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MINOR MENTION.

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Lost, a gold bracelet, can be used for necklace. A reward of $5 will be paid for leaving it at THE BEE office, Council Bluffs.

Frank Trimble has opened a law office in Room 9, Everett block, and will be glad to see his friends when they are in trouble.

This evening the M. M. A. of Broadway M. E. church resume weekly meetings. Attorney Sims will speak and an interesting programme will be given.

The attendance at all of the churches yesterday was very large. The day was very pleasant and all of the absent ministers had returned to their pulpits.

The Presbyterian and Congregational churches, which have had no preaching for several Sundays, resumed yesterday, their pastors having returned from their vacations.

Rev. Dr. Phelps has returned from his vacation and occupied the pulpit in the First Presbyterian church yesterday. He was very much benefited by his trip and his work the coming year promises to be more brilliant than ever.

The butchers had a grand time at their picnic at Loveland yesterday, and everything passed off quietly and harmoniously until a few moments before the train started for town. Then some of the boys who accompanied it got into a little difficulty and were obliged to bring home some discolored eyes.

It is intimated that some sensational developments in connection with the Maher shooting will be forthcoming in a few days. There are various stories afloat bearing upon the case which have not been sufficiently sifted and proven to admit of publication that will make the act of the officer of a great deal more importance than is now given to it.

The sensational story that Officer Noyes had left the city and could not be found, which was published in a morning paper yesterday, is entirely without foundation. The officer was at the police station all afternoon and until 9 o'clock Saturday night, and spent the remainder of the night at his home by the bedside of his sick wife. He is still suffering seriously from the effects of the terrible beating he received on the night of the shooting.

A trio of toughs, composed of Elmer Smith, Joe Weir and Charles Young, alias Butch, got into a fight near the Northwestern depot yesterday and were run in. The arrests were made upon warrants issued from Schurz's court and charged them with assault and battery and disturbing the peace. Knives were drawn and a serious cutting affray was narrowly averted. Young is the fellow who was arrested for adultery with the Birchler woman of Omaha a few days ago and Smith is another of the inmates of the dive run by Mrs. Hamilton at 122 Second avenue.

Nettie Baker has filed a petition in the district court asking for a divorce from E. D. Baker, jr., and the case will come up at this term of court. The petition of the plaintiff alleges that she was married to the defendant in April, 1888, and of course she has always been a true and loving wife. Her ground of complaint is that last spring, in February, and at different other times which the plaintiff does not specify, the defendant committed the crime of adultery with one Sarah Bennett. He has also abused and neglected his wife, and so she wants a divorce.

John Maher, one of the victims of Officer Noyes' revolver, is still at the Ogden house and resting quite comfortably. Dr. Bellenger asserts that he has about six chances in ten of recovery and feels very sanguine that he will pull him through. Another effort will be made today to locate the ball, and it will be decided whether or not it is necessary to perform a surgical operation for its removal. Jim Maher, the other victim, is at St. Bernard's hospital, and is feeling quite comfortable. At 11 o'clock today the surgeons will cut out the bullet that is located in the fleshy part of his leg.

A warrant was issued late Saturday night by Justice Schurz for the arrest of Officer Noyes. The information was filed by Ed Maher, and it charged the officer with shooting with intent to kill his two brothers, John and Jim. The warrant was placed in the hands of Constable Covalt, and he spent a large portion of the night in company with some of Maher's friends endeavoring to find the officer. Yesterday Noyes came to the police station and surrendered himself, and a bond was fixed up by County Attorney Organ for $1,000 for his appearance today in Schurz's court.

A serious runaway and smashup occurred on Sixth street in front of the postoffice yesterday afternoon, in which two carpenters, whose names could not be learned, had a narrow escape from death. They were both slightly under the influence of intoxicants, and in attempting to turn the corner of Broadway and Sixth street while going at a lively gait the top buggy they were riding in was overturned. The horse ran away, dragging the two men in the wreck. The legs of one of them were protruding through the wheel, and both were under the buggy as it was dragged over the pavement on its side. The horse was stopped before it had gone far and the men were taken out. Both were severely bruised, but not seriously hurt. The buggy was wrecked.

It is reported that a stranger, whose name could not be learned, visited several saloons Saturday night and got drunk. He had about $300 in his pockets. At the saloon next to the Revere house it is said he lost $50 of the money shaking dice. He was taken in tow there by a well known crook, who knew that he had money on his person, and led off on South Eighth street and into the weeds between Fifth and Sixth avenues. Officer Holder was told to follow, and he did so to the end of his beat. There he left two men to follow the crook and his companion while he went to make his hourly report. When he returned to the vicinity the men were gone, as were also the stranger and the crook. It was reported later in the evening that the crook had held the stranger up and robbed him of all his money.

BOSTON STORE.

A Few Specialties to Be Found There This Week.

Something of interest to every lady is to be found at the Boston Store, Council Bluffs. It is a little early to talk of fall goods yet, but we have a few specialties that won't last long in the way of fall dress goods. For this week only, 50 pieces 36-inch, all-wool plaids, stripes and mixtures at 33c, worth 58c; 100 pieces 52-inch, all-wool ladies' cloth, in all the newest fall shades and black at 39c, worth 58c.

We show the finest line of gents' neckwear and one-half hose in the city; the best 25c and 50c necktie in the market; 225 dozen gents' white shirts, prices 25c, 39c, 50c and 75c; complete line of night shirts from 58c up.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. Rose Waters of Council Bluffs has been elected one of the officers of the Iowa grand lodge of Good Templars.

Miss Lou Neal left Saturday evening for a visit to friends in Wisconsin and Chicago. She was accompanied by her mother, who has been visiting her here for a few days, having stopped over on her way from San Francisco to Chicago.

Mr. N. Friedman, manager of the Model restaurant on Pearl street, departed yesterday for a two months' visit to his parents in New York city. During his absence the business will be looked after by Mr. S. Waldman, a bright, energetic young business man, who will push it to the front and keep it there.

The Manhattan sporting headquarters, 418 Broadway.

Commercial men, New Pacific, Council Bluffs, is under management of W. Jones with new sample rooms.

Hose at cost. We are going to quit handling garden hose, and have doubly the largest stock in the city. To close out we will sell all grades and fixtures at dead cost, for cash. C. B. Paint & Oil company, Nos. 2 and 3, Masonic temple.

THE NEWS IN THE BLUFFS.

A Number of Prominent Citizens Talk About the School Board Difficulty.

REV. FRANKLIN TALKS OF PALACES.

Complimenting the Work of the Deaf and Dumb Pupils—Was the Stranger Robbed?—Personal Points and News Notes.

The school board muddle continues to attract a great deal of attention, and the gentlemen who imagined they solved the knotty problems that confronted them by heroically cutting the Gordian knot are finding the higher element of public opinion is not sustaining them with the unanimity they desired and hoped for. Yesterday opinions were very freely expressed concerning the summary treatment accorded Prof. McNaughton, and the concensus THE BEE is enabled to reflect strongly condemns the action of the board. The project of calling a meeting of prominent citizens and demanding the reinstatement of Dr. McNaughton was earnestly discussed yesterday. Said one citizen whose taxes annually amount to thousands of dollars: "I do not approve the action of the board, and the excuse that the summary dismissal of both the superintendent and the principal of the high school was the only way to solve the difficulty is not well taken. In fact it is no excuse at all. Being familiar with the history of the difficulty in all its minutia I am prepared to express an intelligent opinion. The members of the board who congratulate themselves that they applied heroic cautery to the bleeding wounds of the board and its employes will realize that they have used a club and an axe instead of delicate surgical instruments; that they attempted to get rid of the unpleasantness of a little inflamed boil by lopping off the arm upon which the infected little finger was located and killing the patient."

"The only justification I have heard advanced by the members of the board who voted for the dismissal of Dr. McNaughton," said another, "was their desire to promote harmony in the board and remove the causes of friction that are operating so deleteriously against the interests of the public schools of the city. The position is not sustained by the facts. They claim that there was an irreconcilable conflict between the superintendent and the principal of the high school that disturbed the harmony of the board and the schools. This could not be. There could be no quarrel between such men as Prof. McNaughton and Prof. Stevens. Stevens may have been ambitious and scheming and working to overthrow the superintendent, which is the undoubted fact, but McNaughton was not and could not have been disturbed by it. It unquestionably disturbed the harmony of the board, but it did not affect the city schools, and if the gentlemen of the board were so deeply affected by it and their claim that they were working only for the best interests of the schools was true and their only desire was to protect the school interests, their proper course would have been to have resigned themselves instead of insisting on the resignation of others."

"There was more, much more, trouble between the members of the board," said another gentleman, "than there was in the superintendency of the schools, and it seems to me that it would have been much more appropriate if the gentlemen had happened to have thought of it, to have tendered their own resignations as members of the board instead of throwing out the heads of the schools at the last moment. This would have worked no hardship to anybody, and no charge of injustice could ever be made and no demoralization of the schools could have followed."

"I have nobody to defend or attack," said another citizen, "but I think a grave mistake was made by firing the superintendent and the principal of the high school at the last moment. I have heard that other teachers than Prof. Stevens were unable to work harmoniously with Superintendent McNaughton, and I have seen letters in which some say that they would not return and fill their contracts with the board if McNaughton was retained, but I think it would have been a good deal better for the board to have let any of the subordinate teachers go than to demoralize the whole school system by throwing out the superintendent at the beginning of the school year. The woods is full of teachers like Stevens and the others alluded to and their vacancies could have been filled without delay or trouble, but it will be difficult to find any new man capable of jumping in here and picking up the work that McNaughton has done so successfully for the past seven years."

"While I do not desire to reflect in the least upon any of the members of the present board, for they are all gentlemen whom I esteem highly as my personal friends," remarked another man after earnestly discussing the deplorable situation, "the whole trouble is the result of lugging the public schools into the camps of the political parties and dragging them through the filthy mire of politics. The whole thing is political and the party lines are drawn as distinctly as they are in the city and state administrations. The result is deplorable and disheartening to those who desire to see the schools prosper. Teachers, and even the janitors, are selected with reference to their politics."

The above is a fair expression of public opinion as caught at random on the streets yesterday. The board holds a meeting tonight at 5 o'clock, but there are no means of forecasting the results.

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

If you wish to sell your property call on the Judd & Wells Co., C. B. Judd, president, 606 Broadway.

Buy your lumber of The Judd & Wells Co., 813 Broadway.

Dr. C. H. Bower, 20 N. Main st.

Palaces.

"Palaces" was the very pleasant subject of an interesting address by Rev. Franklin at the First Methodist church yesterday morning. It was the last service to be held in the old building, which is to be torn down at once to give place to the splendid palace of brick and stone that is soon to be reared there. The speaker found his text in the thirty-fifth chapter of Exodus, twenty-ninth verse. He described the present as the age of palaces, and referred to the corn palace at Sioux City, the sugar palace at Grand Island, the coal palace at Ottumwa and the blue grass palace at Creston. Every industry had reared its palace, and great enterprises occupy the thought and care of men on every side, enterprises looking toward material improvement and blessing. Men are anxious. The speculative world is alive, anxious and active. Opportunities are eagerly sought for. Tireless, restless activity abounds everywhere. America scorns and laughs at the pessimist. The radical, hopeful, energetic, enterprising, pushing man of today is an optimist. He sees the bow of promise. He hears the song of triumph. He feels the thrill and inspiration of a new life. He ventures freely where doors stand open wide. God looks approvingly upon the busy man along every line of human industry. The world abounds with illustrations of his favor and blessings. Agriculture, art, music, architecture, everything where He directs the best may be found. Read the accounts of the building of the tabernacle the, plans and specifications drawn in heaven, rich with gold, silver and brass, fine linen, blue, purple and scarlet. And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold and wrote upon it a writing like to the engravings of a signet, "holiness to the Lord." Read and be thrilled with the thought that Jehovah wants the best out of all the stores that are his. This great work was wrought at a time of sore distress. There was panic everywhere. The people were without homes and "no foot of land." The Lord spoke and the people obeyed. Every great enterprise for the Lord has been signally marked with heroic self-denial. See the loyal devotion and faithful toil of the people when Solomon built the temple. Regiments,

brigades, armies of men in forest, quarry and shop, hewing and carrying out the will of the Lord. God gives great opportunities to men whom he loves, opportunities of self-denial, heroism and influence. But we should not be discouraged because of the magnitude of these achievements, but rather be encouraged. He is just as dependent upon the willingness to do, dare and suffer today as ever.

He spoke of the heroism of the church builders all over the world, and detailed the history of the church in which he was speaking. Twenty-six years ago it was the site of one of the worst saloons, dance halls and gambling hells in the city and was called the Ocean Wave. It was the source of nearly all wickedness, woe and crime to be poured upon the city. It wielded an influence that blighted the whole city and balefully cast its poison after the departing emigrants on their way toward the setting sun. But prayers, tears, importunities and the restless desire of the Christian people for its removal accomplished its destruction. Fire from heaven consumed it. Upon the ashes that covered the site where crime had reared its altar there arose through the efforts of Brother Knotts and other Christians the present church, that has stood until God has strengthened his work here until a more glorious temple has been made possible. This old church and the new palace that is to be reared on its foundations of heroic faith in God. Who may measure the scope of the influence and power of the old brisk church since the day the now sainted Eddy and Bishop Ames dedicated it. It has stood for twenty-six years facing Broadway, the beacon light of all. This pulpit has not at any time given out an emasculated gospel.

The speaker recounted in a dramatic manner the great work that the church had witnessed since its dedication, how it had been the means of bringing salvation to young and old, how it had been the marriage altar where many of the old citizens had pledged their vows before God, and how its altar had been shrouded for the dead who passed through it to the beyond. He then asked all those who had been present at the dedication twenty-six years ago to stand up. The response brought a little band of sixteen out of the thousand who witnessed the ceremony. The speaker then described the new building that was soon to be erected under the care of the official board, and then spoke of the tremendous progress of the gospel, not only here, but all over the world. It is like the mighty ocean that rolls its waves on the widespreading waves of a hundred empires, yet replenishes and fills with its tide the little creek—the individual heart. The onward march of the King is full of triumph.

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Our retail furniture business, with good established trade. Stock is first class and well selected. Reason for selling, are going into the exclusive jobbing trade.

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C. A. Beebe & Co.

A good hose reel free with every 100 feet of hose purchased at Bixby's.

The Work of the Deaf.

Superintendent Rothert and a force of teachers have completed at Des Moines, for the state fair, a display of the educational and industrial progress of the state institution for the deaf and dumb, located in Council Bluffs. The Register has this to say of it:

The society unfortunately gave the institution only a very small area for the purpose of the display. It is located in the northwest corner of the exposition hall. Cheap, jewelry-for-sale affairs occupy more space, but the Council Bluffs state institution has at least made a good start. It is a good place to make such an exhibition. Iowa's institutions are scattered over the state so that it is impossible for any large number of people to visit them. The next best thing is to have an honest representation of the work brought to the state fair, where thousands of people from all over the state come together. None should pass by Superintendent Rothert's display. The work that is on exhibition is all of real merit and shows that good use has been made of the time of the pupils. In the art department there are oil paintings, crayon portraits and pastel work, all executed with considerable skill. There is a crayon picture of the Angelus, made after a photograph of that famous French masterpiece. The ladies will be interested in the really fine specimens of needle and fancy work. There are all kinds of embroidery to be seen; pretty crazy work, shams, throws, handkerchiefs and everything that goes to make a pretty display. The more useful work is not forgotten. There are brooms made by the pupils, carving work, etc.

New fall goods just received at Reiter's, merchant tailor, 310 Broadway.

Money at reduced rates loaned on chatte and real estate security by E. H. Sheafe & Co

Scott House, Council Bluffs, transients $1.00 per day.

Wall paper at 3½ cents per roll; not remnants, at C. L. Gillette's, 28 Pearl st.

The Bar Docket.

The bar docket for the September term of court has been issued. It shows that there are now on the district court docket here 768 cases, of which forty-six are criminal, 340 equity and 382 law. There are thirty-eight divorce cases. Among the interesting cases which appear on the docket are some instituted by the East Omaha land company against the squatters with whom the company was unable to make a settlement, and the suits brought against the company by Henry Combs and others over the same matters. The ancient suit of H. L. Henry against William Evans and others still appears. It is likely that the case will be ready for the report of the referee before the end of the term. The criminal docket is unusually large and the cases which appear on the list are unusually important. The shooting of Friday night and the subsequent arrests will add to the number some five cases and will make the total, therefore, more than fifty.

A Ripe Old Age.

S. H. Holcomb and wife, of Belcherville, Texas, have celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary, and are still hale and hearty. The secret of their long life and good health is that they correct any slight ailment promptly, and in that way avoid serious sickness. Like most every one else, they are more frequently troubled with constipation than any other physical disorder. To correct this they take St. Patrick's Pills in preference to any other, because, as Mr. Holcomb says, "They are a mild pill and, besides, keep the whole system in good order. We prize them very highly." For sale by druggists.

Mandel & Klein are offering great bargains in every department. We show the best line of cook stoves and ranges in the city, from $10 to $40. In tinware we carry the best only and sold at bottom prices. Carpets, "Oh, my!" we just beat the world, former price of carpets 65 cts., now 40 cts., and so on through the entire line. We show a large line in novelties in our parlor goods department. In bedroom suits we pride ourselves of carrying the most complete assortment, choice of 30 styles. Book cases, rockers and dining chairs of every description. Sideboards, wardrobes and center tables go along with this unloading sale. Get prices elsewhere and compare Mandel & Klein's 320 Broadway.

A Little Blaze.

The fire department was called out at 10 o'clock last night to suppress an incipient conflagration that had started in the Franklin printing office opposite the Rink livery stable. The office is owned by Francis Ainsworth, and he is engaged in moving it to another location. About half of the material has been taken out, and last night the proprietor was in the place planning the morning's work. He had set a glass kerosene lamp on a box, and in passing by it knocked it over. The lamp was broken in the fall and the oil ignited by the wick. It spread over a pile of greasy paper that laid near one of the presses, and in an instant the whole mass was in flames. The department responded quickly, but by the time the first water was turned on the whole interior of the room was scorched by the flames. The fire was quickly subdued.

The building is owned by John Churchill and was not damaged to any extent beyond the blistering of the woodwork in the one room. The owner of the printing office cannot make any estimate of his damage, but it will be considerable, confined to the printing machinery and the stock.

Two sections of the hose were bursted, one by the shut-off nozzle after the fire was subdued and the other by having the water turned on before the line was off the reel.

BASE BALL GOSSIP.

Talk in the Grand Stand.

Dan O'Connor is gradually capturing the crowd—a fine player's just reward.

Wally Andrews has an offer from the Rochester American association club.

Only a month more of the baseball struggle and then the maneuvering for next season will begin in earnest.

The Minneapolis Tribune says that if Kansas City wins the pennant, the flag should be given to Elmer Smith.

Bug Holliday played in hard luck Saturday. Twenty-five dollars were stolen from his locker at the club's dressing room above the Atalanta Casino, near the Polo grounds.

Elmer Smith is crazy for the Kansas City Blues to win the pennant, as in his five years' experience in the profession it has not been his luck to belong to a championship club.

It is said to be desired all around that Milwaukee be admitted to the American association next year.—Mulford. Yes, it is desired by the Western association, that's a fact.

The Minneapolis Journal says: "The first time Kansas City ever accomplished anything by the water route was yesterday when it rained, and the Kansas City baseball club jumped into the lead."

Elmer Smith is in demand and there are several clubs dickering for his services.—Chicago Tribune. Well, they will not get him, just remember that. In the first place the management couldn't dispose of him and have any show for the pennant, and in the second place it couldn't afford to sell him under any consideration. Oh, no. Elmer continues to play ball right here.—Kansas City Journal.

The Denver Republican thus refers to Dad Clarke: "Old Dad Clarke, a weather-beaten scow, with a face resembling the bow of a river tug, was in the box for the visitors. Dad soon made his presence felt by his ability to kick, which far excelled his delivery, and was soon made the butt of the few wags who had braved the cold to witness these exponents of the national game." All of which Dad enjoys immensely, as, so he says, it saves advertising expenses.

Secretary Roche says in the Pioneer-Press: "For the benefit of those interested, it is stated once more that the disputed game between Minneapolis and Milwaukee is credited to Minneapolis, and the so-called exhibition game between Des Moines and Kansas City and won by the former, July 16, is eliminated from the record. It remains for the board of directors to say whether this game will be counted or not. The reason it is now taken out of the record is that both managers agreed to make it an exhibition game, and so notified the umpire. The Milwaukee-Minneapolis game will also have to be decided by the association's directory."

Sandy Girard Vassar Griswold, the newly married sporting editor of The Omaha Bee, gives the following accurate description of one of the Sioux City's pitchers: Widner has a peculiar delivery and the fans guyed him unmercifully. But his sway back curves toyed over the pan after a fashion that made the Black Sox exceedingly sore. After expectorating upon the ball he gives it a twist, then pokes his arms up as if he was going to thrust the sphere among the clouds, then he unwinds himself with a Soldene kick that would disgrace a mule, opens about a yard of his mouth, and there you are gentlemen.—Cincinnati Times-Star. Brother Mulford you are a trifle previous—say five weeks anyway.

At present the Kansas City team has decidedly the best show to unfurl the coveted flag. The players are putting up a superior quality of ball, the pitchers are in excellent condition and all are imbued with the idea that they must either win the pennant or quit the ball field. Manager Manning also keeps his men well in hand, and although he is not more than and average player, he has a knack of using his men to the best advantage possible. It is an indisputable fact that since he has taken the helm the Blues have made rapid progress toward the top. With the closeness of the race and the advantage on their side, they can be looked upon as almost sure pennant winners. With a percentage of .616, and thirty-three games yet to play, fifteen of which will be played upon their own diamond, at which place they finish the season, there is no reason why the ex-American association team should not carry off the honors.—Denver Republican.

Gossip With the Amateurs.

The Blair management is on hunt for a new catcher and in all probability Lacey will be released.

Flannagan and Creighton are in town, and would like to catch on with some team in need of a good battery.

It's in order for Spud Farrish to make some blood curdling bluffs, now that his battery is back from the hills.

Hutchins, formerly of the Cranes, put up very yellow ball for the Chicago Whitings. Have they benched him!

Flanagan and Creighton of the Musees have returned from the Black Hills, covered with glory and shekels.

Captain Flynn of the West Lawns will return to his old stamping grounds at first base today after a long sickness.

Lucas, an old Omaha boy who has been playing out on the coast, has returned and will join the Eden Musees.

There is some talk of the West Omahas organizing, but as it is very late in the season they will hardly materialize.

Lacey and Wellbaum have not been suspended by Blair as reported. They are doing good work, and have caught on in good shape.

The old Gate City club expects to reorganize and play their first game with the Models of Council Bluffs, at Lake Manawa, September 7.

Missouri Valley defeated the Nebraska Citys two out of three games last week, Beymer pitching all the games for Missouri Valley.

A few amateur parks in the city next season would reward their projectors handsomely, as the attendance at the amateur games this season tends to prove.

Peterson and Dolan, battery of the Shamrocks, seem to be comers. The article of ball they have been playing this season will entitle them to a trial in some of the larger amateur teams.

Hightower, formerly first baseman of the Lincoln Giants, is booked for a prize fight at St Joe some time next month. If he is as good a fighter as he is a ball player he will surely get there.

Hart, Linahan and Purcell have returned from their trip with the Stanton, Neb. team. They played eight games while away, won six, lost 2. They had an elegant time, and say they met no club as strong as any Omaha team.

The Western association team in Lincoln is not making as good a record as the colored Lincoln Giants that represented that city the first of the season. They were a great team and lost only four or five games out of about thirty played.

Jack Carrigan of the Crane company feels very sore over the result of last Sunday's game with the Nonparells. What they want is a good catcher to support Williams, as he has good curves, speed and the making of a first class twirler.

After all the Chicagoes the Cranes have given their opponents they have at last had to take one themselves for the first time in their existence, but when they meet the Nonpareils again they have a hat full of United States currency to say they will beat them out.

The City Steams will likely disband for the season, owing to not being able to secure games, and the guarantee offered by outside clubs is only enough to pay expenses. This will leave some good players loose. Bowman, first base, and Hurley, center field, will probably join the Nonpareils, while McAuliffe and Patterson go to Blair.

In Praise of St. Patrick's Pills.

St. Patrick's Pills have given me better satisfaction than any other. M. H. Proudfoot, druggist, Granada, Colorado.

Our customers all speak highly in praise of St. Patrick's Pills. They are the best. Berry Bros., Carroll, Nebraska.

St. Patrick's Pills give entire satisfaction. I have used them in my family. They are the best I ever used for the purpose. Frank Cornelious, Purcell, Indian Ter.

We find St. Patrick's Pills to be very extra and to give splendid satisfaction. They are now about the only kind called for. W. A. Wallace, Oasis, Ia. For sale by druggists.

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RIDDEN BY A SKELETON.

An Uncanny Scene to be Witnessed in Swedish Seas.

Who does not remember the crow that, as Æsop and La Fontaine relate, in imitation of an eagle it has seen, pounced down on an old ram, and instead of bearing it away in triumph, which it doubtless expected to do, found its talons hopelessly entangled in the ram's wool, and so fell a victim to its own folly?

As usual, however, the truth is stranger than the fable, writes J. Carter Beard in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, for it is the eagle itself that is trapped in this manner, many incidents having occurred of the death or capture of the bird while vainly struggling to carry off animals that miscalculation of its strength and its power of flight had led it to attack.

An instance of the kind is related of an eagle that had, for years, occupied a nest in a pine tree on the bank of the Raquette lake in the Adirondack region. The bird was seen to strike a large fish swimming near the surface; and so firmly did he fix his powerful talons in the back of his victim, that, when the startled fish made a sudden dive, he carried the eagle with him out of sight a short space of time, when they again appeared, and the bird succeeded in raising the great fish from the water, only to fall and be dragged under a second time. As it became evident that the eagle had struck his crooked talons so deeply into the back of the fish that they could not be readily withdrawn, it became a question, after a full half minute elapsed since they had vanished, whether they would ever be seen again. But at last the bird reappeared, and exerted his utmost strength to rise; this he could not do, nor did the salmon-trout seem able to again carry him under the water and keep him there. So the struggle continued until at last the eagle succeeded; fortunately for himself, in loosening his clutch, and soared heavily, wet and exhausted, to his nest, where he sat dejected and moody for a long time, doubdess resolving never to attempt such large game again.

But captors are not always so fortunate. Eckstrom, Rev. M. Moller and other writers assert that in Sweden, when the kite, sea eagle, osprey, and other fish-eating birds prey upon the pike; they occasionally strike a fish large and powerful enough to drag them under and drown them; in which case, strange as it may seem, the wounds cause by the talons the bird was unable to disengage gradually heal, while the bird, like the Old Man of the Sea on Sin bad the Sailor's shoulders, continues to cling where it first fixed itself, and at length, reduced to a skeleton, is continually carried about on the back of the pike.

As the fish swims on or near the surface of the water, the weird birk-skeleton seems to glide, by some occult power of its own, over the surface of the lake, and is regarded with dread and horror by the fishermen, who look upon it as an apparition presaging disaster. One of these skeletons in particularly described as appearing at times in Lake Wetter; it was so old as to have acquired a greenish tinge, and yet still held together sufficiently to frighten all beholders who did not understand its nature. Another such skeleton is spoken of by Mr. Lloyd as haunting the Fryksdal lake, borne on the back of a fish. It was known by the residents in the vicinity as the Sjotroll, or water sprite, and was the object of superstitious fear on the part of the fishermen. "It is said to have appeared like the horns of a moose or reindeer moving rapidly on the surface of the water," writes Mr. H. G. Seeley; "but at last Lieutenant J. Lekander put a shot in the pike that carried it, and solved the mystery by proving the water sprite to be the skeleton of a sea eagle."

Mr. Dresser saw an osprey unable to release itself from a heavy fish it had struck, and asserts that, after having been dragged under several times, the bird was carried out to sea. This happened in the Bay of Fundy. "Sometimes," says P. Martin Duncan, "on landing its prey, the osprey is unable to extricate its talons, and is captured alive."

Instances of the kind have happened on our own coast, where fish have been found left stranded by the retreating tide, with parts of fish hawks attached to the talons which projected from the fore-part of the back where they had taken hold.

Were not these facts attested by such credible authorities they might well be called in question, but a host of eye witnesses have testified to their truth, and there can be no doubt as to their correctness; nor is it as inexcusable on the part of a fish hawk to miscalculate the size and probable weight of a fish dimly seen under the surface of the water as it is on the part of birds of prey that in equally well authenticated instances have attacked, in broad daylight, victims altogether too heavy and vigorous to be carried away by their captors.

Thus "fact" is in this instance, as in every other, found to be not only "stranger than fiction," but the best antidote to superstitious fears and the deadly enemy of "water-sprites," as well as of every other kind of boggy and hobgoblin.

INTERVIEWING GREAT MEN.

Blaine's Conversion to Belief in the Newspaper as a Medium.

Until recently Mr. Blaine has been one of the most difficult men in the country to interview and even now will only talk for publication with his most intimate friends in the profession, and then almost always insists upon revising the interview, writes Frank A. Burr in Lippincott's Magazine. Alexander H. Stephens was equally particular. Time and again when Mr. Blaine was engaged in his hardest political struggles I have tried to get a few words for my papers upon the results he had accomplished. I remember that only two years before he was beaten for the presidential nomination in 1880 and then became the secretary of state in Garfield's cabinet I was a guest at his house in Augusta. He had just won one of the most bitterly contested state campaigns in his political career. I asked him for a statement of the situation and some little story of how he had won the battle. Senator Hale was present at the moment. Mr. Blaine turned to me quickly and said pleasantly:

"O, interview Hale. He can tell you all about it. I do detest being quoted in the newspapers in the form of an interview."

Two years later, when he was assailed about his South American policy, one of the most important incidents of his remarkable career, he at once sought the form of an interview, and two long ones from him were printed in nearly every newspaper in the land. He wanted to reach the general public as well as the statesmen of the country, and he acknowledged that the only way to do it successfully was in a conversational form. Since that time he has always sought the intsrview when attacked upon any important matter which he desires to answer. No greater tribute could be paid to the efficiency of this class of newspaper work.

General Grant was the best man to interview I ever met. He would only talk to persons whom he knew well, and then he could tell exactly what you wanted to know in fewer words than any man I ever made an inquiry of. He was very pleasant to newspaper men in whom h had confidence, but when one came about whom he did not know or trust, you coulen't get a word out of him with a crowbar. He never cared much to talk for publication, and never did to any extent upon public matters except to John Russell Young, who, by the way, is one of the ablest and most successful interviewers of any time. He alone among scores of daily toilers with the pen of this day is equally able as an editor, correspondent, descriptive writer or tapper of sap from all sorts of fountains of information.

Roscoe Conkling was the only public man I ever met who never would be interviewed for publication upon any subject whatever. He once told me that he would rather have a mad dog set upon him than to have a newspaper man sent after him for a talk. Two or three times in his life interviews were printed with him which he never intended should go beyond the privacy of his room, and he never forgave the men who quoted him. He had one able correspondent discharged from the Herald for publishing a talk with him which occurred at the breakfast table, and Mr. Bennett directed that he should never again write for his paper.

David Davis could not be interviewed. While he was a justice of the supreme court it would not have been proper, and after he became a United States senator he always believed himself to be on the high road to the presidency, and was afraid to talk lest he might injure his chances of getting there. I never approached him but once, and that was for the story of how Lincoln was nominated in 1860. I told him that I had already secured the recollections of two of the men who then operated with them, when he drew himself up and said, very seriously:

"There are only four men who know the history of Mr. Lincoln's nomination and any one of them would be a fool to tell it."

Charles Sumner was by no means an easy man to be led into a talk upon public matters. After the passage of the treaty of Washington I once interviewed him as to the meaning of the damage clause of that instrument. He was exceedingly dignified although in his own apartments with his dressing gown on. He spoke with great deliberation and to the point. I could readily remember everything that he said—although he was talking upon a very important subject.

Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, like General Gordon of Georgia, is just the kind of a man that a journalist likes to meet for business purposes. Both are fine talkers and say original things. If the subject is very important Colonel Ingersoll will write it out for you while you wait. He does dislike to be misquoted, and he says that interviewers so often miss the mark that he prefers to do the work himself when he will talk at all.

John Sherman is a difficult man to interview, but he does not seriously object to it. In fact, he is very pleasant to a writer whom he knows. But despite his great ability, he is not fluent, and it is evry hard to get from him the very best work with him anything more than a cold statement of facts.

Senator Edmunds can never be interviewed upon any subject. His chum while in the senate, nicknamed the "Old Roman," was very much like him.

General Ben Butles is a capital subject for the interviewer. He likes that form of addressing the public. He always talks with spirit and originality. Any man to whom he will speak at all can always get a good story from him, that is full of meat; but he usually wants to revise it is printed. He is very particular.

Ex-President Cleveland is usually a good man to seek information from. He is quite easy of access and does not waste any words in what he has to say. Ex-Governor Foster of Ohio, next to General Grant, is the most perfect man I ever met for interviewing purposes. He always gets in a good deal of his personality and imparts a zest to his words. Business men, as a rule, are rather undesirrble customers for the journalist. They are careful about what they say and have few entertaining subjects to talk about. To a greater or less extent this is true of lawyers. Ex-Governor Hoadley of Ohio is, however, a decided exception to the rule.

Senator Ingalls does not object to talking to the public second hand, and of all the prominent public men of the day he undoubtedly talks best.

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