Walter Stephan will act as master of ceremonies.

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St. Patrick's Pills have given me better satisfaction than any others.—M. H. Proudfoot, Druggist, Granada, Colorado.

SOME STORIES OF SHERIDAN.

Incidents Showing the Courage and Humor of Little Phil.

THE RIDE TO WINCHESTER.

How Buchanan Read's Famous Poem Came to Be Written—The Battle of Mission Ridge—Over the Breast Works.

Theodore R. Davis, the artist, holds dearly the warm friendship between him and General Sheridan which marked their association during and since the war, says the Indianapolis Journal. The news that the gallant soldier was near his end led the artist to remark that he felt bluer than he had at any time since Logan died. "When Sheridan is gone," he continued, "it leaves a gap not to be filled and hard to be forgotten. My mind goes back to old Chattanooga days when James E. Murdoch, the tragedian (God bless him), made his home with Sheridan, then a division commander, but Murdoch was the guest of the army. He had lost his son the September previous at Chickamauga. Then he abandoned the stage and devoted his whole time to the hospital, the convalescents and the camps. On Sundays, in the afternoon, standing on the hillside near Sheridan's headquarters, he read the Bible and the Lord's prayer, not to hundreds, but to thousands of the boys, who stood with bared heads and paid reverent attention to a rendering of the holy scriptures more grand than one who was not a listener can conceive of. Imagine 8,000 or 10,000 veterans of the army of the Cumberland, quiet, peaceful, and Murdoch carrying their minds and thoughts through chosen passages of the holy scriptures. Sheridan frequently spoke of this. It was among the memories of his army life one of the bright points."

"The friendship between these two men continued long and fervent, did it not?" the reporter asked.

"Yes; no relations of man to man could be closer. Here is a story over which both Sheridan and Murdoch have had many a hearty laugh. My quarters in Chattanooga, in the winter of 1863, were in a two-story frame building, once painted white. The court house today stands on the site. Well, the lower story was occupied by Generals Johnson and Elliott, the upper story was mine, and Sheridan said it was remarkably clever in me to let those fellows have rooms down stairs, even if they were commanding officers. James Walker, the battle painter, was my guest, and the place was the rendezvous of a great many genial spirits—genial, I said, not ardent. Generals, colonels, captains and journalists all sauntered in, expecting to meet friends, or to inquire the whereabouts of some command or person. Well, one day, among others, the general—that is, Sheridan—and Murdoch and some others, I have forgotten now whom, were in. The general sat by the window, and presently called our attention, a grim, smile spreading over his countenance, to something that was going on beneath the window. A collection of the colored adjuncts of the army—officers' servants—were making a few remarks. One of the boys, a servant of a colonel, was presuming upon his rank because of that of his master. He wos immediately taken to task as follows: "What is I hearin,' de streets whar it ain't mud is colonels, dey is so thick dey is troublin'?' Just then the speaker was interrupted. 'Don't you, niggah, tire me,' said the servant of a well known major-general. 'As for brigadier generals, dey is mostly like de colonel, and I want you niggahs to know fo' now dat de rank you speak ob am too modrit fo' so much jaw as you is now makin'. You know who I is now, do you? an' I want you to.' This was evidently a squelcher, but Alex, my chestnut brunette, whose confidence in himself was only equalled by his admirable personal pluck, spoke out: 'I hab paid attention to what I'se heard, an' I'm jist gwine to mention dat I called you gentlemen—mebbe I ought not to—but I wishes you to frow yer eye all about, look, now den, dat gen'rals is comin' we know. We hab been told so. Now is you lookin' ober de army, you is? Den whar do you find anoder artis' 'cept Mr. Davis? I is the rankest niggah in de whole army.' Sheridan said, bursting with laughter and poking his head out at the window, 'Alex, you are right,' and that boy took it as a compliment, for he turned coolly around to his listeners. 'Don't you see General Sheridan knows it hisse'f?'"

"Are you conversant with the writing of 'Sheridan's Ride?'"

"Yes. I went home after Atlanta fell, tired down by the 100 days of marching and the 100 days of fighting, and the 100 nights of but little sleep, and after a short rest started from New York to join Sherman before he cut loose. Going through the press room of the Harper's I took a yet unpublished Weekly from the press. On its front page was Sol Eytinge's drawing, 'Sheridan's Ride to the Front.' Reaching Cincinnati early one morning, Tom Saunders of the Burnet house said to me: "You're just in time. An ovation is to be given to Murdoch tonight at Pike's opera house. You know he has so disinterestedly devoted himself to the army that his friends wish to give him something substantial as a tribute of their respect and affection. Go around to Garrett's. You can spare the time, and take this afternoon's train.' Well, I went to Garrett's, Buchanan Read's home. Murdoch, Read, Garrett, Brannan and, I think, two others besides myself were the party at the breakfast table. The conversation turned on the army and ovation, Murdoch expressing regret that he could not come forward with something fresh. The thought of the Weekly in my overcoat pocket sent me from the table in quest of it. Handing it to Murdoch he glanced at it a moment, then rising and pointing to the illustration he said: 'Read, my boy, here it is.' Taking the paper Read looked thoughtfully at the illustration, made one of his ever-ready puns—he was a most inveterate punster, you know—said, 'If Alice, his wife, will make me a pot of tea I will write you a poem which will suit you to a T,' and he presently left us with his little pot of steaming tea in one hand and his Harper's Weekly in the other. He was back in the room before we left the table—not a long time—probably none of us then present who are now alive can say precisely how long. When Read returned with his poem he suggusted to Murdoch that a fair copy be made by Mrs. Read, but Murdoch preferred to read from the original manuscript, and he did that night. While I was on my way toward the army, Murdoch read the poem to a glorious audience and told in brief the story of its origin. Read wrote me that hot cakes were mentioned in connection with the statement, that is, the one that Murdoch made. General Sheridan did not learn these facts in full until the summer of 1866, when I passed six weeks as his guest in the big house on the corner of Fletcher road and Coliseum street, his home in New

Orleans. We were the sole occupants, except the servants, and, although it was midsummer, it was enjoyable. By the way, I made a sketch of old Rienzi with all his trappings then. It is to be used in some of the subsequent Century articles. The general was writing his report, now published as a part of the conduct of the war, and it was my first opportunity of obtaining the details of his work in the valley and the final struggle behind Petersburg."

"Give another recollection of the general that will show the innate worth of his character."

"The general's interest in the battle of Mission Ridge was very great. You know the first battle pictures painted in Mr. Wehner's studio were those of Mission Ridge, and for these, as well as of the pictures of Atlanta, I was responsible. Late one Sunday evening, seated near the door of the office of the cyclorama building in Chicago, I was looking at some notes concerning this very Atlanta picture. A stout figure, clad in gray, walked quietly to the office window, put a shockingly bad umbrella out of his hand for a moment, in order to reach for the 50 cents admittance fee. The umbrella attracted my attention at first. Glancing up, I saw who it belonged to, and the owner of the umbrella was hurried past the ticket taker without the need of the usual card. Sheridan dreaded a recognition on the platform, and more than once hurried away from Mission Ridge when persons who were visiting the cyclorama recognized him. Those present on this Sunday night did not recognize Mr. Smith, as I took occasion to frequently call him, and presently we had the platform to ourselves. It is my impression that this was the general's last visit of his many to this, to him, interesting scene. Looking off along the ridge which spreads from the cyclorama platform southward, he said: 'What a scene! Today this would be an impossibility. Improvements in weapons—small arms particularly—have brought us to the necessity, almost, of having shield bearers to protect our riflemen, as the archers in olden times were protected in storming a castle. No troops would live to reach this crest as we did on that day. Do you know my loss in officers in my own small division was greater than the loss of the whole French army in the battle of Solfernio? Perhaps I can account for it. Did you ever know how I fixed those fellows I found skulking not long after Murfreesboro.' They—three of them—officers in full uniform, dropped out and took cover when they expected we were going to have a fight, and we didn't. I ordered them under arrest quietly, and the next day I drew the division up in a hollow square and put my tender gentlemen in the center. Now, I am not good at making a speech, and never was in fact, but my men understood what I said, and they did not forget it. I told the skulkers that I would not bemean an officer or a soldier of my command enough to touch them, and I really thought I ought to apologize to my colored boy for asking him to tear off their shoulder straps. The shoulder straps came off, however, and my loss of officers at Mission Ridge may be partly accounted for, you see, for a man is not likely to be hit if he doesn't go where there is danger.'

"Speaking of his personal movement in the assault at Mission Ridge, General Sheridan said: 'You see, it was a hard climb for old Rienzi, and, when I reached the crest on his back, the breastworks were too high for him, tired as he was, to jump them, so I moved southward along the line of breastworks filled with the enemy. I thought they would kill me every minute, as I was away from my men, who were pouring over the breastworks, where they struck them. I've always been much obliged to those fellows for not shooting. They were good enough to turn the butts of their muskets toward me, showing that they gave it up. If I could have seen the ground that night as we see it now there would have been some changes in the official reports.'"

"Did Sheridan ride over the breastworks at that battle?"

"Persons who were present have said that he did not. In fact, I have seen a panorama where he was represented on foot, lost in some huckleberry bushes, and being found by a staff officer, not his own, whom the general said he did not see during the day. This letter, which you are welcome to copy, will give the general's own statement, which is as clear and concise as it is his usual habit to make such things. Here it is:

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11, 1885.

DEAR FRIEND—The fact of the case is that in the storming of Missionary Ridge I was mounted, and rode over the breastworks crowning the crest of the ridge at a point perhaps 400 yards south of Bragg's headquarters. The left of Wagner's brigade was at this point.

I have always taken special pride in the conduct of my command at Missionary Ridge, Cedar Creek, Five Forks and Sailors' Creek.

Yours truly,
P. H. SHERIDAN, Lieutenant General.
To Theo. R. Davis, Auburn Park, N. J.

"Well, I could tell a book full of reminiscences of Sheridan, but that's a plenty now. They will be all known some day."

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ENTERPRISE IN JAMAICA.

Americans Taking a Leading Part—Obstacles to Be Overcome.

American enterprise has not hitherto extended, to any great extent, to the West Indies, writes a correspondent from Porus, Jamaica, to the New York Tribune. It is being felt in Jamaica and is welcomed by the people, who are rather surprised at the promptness of plan and rapidity of execution displayed, in marked contrast with the sluggishness characteristic of the tropics, where the spur of the necessity of keeping the wolf from the door is scarcely felt.

A New York syndicate completed on January 1 the purchase from the Jamaica government the present sixty-five miles of railroad extending from Kingston, the present capital, to Porus, and from Spanishtown, the old capital, to Ewarton. The price was $4,000,000, of which $500,000 was paid down, the rest to remain on bond and mortgage. The syndicate has contracted to extend the lines from Porus to Montego Bay, and from Bog Walk, on the Ewarton branch, to Port Antonio, both on the other side of the island, making a total length of road when completed of 185 miles. The road will be standard gauge 4 feet 8½ inches, and the present English equipment changed to American. Two parties of engineers have been in the field for several months, one on each extension. Two and one-half miles of location on the Porus extension have been completed, and rather more than this on the other. The construction party is already in the field, erecting padagos and clearing out.

No contracts for building have yet been given out, although bids for steel rails have been obtained from both American and English firms, and it speaks well for American industry that thus far the lowest bid is from Birmingham, Ala. According to the terms of agreement, not less than twelve and one-half miles of road are to be finished each year. There will be a number of bridges and tunnels; how many it is yet impossible to say. The government gives to the syndicate 65,000 acres of land and guarantees bonds to the amount of $40,000 per completed mile. Owing to the peculiar geological formation of the island, the irregular knoll-like hill ranges being formed largely of limestone, through which rain water precolates, leaving a surface of jagged rock pinnacles, the location is in parts extremely difficult. For the first five miles out of Porus a maximum grade of 3 1-3 per cent, with 17 degrees 20 minutes curves, will be almost continual.

The proposed route is often through beautiful groves of orange and other native fruit trees and plants, such as mango, cocoanut, bananas, coffee and a characteristic sight is barefooted negroes of both sexes bearing on their heads loads of oranges or bunches of bananas for shipment.

The engineers are terribly annoyed in some of the most beautiful country by grass lice, minute insects that at this time of the year—the dry season—swarm by millions. The bite is as sharp as that of the mosquito, and a painful itching remains for days after the insect has been removed. The tick, into which the insect develops, is so bad that cattle absolutely refuse to go into pastures where it is most prevalent and cases are common where the cattle have died from numbers of ticks getting into their mouths while grazing, burying their heads in the tongue and swelling so as to choke the animals. A tick the size of a ladybug, only flat, will swell to the size of a grain of Indian corn. The great quantities of the insects are due largely to the mongoose, which was imported from India a few years ago to destroy rats, snakes, scorpions, etc., and which is depopulating the island of Iguanas and birds that feed on the ticks. Before the importation of the mongoose the pest was hardly known. A New York firm is building, for banana and coffee carrying purposes, two inclined railways, one at Porus, the other at Port Antonio. The mountains at Porus, up which the road will run, are 1,240 feet high, and in two places the supporting columns will be eighty feet high.

The American Hotels company (limited), lately organized for a purpose that the name indicates, have nearly finished their pioneer hotel, a handsome structure at Constant Spring, five miles from Kingston. It is fitted up handsomely in American style, with American coooks, and rooms are taken as fast as completed, largely by Americans, who have been more numerous visitors this winter than ever before. The capital of the company is $150,000, divided into shares of $10 each. The island, owing to its equable climate and remarkable natural beauties, is becoming very popular as a winter resort. The variation in temperature for difference in altitude is remarkable, being about one degree for every hundred feet.

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IN MARBLE CANON.

Quick Work Down Stream by an Adventurous Exploring Party.

To give you an idea of the number of the rapids from the head of the Colorado river to this point, near the mouth of the Little Colorado river, a distance of about two hundred and ninety miles, I will say that there are just 200 rapids, not counting small draws or riffles, and from Lee's Ferry to this point, a distance of eighty miles, there are just 100 rapids, writes a Denver Republican correspondent. We have run the greater part of this 100 and portaged but few, and over many of them our boats have danced and jumped at the rate of fifteen miles per hour, and over some by actual measurement at the rate of twenty miles per hour for half an hour at a time. Standing in the bow of one of the boats as she goes through one of these chutes, with first the bow and then the stern jumping into the air as she shoots from wave to wave, with the spray of the breakers dancing over one's head, is something the excitement and fascination of which can only be understood by being experienced.

That part of Marble canon from Point Retreat for forty miles down to the mouth of the Little Colorado river is far the most beautiful and interesting canon we have yet passed through. At Point Retreat the marble walls stand up perpendicularly 300 feet from the water's edge, while the sandstone above benches back in slopes and cliffs to 2,500 feet high. Just beyond this the canon is narrowest, being but a little over 300 feet wide from wall to wall, while the river in places at this stage of water is not over sixty feet wide. The marble rapidly rises till it stands in perpendicular cliffs, 700 or 800 feet high, colored with all the tints of the rainbow, but mostly red. In many places toward the top it is honeycombed with caves, caverns, arches and grottoes, with here and there a natural bridge left from one crag to another, making a most grotesque and wonderful picture as our little boats glide along that quiet portion of the river so many hundred feet below.

At the foot of these cliffs in many places are fountains of pure sparkling water, gushing out from the rock—in one place, Vassey's paradise, several hundred feet up the wall—and dropping down among the shrubbery, ferns and flowers, some of which, even at this time of the year, were found in bloom. Below this, for some distance, are a number of these fountains with large patches of maidenhair ferns clinging to the wall, fifteen to twenty feet above the water, green and fresh as in the month of May, and with the sparkling water running down over them they make a most charming picture.

Our weather has been most wonderful through the whole winter. The thermemeter has never registered at 6 o'clock in the morning lower than twenty-four degrees above zero, and in the sun in the middle of the day has registered as high as seventy-five degrees. We have had but one snowstorm down in the canon and one rain. The sun has shone brightly nearly all the time, though for eight days at one time it never shone on us, we being under the shade of the cliffs all the time.

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The Baggy Trousers.

Ever since it was discovered that it took nine tailors to make a man the knights of the shears have puzzled their brains to find a remedy for trousers bagging at the knees, says the New York Times. Countless appliances have been used, but none of them seem to fill the bill, and a fortune awaits the tailor who will invent something practical in this line. It has been reserved for a New York firm, however, to partially remedy this evil, and that is to press the trousers of their customers, say once every week. Messengers are sent around to the houses of the patrons of the firm, and the trousers are taken to the store and pressed for $10 a year. This makes a very moderate outlay for a considerable improvement in the appearance of a man, and it may prove to be the solution of the vexed problem.

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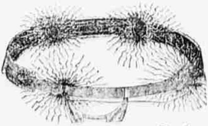

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