



The thought of founding an association that would preserve the friendships and memories of their common trials and dangers among the men who fought for the Union during the Civil War was conceived by the Rev. William J. Rutledge, of Petersburg, Ill., who, during the war, was chaplain of the Fourteenth Illinois Infantry.



J. W. Routh and Capt. M. F. Kanan, of that city. It was organized by Major Stephenson and Captain Phelps on April 6, 1896. The officers were mustered in by Major Stephenson, who then declared the post duly organized and ready for the transaction of any and all business that might come before it.

to order by Major Stephenson and Col. Walter B. Scates, of Chicago, was elected president. The Department of Illinois was formally organized. The first national encampment, in which the national organization of the Grand Army of the Republic was perfected, was held at Indianapolis, Ind., on Nov. 29, 1896. It was called to order by Commander-in-Chief B. F. Stephenson, and Gen. John M. Palmer was elected permanent president of the convention.

WOMEN WHO SELL PAPERS. Comparatively few of the sex in the business in Chicago. There are not many women in Chicago who follow the business of selling newspapers on the street, but those who do are not lacking in persistency, says the Chronicle.



ably past middle age, and their makeup is one of genteel poverty—"I have been better days." Some who sell during the day spend an hour or two in the afternoon and early evening selling papers, because they need the recreation and air, besides they make a little money out of it, which is a great help to them in meeting expenses.

There are a few women who are in the trade as a business. They are out early and late, always on hand for the first issue of the "Extra," and they push themselves forward quite as actively as the newsboys hustle. Such women do not resort to subterfuge. They do not play for sympathy, nor do they claim any favors because of their sex. They rely upon their push, energy and perhaps love of the excitement. Anyway, they go about it like a merchant who knows his goods have merit and that it is his business to proclaim that fact far and near.

BIRDS THAT DO NOT SING. They Far Outnumber the Musicians of the Feathered Family. Singing is applied to birds in the same sense that it is to human beings—the utterance of musical notes. Every person makes vocal sounds of some kind, but many persons never attempt to sing. So it is with birds. The eagle screams, the owl hoots, the wild goose honks, the crow caws, but none of these discordant sounds can be called singing.

China to Outstrip Japan. When the outside interference which is now inevitable shall have removed or modified the existing bars to trade China will leave Japan far behind from the industrial standpoint. The Chinese are as remarkable for their commercial morality as the Japanese are for the opposite; they are more solid, better balanced, take longer views, and are, in short, more merchants and less peddlers than the same class in Japan, and the natural resources of their immense country are such as Japan cannot hope to compete with, poor as she is in mineral wealth and subject to the most disastrous natural convulsions.

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FALLACIOUS PROFITS. Mistake of a Bookkeeper in a Yearly Balance Sheet.

It is doubtful if any modern promoter has hit upon a simpler scheme to swell the assets on his balance sheet than that which has been employed by a humble bookkeeper of this city within the century was young.

Starting in the Chicken Business. There is a story told of a shrewd Yankee who began in business without any capital at all. He borrowed a broody hen from one neighbor and a setting of eggs from another.

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