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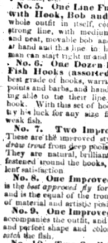
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A floating paragraph declares that "The Princess of Wales has a valuable collection of skates." If she has as many as her husband has enjoyed they must require room for storage.

Corsets are found on the waists of the mummies of the Egyptian princesses who lived 2,000 B. C. But the antiquity of some fashions hardly argues for their continuance.

"Yes," said the man with a club, "I am going to see the editor of the Bugle. I have a bone to pick with him personally, but I am going on my wife's account. You see, she wrote a nice little sentimental poem about the girl coming home to die. The fool printer got the 'd' upside down and made it 'I have come home to pie.' I have tried to explain that the poor editor is not at fault, but you know how much good it does to try to explain things to a woman."

The tree of the French cavalry saddle and the stirrups are to be henceforth made of aluminum, with bands of steel let in when the metal is in a state of fusion. This change is to be made in view of the absence of roads and the steepness of the tracks in Madagascar. The weight of the French heavy cavalry saddle tree is now about five pounds. It will be reduced to considerably less than half. Bottles and other implements will also be lighter.

What is to become of the horse? Street cars are run by electricity; men and women are driven by gasoline and wagons are drawn by gasoline or electric motors; plows are pulled by steam; poker is regarded as a better game than the horse race and high dice has succeeded the "horse-and-horse" variety. But the sausage factory remains and the business is increasing, though even this line of industry is not conducive to the longevity and activity of the equine race.

The following is a sample of the mottoes adopted by class graduating this spring from Kansas schools: "We have reached the hills and the mountains are in view"; "Upward and Onward"; "The end crowns the work"; "Having triumphed in the past, we have hearts for the future"; "The beginning of more serious thing," etc. Isn't it terrible that the brave young souls that adopt such thrilling mottoes will be stooping to dish-washing and love making within six weeks.

It is to be feared that one great trouble with genius is the lack of adaptability. Many substantial literary reputations have been made within the past decade by a liberal use of printer's ink. Nothing helps a young author more than constant advertising. But even the older authors do not dare to let the public forget them for any length of time. Hence the frequent interviews, the airing of their opinions on subjects of which they know little, the readiness to confide their gastronomical preferences or their tastes in music, theology, or natural scenery. This way fortune lies; but genuine immortality may be won by strenuous competition.

The price of New York newspapers is attracting some general attention and causing comment in newspaper circles. Ten years ago the tendency was toward, but since that date the Times and Herald have kept the old price to 3 cents, while the World has maintained the 2-cent price since it has been under present management. Of late, however, changes have been taking place. The Journal has doubled its price from a 1-cent paper and increased its price on the Sunday edition from 3 to 5 cents. Report says the World will step up to the 3-cent plane of the Times, Herald and Tribune, while the Sunday Advertiser will be sold for 1 cent a copy.

The tan spots about the eyes of some dogs, particularly black dogs, are regarded by some naturalists as an instance of "natural selection" and as having developed since the dog was begun to be domesticated. The marks are believed to be the curious class of protective mimicries with which nature has endowed some creatures. What is supposed is that when the dog was asleep lighter marks on the brows made it appear as if he was lying with his eyes wide open and an enemy which might have attacked him sleep, was scared from doing so. The reason why the markings are believed to have been of recent development is that they are never seen on wild dogs.

One man of the crew of the Spanish war ship Reina Regente was drowned when the vessel went down. He had got so drunk at Tangier that he stayed ashore. If the tribal attention that the sailor would have been just as safe had he stayed ashore sober.

What's this we hear about increasing of wages—voluntary, too—by many large manufacturers? Now what will the walking delegate do? Increase and multiply or look for another job?

Every year adds to the importance of trade in the Pacific, and the events of this year mark the great ocean and its bordering lands the centre of interest. The possibilities of growth in those latitudes is instanced in Australia, which had a foreign trade last year of $442,000,000 and produced gold to the value of $40,000,000.

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NEWS OF THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN.

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Epworth Leagues at Chattanooga.

The second international convention of the Epworth League was held at Chattanooga, Tenn., and was a monster religious demonstration. The conference formally opened in the big tent, which had been dedicated for the purpose, and which had a seating capacity of 10,000, chairs provision for 5,000 reserved seats for 2,500 guests and seats for 100 representatives of the press. The huge tent was crowded at the opening service. Bishop Galloway delivered the conference sermon. A feature never before seen in a meeting of this character was the administration of the Lord's Supper to 5,000 people. Undoubtedly the most inspiring as well as unique feature of the conference was the sunrise prayer service on the top of historic Lookout mountain. About 3,000 enthusiastic people took part in this service at 5 o'clock in the morning and as they moved up the side of the mountain singing hymns, every soul felt the inspiration of the occasion. Thousands of hitherto lukewarm religionists, representing almost every state of the union and Canada, renewed their devotions and consecrated the celebrated evangelist who assisted Sam Jones in the inspiring hymn, "Jesus I am coming back to thee." The sermon on the mount was in the hands of Dr. Hunter in a little time there was a change of mind rolled back the gray mantle of night into the rosy tints of morning. The worshipers were in perfect harmony, devotion and adoration. Their hearts were filled with the spirit of God. Gladness, who is so beautiful, fairly revealing his presence in the faces of the people, and beaming over the distant landscape of the great kingdom of God. Great hearts with the long metre doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." They could stand it no longer. Their pent up feelings became exuberant and the glorious news and hallelujah shakings were exchanged on all sides. It was a scene never to be forgotten. Never before did the Spirit of God so crowded through the earthly tabernacle and it is stipulated that fully 15,000 people were in attendance.

British Will Fight Chinese in Formosa.

Advices received by the Japanese dispatch from Hong Kong state that the Japanese are assembling warships and transports preparatory to attacking the black dragon of Asia, and that the Chinese general has repeatedly demanded the withdrawal of the British force that was landed at Port Arthur. At one time he had guns trained on the foreigners, but when he hoisted the British warships Spartan, Iphigenia, Red Breasa and Pigeon cleared for action, got up steam and threatened to retaliate if a shot was fired. The Chinese commander then counter marched his troops and the British force was landed. The foreign residents from Canton and one field piece were then landed. The approaches to the settlement are barricaded.

Popular Uprising Against Omaha Officials.

The demand for municipal reform in Omaha became so pronounced that the officials have become alarmed at the loss of party feelings, united in the publication of a proclamation calling for the organization of a municipal party looking to the introduction of business methods in the city government. The matters of which the people have been fanned for several months by the alleged corruption existing in local municipal affairs. It has again was noticed that city money was loaned by superintendents, contractors and others with the knowledge and the crookedness became so flagrant that the citizens decided to take matters into their own hands and force a reform.

Distilleries Shut Down.

Before July 10 the distilleries in the Peoria district will be shut down for period of from two to six months. There is a depression in the whisky business and the suspension is due to the high taxation. The reason given by the distillers is that they are now feeding the hard times.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Philip Phillips, and noted evangelist, died at Delaware.

The Ohio Democratic state convention is to be held in Springfield, August 20 and 22.

The supreme court declared the law to tax the tapers by direct heirs unconstitutional.

At Morris' factory at Beaver Dam Archie Ransbottom was caught in a revolving arbor and the shaft until he was battered to death.

Special dispatches from Shanghai say that high officials who are well informed express the opinion that war between China and Japan, after all, will break out before the end of the next twelve months.

Daniel Hugh, 16 year old daughter of a wealthy Hungarian family, committed suicide because she failed to pass the final examinations. The girl was a prodigy and her parents and teachers were prejudiced against her because her father was a silkworker.

The democratic state convention of Idaho, which met at Boise, was a hard struggle between the advocates of free silver and bond money. The latter finally proved the stronger at every testing point. Cleveland and Carlisle's financial policy was indorsed.

Prince Emanuel Filiberto duke of Aosta, heir presumptive to the throne of Italy, was married at the church of St. Raphael Ringsdorm Thames, his bride being Princess Helene, daughter of the late Count of Paris, of New Orleans, second daughter of the counteess of Paris and sister of the duke of Orleans. The wedding was a brilliant affair.

There will be no more attempts on the part of the U. S. government to prosecute the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railway companies in California, charged with participating in the purchase of the Central Pacific railway. Four cases were tried at a cost of $[illegible] and all ended in nothing.

Wesley Birney, a farmer at Cadiz, O., left his 5-year-old boy to attend a horse race in the local cherries. The boy tied the hitching strap about his waist. The horse ran off, dragging the boy over a road and through three fences. His body caught in the top of one fence and was pulled through, crushing it almost to a jelly.

A project is on foot with Hon. Tom L. Johnson as its chief promoter, to connect Cleveland and Toledo by an electric railway. A number of short electric roads are already in operation, or under course of construction between the two cities, and are controlled by Mr. Johnson.

Harry T. Hayward, in jail at Minneapolis under sentence of death for the murder of Catherine Ging, has made formal application to the New York Life and Travelers' Accident Insurance companies for the $10,000 insurance on the life of his victim. He is supposed to have taken this action to bear out his plea in abeyance.

Fire broke out in the warehouse of the Hannah & Fay Co.'s steamboat dock at the Traverse City, and 30,000 shingles were destroyed, causing a loss of $1,000; with no insurance. The dock was also damaged.

School Agent C. C. Chase either lost or had stolen from him in the corridors of the Chicago city hall, a check for $125,000. The money was said to have to be used to pay the June salaries of the school teachers.

Attorney-General Maynard handed down an opinion in which he states that the law passed by the legislature relating to the licensing of peddlers by township officers, and by the state treasurer, is unconstitutional.

A former designer for the Pope Manufacturing company has organized a company in Grand Rapids for the manufacture of a bicycle which it claims is a new pattern. This will make the fourth cycle factory there.

Albert Houghby, of Bilasfield, made a trial trip in a steam launch on the Black River basin, taking with him two men and four young ladies. The boiler used for fuel took fire, and the whole party jumped into the water and were rescued safely.

The booming company trouble at Muskegon came up in the circuit court. The boiling company, of which John Torrent is president, asked for a temporary adjournment and conceded the use of their boiling channel to the new company until July 1.

Archie Campbell, ten miles from Cass City attended church. While he was away some one shot three of his sheep in the head. The other two were alive at the time he left the pasture. One was dead, shot through the head. The other two were shot in the breast and died.

Floyd Gibson, of Jackson, beat his wife, threw his landlady and baby off a porch and chased a neighbor, who interfered with his fists. He was fined with a revolver and now will have time to laugh over it all for 60 days in the detention house of correction.

The state Horticultural society meeting at Agricultural college, in conjunction with the grand River valley Horticultural society, was largely taken up in an inspection of the horticultural features of the college and experiment station and the reading of papers.

A Michigan Central freight broke in two at Dexter. The brake man was unable to control the rear portion which crashed into the front, which was at standstill, piling 10 cars in a heap. Engineer Scallan jumped off the engine oiling, and narrowly escaped being killed.

Along Hunt-ey, aged 74, passed through several towns in the state on his way to Big Rapids from Council Bluffs, Ia., to visit relatives. He walked all the way and his feet were literally raw. He drew a little express wagon containing his clothes. His only companion is a dog.

The house of Rufus Stagg caught on fire at 1 into while the occupants were asleep. Mr. Stagg's daughter saw the bed room burning and tugging at the bedclothes, Stagg was awakened by the girl and he carry his sick wife out and to warn his daughter. The house was completely destroyed. The girl was saved.

Jennie Ritesma, a pretty girl of Holland, herself in the woodshed at her home at Muskegon. This is the second attempt made in a week. Her father cut her down, she being unconscious. It is said the girl, who is of Holland parentage, is engaged to marry an American young man, to which her parents are opposed.

Company B, Rifles company, Second regiment, of Grand Rapids, was mustered out of the service, failing to pass the scratch in the matter of inspection. A new company has been organized with Ed. E. Bennett as captain, and he will apply for the vacancy. The old company was always in debt, and the boys had lost interest in it generally.

FOREIGN.

The great powers of Europe are said to be determined that the Sultan of Turkey shall institute in Armenia the reforms demanded.

A fight occurred between students and police in the Latin Quarter of Paris two of the former were injured and five arrested.

The American ship Arabia, from New York for San Francisco, was totally wrecked off Cape Hope. The crew were saved and landed at Montevideo.

King Humbert will shortly issue a three amnesty decree covering all the charges of having been connected with Dr. Herz, the Panama Canal bribery.

Seven persons were killed and several wounded by the explosion of a boiler of a steam launch belonging to the German warship Fredrich Wilhelm at Hoftenau.

In order to insure the adoption of the pending political reforms, Prince Emperor Francis Joseph has sanctioned the proposal of Baron Banffy, the Hungarian premier, for the immediate creation of several Liberal peerages.

Durham White Stevens, in charge of the Japanese legation at Washington during the absence of Minister Kurino, says the reports of war between Japan and Japan are merely the revival of vague speculation current some time ago.

Lieberecht Von Kotze and Baron Von Schraeder have each been sentenced at Berlin to three months imprisonment in a fortress for dueling.

Delegates to the International Railway Congress visited Crewe and the Midland railway at Preston, Derby, and the Great Western railway at Swindon, England.

The Italian warship Sardegla, which went aground in the Grand belt after leaving Kiel, has been floated. She sustained no damage. The crew of the ship of her when she went aground was a German naval officer.

The United States warship Montgomery is returning from Nicaragua with the Canal Commission on board.

The Panama Railroad report shows the coffee traffic across the Isthmus during the present season is the largest so far as recorded.

There is no improvement in the condition of Prof. Huxley, who has been ill for a long time past, and who is now suffering from the effects of an attack of influenza.

The Canadian Government will make strong objections to severe clauses in the seals fisheries bill, which has passed its third reading in the English Parliament.

A railway rate war has begun in Mexico, owing to the upset of the pool arrangements in London. The Government is likely to interfere with a view to restoring harmony.

CASUALTIES.

Dennis O'Connor, 21 years of age, Aspen, Colo., was instantly killed at Pueblo, Col., by lightning while putting up a pole for electric light wires.

A falling smack on the way to the grounds went down near Placentia, N. F., with all on board. The names of the dead are William Bolt, William Bolt, Jr., William Bolt, his nephew, and John Kerby.

Five firemen were killed and others seriously injured, and a property loss of over $100,000 incurred by a fire at Minneapolis, Minn.

Fire at San Francisco destroyed property worth $2,000,000. The blaze at one time threatened to spread to the entire city and was only checked by the combined efforts of the city and the Spring Valley water works, aided by brigades from other cities.

Louis Blanchard, 16 years, Albert Brikel, 12, and William Birkel, 11 years, were drowned at Seattle, Wash.

A freight train was derailed near Leap, S. C., and Brakeman Hugh Weatherford, Fireman Cherry and Albert Brown, a negro, were killed.

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TEMPERANCE.

The scientific temperance instruction bill passed in the Indiana legislature.

Dr. Leslie's Keeley cure, Dwight, Ill., wine impassioned, whisky inflamed.

The extended temperance education bill passed both branches of the New York legislature.

The Murphy temperance crusade in Upsilanti resulted in 1,500 persons signing the pledge.

In the eight counties of the world now have branches of the Woman's Christian Temperance union.

As a result of the recent no-license election three-fourths of the county of Illinois is said to be under prohibition.

Kansas City's temperance work at Lewistown, Mo., has continued with marked success. More than 2,000 persons signed the pledge.

The Michigan temperance law has it as an invariable rule that no captain or engineer, sailor or other, employed shall be allowed to drink any liquor.

The interest J. M. C. A. Bicycle club requires its members to agree that passed the weather shall be uniform they will neither smoke nor partake of liquor in any place where liquor is sold.

The Kansas City Times is making it illegal to hold, barter or give away intoxicating liquors at retail or wholesale, or to keep or maintain any place where the people of a village or township have voted against the issue of license passed by a vote without unanimous by, and has been signed by the governor.

John G. Woolley is prominently mentioned as a possible candidate of the prohibition party for president in 1896.

A GRAND TRIUMPH

Baffled Many Times but Success Comes at Last.

(From the Grand Rapids Press.)

The following incident would be hard to believe if it had not occurred right here in Grand Rapids and investigation by our reporter has fully verified it beyond the reach of doubt. These are the facts in detail. Mr. J. H. White of No. 25 Hadley Place, Grand Rapids, has been in partnership in different business colleges for the past fourteen years. He says: "Last October I was taken down and consulted a physician, who said the pain was from gravel stones, gradually grew worse, finally I was in bed and could not sleep. My back swelled up in a great ridge, and I finally grew so bad that I was taken to my home in Ionia to die as a child. I passed blood and blood in the pain so that it would be the agony. The doctor injected morphine to give relief, but further that I had said he was powerless. Nothing would do me any good but a surgical operation. I knew my death was literally produced in the tortures I underwent, my agony, everything was used, mustard plasters, poultices hot cloths and all such things, but I was rolling and tossing up by the dozen, and almost out of my mind with suffering. I commenced taking Foley's Kidney Cure, and in a few days I felt easier, and gradually improved. I took in all six bottles, and I feel to day entirely free from the pain, and a wonderful case. I feel that I cannot say anything strong enough for Foley's Kidney Pills. My wife also used them for her kidneys with great benefit. They will heretofore well known. They will prove a boon to mankind."

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