Council Bluffs

Minor Mention

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"The Man on the Box" is a sterling comedy with plenty of action in its telling, and it appeals strongly to the theater-going public.—Chicago Chronicle.
Mrs. Walter I. Smith returned yesterday after a six weeks' visit with relatives in Indiana. On her return Mrs. Smith stopped at Chicago for several days the guest of relatives.
Ben Turner, the 15-year-old negro boy who was arrested after being caught in the act of stealing a bicycle from the Y. M. C. A. building, was committed to the state reform school by Police Judge Snyder yesterday morning. He will be taken to Eldora today.
Hundreds of people attending Sam Snyder's auction sale. You better fall in line and get a share of the bargains which are going for little or nothing. Watches, diamonds, musical instruments, at auction. Two sales, daily, 2 and 7 p. m. Sam Snyder, 330 Broadway, Council Bluffs.
Two more arrests were made yesterday upon indictments returned by the grand jury last week. The prisoners were William Vincent and C. A. Cook, father-in-law and son-in-law. They were indicted for assault with intent to commit murder. The offense was committed one evening last June when the men were fishing in the Boyer cutoff ditch. Vincent, who is a farmer and well fixed, gave a bond of $1,000 and Cook's bond was fixed at $300.
H. T. Neilson, a tenant on the Bridenstein fruit farm east of the city, was tried in Justice Cooper's court yesterday on a charge of embezzlement preferred by Robert Keating a neighbor. He was accused of having sold a set of harness which he had borrowed from Keating. The evidence wholly failed to sustain the charge and the justice ordered the case dismissed. The charge was prosecuted by Assistant County Attorney Ross.
J. W. Squire yesterday began an action in the district court against George L. Smith and Rhoda A. Smith to recover a $16,000 balance remaining unpaid on a farm purchase made April 3, 1908. The purchase contract was for $18,500; $1,500 was paid down and the remainder was to be paid in annual installments of $1,000 a year, with interest at 5 per cent. No further payments were made and the account now stands with the Smiths owing $16,655, including interest.
The police department was notified yesterday by the Lincoln department that Charles Bartlett, a laborer, 20 years old, had been killed there by being crushed beneath a steam boiler which he was assisting in moving. The Lincoln police discovered that he had a brother, Phillip Bartlett, living in Council Bluffs, and said to be working in a livery stable. The local officers were unable to locate his brother at any of the stables and the directory does not contain his name.
An exploding lamp set fire to the home of Peter Hansen, 811 Commercial street, at 2 o'clock yesterday and called out the fire department. The burning oil was scattered over the table on which the lamp was left burning, setting fire to the spread and articles upon it. The flames were communicated to the lace curtains, and a dangerous fire was started when the sleeping members of the family were aroused. The fire, however, was extinguished before the firemen arrived. The damage was fully covered by insurance.
Gerd Tjardes, 81 years old, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning at his home in Hardin township. He had been suffering slightly from heart trouble but his condition was not regarded as serious, and death came peacefully as he slept just before dawn. He was a native of Germany and came to this country twenty-one years ago and took up his home on the farm where he died. He is survived by five children, Mrs. Herman Grotte of Hardin township, Mrs. John Burns of York township, Mrs. Gilbert Zellwander of Columbus, Wis.; Henry of Underwood and Gerhard of Decatur, Ill. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 1 o'clock from the residence, Rev. Mr. Grades of the German Episcopal church officiating. Burial will be in the Hardin township cemetery.
A pleasant and somewhat unusual wedding was celebrated last night when H. C. Ridgely and Miss Iola Aten were married in the new home they had jointly prepared and furnished at 1516 Fourth avenue. Every feature of the cosy home had been provided in advance, including the well stocked larder. The lines were read by Dr. O. O. Smith of the First Congregational church in the presence of relatives and intimate who prepared a dainty luncheon for the bridal party. Miss Aten is one of the popular young women of the city and for years resided with her parents on Glen avenue until the home was broken up by their death a few years ago. Mr. Ridgely is a decorator and is associated with J. B. Long & Co., of this city. Mrs. C. D. Levitt of Lafayette, Ind., sister of the groom, witnessed the ceremony.
County Attorney Hess yesterday filed a written notice in the district court naming some of the out of town witnesses he would call in the prosecution of Charles, alias "Dutch" Stevenson, indicted for receiving stolen property. The list includes Jesse Parsons, who is now in jail in Omaha in connection with the Friedman cloak store robbery, and who is expected to testify that on April 2 Parsons sold $400 worth of women's clothing to Stevenson for $65, telling him at the time it had been stolen from Friedman's store; R. R. Boyer, a cook, now at Lincoln, who will testify that he was present when the transaction took place, and heard the statement made about the stolen goods, and Detective Steve Maloney of Omaha, who was present when Stevenson's place at 312½ Broadway was raided and about $700 worth of the Friedman stock recovered. Stevenson's trial will be in the first assignment of the criminal docket and will be reached some time during the month.
Owing to the rainy conditions yesterday the visit of the members of the board of county supervisors to the Creche for the purpose of conferring with a committee of the Associated Charities women concerning county assistance in the cost of caring for the helpless babies was postponed until this afternoon. The postponement was by request of the women. One feature of the conference will be merely alluded to—the county's liability for the cost of caring for children sent to the Creche by orders of Judge Snyder in the local police court. County Attorney Hess has advised the board that all such expenses are a legitimate part of the county's burden and that whenever Judge Snyder considers a juvenile case that fact places the case in the superior court, which by law has co-jurisdiction with the district, his court thus becoming a juvenile court. No bills have ever been rendered for the care of children sent from the police court, and it is probable that Matron Johnson will not be asked by the Associated Charities officers to render bills for past service, but to do so in the future.

Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to The Bee Thursday, September 15, by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

Frank D. Comstock and wife to William F. Lehigh, north half northwest quarter, except one-half acre in southeast corner and west 24 acres of south half southwest quarter of 27-78-39, w. d. $12,526
Rosa Marcus and husband to G. M. Smith and Charles D. Walker, lots 1, 2 and 3 in block 1 in Cochran's addition to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d. 900
Samuel S. Curtis et al. to Anna M. Wood, lots 10 and 11 in block 10 in Ferry addition to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d. 400
Three transfers, total $13,826

"The Man on the Box," by Harold McGrath and Grace Livingston Furniss, will be presented at Doiiany theater, Sunday matinee and night. This will be an agreeable surprise to those who have read the book, as it is one of the most delightful stories ever written. A complete scenic equipment is carried and every detail is carefully looked after.

Council Bluffs

BOARD DITCHES NEW DITCH

Damage Claims in Prospect Put Quietus on Mosquito Project.

LEGAL TALENT GALORE ON HAND

Promoters Will Have to Foot Bill for Surveying and Advertising—Coal Prices Are Higher for County.

Confronted by damage claims aggregating over $200,000, which were to be piled on top of the original cost of $120,000, the promoters of the Mosquito creek drainage canal lost their enthusiasm yesterday when they appeared before the board of county supervisors to meet the land owners who objected to the construction of the canal. There was almost an audible sigh of relief when the board, by a unanimous vote, rejected their petition and thus killed the whole project.

Yesterday was the day for final action on the petition, when it was to be approved or rejected, and the board's rooms were filled with interested land owners. The roster showed 175 property owners affected by the proposed action, and the protest against the ditch bore the names of 118 of this number, while many others were present to make verbal protests and go on record if needed. The railrads were represented by counsel, J. C. Cook appearing for the Milwaukee, J. L. Parish of Des Moines for the Rock Island and Emmet Tinley for the Wabash, each of the out-of-town attorneys being assisted by the local legal representatives. The Milwaukee company took the matter most seriously, and in addition to Assistant General Solicitor Cook brought District Engineer Brown from the home office to join in the protest.

Many Speeches Made.

All made earnest pleas, approaching closely to the line of speeches. Attorneys for several of the heavier land owners were also present and presented the objections of their clients.

It was shown that the entire amount of farm lands within the area of the ditch district amounted to but 7,600 acres, and that one-half of this is located in the hills, where no benefit could be derived, leaving but 2,600 acres against which a tax aggregating more than $300,000 would have to be assessed for the first cost of the ditch and settlement of damage claims. This appeared to present a possible tax of more than $100 an acre, if the damage claims were sustained, and more than $50 an acre for the construction work alone.

Prospects of further damage claims were brought into view by the statement of Benjamin Marks, who said he had frequently seen the Mosquito two miles wide after it had reached the river bottoms and sending a current southward many times greater than the proposed capacity of the canal, and that an attempt to hold this volume of water by raised dikes would fail for the reason that the current would wash away the levees after the water had been conducted to a point where it could overflow large tracts of valuable land now exempt from such damage.

The original petitioners and promoters of the canal will have a bill of about $1,200 to pay from their own pockets. They were required to give bond for the payment of all costs for preliminary surveys, advertising, etc., and the board ordered the surveyor's bill, which exceeds $1,000, to be collected from this bond. It will be divided evenly between about twenty of the promoters.

Coal Prices Soar.

The board of county supervisors were given another illustration of the higher cost of living when the members came to consider the bids for supplying the winter's fuel for all of the county's institutions yesterday afternoon. The figures submitted by the lowest bidder averaged 85 cents a ton higher than last year on all grades of coal used. There were three sets of bids submitted by the Carbon Coal company, the Droge Elevator company and the Fenlon-Wickham Coal company. The board decided to use Illinois lump coal for the heating plants in the county buildings, including the county farm, and Centerville, (Iowa) mine run for free distribution among the poor under the supervision of Overseer Miller at Council Bluffs.

The bid of the Carbon Coal company was the lowest all around and won the contract. The price to be paid for Illinois lump delivered at Council Bluffs is $4.84; at the county farm, f. o. b. at McClelland, $4.64; Centerville delivered to paupers in Council Bluffs, $4.74. The Droge company's bids for the same grades were $4.85, $4.58 and $4.98, with no extra charge for quarter ton lots delivered to poor. The Fenlon-Wickham bids were $4.90, $4.78 and $4.79. The contract calls for the delivery of all coal after being weighed on city scales and involves between 700 and 800 tons.

PROGRESS IN SCHOOL ROOM

Superintendent Beveridge Says Enrollment Larger than at End of First Month Year Ago.

Speaking of the progress made in the public schools so far this year, Superintendent Beveridge said yesterday:

"The public schools of the city are well organized and moving along just as if the children had been at work on their studies for two months. The enrollment is still gaining. We have now a larger enrollment than we had at the close of the first month last year. Washington Avenue and Twentieth Avenue schools lead the other buildings in the size of enrollment in the grade schools. The High school lacks just three pupils of having the full 500 in attendance. According to these numbers when the census of Council Bluffs is published it should show a gain over previous years.

"An assembly will be held at the High school this morning. Mr. Cox will give a few selections on the violin. The regular order of business will be taken up and the announcements will be made. The superintendent of city schools will give a short talk at this assembly.

"A football squad has already been organized and is working. Literary societies are holding their meetings preparatory to formulating programmes which will be given some time during the first month.

"We have sent out bulletins to the principals and the various teachers of the seventh and eighth grades indicating the changes that are to be made in the course in language and grammar. One of the interesting features is the reading of classics in the seventh and eighth grades, the purposes of which are given in one of the bulletins as follows:

"First—To get the child interested in good literature.

"Second—To assist the child in interpreting literature.

"Third—To give the child an appreciation of good literature.

"Fourth—To vitalize the work in language and grammar by showing the child the connection of the work done in grammar and the study and interpretation of literature.

"Fifth—To aid the child in using better language.

"It is intended to make this course in English as practical and beneficial as it practically can be made. A series of bulletins are being issued showing how the various poems may be taken up in the schoolroom."

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Special Trouser Sale
Saturday at $1.45, $1.85, $2.45 and $3.45.

HAYDEN'S

Council Bluffs

ONE MORE MASS MEETING TO PROMOTE Y. W. C. A.

Special Program Arranged for Next Sunday Afternoon at Presbyterian Church.

The last general mass meeting to promote the interests of the Young Women's Christian association before the coming of the state general secretary, Miss Starkweather of Des Moines, will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church. There will be another special program, including fine music and several interesting speakers, including business men and women of this city and Omaha. Miss Starkweather will be here Tuesday, and it is expected that this meeting will awaken much additional interest and make her work of final permanent organization much easier.

On Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock another important meeting will be held, this time at the Y. M. C. A. building. It will be the regular monthly business meeting of the woman's association, and every member is expected to be present and bring in all of the new membership cards. It is expected that at this meeting the final reports of the membership workers will show that the association is pleasantly near the cherished 1,000 mark. At the present time the membership cards now in the hands of the promoters number between 700 and 800.

The young women whose original posters attracted so much attention when placed in the show windows of numerous business houses last week, have been again at work and wrought a lot of new designs which will be displayed today in many shop windows.

FROOM READS BOYS' MINDS

Youngsters Possessed with Wild West Idea Think Chief of Police Has Second Sight.

Chief of Police Froom did a little bit of detective business yesterday that has challenged the admiration of all the other members of the department and which will undoubtedly cause a number of people afflicted with moral obliquity and inclined to follow crooked ways to pause and take notice. During the afternoon he received a telephone message from North Harrison street complained that "Dickinson and Watterson," a couple of small boys, were firing revolvers in a reckless manner in the street. Dr. Tubbs happened to have his automobile at the station and Chief Froom invited him to take a ride up Harrison street. When they arrived in the vicinity from which the complaints came they saw two boys riding their bicycles on the sidewalk. The auto was stopped and the chief called the boys to him. One of them responded reluctantly and the other rode down the walk a short distance and sat down in the grass. The officer asked the youngster his name and was told that it was Joe Dickinson and that the name of the other lad was Arnold Waterson.

"Give me that revolver you have in your pocket," the chief commanded. The lad's complexion changed to that of a calla lily as he meekly handed over a new .22-caliber six-shot weapon with all chambers loaded.

The Watterson boy was forced to come forward, but denied that he had a revolver. "Just walk over to where you hid it in the grass and get it," the officer commanded. The boy obeyed and produced another weapon exactly like the first. The revolvers were confiscated and the boys given a kindly warning. Many complaints of reckless shooting have been made by Harrison street people and several narrow escapes have occurred. It was on this street that burning paper was placed in a letter mail box and a cat in a large package mail box.

RATTLESNAKE'S BITE FATAL

Contortionist at Osmond Holds Reptile and is Unable to Charm Fangs Away.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Sept. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Tony Lebertius, aged 48, a contortionist who has been playing at nearby carnivals this summer, died in a local hospital today as a result of being bitten by a rattlesnake. Lebertius was brought to Sioux City today from Osmond, Neb., where he had been playing. He stepped into a snake charmer's tent yesterday and volunteered to hold the reptile a minute and as a result was bitten by the snake.

Rights of Hunters on Clear Lake.

MASON CITY, Ia., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—You can't hunt on the waters of Clear lake where the land covered by the water has been posted is the substance of a decision handed down by Justice Hollister of Clear Lake in the hearing against Harry Montague, Glen Konvalinka et al. These men were hunting on Clear lake September 1. They rowed up to the head of the lake and were huhting in the boat. Later they were arrested by Henry Caster for trespassing on posted land. They claimed the right to hunt on waters belonging to the state, and here is where the contest is. The justice held that the hunters had no right to trespass on enclosed land, but the evidence was that on two sides there was no fence. The hunters were fined $5. An appeal was taken to the district court, and if that sustains the lower court an appeal will be taken to the supreme court. This body is composed of the same men who established the water level at Clear lake and it is now eighteen inches below the level established.

Nashua Man is Missing.

NASHUA, Ia., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Where is H. O. Potter? That is what his relatives are very anxious to ascertain. He has lived here a long time. Recently he had been sick and was moving about for the first time on Saturday. At 7:30 he bade his wife goodbye, but nothing was thought of that, as she supposed he went over to his father's. When he didn't return she became anxious and commenced an investigation. He was last seen crossing the bridge and foul play is feared. Mr. Potter has a wife and two daughters at home and two daughters in Minneapolis. The absent members of the family have been wired regarding the disappearance of their father. He was a very highly respected citizen.

Free Methodist Conference.

ESTHERVILLE, Ia., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The northern Iowa and southern Minnesota conference of the Free Methodist church closed its session and made the following appointments for the coming year: Plymouth district, B. Y. Neal of St. Paul, district elder; Plymouth and Lime Creek, S. H. Upton; Mason City, S. Ada Hall; Riceville and Round Grove, F. L. Burns; Glenville, Minn., Homer Farmer; Hayfield and Mapleton, to be supplied; Rothven and Capener, Mayme McCaslin; Winnebago, Minn., W. G. Anderson; Algona, Ia., and Fairmont, Minn., to be supplied.

Vicious Assault Brings Death.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Sept. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Joseph Wheeler of this city died today, the victim of a murderous assault committed Monday night at Mankato, Minn., where he had been conducting a concession at the fair. He was slugged, robbed and shot through the hips. Wheeler was widely known over Iowa as a concession man.

Gifford Divorce Suit Dismissed.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The sensational divorce case which was begun by Mrs. Phebe Gifford against F. H. Gifford, a rich saloon and farm owner, and which gave promise of being even more sensational when it came to trial, was dismissed today. A suit for $50,000 damages brought by Gifford against his mother-in-law, Mrs. M. G. Capron of Grinnell, for the alleged alienation of his wife's affections, was also dismissed. The damage suit followed the filing of the divorce case. Mr. and Mrs. Gifford were married in Council Bluffs in 1882.

Boy Unconscious Fifteen Days.

MANCHESTER, Ia., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—After lying totally unsonscious for fifteen days, Georgie White, aged 7 years, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph White, regained consciousness this morning, and the attending physicians say now that he will recover. The case has been the most peculiar and baffling one that has come to the attention of the local doctors. The child was thrown from a horse and fell, striking on his head and neck. He was picked up unconscious, a condition in which he remained until today. It was possible to give him small quantities of nourishment to keep him alive.

Ex-Official in Denison.

DENISON, Ia., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—M. D. O'Connell, who is retiring as solicitor of the Treasury department at Washington, and his wife have been visiting at the home of ex-Congressman Connor and wife. They left today for the Philippine islands, where they visit their son-in-law and daughter, Colonel and Mrs. Condon. After spending the winter in the Philippines they will return home by way of the Suez canal and will tour Europe. On their return to this country the O'Cennells will take up their residence in Washington.

Farmer Leaves with Girl.

DENISON, Ia., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—S. C. Carbauth, a farmer living between Dow City and Dunlap, has, according to reports, left home with his wife's half sister, Sylvia Jones. They hired a team from Thew's barn in Denison and rode away and nothing has been heard of the couple or the rig since. The livery man is writing in every direction for his team. It appears that Mrs. Carbauth has been sick for the last year and Miss Jones came from Dunlap to care for the house. Jones is about 50 and the girl 17.

Dow City Cases Go Over.

DENISON, Ia., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The cases against H. S. Green and Cashier Booth, who wrecked the Dow City bank some six years ago, have been continued until the November term of court. The defendants asked a continuance and the state did not resist the motion.

Iowa News Notes.

OTTUMWA—Thieves entered the postoffice at Blakesburg, sixteen miles south of here, last night, and stole a few dollars. The cracksmen were unable to break open the safe that contained a quantity of stamps and some money.

VINTON—H. H. Hughes, who has been night telegraph operator for the Rock Island here for five months, was arrested today on a charge of systematically robbing the company. J. J. Reed, the agent for the company, has been from $40 to $50 short in his cash each month since Hughes was employed. Suspecting him Reed set a trap into which Hughes walked. The case against Hughes will be taken direct to the grand jury, which is now in session.

MASON CITY—Mason City landed two factories and an armory at the commercial meeting Wednesday evening. The Appleby Furrier company of Toledo, O., and the Oppenheim Bros.' overall and bag factory will both locate here. Both have secured locations. Senator A. H. Gale offered a centrally located lot 66x132 feet for the armory and this will be erected right away as one of the conditions that Mason City band received the appointment as regimental band.

J. V. SMITH ROBBED ON ROAD

Man Giving Residence in Omaha is Slugged at Yankton and Relieved of Thirty-Five Dollars.

YANKTON, S. D., Sept. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—J. V. Smith, who gives his residence as 723 South Eighteenth street, Omaha, was slugged and robbed here on the Milwaukee road of $35. He received bad wounds on his head, but is recovering. A tramp named Charles Hoffman is under arrest. Alvert Dungen of Sixth and Grace streets, Omaha, who was the traveling partner of Smith, found Hoffman, knocked him down and held him for the police.

TAFT HAS A BIRTHDAY

President is Fifty-Three Years Old—Receives Many Messages of Congratulation by Telegraph.

BEVERLY, Sept. 16.—President Taft was 53 years old today and celebrated his birthday anniversary quietly. He was fairly deluged with telegrams of congratulation, one message coming from King George V of England. The president golfed during the morning with John Hays Hammond and Captain Archie Butt, and tonight he ate a birthday dinner with his friends, the McMillans of Cincinnati, who have a summer place near here. Mrs. Taft is in New York.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 250. Night, L-1702.

CULLED FROM THE WIRES

Nick Reuter and Rheinhold Hertzberg, two well-known citizens of Kankakee, Ill., were instantly killed when the northbound train on the Big Four railroad struck the wagon in which they were driving on a road crossing ten miles east of the city. Their mutilated bodies were brought to Kankakee.

Dr. Charles Evans, professor of Hebrew literature at the University of Wisconsin, at a meeting of the trustees was elected president of Ripon college, of which he is a graduate. He holds degrees from the Ulversity of Wisconsin and Princeton and is noted as an educator and clergyman.

Nathan Hamburger, vice president of Gimbel Bros., owners of big department stores in New York, Philadelphia and Milwaukee, died at Milwaukee, at the age of 55 years.

Sitting at the side of his mother in an automobile, Clifford Elliott, 5 years old, was killed when an interurban car struck the motor car at Knightstown, Ind. Mrs. Elliott was perhaps fatally injured and Miss Laura Woods, who was driving the automobile, escaped with a few bruises.

Oklahoma City police are attempting to solve the mystery of the disappearance last Sunday of C. J. Hays, a contractor of Janesville, Wis., who has been operating in Oklahoma City since June. R. L. Corley, with whom he has been associated in construction work, reported the disappearance Monday, but no trace of Hays has been found.

The eleventh biennial convention of the Polish Association of America has closed at Lorain, O. Frank A. Gutza of Milwaukee was re-elected president.

Actress Works Original One on Customs Men

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—A quiet laugh at the expense of customs men is now being enjoyed by Mrs. T. Irvine Chapman, formerly known as Bessie Chapman, an actress.

Mrs. Chapman, who was formerly the wife of Thomas Irvine Chapman, a Standard Oil man of Brookline, Mass., declared dutiable goods worth only about $100 on her arrival from abroad today. In her baggage inspectors found jewels and gowns which they said were worth thousands, and she was asked to explain why she had not declared them. A necklace particularly attracted the customs men, who said it was worth at least $20,000.

On examination Mrs. Chapman said this necklace was of American make, and, though it was a copy of a necklace worth $20,000, its value was far less than that amount. Appraisers valued it at $200.

WHY MEN WEAR TROUSERS

Perplexing Question of the Ages Proves An Easy One for a Missourian.

In pondering the apparently irreconcilable inconsistencies of this life the question of trousers must inevitably occur to the speculative philosopher. Why are trousers, and why do we wear them? are questions which no man has solved that thought upon them—until the other day.

Unsuspected of the world, there is in an obscure town of Missouri an intellect capable of dealing with the mystery. After what years of pondering we know not, this mighty brain has brought forth a theory which, like the alchemist's stone, has transformed the base metal of our ignorance into the pure, clear gold of understanding.

In the Democrat of Benton, Mo., the simple, the inevitable, the tremendous solution is thus unfolded:

"No living man of this age ever deliberately chose to adopt 'trousers.' He was forced into them and all other eccentricities of dress by women. In the very earliest sartorial experience he is swathed in a queer bundle of incoherent bandages by a woman. Later she puts him in cute dresses, so that the neighbors can't tell him from his little sister. Still later she cuts off his curls and puts him in knickerbockers, and he puts on long pants when she gives the word—not before.

"That is all that man has to do with wearing trousers. Women forced him into them in the first place, and now he is afraid to wear anything else for fear of making a sensation."

Of course, there is no doubt about the matter at all now. We wear trousers in subservience to women, and, perhaps, just a little, in fear of the police.—New Orleans Item.

TEDDY WAS VERY GREEN THEN

But a Dead Game Sport When He First Went Into the Cow Country.

"I wish I could have been with Teddy and the jolly outfit of cowpunchers who made things hum in Cheyenne," said Captain "Gid" Sheeks, now of St. Louis, but a former Texas cattleman.

"I knew the colonel when he and I had ranches not far apart on the Little Missouri river, near where it is crossed by the Northern Pacific railroad.

"My herds that I had driven up from the south were larger than his, and when he first came out and I saw how green and inexperienced he was, I lent him one or two of my cowboys, just to give him pointers on the game. He was an apt pupil, and mastered the details of the cow business in an astonishingly short time. He was always grateful to me, and we have been the stanchest friends ever since.

"It was a pretty wild country then, and there were plenty of tough customers who would have delighted in running the New York tenderfoot back home if he had shown any symptoms of timidity. But he was a 'dead game sport' then, as he is now, and he had the nerve to cope with any situation. I knew him once to follow a thief who had stolen, so far as the colonel knew, nothing of greater value than Roosevelt's $10 skiff, for two full days and nights down the river, and at the end of the chase got his man. While 'Teddy' kept the thief covered with a six-shooter, his ranch boss tied the criminal with a rope, and then the pair took their prisoner sixty miles to the nearest jail. He proved to be not only a noted thief, but a desperado who had killed a half dozen men, and the leader of a band of outlaws who were subsequently chased out of the state."—Baltimore American.

Notice.

We have secured the agency for the original Cole's Hot Blast heaters and ranges, and can furnish all repairs for the old models. P. C. DeVol Hardware Co., 504 Broadway.