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WHILE THE LOCAL business men are mourning the fact that there is a tax on almost every business in town, they can console themselves with the thought that the Marshfield council has called a meeting with the purpose of establishing a license of \$250 per year on all real estate firms.

THIS MONTH WE DEDICATE to the memory of our fallen heroes. Thursday, May thirtieth, has been set aside to pay tribute to the nation's dead, and let everybody partake in the exercises. In but a few more years the old soldier will be of the past, although his memory will ever remain green in the hearts of all generations. It is but a small matter to march to the cemetery and decorate the graves, compared with the services rendered by those who underwent toil and the severest of hardships, and all should assist in making this day one of respect for the departed. Exercises by the G. A. R., the Women's Relief Corps and the school children will be held in the Opera House in the afternoon, and the forenoon will be spent at the cemetery decorating the graves.

THE COMING CITY ELECTION will be particularly important this year. Bandon is on the verge of a very brilliant future; everything tends to point out great possibilities and prospects, and the selection of the men that will control the public affairs is necessarily a very important proceeding. Men that will not only look after the best interests but will cause permanent improvements that will tend to attract the desirable citizen and the manufacturer. It has probably never been so important a consideration before, and voters should turn out at the primaries and select a body of men that will fill all requirements. A poor council that will set back and disregard the interests of the public will hurt a place more to the outside world, as well as the local community, than anything else could.

THAT THE CITY RESTAURANT was set afire last Sunday evening is an assured certainty, and no effort to gain the conviction of the miscreant should be spared. The intent to destroy was probably uppermost in the mind of the incendiary, but the extent of damage resulting from a successful attempt would be unlimited. Mr. Boone was taken in custody on account of certain circumstantial evidence, and was indeed fortunate in being discharged as easily as he did. Had the fire gained a little more headway there would have been no chance to save the building, and possibly the buildings in the vicinity, owing to the dry condition of everything. The occupants would have had a hard time in saving any of the contents of the building, and it is doubtful if the invalid young lady could have been saved. Local authorities should by all means thoroughly investigate this matter, and in so doing would probably eliminate any further attempts of incendiarism.

Peary needs \$60,000 more to make his next trip toward the pole, and it is proposed that it be contributed by the children of the country. We feel no inclination to encourage this scheme. The children are called on too often to contribute mites for one thing or another. If Peary can't get what he needs from the government or the rich men of the country, let

him stay at home; it would probably be no loss to the country. He has been riding the north pole hobby for so many years that he considers his quest the most important project in the world, but few agree with him, and there is no occasion to enlist the sympathies and activities of the school children in the matter. In fact, Peary has become somewhat of a national bore.—Journal.

The Handwriting of Authors.

An interesting study is the handwriting of authors, as it indicates to a greater or less degree their personal temperaments. Longfellow wrote a bold, open back hand, which was the delight of printers. Joaquin Miller writes such a bad hand that he often becomes puzzled over his own work, and the printer sings the praises of the inventor of the type writer. Charlotte Bronte's writing seemed to have been traced with a cambric needle, and Thackeray's writing, while marvelously neat and precise, was so small that the best of eyes were needed to read it. Likewise the handwriting of Capt. Marryat was so microscopic that when he was interrupted in his labors he was obliged to mark the place where he left off by sticking a pin in the paper. Napoleon's was worse than illegible, and it is said that his letters from Germany to the Empress Josephine were at first thought to be rough maps of the seat of war. Carlyle wrote a patient, crabbed, and oddly emphasized hand. The penmanship of Bryant was aggressive, well formed, and decidedly pleasing to the eye; while the chirography of Scott, Hunt, Moore and Gray was smooth and easy to read, but did not express any distinct individuality. Byron's handwriting was nothing more than a scrawl. His additions to his proofs frequently exceeded in volume the original copy, and in one of his poems, which contained in the original only four hundred lines, one thousand were added in the proofs. The writing of Dickens was minute, and he had a habit of writing with blue ink on blue paper. Frequent erasures and interlineations made his copy a burden to his publishers.—Scientific American.

The Philadelphia Bulletin says: "The inventor of eau de cologne was an Italian, Giovanni Farina. Farina offered vainly to sell his recipe for \$3,750 in 1803, but a few years ago it was sold by his heirs for \$200,000. Chartreuse, the liqueur of Carthusian monks, was the invention of an aged baker. On the expulsion of the Carthusian fathers from France the Chartreuse recipe was sold at auction for \$1,750,000. The French buyers undertook, however, a losing business, for the monks are now making their liqueur in Spain, and epicures prefer it to that of the French firm. The thin paper on which the Oxford Bible is printed is made after a secret process by the Oxford University Press. The secret is valued at \$1,250,000. Absinthe's secret once belonged to a French chemist. He sold it to a distiller for \$75. The distiller sold it for \$50,000. It is now not worth its original \$75, having leaked out."

Borax for Household Use.

Borax, or boric acid of soda, a species of nitre, is a salt found native as a saline incrustation on the shores of certain lakes in Persia and Tibet. It is also found in China, India, Ceylon, Saxony, Italy and Peru. The crude salt collected from the lakes is impure and is called tincal. It is purified by action upon it of caustic soda, thereafter dissolving in hot water and recrystallizing.

Borax is also prepared from boric acid, a compound of boron and oxygen, found native in a vapor that rises from certain volcanic rocks, principally those in Tuscany. It is also found in the form of an incrustation, half an inch in thickness, in the crater of a mountain in the island volcano, twelve miles north of Sicily. The product from this source alone equals about 2,000 tons annually.

Its uses in the household are many. It is a great labor saver. It is easily crushed, or reduced to powder, and is then known as powdered borax, in which form it is usually made use of for household purposes.

A weak solution of borax is highly recommended as a wash for sore eyes, redness of the edges of the lids etc.

A weak solution is excellent as a healing lotion for slight cuts and scratches.

The strength of the solution may vary somewhat, according to the purpose for which it is to be used. A

teaspoon level full of powdered borax to a pint of water is not too strong for most uses; but for infants and very young children it may be made weaker.

Mothers will experience much relief from the burning and smarting of the nipples, caused by baby's nursing, if they will wash the nipples at once in borax water.

To soften and whiten the hands, bathe them in hot soft water to which a good sized pinch of borax has been added.

To remove the odor of perspiration dust powdered borax—with a powder puff—under the arms after bathing.

Here is a recipe for one of the best, if not the best tooth powder obtainable: Take one ounce of powdered borax, two ounces of precipitated chalk and one ounce of powdered castile soap.

To exterminate roaches—sprinkle powdered borax in all places that they frequent, using a powder blower to drive the borax into the crevices; or, mix two tablespoonfuls of powdered borax into a stiff paste with a little flour and water and sprinkle it about their haunts at night.

For toilet use it is invaluable and enters into the composition of many of the popular cosmetics of the day. It has a softening, healing and whitening effect on the skin.

To remove the shiny look common to some complexions add a pinch of borax to the water in which the face is bathed.

A pinch of borax added to the water in which infants are bathed tends to strengthen the skin and prevent chaffing.

For washing blankets—Take one half bar of any good hard soap shave it fine and pour over it one pint of boiling water. Stir until it forms a thick jelly. Add one tablespoonful of powdered borax and two tablespoonfuls of ammonia. Add this mixture to a tub of tepid rain water, to which has been added a tablespoonful of borax. Stir well and put in the blankets, allowing them to remain one hour, turning them frequently. Run through the wringer and rinse well in clear water; hang in sun to dry. Do not rub them with the hands, Shawls and woolen dresses may be washed by this method.

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