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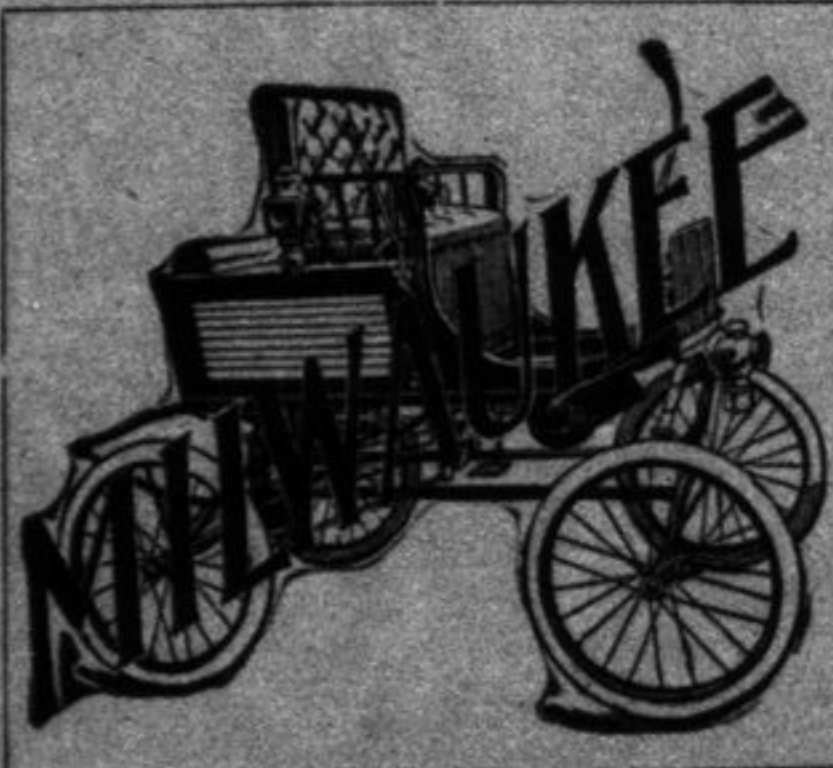
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FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1901.

The heated term struck this city Tuesday morning, and while many people almost fainted, the cucumbers and beans just forged ahead.

President McKinley says he will not accept a third term. Happy thought; perhaps he could not get it. The president is a shrewd man.

We hope those in authority won't forget that the people want that bridge on St. Johns up north to go straight across the ravine. The little short new street and wee bit of a bridge need not be put in this season, but the bridge is being built for the next fifty years. Hence build aright.

It serves to give one some idea of China's size to read that the Langtsee river is about 3,000 miles long and drains some 600,000 square miles and has in its valley 180,000,000 people. Our Mississippi valley has only 30,000,000. Ah, China is big in reality as well as in possibilities.

Educational forces force themselves to the front these days and the anxious parents are casting about as to where the children shall go next. The best school for your boy or girl is the one which will do the most toward making a right royal man or woman of them; all else is secondary.

Dr. Henson of Chicago, says man pays the best kind of a compliment to his first wife when he marries a second one. Nothing like a sympathetic broad-minded minister of the gospel to administer consolation to the sad and suffering. How comforting these words to wives in frail health; how such "compliments" inspire them with longing for the better land.

Dr. Harlan of Rochester, N. Y., accepts the call to the presidency of Lake Forest University. We trust he will prove a success, and he will if he was born for the place. If he was not thus fore-ordained, he will pass along and that's all. That is where good old Presbyterian predestination comes in with mighty and unerring force.

This is "commencement week" in lots of colleges, academies, etc. It was commencement week at the Military Academy, Lake Forest University, Ferry Hall, Waukegan high school, at our school and lots

of more. We observe with pleasure that some slow pays and dead beats "commenced" paying their bills. Next will be commencement for lots of schools and colleges, let the slow pays also "commence" next week.

Mrs. Bingham's Death.

Mrs. Mary Lyman Brigham, widow of the late Stillman R. Brigham of this city, died at her home in Ravenswood Friday last, June 7th, 1901, after a lingering and painful illness. She was the only daughter of Judge Lyman of Jericho, Vermont, while her late husband was born in Morristown, the same state. In their youth the great school of northern Vermont was the old Bakersfield Academy, and it enjoyed the patronage of the best families of all that region. To it young Bingham went to fit for college, for a consuming hunger for a liberal education possessed him, and also Miss Lyman of Jericho went for the best education then obtainable by the young ladies of upper Vermont.

At Bakersfield they became acquainted and the attachment sprang up which later led to their marriage. Duty to his father compelled Mr. Bingham to give up his cherished college course and accept a fine business offer in New York with the S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Co., and they were married and settled in Brooklyn. Soon after his firm decided to open a branch house in Chicago and selected her husband as the man for the enterprise and they came to Chicago. After some years there they came to the Park to reside, purchasing beautiful "Tanglewood," corner of Dale and Prospect, which ever after was their home till Mr. Bingham's death. Indeed she lived here a year or two afterwards till failing strength compelled her to give it up.

Mrs. Bingham was a superior woman in many ways. Her ideals were high of New England's best, and in her veins flowed the best blood of her native land. She was a Christian of the old Puritan type, though not of all its narrowness and rigidity, and looseness of doctrine or life found in her no sympathy. She loved her church with a sort of passionate affection; it was her church, the church of her father's and the vine planted by her's and her father's God. For half way measures and men she had no place, and in her children she could be satisfied only with the highest possible attainments of character and success. Hers, indeed, was a royal, imperial spirit. She was of those rare ones born to command, hence she was a recognized leader everywhere.

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