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CHICAGO ALDERMAN EMULATES WESTON.

The walking fever excited by Weston's great walk struck a few cronies in Chicago who undertook to walk from Milwaukee to Chicago, 95 miles, within a given time.

The party proke down one by one except Alderman Badenoch and Charles J. Zeller, who passed through Highland Park at 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening taking dinner at the Highland Park Hotel. They then proceeded to Evanston and reached there about 11 o'clock, with the alderman's cry of "Excelsior."

Proceeding from there he arrived at the Illinois Athletic Club, Chicago, at 12:10 on December 5th, completing the walk in fifty-three hours. He claims that the walk was 103 miles the way he traveled. With the alderman was Zeller, a small one-armed man who was the only other one of the seven that completed the trip.

KANSAS NATIONAL BANK FAILED.

The failure of the National Bank of Commerce at Kansas City is said to be due to a steady run of six weeks, during which the bank had paid off \$19,000,000 of its deposits, reduced its loans \$3,500,000, cut down its cash resources \$11,750,000 and sold \$2,000,000 of high grade bonds in an effort to meet the demands upon it. When the bank closed it still had \$17,000,000 of deposits.

The following statement was issued by Dr. W. S. Woods, president of the National Bank of Commerce, for the board of directors:

To the public:—Much as we regret to do so, we are compelled to close the doors of the National Bank of Commerce because we have not been able to collect money from our borrowers as fast as the same was demanded by our depositors, caused by unjust and unfounded rumors vigorously circulated.

During this trouble we have reduced our deposits from \$35,000,000 to about \$16,500,000, thus paying out over the counter and by transfers to other banks in this city and other cities about \$18,000,000 of deposits. This of itself tells of our resources. We have made the fight of our life, but could not stand the strong tide.

We hope to be able to open up the bank again in the near future for business. We do not believe it possible for a depositor in the National Bank of Commerce to lose a dollar. We beg your indulgence and forbearance until our affairs can be arranged to the satisfaction of all parties interested. We appreciate sensibly the confidence our numerous customers, large and small, have placed in us, and we hope to show in the end that we have been true to this trust.

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FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Mrs. Mary A. Wright, of Burlington, Vt., is probably the oldest Sunday-school teacher in the world. The sixtieth anniversary of her service as a teacher was recently celebrated, and she received messages of congratulation from Vice-President Fairbanks, Hon. William Jennings Bryan and other prominent persons. Mrs. Wright is yet teacher of the women's Bible class of the First Baptist church of Burlington.

An old lady, travelling for the first time in a large city, saw a glaring sign on the front of a high building, which read, "The Smith Manufacturing Company." As she repeated it aloud slowly, she remarked to her nephew: "Lawsy mercy! Well, I've heard tell of Smiths all my life, but I never knew before where they made 'em."

In the cook's absence the young mistress of the house undertook, with the help of a green waitress, to get the Sunday luncheon. The flurried maid, who had been struggling in the kitchen with a coffee machine that refused to work, confessed that she had forgotten to wash the lettuce. "Well, never mind, Eliza. Go on with the coffee, and I'll do it," said the considerate mistress. "Where do you keep the soap?"

Warding off a Catastrophe.—A fat woman entered a crowded street car and, seizing a strap, stood directly in front of a man seated in the corner. As the car started, she lunged against his newspaper and at the same time trod heavily on his toes. As soon as he could extricate himself, he rose and offered her his seat. "You are very kind, sir," she said, panting for breath. "Not at all, madam," he replied: "it's not kindness, it's simply self-defence."

A clergyman had been for some time displeased with the quality of milk served him. At length he determined to remonstrate with his milkman for supplying such weak stuff. He began mildly: "I've been wanting to see you in regard to the quality of the milk with which you are serving me." "Yes, sir," uneasily answered the tradesman. "I only wanted to say," continued the minister, "that I use the milk for drinking purposes exclusively, and not for christening."

Chatting in leisurely fashion with Prince Bismark in Berlin, Lord Russell asked the chancellor how he managed to rid himself of importunate visitors. "Oh," replied Bismark, "my wife knows people of this class very well, and, when she sees them staying too long, she manages to call me away on some plausible pretext." Scarcely had he finished speaking when the Princess Bismark appeared at the door. "My dear," she said to her husband, "you must come at once and take your medicine; you should have taken it an hour ago."

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