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King of the Highway

Last Sunday night at 10:30 the Sheriff and party of Lake County came to grief in an automobile accident.

We do not know the real cause of the accident. The Waukegan Gazette attributes it to the failure of a rig giving over part of the road; be that as it may, while the accident is fresh in our minds and so near home, the following comments may not be out of place. The time when a man of moderate means can take a ride in his carriage with ordinary safety has gone by. Just think of it, a naughty, naughty, carriage causing such a small thing as an automobile to turn turtle and injure its occupants.

We speak in sarcasm, but really the way the automobile races over the country road and in our cities is enough to cause one to wonder why there are not more accidents as a result thereby. We speak from experience; last Sunday we took a trip to the Wheelerville church in a carriage. No less than twelve automobiles passed us and only one of this number gave us any warning of approach. As to the result of turning ever so little toward the center of the road, well, we will leave that to our readers' imagination rather than our experience.

We do not undertake at this time to suggest a remedy but we do think that these conditions ought not to exist. The automobile is king of the public highway.

Hallowe'en Liberties?

We put our subject in the form of a question because young America seems to have the idea that the 31st of October justifies the destruction of property and the endangering of lives. We do not believe that these things are done through any malicious purpose but rather that young people have an idea that it is great fun to be free to do these things because it is Hallowe'en. But is it such a lot of fun, after all? Boys, didn't you have a sort of mean feeling Saturday night after you stretched a wire across the side walk and saw a person fall and sprain an ankle? My! wasn't it funny to see the suffering you had caused because it was hallowe'en? And say, boys, how did you feel after you pulled up the boards of a side walk making it dangerous for people passing that way?

Didn't you feel that you had done a noble act Sunday night when you set fire to a post in front of a home where there lives a dear old lady all alone?

No, after it was all over you felt mean about it, so don't do it next year. There are so many ways of having fun, and besides, you are not free to do as you like on Hallowe'en. When you destroy property and endanger lives you are violating the law and are liable to be arrested for doing what you really didn't mean to do. So don't do it again.

BEEF OR MUTTON?

It may not be generally admitted, but as a proposition we make bold to state it, that a slice of two-year-old mutton, cut thick from a loin roast, that has been well baked and basted and allowed to swelter in its own liquor over night, is the best meat that can be put on a table. We make this remark not to evoke a controversy, but simply to celebrate an event that is transpiring in the west, which is no less than the changing of the great cattle ranges into sheep pastures and covering the hills and valleys with flocks instead of herds, says the Ohio State Journal. We don't say that this comes about because of a preference for mutton over roast beef. The fleece has something to do with it. The flock is food and clothing combined. But the account, from which we draw our intelligence, puts another meaning on the change. In the region of these cattle ranges, there has been much voting of "dry" territory under the local option regime, and this has had something to do with the passing of the cowboy, which is said to be actually taking place. There can be no cattle if there are no cowboys.

A soldier who takes part in a military campaign expects to face danger and perhaps to meet death. It is part of his profession. The bravery of men in peril is well known. The world's history is filled with stories of heroism. No greater shame can come to a soldier than to be proved guilty of cowardice. But disease is far more destructive in warfare than the enemy's bullet. The deaths resulting from it are always more numerous than those which come directly on the battlefield. As a matter of fact, the soldiers killed in fighting are comparatively few. It is always surprising to discover the great mortality with which disease is charged. Sanitation has made marked advances since the civil war. It has gone far ahead since the Spanish war. In case of another American conflict many lives will be saved because of increased knowledge of disease and the methods of fighting it.

It is not unlikely that commerce soon will bring to market the mixture of tea and flowers which was one of China's state secrets when the dowager empress held the reins of power. The empress was almost as famous for her tea as for her iron grip on the government. All guests at court were permitted to drink of the old woman's favorite brew, and tea experts tried to match the blend after they had failed to worm the secret from servants in attendance on the empress. Every attempt, however, to produce as delicious a cup of tea failed, and it was not until after the empress' death that the secret leaked out.

The publisher of the London Times says that America is a nation of optimists; that we have here the material for great artists, great statesmen and great musicians; that we are a marvelous people, and that the American press is a great educational force. It looks after such a preamble that they are going to ask us over there to help them against that phantom German invasion.

The rapid development of the aeroplane suggests that it will not be long before some daring aviator will undertake to cross the Atlantic. It will be done, eventually, and the powerful modern steamship may yet find that its most formidable competitor will be not on the seas, but in the air.

This country never lacks for leaders. Great men are missed and mourned when they die, but there's always another, and often a greater, to take their places.

Sixteen pins have been taken from the arm of a Paterson girl, who has no idea how they came there. Funny things happen over on the Jersey side.

No matter how strenuous the season, a league baseball team always finds a chance to do a little barnstorming after it is over.

Queensland now supplies most of the wood for fishing rods. But the average country boy does not have to go nearly that far.

According to the latest account, the north pole is about as interesting as the waste place at the apex of a bald head.

As a hurricane hatchery the Gulf of Mexico has few equals.

Now who will copyright the north pole?

WOMAN'S CRUELTY TO WOMAN.

It is often said that women are more cruel in their judgments of women than are men. The sophomores of Barnard college, New York, have evidently undertaken to show that the sex can be as cruel in action as in judgment. Only women will fully appreciate the terrific cruelty of the edict of those girl sophomores that the girl freshmen must on no account adorn themselves with rats or puffs or braids during the present college term. But the man of average observation will get at least a hint of the tragedy of the situation. While the sophomores are going about adorned in the glory of mountainous false hair the freshmen will have to be content with those simple coiffures at once so becoming to the faces of young girls and so out of style at present, says the Chicago Inter Ocean. Think of the horror of that to girls who are just beginning to understand the inexorable fashion! And when they walk abroad for air or exercise what sudden, sad reminders of their forlorn condition the windows filled with abundant hair goods of all shapes and arrangements are sure to be! What pangs of hopeless desperation and revolt will wake to mar their pleasure!

Omaha dealers are said to be rushing butter to the cold storage warehouses and predicting that consumers will be paying 50 cents a pound for the product before Christmas. It does not require a long head, nowadays, to see that butter will be higher in price in winter than in summer; in fact, from time immemorial butter has always advanced during the winter months. But when there were no cold storage warehouses the prices of butter were lower at this time of the year because there were no speculators buying the product up, right and left, rushing it to the cooler, and predicting tremendous advances during the winter. The cold storage warehouse is beneficent in many ways, but the speculative feature of its utilization has raised the summer prices of butter and eggs and poultry, and also boosted the winter rates for these products. None of these products will ever again sell long at low prices, because the moment the prices ease a little the speculator jumps in and clears the market of the surplus.

Twenty St. Paul (Minn.) municipal officers and council members who have just completed a 3,000-mile trip through the east make interesting comparisons between eastern and western cities regarding different phases of municipal progress. They find that the "City Beautiful" idea is more clearly developed and the movement more widespread in the east than in the west, and that the movement to advertise cities is receiving more widespread attention in the east, though the point is made that in most instances the movement is "hardly along the same practical lines as in the west."

The desertion at New York of 200 seamen of Admiral Seymour's fleet repeats what occurred at Hampton Roads on the occasion of the Jamestown exposition. The British "Jack Tar" finds conditions ashore in the United States so alluring that he is tempted to abandon his ship and violate the obligation incurred by the acceptance of the "Queen's shilling." The French fleet lost only a few men, probably because of language difficulties which Britons do not encounter, and because affiliations with them are not so readily established.

Indisputably the materials of subsistence cost more than a year ago. A dispatch from Washington notes that last year the average cost to the government of food supplies for the army was on the basis of 19.65 cents for a soldier's daily ration, whereas now it is 21.5 cents. At this rate the market bill for the whole army for the current year would be \$1,540,200 higher than in 1908.

Japan has a big rice crop, and as there are always plenty of old shoes the time seems propitious for the merry peal of wedding bells.

A chicken in Illinois has left her brood to care for seven collic pupa. It is obvious in this instance why the hen crossed the road.

The shah must get a lot of consolation these hot days from not being obliged to wear that awfully high hat any more.

The less she puts on, the longer it takes a woman to dress, says an actress. That is art, and "art is long."

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CULTURE

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An inquirer wants us to define civilization. Suppose we say it is the process of learning to use dangerous tools—liberty, luxury, wealth, education, organization, art, music—they are all dangerous. Civilization exposes us to them all.—Harper's Weekly.

The Wonders of Science.
"Oh, mamma," said little Albert, who was having his first view of an aeroplane in action, "see the cattle pen flying."

Had the Other Variety.
Customer—"Do you keep stove lifters in here?" Grocer's Clerk—"Not the iron ones, madam. But we can give you a pint of kerosene."

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The Philosopher of Folly.
"Some give according to their means," says the Philosopher of Folly, "and others according to how mean they are."

The Real Victim.
After a man has been sick a week his wife looks worse than he does from taking care of him.—Atchison Globe.

Uncle Ezra Says:
"It ain't good fur man to be alone, but did you ever see an ol' bach' who knew what wuz good fur him?"

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