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MINOR MENTION.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Council Bluffs Lumber Co., coal, Craft's chattel loans, 204 Sapp block.

Wanted, girl for general housework. Mrs. T. F. Thickston, 721 Willow avenue. Mandolin club was entertained Wednesday evening at the residence of Miss Helen Shepard in Madison Park.

Tuesday's wind storm unroofed three cars in the Rock Island yards and broke three large windows in the court house. The regular jury panel in the district court was discharged vesterday until next Mon-day, when the trial of cases on the criminal

calendar will be commenced. John Maber was released by Judge McGee esterday morning on a \$500 bond for his appearance in police court tomorrow morning to answer to the charge of larceny from the

The case of Patterson against the Council Bluffs and Omaha Bridge company was con-cluded in the district court yesterday morning and given to the jury at half past 9

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Ellas V. Haves, a burly negro, and Jennie Cogen, a white woman. Both the parties were residents of Omaha. They were made

one by Justice Hammer. O. O. St. John has sold out the Revere house to B. Duwe of Atlantic, who will run it in the future. Mr. St. John will go on the road in the interests of a wholesale fruit but will continue to make Council Bluffs his headquarters for the present,

The information which was filed in the su-perior court charging E. E. Joslin with illegal roting has been allowed to lie in the clerk's office ever since, without being signed warrant has been issued on account of the failure of the prosecuting witness to come to the front, and the case will not be pushed. John T. Stewart filed a written acceptance with the city clerk yesterday of the ordi nance passed by the council and signed re

cently by Mayor Macrae authorizing him erect and maintain an electric light and power plant. He is in the east at present nothing can be learned as to his future plans until he returns. Two more homes in Council Bluffs were brightened yesterday by the advent of Hardman pianos. One was that of George L. Miller on Willow avenue, where a magnificent \$600 royal cabinet

grand was taken, and the other was that

of John Kettering, on Washington ave-

nue. Both, of course, were purchased at Mueller's, 103 Main street.

Phenomenal Success.

The special coat, blanket, comforter and underwear sale that opened Monday last at the Boston Store, Council Bluffs, Ia., has been a success beyond our most sanguine expectations, the hundreds that have been made happy is no name

The prices on coats were simply astonishing; it was next to giving gold dollars for 25c and 30c. At this writing we have only about 75 garments left; by the end of the week

we don't expect to have one, provided we sell ONE-THIRD as many as we have the last few days.

ROOM WE WANTED. Room we are going to get by the help and timely aid

of our thousands of patrons at this criti cal moment. OUR WELCOME LOSS YOUR
PLEASANT GAIN.

A few of the prices until Monday Ladies' jackets and newmarkets that sold for \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00 and \$15.00,

Our entire line of children's coats, \$6,50, \$7,50 and \$8,50 garments, for \$2.48 Ladies' \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00 jackets choice \$3.98

Ladies' Walker plush jackets that sold for \$15,00, \$19.00 and \$25.00, choice for

Ladies' 42-inch long Walker plush sacques, former price \$19.50, \$25.00, \$33.00 and \$35.00, choice for \$14.98. 10 dozen ladies' all wool knit jackets. sleveless, worth \$1.25, in all colors, during sale for 48c.

\$3.25 comforters for \$2.19.

\$3.75 comforters for \$2.50. \$4.75 fine French satteen for \$3.75. \$5.00 all wool blankets for \$3.75. \$4.50 all wool red plankets for \$3.68

\$5 00 all wool red blankets for \$3.98. Ladies' 50c vest and pants for 33c. Ladies' natural wool vests and pants, ibbed, \$1.00 garments for 60c. Ladies' all wool scarlet vests and pants,

\$1.25 garment, extra fine, during sale

Gents' heavy gray camel's hair shirts and drawers, 33c garments, sale price. Gents' Scotch random mixed shirts

and drawers, also natural wool and camel's hair, all in at one price, 371c; Gents' all wool searlet shirts and

drawers, were \$1.00 and \$1.25, sale price 624c, or \$1,25 a suit. All children's garments knifed the ome way. BOSTON STORE, same way.

FOTHERINGHAM, WHITELAW & CO., Leaders and Promoters of Low Prices Council Bluffs, In

N. B .- Store closes at 6 p. m., except Mondays and Saturdays.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Frank Trimble is in Des Moines. J. F. Record of Gienwood was in the city

H. C. Atkins and Dr. T. B. Lacey went to Des Moines yesterday for a few day's visit. T. C. Dawson returned yesterday morning from a four weeks' trip to his former home

Mrs. W. H. Lynchard and daughter left last evening for Faulkton, N. D., where they will spend a couple of weeks visiting rela

Fine musical and literary program to-night, Hughes block, benefit Broadway Sabbath school. Admission 25 and 15 cts

Jarvis wild blackberry is the best

Stray Horse. Strayed from the barn of the owner, Dr. A. P. Hanchett, 120 Fourth street, s

5-year old bay horse, dark mane and tail, white spot on its forehead. Had on when he left a broken halter and stable blanket.

Broke Open the Mail. W. J. Waiker of Red Oak was brought into the city yesterday by a deputy United States marshal for a preliminary hearing on the charge of interfering with the mails. It is alleged that he took a letter out of the postoffice at Red Oak on the 15th of last November, which was addressed to J. Walker and which contained a draft for \$50 made out in favor of a man by the same name. The de-fendant is charged with having had the draft cashed and keeping the money. He then left for Topeka, Kan., where he was when he was caught. He was given a hear-ing before Commissioner Hunter and bound over to await the action of the federal grand

jury. His bond was fixed at \$500 and he war released on putting up the necessary amount Reiter, the tailor, 310 Broadway, has all the latest styles and newest goods. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Money to loan. Lowest rates. Johnston & Van Patten, Everett b lock.

THE OMAHA BEE. NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS

Democracy's Dissensions Spread Even to the School Board.

CHANCE FOR REPUBLICAN SUCCESS Friends of John Schoentgen Are Determined to Have Him Elected if They Are

Compelled to Sacrifice All Other Party Candidates.

A report is being circulated which is rikely to breed a good deal of dissension in the democratic ranks when the school election rolls around next Monday. The report comes from both republican and democratic sources, and may therefore be supposed to have come foundation in fact,

It is stated that the friends of John Schoentgen, who is one of the democratic candidates for the school board, are determined to have him elected at any cost. He will probably have a hard row to hoe, they say, on account of his connection with the dissensions that for a time threatened to tear the whole city school system to pieces, and radical measures are necessary to accomplish the desired end. It is stated upon good authority that Elwell is to be sacrificed wherever it may be found necessary to do so in order to save his running mate's scalp. and that many of the democrats will vote for a republican rather than have Schoentger

Elwell himself has a great many friends, and the fact that a move of this sort is an nounced has raised their dander to an extra ordinary elevation. They propose to do little trading ou their own book, and as mat ters now look it will be something of a mir-acle if the dissension in the ranks does not enable the republican candidates to slide

home without much trouble.

A meeting of the school board is to be held tomorrow evening for the purpose of arrang-ing the preliminaries to the election. The approving of the registration lists and the appointment of judges and clerks will be the principal and most likely the only items of ousiness to be transacted. A proposition is to be laid before the voters at the election for the erection of a school building at or near the corner of Graham avenue and Madison street. The buildings in that part of the city are all overcrowded, and there is but little doubt of the proposition going through

Go to the entertainment, Hughes block, this evening. Fine music and

Jarvis 1877 brandy, purest, safest, best, We have our own vineyards in Califor nia. Jarvis Wine company, Co. Bluffs

Preparing for the Convention. The committee appointed by the Pottawat-

tamie Democratic club met several of the members of the county central committee by appointment in the city council chamber last night. Charles D. Fullen of Fairfield, chair man of the democratic state central committee, was also present. The object of the meeting was to take the necessary initial steps to prepare for the democratic state convention, which meets here on May 11. The room was well filled with the brightest young democrats in the city, and the enthusiasm awakened was sufficient to assure Chairman Fullen that the delegates would meet a hearty welcome, and that Council Bluffs would do her share toward making it a orilliant success.

Matters of getail unimportant to the pub-

lie were chiefly discussed. Chairman Fullen answered all questions and gave all the in-formation desired concerning the probable xpense and what was expected of the local organizations. The amount named by him as the probable cost of the convention was announced to be only a triffe more than one-half the sum the local organizations had determined to raise.

The question of whether republicans should be placed upon the reception and entertain-ment committees was left entirely to the local managers and it was unanimously de-clared that they would be invited to assist in receiving the delegates and in their enter-tainment. There will be 1,133 delegates and out the same number of alternates. It was decided to secure the presence of Chauncey Black of York, Pa., to deliver an

address to the Democratic club on the eve of After the discussion of minor details the club adjourned to meet a full board of the county central committee on Tuesday even

Entertainment tonight, Hughes block, by Colonel Tulley's orchestra and others.

They Stood it a Month,

A petition was filed yesterday afternoon in the district court which tells an affecting tale of marital infelicity which tore a household in pieces after the parties had spent only a month in battling with each other and the hardships of life.

Edgar B. Teller is the plaintiff, and he Edgar B. Teller is the plaintiff, and he makes his wife. Muriel I. Teller, defendant. He alleges in the petition that he married the defendant in Montrose, Ia., December 30, 1891, and lived with her until February 1, 1802. For ten days they had no difficulties that he thicks worth while mentioning in his petition, but at the end of that time Muriel became fractious and began to treat him to requent doses of corporeal punishment that not only hurt his feelings as a man, but left large black and blue spots scattered over nim as well. She not only struck him with her fist, but threatened to kill him, and finally capped the climax by deserting him. He de that the matrimonial bonds, which are only a little over two months cld, be

Broadway Sabbath school gives entertainment tonight, Hughes block, to assist in furnishing their room in new church Help the little ones.

Walnut block and Wyoming coal, fresh mined, received dail; Thatcher, 16 Main street.

Killed by the Cars.

The remains of Lewis Cooper, an employe of the Burlington road, were brought to this city on Tuesday and interred in Fairview cemetery. Cooper, with a number of other workmen, were busily engaged in cleaning the snow off the track near Pacific Junction, and a switching crew was at work near by A detached car was sent rolling along the track where Cooper was working, and a boy who happened to see the danger called t Cooper to get out of the way. Cooper looked at the boy to see what was the matter, but before he could look around and see the car t struck him and knocked him down. fell directly across one of the rails and the

wholes bassed over him, cutting him in two at the waist. When be was picked up he was dead. He leaves a wife and child, who live at 2822 Avenue G. He was formerly in the employ of the Northwestern Railway company. O. Yunkerman & Co., feed, seeds, commission, country produce, 108 Broadway.

wheels passed over him, cutting him in tw

Swanson Music Co., Masonic temple

The Motor Company Must Pay. The jury in the case of Fannie Patterson, who brought a \$20,000 damage suit in the district court against the Council Bluffs and Omana Electric Motor company for injuries sustained in an accident at the bridge two years ago, returned a verdict at half past 10 o'clock last night. The case was given them at lo'clock yesterday morning and they wrestled with it long and ardently and finally settled nt by finding for the plaintiff and ciloping off one cipher from the amount sued for, giving

The case was stubbornly contested and the triumph of the plaintiff was received with a good deal of surprise.

Program For the Presentation. The committee on arrangements, consist ing of J. J. Steadman, Dr. F. S. Thomas and Theodore Guittar, have prepared an interesting program for the open meeting which is to be held in the Grand Army hall tomorrow for the purpose of presenting the post with a fine silk banner. It will include

short speeches by A. C. Graham, E. L. Shugart, J. D. Edmundson and others, a recitation by Miss Edyth Thomas and music by I. M. Treynor and Mrs. J. A. Roff. Rev. G. W. Crofts will make the presentation speech and Commander D. Maithy the response. The exercises will begin at 8 o'clock.

Republican Primaries. The republicans of the city will meet in the various wards this evening at the same places selected for the primaries which were held last week, to nominate delegates to the county convention which will be held tomorrow at the county court house. The usual number of delegates will be chosen in each ward, and their work on Saturday will be to appoint twenty delegates to represent Pottawattamie county at the state conven-tion to be held in Des Moines next Wednes-day, at which representatives will be elected to attend the national republican convention at Minneapoils.

Carpet weaving at 928 Avenue F.

Eastern money to loan on real estate by E. H. Sheafe, Broadway and Main.

Charged With Larceny. Frank Donahue, a brother of "Kid" Donahue, who was killed in a saloon a couple of years ago, was arrested vesterday afternoon on the charge of stealing a \$15 watch from a man who signed his name to the information as "Yon Yohnson." Donahue was at Mr. Yohnson's house during the afternoon and bappened to be left alone in one of the rooms for a few minutes. When the members of the family returned the watch was missing and he is suspected of the theft,

WITHDREW THEIR CONSENT.

City Councilmen Conclude to Prepare Their Own Sidewalk Specifications. A special meeting caused all of the coun nimen, with the exception of Edwards and Burdish, to assemble in the council champer last evening, but they didn't stay very long

Some of the members had suddenly concluded that it would be better for them to prepare the specifications for street paving themselves than to allow the Board of Pub he Works and the city engineer to do it, and they wanted to reconsider the action of a was reconsidered. resolution was first introduced and adopted having in view the abatement of nuisances in the shape of high dirt banks and

pools of water.
Mr. Back then quietly moved to reconsider the vote on an ordinance giving the Board of Public Works and city engineer authority to prepare specifications for paving, and by the reconsideration and subsequent vote it was decided to have the council perform that work. It went through as slick as a whistle. took barely a minute and a half, s—Back, Bechel, Bruner, Chaffee, Conway, Howell, Jacobsen, McLearie, Monroe

Prince, Specht, Steele and Mr. President. Noes—Elsasser, Lowry and Tuttle. City Treasurer Bolin wanted additional ary assistance in his office and asked for two cierks for a month or two on the personal tax list. Mr. Chaffee favored having the additional cost charged to the school board, which holds about two-thirds of the money in the treasurer's hands. This pleased the majority of the councilmen, but as it would take time to bring the matter before the school board the city will be called upo

Mr. Specht moved to reconsider the vote by which the Fifteenth street viaduct ques-tion was lost. Eisasser seconded it, and Chaffee demanded ayes and noes It was lost, as there were eight votes in the affirmative and eight votes in the negative Ayes—Back, Eisasser, Howell, Jacobsen, Lowry, Monroe, Specht and Tuttle. Noes— Bechel, Bruner, Chaffee, Conway, McLearle, Prince, Steele and Mr. President

rejection of Peter Besen's appoint ment as meat inspector was reconsidered, and the appointment was approved. Adam Snyder and Charles J. Karbach are his bondsmen. The amount of money available in the in ersection paving fund called for some dis tersection paving fund called for some dis-cussion. It was stated by City Engineer Rosewater that there was only \$55,000 to count on, and he read a list of the streets that it is proposed to pave this year. He said that the money would not pay for the city's share of all the work proposed to be done, yet the councimen were all the time seeking to enlarge the amount to be done by strips of from one to a half a dozen blocks.
The matter went to the committee on pav-

ing, curbing and guttering, who will prepare final list of the streets to be paved President Davis then stated that the meet ing had been called to meet in committee of the whole to consider the market house project and plans for working city prisoners on the streets.

A motion was made to go into committee of the whole, but the councilmen didn't go They adjourned and went out int the night instead, simply because the object for which they met had been accomplished the call to the contrary notwithstanding.

AMUSEMENTS.

"Erminie."

The Carleton Opera company continues to draw large houses at the Farnam Street theater, and last evening offered another change of bill, presenting Jacobowski's de lightful creation, "Erminie."

Interest of course centered in the roles of Cadeaux and Ravenues, which were interpreted by Charles A. Bigelow and J. K. Murray, respectively. These characters have been essayed by many performers since the time of Frances Wilson and DeWolf Hopper, but their suc cessors have failed to find any originality which those creators may have left over. Mr. Bigelow, however, played Caddy with an exuberance of drollery that was irresisti ble. Mr. Murray did Ravy with becoming dash, and his fine voice was quite as mag netic in dialogue as in song. The antics of these diverting rascals kept the audience in a merry mood, and even moved their coleagues to smiles.

Miss Alice Vincent was a stately rather than an animated Erminie, but she was in good voice, which appeared to special ad antage in the lullaby Miss Clara Lane's Javotte was an agree

able revelation of her versatility. In this souprette role she had a saucy, jaunty air, twinkling eyes and a spiritedly suitable action that quite took the audience captive. She was evidently in fine spirits and sang a

er best. Mr. F. Huntly carried the role of Eugene but was suffering from a cold, which may also account for an occasional hesitation in the spoken lines. Miss Clara Wisdom was a pouderous Princess Granponeur, but played it with amusing action. Mr. W. H. Fitzger ald was a dignified marquis, rather colorles: in action but excellent in his music.

the opera was produced with the ordinary scenery of the theater and some of the singers seemed to be in a 'guying' mood. The performance lacked some of the dash and go which marked "Indigo," excepting, perhaps, the choruses, but as a whole it was reasonably acceptable and hardly an import ant number in the musical score was allowed to pass without one or more encores.

"Robin Hood." The Bostonians repeated "Robin Hood" at the Boyd last evening to a largely increased audience, but with changes in two important roles. Mr. Edwin W. Hoff displaced Tom Karl as the outlaw captain, and Miss Flora Finlayson appeared as Allan-A-Dale in place of Miss Jessie Bartlett Days. Mr. Hoff is one of the best tenors in light

opera and portrayed a dashing Robin Hood Miss Finiayson has a rich, full voice, with fine resonance, is endowed with persona charms and found immediate favor with the The cast was unchanged otherwise, and the performance was a delightfully artistic entertainment. The audience was rather

more responsive than on the preceding even ing and it lent the inspiration of numerous outbursts of admiring approval. Will Play by Wire.

NEW YORK, March 10.- The telegraphic chess match between the New York Mauhattan Chess club and the New Orleans Chess and Whist club, has been fixed to take place on Saturday the 19th inst. The two clubs' rooms will be connected by wire for this purpose. Ten games are intended to be placed a smultaneously. played simultaneously.

All in a Bunch. New York, March 11 .- At 1 a. m. the bicycle contest was: Ashinger, 692; Lums-den, 692; Martin, 692; Lamb, 692; Reading, 692; Schoch, 684; Stage, 646.

VALE, STANDARD OIL TRUST-

It is Preparing to Bow Its Head in Deference to Public Opinion.

END OF THE MONOPOLY NEAR AT HAND

Certificate Holders in the Big Concern Called to Meet and Consider the Advisability of Dissolving it-Cause for the Action.

NEW YORK, March 10 .- The Standard Oil trust is preparing to bow its head in deference to the public prejudice against its name and form of trust, and the managers have about decided that it is not advisable to carry the recent case in the Ohio supreme court to any general appeal.

A meeting of the holders of the trust cer tificates has been called to consider the advisability of dissolving the trust, and also while the decision of the meeting is in suspense, there is little doubt that the dissolution will be ordered. But while the trust dies, there will be no sacrifice of interests of the certificate holders, and the great aggregation of capital known as the Standard Oil will still be managed by the same men, and will retain its control of the transporting and

reduing of petroleum.

The dissolution of the trust was partly in deference to public opinion and partly the result of the adverse decision against the trust by the Ohio supreme court. In the last few days there have been long consultations between the trustees, which finally resulted in the issue of a notice to certificate holders that a special meeting of the holders would be held on Monday, March 21, for the purpose of voting upon a resolution to terminate the trust agreement and take such further action as may be thereby rendered necessary

Plan of Dissolution. There is no intention of replacing the trust by a corporation, as was the case when the Sugar trust and Cottonseed Oil trust were reorganized, because of the difference in the character of the several agreements. In dissolving the Standard Oil trust individual stockholders will simply receive back the pooled securities, but of course some method will be devised by which the outside holders of trust certificates the outside holders of trust certificates will be fully protected in their equities. Some of the banks hold the Standard trust certificates as collateral on loans, but they have been fully assured by the Standard people that they will be protected in any steps which may be necessary in case it is lecided at the coming meeting to abandor

the trust agreement.
When the trust was formed there were thirty holders of certificates and now there are no more than about 200. The trustees for about eight years paid 12 per cent dividends from the profits of the business. The cer-tificates have sold as high as \$225, which was the price prior to an increase in the form of a stock dividend which was declared a few years ago. In the last week the price of certificates advanced ten points to \$169. The certificates are not listed in any of the public stock exchanges and all dealings in them are

conducted by outside negotiations. INHUMAN MONSTERS.

Horrible Treatment of a Little Child by Woman and Her Husband. PEORIA, Ill., March 10.-A case of atrocious cruelty came to light today. A little girl, 9 years of age, was picked up in the snow where she had fallen in a faint land carried into the house of a lady connected with one of the charitable institutions. The child says she is the adopted daughter of W. H. Petty and wife, who came here from Memphis few weeks ago. They made the child peddle small articles and if she does not sell a named amount they practice the most inhuman tor

tures on her When assured that she would be shielded when assured that she would be shielded from Petty and his wife the child said they frequently tied her up by the thumbs and severely beat her. Then they would burn her arms and legs with a redbot poker and rub salt into the sores. Her little body is a mass of burns, kicks and bruises from head to foot. Petty and his wife attempted to escape from the city tonight, but were arrested. The woman had \$500 sewed up in her dress and they pawned diamonds valued at \$1,000 late this evening. It is presumed these diamonds were stolen. There is an intense feeling growing and they were re-

moved to jail tonight for safe keeping. SHE KNEW TOO MUCH.

Two Brothers Suspected of Marder Remove the Only Witness of Their Crime. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 10. - Intense ex citement prevails in Ashley county today and double lynching is not at all improbable. The cause of the trouble is the poisoning of Mrs. Sallie Hannible, who died in terrible agony last night at her home at Parkuale.

Ben and Omer Carpenter, brothers, are acused of the terrible crime Last fall Samuel Hannible, a weil-to-do farmer, was shot from ambush, while driv ng cattle on the outskirts of his farm. Han-pible's wife was near the scene at the time of the killing and investigating the cause of shooting, found her husband lying dead in the road. The woman noticed the Carpenter

brothers retreating down the road. The nurgerors were never apprehended. The poisoning of the widow is thought to be the work of the Carpenter boys in order to get out of the way the only witness against them. The country is being scoured by armed citizens, who swear to lynch the mur derers if captured.

CONDITION OF THE IRON TRADE.

Furnacemen Agree Upon a Method to Im-

prove It. CLEVELAND, O., March 10 .-- The Iron Trade Review will print responses from fifty-one of the largest blast furnaces in the country to the questions whether they contemplated an early blowing out and what the remedy is for the present depressed state of the iron trade. The answers show that fourteen stacks will blow out in the next thirty day, which ne Iron Trade Review says, means a reduc tion of 10,900 tons a week in the output of pig iron. This is about equal to the present excess of production over the amount consumed in manufacture. The furnace men are a unit in the opinion that over-production is the cause of the unprecedently low prices prevailing and almost as unanimous in say ing that a general blowing out of stacks the remedy to be applied.

PROHIBITIONISTS ORGANIZE.

They Will Have Workers in Every State is the Union at the Next Election. DETROIT, Mich., March 10 .- Prof. Samuel F. Dickey, secretary of the national prohibiion committee, passed through the city today. In an interview he said the prohibitionists were organized in every state in the union except South Carolina, and there would soon be an organization there. The party was now in much better shape than ever before. He did not think there was much chance for a coalition o the prohibitionists and manstrialists. The prohibition campaign, however, would be nade on a much broader scale this year than ever before. The industrial issues would be brought prominently to the front. The majority of the party wanted St. John to run on the prohibition ticket, but he had positively declined to accept the nomination

Deed of a Rejected Lover. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 10 .- Herman Krouse, a disappointed lover, tried to murder his sweetheart, Margaret Conrad, this morning, and then in the belief that her injuries were fatal, shot and killed himself.

THE STRANGE CASE OF WILLIAM HENRY SOMERVILLE.

[Copyright, 1892, by Charles B. Lewis.] Your name is Thomas White, for instance. That is, you have always been called Thomas as your given name, and your parents have always been referred to as White. There isn't the slightest doubt in your mind that you are Thomas White. You have lived in the town of Ridgeville, state of Ohio, for thirty years, and every man, woman and child knows you as Thomas White. Your mail has

been received under that name, you have signed it to all papers, and if I should deny that you were Thomas White you would call me a lunatic.

Nevertheless, Thomas White, I do deny your identity, and I challenge you to prove it in law. Hunt up the family bible, gather up receipts and other papers, call upon your own father and mother, and yet what do you prove? Simply that they believe you are Thomas White. It might do to establish your identity at a bank, but it would not establish it in law if there was a life depending.

Every man, woman and child in the town of Grafton knew William Henry Somerville. It was a town of only 2,000 inhabitants, and he was the principal or superinintendent of the Union school and had held the position for three years. He was a single man and a gentleman They said he was a gentleman because he was educated, dressed well, had no vices and carried himself according to the popular idea of a gentleman. men respected him, their wives admired him, and at least a dozen marriageble girls would have been happy at the knowledge that he was in love with

There was one odd thing about the superintendent. Every Friday night he took the train and went away, no one knew where, and returned every Monday morning at 7 o'clock. He should have explained where he went, whom he went to see and all about it, but for some reason he didn't. It may be that some of the village gossips plucked up the nerve to ask him the question direct, but if so they got no satisfaction What made the mystery deeper and gave the gossips an additional pang was the fact that on one Friday night he would take the train going west and on the next the train going east. Those who argued that he went to see sweetheart or mother were thus nonplussed. After a time it was decided by certain parties to follow him and solve the mystery. This may seem a curious step to you, but you never lived in a "country where everybody is bound to know all about everybody else, even to how much soap grease or how many carpet rags have been saved up to a certain The superintendent was "shaddate owed," but alas! he gave the self-constituted detectives the slip and caused

additional gossip. Just how long it would have been before committee of "many taxpayers" or 'indignant citizens" would have waited upon Mr. Somerville and demanded an explanation I cannot say, but such a move had been suggested when a strange thing occurred. This was along toward the last of his third year. He was boarding at the house of a widow named Rives. She had three children Frank, Hattie and John, aged respectively 16, 13 and 11. Altattended school. One morning our superintendent was missing. At the same time the widow Rives charged him with attempted as sault and robbery. Her statement was to the effect that she had been awakened about midnight and found him in her room. She had that day received \$2,000 in cash, and he demanded the money. When she cried out he struck her with a club, and during the few minutes she was unconscious he secured

the money and fled. Did any one doubt her story? Was there the slightest reason to suspect she could be mistaken? She had seen him and heard his voice, So also had Frank and Hattie as he left the house. He had taken a freight train which passed the station at 1 o'clock a. m., and the station agent had even spoken with him As he was the only passenger, the con-ductor and two brakemen could fully identify him. Was there ever a plainer ease?

It was three weeks before Mr. Somerville was overhauled and brought back for trial. He was caught in a town over 500 miles away and was taken in charge while quietly sauntering along He was not even flustrated He street. calmly denied that he was William Henry Somerville. He denied that he was a school teacher. Indeed, he was so cool and nervy that the officers who knew him as well as they knew their own children, began to doubt if he was really the man before they started back with him. We all know what we know until some one doubts. Then we "think," or "guess" or declare "to the best of our knowledge."

The prisoner declared the officers mis taken, but made no objections to returning with them. There were 500 people at the depot to see him. Everyone recognized him as William Henry Somerville. Next day he was arraigned beore a justice of the peace under that name. He denied it and gave his name as James Bailey. His plea was "not guilty," and he had the best lawyer in the country. The doubt which the of ficers brought back with them now be gan to bear fruit. When Mrs. Rives tock the stand she positively identified the prisoner as Somerville. On cross examination she began to waver. One of her children swore positively; another "thought so." One of the female teach ers in the school was then put on the stand to identify the prisoner and I give

you what followed: "How long have youknown the person referred to as William Henry Som-

"Almost three years."

"How often did you see him?" "At least five days in a week." "Now, then, look straight at me and

tell me the color of his eyes." "They are—are blue.

"You are positive?" Y-ves, sir. You will say she ought to have been sure, and yet the prisoner had black eyes! Every other person in that court

room would have sworn his eyes were A second teacher was called to the stand and asked:

"Do you identify the prisoner as William Henry Somerville? "I do. "How do you identify him?"

"By his general appearance." "Isn't there a possibility that you are mistaken. "You declare on oath that the prisoner is Somerville, do you?

"Well, I like a positive witness. Now, ook straight at me and describe Somer-"He is-is-"

"Go on."

"Very well."

"His hair is--is-

"He has black eyes."

She stopped right there. She couldn't describe the man she had seen so often during a period of three years! A doubt had crept in and that doubt was fatal to her testimony. Only two persons out of thirty called to the stand were positive. The defense claimed a case of mistaken identity. The prisoner declared his name to be James Bailey and that he was born of American parents in Switzerland. He had come to the United States as a tourist and had only been in the country two weeks when arrested. He had no baggage, but claimed it had been detained or stolen.

afterwards found to be correct. He had about \$1,000 in money, some of which was English gold. After Somerville or Bailey had been

He gave the name of the sailing vessel

by which he had arrived, and this was

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held to the higher court for trial the town was divided. One-half of the people were sure the man was Somerville, while the other half was just as positive that he was a stranger. True, he looked and spoke and acted like Somerville. He had the same mole on the left cheek, the same gold filling in the front teeth, the same way of lifting the evebrows as he But there was the doubt. People had been mistaken before, and we nust not rate ourselves as infallable.

and the station agent were put on the stand. Each one set out to be positive, out each one ended by doubting. testimony of the station agent was a fair sample: "Mr. Jones, you were acquainted with

William Henry Somerville?"

"Saw him very often?"

"Yes, sir.

When the trial in the higher court

came on the crew of the freight train

"Almost every day."
"Could you have identified him on the street forty rods away in daylight?" "Certainly, sir."

"Perfectly familiar with his voice?"
"Yes, sir." J'Do you see him in this room?" "I do—in the prisoner's box."
"Ah, you do. Now, Mr. Jones, do
you ever remember to have looked at Mr. Somerville critically? I mean as you would have looked at a horse you

wanted to remember again?" "N-no, sir." What sort of a nose had he? "Nose? Why, a straight nose, sir."
"Sure of this?"

"Yes, sir." "That will do!" The prisoner in the box had a Roman nose! Did Somerville have that sort of nose? One-half the village said vesthe other half no. The Widow Rives was determined to be positive this time. She not only believed in what she was going to swear to, but a hundred different people had encouraged her in her

conviction. This was the way she came to grief: "You think it was about midnight

when you awoke?"

"Yes, sir. "Any light in the room?"

"Yes, sir.

"Curtains down?" "Yes, sir. "Well, what did you see?" "I saw the prisoner at the foot of the bed and called out."

"Did you know who it was before you heard his voice. 'No. sir.' "Well, what did he say?" "He said, 'I want that money, or I'll

murder you. You were greatly frightened?" "Even before he spoke?"

"And yet, frightened as you were, you recognized Somerville's voice?"
"Yes, sir." "Well, let us see if there is any similarity. Prisoner, you will call out the words used by the man in the bed-

room." The prisoner complied, seeming to put himself in the other's place, and his words knocked the bottom out of the prosecution. Not a person in that courtroom could swear that he had ever heard that voice before. The Widow Rives seemed stupefied as she looked at

"So you swear that this is the voice you heard in you bedroom, do you? asked the lawyer. "I-can't say!"

Of the two men who had been positive

at the preliminary examination one backed square down, while the other was full of doubts. When the case was closed and the jury went out eight were doubtless and the other four not very positive, and the result was a verdict of 'not guilty." Bailey remained in town for a couple of weeks, meeting everybody as a stranger and wandering around to see the sights, and then went quietly away to be seen no more. he Bailey or Somerville? I have told you how they failed to prove he was anything but Bailey, and yet he was Somerville. Years afterward I interviewed him in a South Carolina jail two days before he was to be hanged for murder, and he acknowledged dentity and laughed heartily over the details of the case. He was a rascal be-ore coming to Grafton, and selected fhat quiet town because there reasons why he should disappear for time. As to where he went when he left the town every Friday night I did not ask, and he did not volunteer to ex-

plain. You may say that such a case is impossible. Very well. Go out on the street as you are, and to the first friend who meets you and stops to pass a word, reply: "Sir! You have made a mistake! My

name is not Thomas White, and I never aw you before!"

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