



DELEGATES TO THE MEETING OF THE BLACK HILLS TRAVELING MEN'S ASSOCIATION WHICH MET RECENTLY AT HOT SPRINGS—Photo by Cole & Son, Hot Springs.

Carpenter's Letter

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are wonderful. They are trained so that they keep perfect step, and so that in parade they will take so many steps to the minute, and march in perfect time with one another.

The Germans are very proud of their soldiers, and the common people, generally, do not object to military service. It does their sons good, and they are proud of having them in the army. They do not like emigration on the ground that it takes away so many soldiers, and the German-American who returns here has to be careful as to what his military record has been. We have a treaty with Germany which provides that such men shall be treated as American citizens, but the treaty is not always regarded. I am told that scores of German-Americans who have come here have been warned to leave the country within eight days, and that some have been arrested and fined because they had left without performing military service.

According to the German law, every boy at 18 must serve in the army. The records of birth are carefully kept, and the names of those reaching 18 are published from year to year. If there is no record of their deaths and they do not appear fines are assessed against them, and if these are not paid they are liable to imprisonment.

Many a baby thus recorded has been taken to the United States with his parents and become an American citizen, and some such babies on their return to Germany as grown-ups have been compelled to pay such fines. I heard of a case of one man, who had served several years in the army of the United States. He returned here on the death of his mother to look into her estate, and this fine was demanded. He could not pay it, and was sent to jail. It took the best efforts of the American ambassador to get him out.

Another more recent case was that of two of our rich business men. They had left Germany as little boys, had grown up as American citizens and had returned here, intending to stay a couple of years and educate their children. As long as they remained at a hotel no notice was taken of them, but a few months ago they rented flats and began to furnish them. This brought their names to the police, who have to keep track of such things for taxes. Their records were examined, and they were ordered to leave the country, for police reasons, within eight days. They protested, but so far their protest has been of no avail, and they may yet need the intercession of the American ambassador before they can stay.

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Pointed Paragraphs

Doctors like patients who have patience. Some men spoil a good story by sticking to the facts.

About the safest get-rich-quick scheme is to marry an heiress.

Men spend a lot of money for things they don't want.

Those who offer bargains get rich quicker than those who seek them.

Somehow stocks recover from a fall faster than the small operators do.

Harmony is one of the things the matrimonial trust fails to monopolize.

A man who is always harping on one idea should change the tune occasionally.

Girls make almost as much fuss about graduating as they do about getting married.

The worst thing about the skeleton in the family closet is that it refuses to remain there.

When a lawyer begins to investigate a case the first thing he does is to look into his client's pocketbook.

A Philadelphia genius claims to have perfected a noiseless typewriter. We fail to see the advantage of such a machine if a woman is employed to operate it.—Chicago News.



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OMAHA DELEGATES WHO WILL ATTEND THE CONVENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION AT WASHINGTON, D. C.—Photo by a Staff Artist.