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It requires but a small amount of rain-fall in South Dakota to mature the crop. During 1896 South Dakota had...

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The "Overland Limited," the famous transcontinental train via The Chicago and North-Western Line...

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The Number of Words Used.

Mr. William Canton, writing on "A Child's Vocabulary," states that by actual experiment he has discovered that the vocabulary of a child of six...

Santa Fe Route California Limited. Leaves Chicago 6 p. m. Wednesdays and Saturdays...

Equipment of superb vestibuled Pullman palace sleepers, buffet smoking car and dining car. Most luxurious service via any line.

Winter Time Table. No trains were taken off by the Great Northern Railway in making up its winter schedule...

Cheap Excursions to the West, North and Northwest. On December 15, 1896, the North Western Line (Chicago & North-Western Railway) will sell excursion tickets...

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If you will send your name and address we will send a representative to your home to explain all about the advantages of Phillips-Rock Island...

World Getting Better.

Gordon—I tell you, the man that says this world isn't getting better is wrong, and I can prove it! Gilbert—How? Gordon—My gas bill for last month was reduced 75 cents and I hadn't made a kick, either.

Bombers' Excursion.

Very low rates will be made by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, on December 15th, to the South. For particulars apply to the nearest local agent...

ILLINOIS NEWSLETS.

RECORD OF MINOR DOINGS OF THE WEEK.

Seven Days' Happenings Condensed—Social, Religious, Political, Criminal, Obituary and Miscellaneous Events from Every Section of the State.

Only 115 women voted in Logan county. The Aurora Street Car company is having temporary vestibules built on the winter cars to protect the motor-men.

The La Harpe fair this year has a deficit of \$382.39, which, added to the old debt of the association makes a total indebtedness of \$1,354.82.

Thirty murders have been committed in McLean County during the past twenty years and not one of the murderers have been legally hanged. One, however, was lynched within a few minutes after his crime.

A great many husking stories have been told, but the following from the Ransom News takes the dilapidated wearing apparel from the shrubbery: "Chas. Gernantz has just finished husking corn for John Ryan and has made a good record. He husked 4,016 bushels, averaging 150 bushels per day. Now's that!" A membership card to the Liar's club has been sent Mr. Gernantz.

Sterling Gazette. A large cage in the baggage car of an early Northwestern train Saturday morning contained two bald eagles, male and female, with this inscription: "Black Hill American eagles, Mark and Hannah, for Major McKinley, Canton, O., from Whitewood, S. D. E. Pluribus Unum. The tail goes with the hide. Caution—Hannah is all right, but look out for Mark when he reaches for anything."

The farmers' institute of Whiteside County is held at Sterling December 2 and 3. The program includes a discussion of wheat raising in Northern Illinois, money making with cows, improvement of rural schools, good help in the kitchen, poultry interests, making farm life attractive, a discussion of road-making and its materials, how to keep up the fertility of the soil, hints on the raising of valuable classes of horses and other topics.

The following society note is from the Morrison Sentinel: Two Sterling young men came to this city to visit friends and remain over Sunday. One stayed with relatives, the other remained at the Whiteside Hotel, and when the building caught fire he arose with the rest, but took his departure on the 2:31 a. m. train, and the Sunday dinner which a nice young lady of this city cooked especially for his benefit had to be eaten without him.

Mrs. Rosetta Mulligan of Pearl, Pike county, was brought to Springfield Saturday by Deputy United States Marshal Edgerton and appeared in the United States District court and gave \$500 bond to answer to the charge of presenting a fraudulent claim for a pension in a pension case. It is charged that Mrs. Mulligan applied for a pension as the widow of James Mulligan, her second husband, whom she had married bigamously, not having been divorced from her first husband. Massac Journal-Republican: "Two swindlers, giving the names of J. J. Jones and J. E. Hyatt, are badly wanted by citizens of this county. For a week or two prior to last Thursday these men operated in the eastern part of this county taking snap-shot photographs for enlarging and selling frames for same, taking advance payments. It is said their victims are many. Thursday they failed to return to this city and the Julian is out a board bill and A. Z. Brunner a livery bill.

For some time past a colony of men who "loil not, neither do they spin," have made their headquarters in the woods along the river near Pontiac. The other day a reporter of the Daily Leader, in company with Deputy Sheriff Talbot and City Marshal Robinson, went out to visit the camp, and what they found is thus told by the reporter: "In a group of large willows was a 'shack' built of boards and barrel staves, which would hold when occasion required twenty-five men with a little crowding. The camp was almost deserted, because it was damp and uncomfortable even with a warm fire of driftwood."

The Quincy Herald says: "The State is actually making a profit on the soldiers' home. The national government pays the State \$25 per quarter for each inmate. For the first quarter the per capita for maintenance was \$22.44. The State virtually netted 56 cents for each of the 1,000 veterans in the home. In the face of this the inmates say that they were never fed, clothed or lodged so well as at present. There are also \$7,000 worth of supplies on hand. Fines and punishments, as formerly imposed, have been abolished, and the men receive money for work performed. The internal expenditures are in reality greater than before, and yet so shrewd and careful is the management that this institution is the most economical home in the United States."

The retail Grocers' Association of Illinois will hold their fourth annual convention in Quincy from February 9 to 11, 1897, inclusive, and, judging from previous conventions and considering the fast-growing conditions of every local association, at least 500 delegates will assemble there.

John Wales January, the Illinois Union soldier who is famous as the man who amputated both of his own legs with a pocket knife while in a rebel prison, was in Chicago the other day having a new set of artificial limbs made by an arthopodist.

The Keystone factory at Rock Falls has closed its doors and ceased all operations, nobody being at work in the mechanical departments.

An Aurora man whose daughter belongs to the American Volunteers, went to the barracks to take her home the other evening. The volunteers objected and a scene ensued, but the man came out successful. He says he don't bank much on a religion that keeps his daughter out so late nights.

Tramps have been numerous around Canton the past few weeks. They know that the police will run them out of town if they get into the business district, and consequently they keep on the outskirts. People living on the outer edges of the city are greatly annoyed by the begging of these vagrants.

Because the merchants of Kirkwood follow the custom of asking for bids on any little job of printing they need Editor Russell of the Kirkwood Leader advertises for bids on a sack of flour, two pounds of coffee, two suits of underwear, a granite coffee pot and ten pounds of nails. He says he will educate all the people of that place to advertise when they want anything.

The bluff line freight train due in Springfield Monday morning did not arrive here until Tuesday morning. The engine took water at Lock Haven, as usual, and after going about three miles the engineer noticed that the injector was not in working order. He examined the tank and in it found three fish. One of them had caught in a pipe and this caused the trouble.

An 11-year-old Kankakee girl was accidentally killed the other day while helping her mother. A cellar door in the pantry was left open by the mother and the daughter, going into the pantry, fell head first down the steps and fractured her skull. A cousin of the little girl died of a hemorrhage last week while on her way to the depot. The family expect a third mishap at any time now.

The three Altons claim a combined population of 21,700, based on the registration of voters, and allowing a ratio of five inhabitants to one voter. Alton City has 3,721 voters, which gives a population of 16,405 in the corporate limits. Upper Alton has 575 votes—population, 2,525; North Alton polls 170 votes, population 1,370. This makes the total, according to that count, 21,700.

There is an Alfred Tennyson over in Malden, Bureau county. If he is any relative of the greatest laureate of England, he has apparently degenerated. Alfred is a boy. He and another lad named Clarence Wilson entered the Dover academy when there was no one else there, and smashed up the furniture. They threw tables and chairs down stairs. They have been bound over to the grand jury in bonds of \$100 each.

Herman Hollatz and Amelia Ristan were wedded in the frame church in Edford on Thursday last. There is only one thing that tickles the editor more than recording the marriages of the young in his columns, and that is recording the subscribers in his books, says the Geneseo News. When both these events happen within a few days of each other, the joy that reigns in the sanctum is almost too sweet for this world. When a young couple who have been safely married come in and subscribe, after they get a nice notice in the paper like this, the editor couldn't feel sweeter or more blissful than if he was sitting on the edge of a sun-colored cloud, while a pair of little angels poured molasses all over him.

Probably the most remarkable old gentleman in the United States is Isaac Thompson, of Alto township, Lee county, Illinois. Mr. Thompson celebrated his 100th birthday Wednesday in the presence of a large company of relatives and friends. He was in the w. of 1812, remembers the first use of anthracite as fuel, was a mighty hunter in his young days, and now at the age of 100 years relates funny stories, brings in coal and wood, assists in work about the house, and shaves himself every day. Said his son to a Rockford Register-Gazette reporter: "When he was 75 years old we were plowing once. He put his hands on the horses, standing between them, and leaped on the back of one of the animals. He won't suffer us to do any of the heavy work about his room even now. He brings in all his own wood and coal for his fires and assists in such work at every chance. He takes long walks about the place, and I believe the work does him good. He eats well, as you saw, and sleeps like a top. He goes to bed at 9 o'clock, and is generally the first one up in the morning. He is a little hard of hearing, and he cannot see to read now, although four years ago his sight was perfectly good. He had a severe attack of the grip at that time, and this affected his eyes. He seems to grow more cheerful every day, and is just like one of the younger members of the family." Mr. Thompson has always been very upright and strict in his habits. He was brought up at a time when everybody had liquor in the house and when it was considered remarkable if one did not drink. Yet he never touched liquor other than for medical purposes. He has for seventy-eight years been a member of the Methodist church.

"In speaking of the length of time one has voted in a precinct, reminds me of two or three old gentlemen in our neighborhood," said a Mackinaw correspondent. "Mr. George Miller has voted at Mackinaw township's polling place for sixty years. Mr. William Lindsey and Mr. Clark Barton have voted in this precinct fifty-eight years." According to the story told by Harry Doll of Streator he was held up the other morning while returning home and robbed of his watch and chain and a revolver, after having been first shot by one of the two highwaymen.

Excellent Farming Lands

A Good Fruit and Farming Region Now Being Settled.

This tract of land lies in the Eastern part of Colorado County and Northern part of Wharton County, Texas, about fifty miles west of Houston, the great commercial center of the state. The soil is rich, productive sandy loam. This district in Texas has plenty of rainfall for crops, and one of the necessities in order to secure a good farm is to have land that lays smoothly and has high enough altitude for perfect drainage, which can be secured in this tract, as it is a smooth rolling prairie, lying on the divide between the San Bernardo and Colorado Rivers.

This district has a mild, delightful climate, enabling you to produce something almost each month in the year. Another great advantage is that through this tract there are two lines of railroads, and within the limits of this tract, which is twelve miles North and South, and eight miles East and West, there are two towns located, one on each road, which gives special advantages to any farmer locating there.

We anticipate that you desire to invest in lands for a farm and home, where the prices are low, the terms easy, and where you can purchase and pay for the land in three or four years, as cheaply as you are now paying rent.

We run excursions to the lands over the C. R. I. & P. to Ft. Worth, and from there over the Santa Fe to Wallis, Texas. We secure you the lowest rates and will accompany you. Write to us for our book, "Fertile Farm Lands," excursion rates, dates and how to get.

FREE FARE TO TEXAS. SOUTHERN TEXAS COLONIZATION CO. JOHN LINDENHOLZ, Mgr., 110 Riatta Bldg., Chicago.

Sensitive. Weary Watkins—Say, Hungry, this here booze is great. Would it be an insult to ask how you got it? Hungry Higgins—Worked an old guy for a quarter. "Now, what did you want to introduce that there word for? It clean takes all the enjoyment out of the occasion." "Wot word?" "That there word beginnin' wit' a 'w.'"—Indianapolis Journal.

Valuable Discovery for La-Grippe, Etc. Mrs. C. A. Adams 6th and Martha Sts., Omaha, Neb., writes, "I had la-grippe and then malaria, indigestion, a severe headache and blind and dizzy spells. Your Dr. Kay's Renovator has cured me." Sold by druggists at 25 cts. and \$1.00. A valuable pamphlet with many receipts for the asking. Your orders will be promptly filled for goods on receipt of price. Send at once you will never regret it. Address Dr. H. J. Kay Medical Co., (Western office) Omaha, Neb.

Teacher—"How old are you, Willie?" Willie—"I'm 5 at home, 6 in school and 4 in the cars."—Washington Times.

On Nov. 30th the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., the largest seed potato growers in the world, received an order for three thousand bushels of seed potatoes from one firm in Texas.

It is a woman's idea that no one has known sorrow until she has soaked her pillow in tears.

TIRED SALESWOMEN

Employers Should Be More Considerate of Their Health.

Interesting Statement by a Young Lady in Brooklyn.

In the vast retail establishments of large cities, many women are employed as saleswomen.

Men formerly held the positions that women now hold, and while women's organization is less strong than men's they are expected to do the same work. Their duties compel them to be on their feet from morning to night, and many of them, in a short time, contract these distressing complaints called "female diseases."

Then occur irregularities, suppressed or painful menstruation, weakness, indigestion, leucorrhoea, general debility and nervous prostration.

They are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gone" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, blues and hopelessness.

In such cases there is one tried and true remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles. The following is a sample:

"My dear Mrs. Pinkham—After writing you, and before your answer came, I was too miserable to go to the store, and so lost my position. That was five weeks ago. I am now back again in my old place, and never felt so well in all my life. The bearing-down pains and whites have left me, and I am not a bit nervous or blue. Life looks brighter to me. I don't get tired, my temper is real sweet, and I could scream right out sometimes for joy. Your Vegetable Compound is my stand-by. You don't know how thankful I am to you for saving me from suffering. Every woman in my position should know of your wonderful remedy. I never saw you, but I love you for being so good to me."—Emma—W 6th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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About Headaches.

Mrs. Mary Svabek, 1255 South 14th St., Omaha, Neb., writes: "I have been sick three years with headache pain in stomach, dizziness and no appetite. I tried three doctors and all kinds of medicines all of which failed. I have since used two 25 cent boxes of Dr. Kay's Renovator and I have no more headache, good appetite and stomach in good order as well as my whole system." Sold by druggists at 25 cts. and \$1.00. Send at once for valuable booklet treating nearly all diseases with many receipts. Dr. Kay's Renovator will be sent by mail on receipt of 25 cts., or \$1.00, or six large size for \$5.00. Address Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., (Western office) Omaha, Neb.

What She Would Do. She was cosily entrenched upon his shoulder and they were very, very happy.

"George," she whispered, and he bent his head to listen, "do you know what I would do if your love for me should cool?"

"Would you die, dear?" he asked passionately.

"No, George, I would bring an action for breach of promise."—Boston Traveller.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 31st day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, etc.

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Tonnage of Sydney. Sydney now claims that in absolute tonnage only five English ports can surpass her, viz., London, Liverpool, Cardiff, Hull and Newcastle. The value of the shipping ordinarily moored or anchored in the port is \$10,000,000.

The Modern Mother. Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only.

A wedding ceremony is never a success unless there is a hitch in it somewhere.

Mind this! It makes no difference, Chronic, Acute, or Inflammatory of the Muscles, Joints, and Bones is cured by...



Too Much Levity. Kilduff—"For a bill collector young Dunn displays considerable ill-timed levity." Skidmore—"In what way?" Kilduff—"When he comes after an account he says cheerfully: 'Did you want to see me to-day?'"—Detroit Free Press.

The Very Ideal. Mermaid—Come with me to the coral groves and I will give thee pearls and jewels rare. Tramp—And git wet! Say, Merm, keep yer jools.—Truth.

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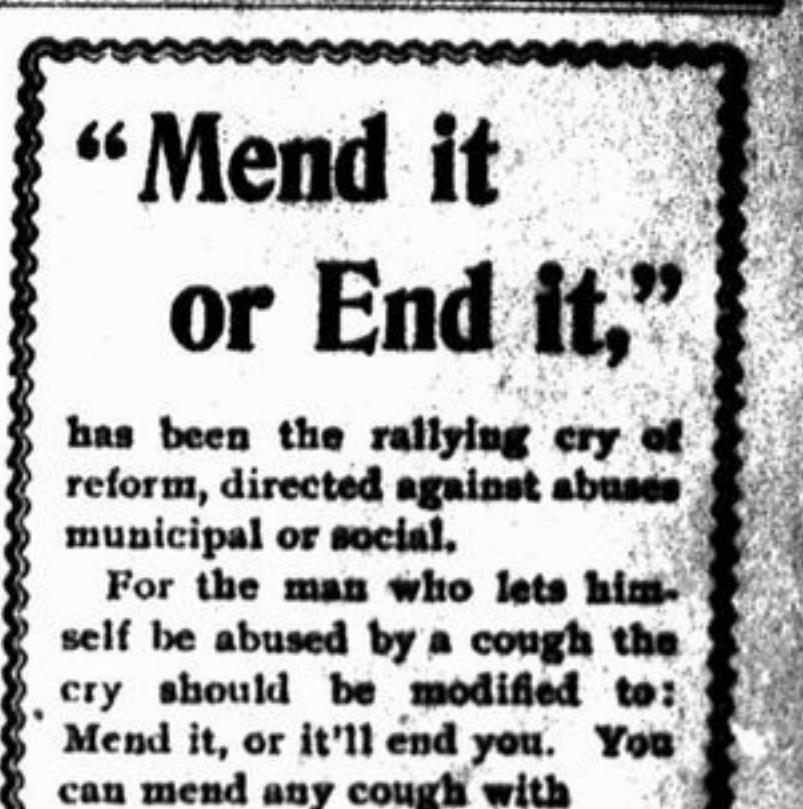
has been the rallying cry of reform, directed against abuses municipal or social.

For the man who lets himself be abused by a cough the cry should be modified to: Mend it, or it'll end you. You can mend any cough with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

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