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CIRCULATION (SWORN) OVER 4000



THE MOTHER ACT—OTHER WOMEN.

An Iowa court has declared unconstitutional a law passed by the last Legislature authorizing the taking of children from incompetent mothers and placing them in better homes.

There are doubtless cases of neglect of children which justify the intervention of law. There are other cases where the conditions of child life are not what they should be...

The writer is not acquainted with the Iowa Constitution. Probably the law would have been constitutional had it contained a provision allowing the woman—or any parent—the right of a jury trial.

LATEST FROM THE SKIES.

The Astronomische Nachrichten, No. 3806, of July, which has just reached this country from Germany, contains the observations of the satellites of Saturn and Uranus made by Professor See with the 24-inch telescope of the United States Naval Observatory...

Enquiry at the observatory elicits the information that the series of observations in progress this season is even more extensive than that of last year, although the satellite work done there last year was more extensive than that of any observatory in the world.

The satellites of Uranus at present are so situated that they move in circular orbits, as seen from the earth. After the present aspect changes it will be more than forty years before the planet will again appear under the same aspect.

The announcement of Professor DeLambre, of the Paris Observatory, that he has been able to prove by spectroscopic observations that Uranus rotates in the same direction in which the satellites revolve, is of much interest to astronomers generally.

THE CHOCTAW NATION.

Seventy-two years ago the United States Government conveyed in fee simple to the Choctaw Indians, then located in Mississippi, 9,000,000 acres of land in what is now Indian Territory.

In 1834 the territory for the Indians was established. The Choctaws consisting of one of the five Nations, and a quarter of a century the Indians lived under governments framed in accordance with the impulse that carried them westward.

When the main body of the Choctaws removed from Mississippi to Indian Territory, in 1830, 2,000 or more of the tribe elected to remain in Mississippi and adapt themselves to the customs of the whites.

The tendency toward autocratic form of Government has been less pronounced among the Choctaws of Indian Territory than among the civilized tribes. The Choctaws were among the first to consider propositions looking to the abandonment of tribal relations.

THE CONFEDERATE HOME.

The circular letter sent out by Commander-in-Chief Torrance, of the Grand Army of the Republic, recommending that aid be extended to the Alabama Home for Confederate veterans, and the reception accorded it, so far as heard from in G. A. R. circles, was eminently creditable to the good feeling now existing between those men who once stood opposite to each other on the battlefield.

Now comes the Confederate army of the Tennessee with a resolution referring to General Torrance's proposition in the kindest terms and fully recognizing the generous and fraternal feeling which prompted it, and expressing the most heartfelt gratitude, but declaring that it is the duty of the South alone to provide for Confederate veterans; that there are certain duties which a high-minded people cannot permit others to perform, of which this is one.

The declination is as honorable to the South as was the proposition to the North. Each party will the more respect the other for this episode. No doubt it will also have a good effect upon the interests of the Confederate Home in stimulating the effort to provide it with the facilities which might have been secured with Northern generosity.

Haiti is in such a horrible state that the compassionate declare it our business to annex the island. That is upon



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the assumption that the corporation called the United States has a soul and is morally bound to save the people of Haiti from ruin. The action of the United States in freeing Cuba from Spanish despotism has given some of our people the idea that we are in the Quixote business as a regular thing.

Hop picking in a number of yards is finished. In others the work will be over today. In the northern end of Marion county few hops will be left to pick on Tuesday next. But in the Lylesley yard, of 110 acres, about four miles above Salem, two weeks more will be required to get through. The crop in that yard is a very heavy one.

Mrs. Kate Chopin's book, called "The Awakening," has been excluded from the Mercantile Library of St. Louis. Never heard of the book before. Bound to read it now. That will be the general verdict. Mrs. Chopin is said to be in no wise disturbed by the action taken.

The game laws of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota enact a license tax from all persons who desire to hunt. Residents are charged a nominal rate and non-residents a higher one.

At the Friends' General Conference in Ashbury Park, Monday, "the entire Assembly was asked to remove hats." So Quakers need not be known by their hats any longer and there ought to be a decreased area of baldness among them; and so people get to be more and more alike every year.

Said the Portland Evening Telegram of yesterday: "Today a train starts for the East that if it could be noted by Eastern people generally would be something of an advertisement of one of Oregon's resources. It contains 25 cars, carrying 1,225,000 pounds of Columbia river salmon."

Marion county should have a tax on bicycles, to create a fund for bicycle paths. Let the Marion county delegation see to this next winter. In case there is failure or neglect in this par-

Jerusalem is now supplied with water from King Solomon's "Sealed Fountain" seven miles south of the city. The water is conveyed partly through modern iron pipes, but partly by the old aqueduct known as Solomon's Aqueduct.

The opening of the State Fair marks the beginning of the busy business season for Salem. Our merchants are better prepared with complete stocks of goods for the heavy fall trade than ever before in the history of the Capital City.

As President Diaz will never quit his job until death leads him away, it is suggested that the Mexican politicians who are already selecting his successor should be searched for dynamite.

When you see the stock exhibits at the State Fair, remember that you are looking at the finest display of the kind, and the most complete, ever seen west of the Missouri river.

It was the biggest first day in every respect in the history of the State Fair. It is the greatest State Fair in the history of Oregon.

The smoke cleared away for the accommodation of the State Fair visitors, and it was a perfect day in point of weather.

If you live in Salem, IT IS YOUR DUTY to attend the State Fair, and to ask your friends to do the same.

Most of the hop pickers will be through with their work in time to attend the State Fair.

We will forget about that smoke pretty soon, and be complaining about the rain.

MERITED SUCCESS

Achieved By Dr. Darrin in a Difficult Profession in a Short Time.

Our representative a few days ago paid a brief call on Dr. Darrin at his office in the Willamette Hotel. He found the parlor filled with patients, but after a short wait the doctor managed to spare a few moments from his business for a brief chat.

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September 10th, Mrs. Job Richards visited the city and placed her little daughter under Dr. Darrin's treatment for an aggravated case of catarrh. Her faith in Dr. Darrin's cure is unbounded, having seen the effects on other members of the family, her oldest daughter having been cured of a loathsome case of discharging ears and catarrh.

The doctor makes a specialty of all diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, catarrh, deafness, bronchitis, lagrippe, dyspepsia, heart, liver, bladder and kidney diseases. He permanently cures female troubles, ulceration, displacements, painful menstruation, irregularities, etc., also genito-urinary and skin diseases, in either sex, such as blood taints, seminal weakness and lost vigor, varicocele and stricture.

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SENATOR BARD DYING.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 15.—United States Senator Thomas R. Bard is lying dangerously ill at the Van Nuys hotel in this city. At a late hour tonight Dr. Targart gave the opinion that the Senator would not live through the night. He is suffering from pneumonia, complicated with symptoms of typhoid, and has a very weak heart action.

MINERS IMPRISONED.

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 15.—A gas and powder explosion occurred here today, at the mine of the Algona Coal & Coke Co. James Lester, an engineer; John Reichele, a miner, and fifteen colored miners, are known to be imprisoned in the mine. There is hardly a chance of the men being recovered alive.

CASTORIA. The King of the Rain Forest. Char. H. Peterson



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NEXT DOOR TO THE POSTOFFICE

WILL ENDORSE ROOSEVELT

New York State Republicans Hold Important Meeting

A STATEMENT BY PLATT

Postmaster General Payne Visits the President at Oyster Bay

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS AND POLITICS ARE DISCUSSED—BRYAN HAS COMMENCED TALKING IN THE OHIO CAMPAIGN—TOM JOHNSON WAS THERE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—There was a conference of prominent New York State Republicans today and at its close Senator Platt gave out this statement: "It was decided to endorse Roosevelt and his administration, and as far as it is in my power to endorse him for 1904."

Discussed Politics. Oyster Bay, Sept. 13.—Postmaster General Payne discussed departmental affairs with the President today. A number of decisions were reached which will be announced from Washington. The coming campaign and the general political questions were also talked over. Payne left in the afternoon for New York.

Everything is in readiness for the reception to be tendered by the President to the people of Nashua county Monday afternoon.

Bryan in Ohio. Toledo, O., Sept. 13.—William J. Bryan this afternoon addressed an audience of 4000 people. Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow, candidate for Secretary of State, and Mayor Tom Johnson, presided.

THE GAMES ARE CLOSED

SHERIFF COLBATH ORDERED ALL "SURE THING" MEN TO STOP THEIR OPERATIONS.

With no less than twenty-five "sure thing" games running full blast and wide open in different sections about the city last night, Sheriff Colbath had the appearance of a Monte Carlo on a small scale, and the roulette, pinwheel, black jack and zero operators were certainly reaping a rich and golden harvest, with no less than three to six coppers at each game. They were permitted to run in this open fashion all day yesterday and last night, flooding the unwary indiscriminately until about eight o'clock last evening, when Sheriff B. B. Colbath, accompanied by Deputy Skipton, made the rounds and closed them all up tight with instructions not to open up their games again in Marion county under penalty of arrest and prosecution under the laws of Oregon, which prescribe a pretty bitter pill for such infringement.

There is also a city ordinance against gambling games of all classes and descriptions. Sheriff Colbath deserves much credit and commendation for his prompt, fearless and effectual action in the matter, and will certainly receive the praise that is due him by all who are opposed to the games. Sheriff Colbath said last night that the operations of the games was a direct violation of the law, and, so long as he is sheriff of Marion county and

the courts uphold him, he will not tolerate it, and intends to go to the Fair Grounds today and close up everything there in a like manner.

ODD FELLOWS MEET

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE IN SESSION THIS WEEK—WONDERFUL GROWTH.

DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 15.—With special trains arriving from all parts of the country and the attendance already having reached 30,000, the 78th annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows was formally welcomed to this city today by Governor Cummins and Mayor Brenton in a public session in the new auditorium. Addresses were made by various Iowa officers of the order. The response was made by Hon. A. Cable, of Covington, O., grand sire.

Upon the conclusion of the welcoming exercises the Sovereign Grand Lodge was formally called to order. The report of the grand sire, which was submitted at noon, indicated that there were 127 grand lodges established, of which six were in foreign countries. Total number of subordinate lodges is 15,792, and subordinate encampments 2780.

The entire membership of the order reaches the number of 1,092,272. During the year there were 99,383 initiations in the subordinate lodges, and including those initiated in other branches the total reached 185,845.

NO MORE FLAT WHEELS.

Yet another nerve-racking device of modern progress seems doomed. We need no longer ride on pounding trolley cars; the flat wheel, which can under proper auspices, exert such a pleasing concussion on the trolley rider's nerves as it goes thumping along, is an anachronism, so to speak. At the last meeting of the New York Chemical Society a representative of the German Thermite Company gave an exhibit of one of the most interesting discoveries, or rather processes, of recent years. It was simply the enormous heating power of powdered aluminum when burned with some substance rich in oxygen. Its scientific value lies in the fact that this means it is possible to obtain the highest temperatures yet reached by man, exceeding, it occurs, the temperature of the electric arc. The practical value of the Goldschmidt process lies in the fact that it affords a portable supply of intense heat in any desired quantity, and that, for example, a boy can carry around a can of it and weld tramrails or broken steamer-shafts or other trifles in place. All that is needed is to pocket the shaft or rail or whatever with the aluminum mixture and touch it off with a match. So intense is the heat generated that a huge steel casting will melt to run like water in a few seconds, and the most refractory are turned to a liquid. The application of the process to the welding of street rails is, of course, but an incident, but it is a boon. By this means rails may be welded together as cheaply as put together by a common moly joint. As the wheels then have no rail ends to hammer on, the ordinary jar of running is immensely reduced, and flat wheels become almost unknown. This system is already successful in Berlin, Dresden, Hamburg and all the great German cities; it is time that it should be introduced here, and it cannot come too soon. We recommend the subject to every trolley line manager in American-Harper's Weekly.