

Local Happenings

C. P. Blodgett and wife are at Sandwich, where the latter's mother has just died.

Some "smart alecks" broke into Graham Brothers' bakery on Saturday night and pilfered a few articles. Bert Graham heard the noise and on investigating the midnight visitors decamped.

The ladies' aid of the Baptist church held a "thimble party" at the home of Mrs. Stevenson of Summit street on Thursday afternoon. A large number of ladies were present and spent a very enjoyable afternoon. Refreshments were served at the close.

Some one telephoned for Officer Hogan on Wednesday night to look for some burglars that were breaking into Mrs. Hayes' house at the corner of Linscott and Prairie. The officer went up and secured a key and thoroughly searched the house, but found no one. A basement window was found open.

Joe Marx, an expert tinsmith artist from Chicago, has been engaged by Mr. Oppeler at his shop on Main street. "Joe" is very handy with the blade and so say all who have already come under same. When not engaged with the shears or razor, his "hobby" is economic research. He has mastered the works of Ricardo, Adam Smith, Karl Marx, Henry George and is a firm believer in economic determinism and industrial democracy.

Do you know that you can buy a copy of French Chiffon paper containing 60 sheets of paper and 50 envelopes for 35c at Modaff's Pharmacy?

High School Conference

The boards of education of Downers Grove and Hinsdale held a conference at Hinsdale on Thursday evening on the high school proposition.

It was found at the conference that the Hinsdale board is just as anxious for the new school as Downers Grove, and after thoroughly discussing same a petition was started to secure the necessary signatures to hold the election. It seemed to be the opinion of all that Groggs was the most desirable location for the school site.

Looks Like a Murder

The village police became greatly excited on Thursday evening when it was learned that the body of a male child had been found near the village on South Main street.

The particulars in the case are as follows: Two lads, Raymond Kettinger and Leroy Wootton, were going along this road in question when, by mistake, they looked under a stone culvert about half a mile from the corporation line. Here they espied a shoe box. They pulled same out, and on opening it out tumbled the body of a fully developed male infant about two or three days old. The frightened boys dropped the box and ran for E. Wootton's house, where he was told of the find and came up and took the body to the home of Supervisor Blodgett. Coroner Mather was at once notified and an inquest was held on Friday. The box was an ordinary shoe box. There are some lead pencils on the box that may lead to a discovery as to who the child is. The little legs of the infant were doubled back to force it into the box, and there are black marks about its neck that look as if the life had been strangled out of it before it was placed where it was found. It is the general surmise that the child was brought here from Chicago or some other point and abandoned.

Mistakes in Memorials

Some remarkable mistakes in memorials have lately escaped notice until it was too late to rectify them. The spurs on the base of Cromwell's statue at Westminster Abbey, London, are the most interesting feature of the monument, although they generally get no attention at all from sightseers. They are worn upside down. In a painted window on the staircase which leads from the floor of Westminster Palace to the committee rooms an inscription on a scroll wielded by the "Black Prince" has the words "Prince of Whales." Again, in the fresco depicting the embarkation of the Pilgrim Fathers in the corridor leading from the outer lobby at St. Stephen's to the House of Lords the Mayflower is shown to be hoisting the Union Jack—a flag which did not come into existence until over 250 years after the days of the Mayflower.

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Going back generally begins by looking back.

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Japan's Thirst For War is Endless

By Albert S. Ashmead, M. D., Late Foreign Medical Director Tokio Hospital, Japan.

THE empire of the Mikado is a Japanese means spiritual empire and not a mere material or temporal empire. For many centuries, while the Mikados (Heavenly Gates) were isolated in their Holy Seclusion, behind the Devil's Gate, at Kioto, there reigned mere temporal rulers, the Shoguns (great generals), at Tokio. In 1867, the beginning of the Meiji era, the Sat-Cho (Satsuma) and Choshin provincials of high degree, a political ring, overthrew the Shoguns and brought the figurehead of the empire from his sacred isolation at Kioto.

He is the religious head of the nation, typifying the Bushido (war spirit) of the people, that is all. He is not Emperor—a word the Japanese do not know, although they use it to deceive Westerners. A Mikado is Tenno (son of heaven or God). He never dies, but hodurus (translates). He is God in man's form and as such can only reign in the spirit of the nation.

The real temporal ruler of the Empire of Japan is that Sat-Cho, a political clique, and the Mikado is only puppet King. His mentality is of a very low order, in fact all the high nobles of Japan under the old order of nobility were rather effeminate, if not really imbecile. The Mikado is no exception to this category. Therefore, he is easily handled politically by the ringsters, whose only aim is to satisfy Samurais, or Bushido, the war spirit of the nation, handed down to them, from the time of Krishna, god of war, of Brahminism, even at the beginning of protestant Buddhism.

This is the curse of the Japanese people, that love of fighting and bestial, there is the worship of heroes. And how are heroes to be made in a Japanese point of view save by war? Samurais before the disestablishment of feudalism, in 1867, was saluted by wars between the Daimos. Each province or high class family's servants (Samurais) would fight with the next ones. But in 1867 Samurais were nationalized into a central army, or fighting force.

This spirit of war, the true soul of Japan, will never be willing to remain in barracks for any length of time. It soon demands a new war. Where will a war be found to appease it by that ring of political tricksters called Sat-Cho except in a foreign war? Thus it will be ever.

After they have fought America they must find some other country to make war upon. That next, in all probability will be Holland. For Japan must have the Dutch East Indies. And so it will go on.

But what I write this letter for especially is to point out that the "spiritual empire" of that pagan "ruler" is what we have most to dread. It is that which threatens us already in our Pacific States. Paganism of the Mikado is already getting a foothold upon our Christian European and American shores. This is what we must guard against most.

The war that is on in the world today is that between two civilizations, paganism and Christianity. Until Japanese have been taught by defeat that their Emperor, as we call him, is not a God or holy avatar, there will be endless wars on the part of Japan. We must put down her unholy paganism and then there will be peace or Christianity which will win, paganism or Christianity: the god of war (Krishna) or peace and good will to men (Christ)—New York Herald.

Greatness of the Nation.

By Justice David J. Brewer.

THE United States of America is the marvel of the ages, the glanh of the nations. Not three centuries have passed since the first English colony was established with its limits. To day it is the peaceful home of 50,000,000 of freemen dwelling between the two oceans. Not merely in population, but in resources, wealth, intelligence, culture and achievement it challenges the admiration of all. Taken in its entirety, its phenomenal development is unequalled. We have done and are doing great things in a short time. The significant, impressive fact is size, magnitude.

Excluding our island possessions we have 2,200,000,000 acres of land. "Uncle Sam is rich enough to give all a farm," involves no stretch of the imagination. Railroads, the mostic arteries of commerce, abound here at nowhere else. Our railroad mileage is 214,000 miles, nearly as much as that of all the world beside. The capital invested is \$12,000,000,000. The service the past year required 40,000 locomotives, 40,000 passenger coaches, 1,700,000 freight cars, and 1,300,000 employees. They succeeded in killing 10,000 people and in jailing 55,000 more.

Think a moment of the Nation itself. With an ax mightier than the ax of Richard the Lion Hearted, it is proposing to cleave two continents asunder, and as the waters of the Atlantic and the Pacific kiss each other in the Panama Canal there will be a larger fulfillment of the dream of Columbus of a highway to the Orient. Its Post Office business amounts to \$190,000,000 a year. It pays out \$140,000,000 a year for pensions.

Do I err when I say that size is one of the obvious facts in our National life? It is strange that at every county fair we look for the largest steer, the fattest hog, the biggest potato, the longest ear of corn? Is it a wonder that we pay prizes for the family with the most children, point with pride to the mother with ten or more triplets, and then for fear that we shall not grow fast enough, welcome each year to our shores a million of immigrants? On all sides is a vision of greatness. Magnitude impresses us in every direction.

We have \$2,500,000,000 invested in mining, \$2,500,000,000 invested in agriculture, 5000,000 manufacturing establishments with \$10,000,000,000 capital.

Those responsible for all the greatness of this country must answer further questions before our value to the world and before the people can be determined. The real question is: Which way is the country looking? What are the ideals and the inspirations of this nation? Is this republic seeking only material development, ostentation and parade, or is it striving for the higher life which shall benefit both the nation and the people?

War in Europe Means Utter Ruin

By Foreign Minister Tiltoni, of Italy.

HEREFORE the Italian Government's policy is to maintain and strengthen the Triple Alliance, and also to maintain and strengthen her friendship with France and Great Britain. The success of this policy is only assured on condition that we exercise the greatest sincerity and loyalty in our relations with Germany and France.

The Triple Alliance will continue to be the basis of our policy, and this is sufficient to show that those who, judging by mere appearances, think they see a weakening of the Triple Alliance and predict its approaching end are mistaken.

It has been said that the Triple Alliance has been modified, or transformed, and that it has become essentially a peaceful alliance. The alliance has always been peaceful. Its most precious feature is that it is an efficacious instrument of peace, and the more so since its existence has been generally known. But this does not prevent the most friendly relations with outside powers.

Doubt has been cast on the benefit Italy derives from the Triple Alliance. It was the Triple Alliance that permitted us to preserve an independent policy and thus saved us from the bitter surprises which many nations, including the Italians, have had when isolated. Fidelity to the Triple Alliance has permitted Italy to maintain friendship with other powers, thus insuring European peace.

Some persons have remarked that the danger of political and economic antagonism between Germany and Great Britain is creating an untenable position for Italy. The powers which form the Triple Alliance take into account Italy's interests the necessity for constantly maintaining friendly relations with Great Britain.

That the relations between Great Britain and Germany are improving may be perceived in many incidents, including the recent meeting between King Edward and Emperor William.

Our relations with Germany are based on absolute equality and also on the greatest reciprocal regard and our relations with Austria are the same.

Made Him Think He Was Sick.

The power of suggestion was strongly illustrated the other day in an office in the New York Life Building that is occupied by four tenants. Three of them conspired to make the fourth believe he was ill by telling him so. When the object of their attack came to the office in the morning his three colleagues were loaded for him. He had no more than removed his coat and opened his roller top desk than one of them vent over and said: "What's the trouble?" "Nothing; why?" "You look so pale and you are trembling."

"I feel fine." The first man returned to his desk and several minutes elapsed before the second went over to the desk of the man against whom they had conspired. "Heavens, man, what's the matter with you?" he said. "You are as pale as a ghost." Then he put his hand on his forehead

and timed his pulse, which, of course, he pretended indicated an alarming state of affairs. Then the first and third man joined him and the three began telling how bad he looked. The man arose, put on his hat and coat and went home. A few hours later his wife telephoned that he was sick in bed.—Kansas City Star.

At Grandmamma's.

At home I'm never allowed to eat Fresh bread or any rich cooking; For mother says children must eat whole wheat In order to grow good-looking.

But at grandmamma's I had coffee, And cake that was full of spices, And nice fresh bread—and, what do you think, I ate a thousand slices!

It doesn't necessarily follow that a man loves his wife because she is very dear to him.

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ANNUAL MEETING

of the STOCKHOLDERS OF THE FARMERS' AND MERCHANTS' BANK Downers Grove.

Notice is hereby given of the fifteenth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Downers Grove, Illinois, will be held Saturday, March 9, 1907, in the directors' room of said bank, at two o'clock p. m., to hear the reports of its officers, election of directors, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. V. Simonson, Secretary. Dated at Downers Grove, Illinois, this 10th day of February, 1907.

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