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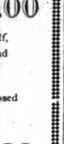

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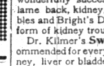

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Stations.	No. 7	No. 1	No. 9	No. 11	No. 3
Pontiac	5 30	8 15	9 50	1 40	5 15
Lakes	5 45	8 26	9 45	1 55	5 29
Cole	5 55	8 35	9 53	1 55	5 39
Oxford	6 10	8 50	10 10	2 10	6 00
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.

GOING SOUTH

Stations.	No. 8	No. 4	No. 10	No. 12	No. 2
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m
Oxford	6 30	10 10	11 25	4 25	7 05
Cole	6 45	10 25	12 05	4 37	7 37
Lakes	6 55	10 32	12 15	4 45	7 48
Pontiac	7 0	10 40	12 30	5 00	8 05
	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m

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Accused of Murder.

Florence Burns, accused of the murder of Walter S. Brooks at New York, on the night of Feb. 14, was arraigned last week.

John Earl, night clerk of the Glen Island Hotel, could not positively identify the young woman as the companion of Walter S. Brooks on the night of the murder. He said that Brooks and a woman entered the hotel at about 9:45 on the night of Feb. 14. The woman, he testified, looked very much like Miss Burns.

He testified that Brooks registered as "J. Wilson and wife," and had hired a room, one of the cheapest in the house. He rang a bell and told George Washington, the negro bellboy, to show the couple to room No. 12 on the third floor.

About an hour later, he said, his annunciator registered a call from room No. 12, upon answering which

the bellboy noted the odor of gas in the hallway and reported the fact to him. He sent the boy to investigate and the boy found the body of Brooks, who had been shot in the back of the head. The woman had gone.

George Washington, the bellboy at the Glen Island Hotel, declared with great assurance that the prisoner at the bar was the woman who accompanied Brooks to room No. 12 of the Glen Island Hotel on the eventful night.

The woman denies her guilt, and further evidence must be forthcoming if the authorities hope to prove her the murderess.

Fated Grand Viziers.

Of the latest 200 grand viziers of the Sultan of Turkey not more than twenty-four, says a French statistician, have died naturally. One hundred of them, he asserts, were poisoned, and thirty-six of the others were either beheaded or drowned in the Bosphorus. Of the remaining forty he has not been able to find any trace, but from the silence of Turkish historians on the subject he concludes that their end was not happy. One of the viziers was only four hours in office, and another occupied the position for only ten minutes, being strangled at the end of that time.

Carnegie in Costume

This photograph shows the millionaire's favorite dress.

Confederate Money in Cuba.

It has just leaked out that our troopers from the South expended Confederate notes freely in Cuba during the Spanish-American war. This trick was originated by young men of the Southern States, in whose homes sundry trunkfuls of "Jeff Davis's money" had been lying idle for some thirty-three years. The Cubans were easy victims

First Import Duty of Coolies.

Chinese coolies were first brought into the United States in large numbers as laborers on the Central Pacific railroad. After its completion thousands were out of employment and took up laundry work, because in California at that time there were so few women to do such work.

Held Chauffeur Not To Blame.

A damage suit over a fatal runaway caused by an automobile has resulted in a court decision in Paris relieving the chauffeur of responsibility. The horse 'twas held, should have been accustomed to the noise and sight of motor vehicles.

Italy's Imports.

Owing chiefly to the fact that Italy cannot produce all the grain needed, her imports last year exceeded the exports by nearly $80,000,000.

Apples for German Use.

Germany has imported as much as $10,000,000 worth of apples in one year and $2,500,000 worth of pears.

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PARAGRAPHS OF PEOPLE.

Marconi offers £100 to the one who interprets or reads one of his wireless messages. The young woman who rejected him wins.

It is said that J. Pierpont Morgan could put out a new trust of legal size every working day in the week if he put his mind to it.

The City of Mexico recently honored the memory of the feminine patriot Donna Josepha Ortiz de Dominguez by erecting a statue in her honor in the Plaza Santa Domingo.

Judge Thomas Breen of Michigan who served during the civil war, has just received his discharge papers after being lost in the archives of the national capitol for many years.

Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler has just celebrated his 80th birthday at his home in Brooklyn. He is at present pastor emeritus of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian church in that city.

Mrs. Anna Conover, formerly an American actress, who has been the soul of the campaign for preventing cruelty to Paris cab horses, has been officially listed for decoration with the cross of the Legion of Honor.

President Roosevelt will be the principal speaker at the public installation of President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia university on April 19. He was at one time a student in the Columbia law school and received a degree of LL. D. from the university in 1900.

J. B. Duke of Durham, N. C., has ordered from an Italian sculptor a design for a heroic bronze statue of President McKinley. Mr. Duke, it is understood, wishes the South to erect the first memorial to the martyred president, and will place the figure in the college park of Trinity college at Durham.

PHILOSOPHY FROM KANSAS.

When a man sees a sign "Keep Out" he thinks it is meant for other people.

In books and newspapers, a husband always refers to his wife as "My dear."

A man will be very much interested in his wife's gossip, and then scold her for repeating such talk.

If a woman claims that she is not suspicious, let her catch her husband smiling to himself when he thinks he is alone.

What has become of the old-fashioned woman who was so neat that when her broom was hanging up it hung in a dust bag?

The people who depend upon the weather to break the monotony in their lives are complaining that this perfect weather is becoming monotonous.

After all the money spent in giving a girl a knowledge of art and music to help her through life, the time comes when she finds that that which helps her most is patience.

When a 12-year-old boy appears on the street smoking a cigarette, you hear a howl. We therefore desire to howl because a 12-year-old girl was on the streets the other day with her face painted.—Atchison Globe.

MARK WELL HIS HAIR.

The Superstitious Club was having its meeting.

The Germantown girl who had been told to hunt up data regarding man and matrimony rose to report.

Her conclusions were as follows:

When you have decided to select a husband, look well to his hair. It is a good indication of his character.

Men with fine brown hair, light or dark, make the best husbands. They are thoughtful, sympathetic and less apt to be selfish than their very light or very dark brothers.

Men with fine light hair are smart but conceited, and if they do not propose until late in life they are liable to grow cross and selfish.

Men whose hair turns prematurely gray are more dependable. They may be a little nervous, but are intellectual, sympathetic and very honorable.

Nine times out of ten the man with red hair is smart. When you run across the tenth, he is the stupidest person under the sun.

ALL TRUE.

Time is a bonfire, because it is money.

The man who never has sinned never was a man.

We educate children; we teach dogs and the dogs learn.

Either girls prink before they pray or they pray after they prink.

Little babies are a sure cure for lots of queer things that women have.

Some young women have soul yearnings worse than the stomach ache.

It isn't necessary for a brilliant conversationalist to know what he is talking about.

We understand E. B. Braun of Sadieville has added an ice plant to his other enterprises at Sadieville.—Cynthiana Log Cabin.

We have received a package of valuable garden seed from Senator Blackburn. If the senator will kindly send a pick, crowbar and several sticks of dynamite we shall endeavor to sow the seed.—Cynthiana Democrat.

Capt. J. J. Williams always wants to know, so yesterday afternoon he weighed several pieces of telephone wire a foot long. It was No. 12 wire, and he found that every foot of it weighed fourteen ounces. The distance between the telephone poles is 150 feet on an average, and where there are 100 wires to the pole, as is the case in many places, the weight of the ice in a square of 300 feet can be calculated. It would be a little over thirteen tons.—Owensboro Inquirer.

A GENTLEMAN—

Never forgets the respect due to advanced age.

Never enters a private office without doffing his hat.

Will not boast of his ability to hide little peccadillos.

Should always remember that he is not beyond criticism.

Takes care not to wound the feelings of a sensitive person.

Has no time for the tittle-tattle of women acquaintances.

Can pass through a crowd without an exhibition of rudeness.

Never speaks sneringly of a person not so well informed as he.

Shows cordial regard for a woman's objections to tobacco smoke.

Carries himself in a way to show he is not a make-believe gentleman.

MERE OPINION.

When a woman begins to grumble she shows her age.

It is the desire to beat the other fellow that makes man get along.

Civilization may not always follow the missionary, but it generally keeps in hot pursuit of the fine-toothed comb.

After all, Croesus was only immeasurably successful. He never was called a "Napoleon of finance."

We scold the rich man's son for doing nothing and we hate the rich man for working away instead of giving somebody else a chance.