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Societies.

ANCIENT ORDER OF UNITED WORKMEN
met in their hall over Heuseler's store on second and fourth Tuesday evening of each month. G. NAUMANN, M. W. J. BULL, Recorder.

MANCHESTER LODGE NO. 148, F. & A. M.
met at Masonic Hall, Monday evening or before each full moon. Visiting brothers are invited. FRED E. SPAFARD, W. M. ED. E. Root, Secretary.

MERIDIAN CHAPTER NO. 48, R. A. M.
met in Masonic Hall, Wednesday evening or before each full moon. Visiting members cordially invited. E. M. CONKLIN, H. P. O. J. HOBSON, Secretary.

ADMIRAL COUNCIL NO. 54, R. & S. M.
met at Masonic Hall, Tuesday evening after each full moon. All visiting com-panions invited. C. W. CASE, T. I. M. MAT D. BLOSSER, Recorder.

MANCHESTER CHAPTER NO. 10, O. E. S.
met at Masonic Hall, Tuesday evening or before each full moon. Visiting members are invited. MRS. CLARA FREEMAN, W. M. MRS. EMMA LAPHAM, Secretary.

MANCHESTER HIVE NO. 624, L. O. T. M.
met at MacCabe Hall second and fourth Tuesday evening of each month. Visiting ladies invited. MRS. H. J. STRANGHAM, MRS. J. SCHMID, L. Rec. Keeper. L. COIN.

COMSTOCK POST NO. 352 G. A. R.
met first and third Tuesday evening of each month at their hall over J. Braun's store. All comrades invited. S. H. SHEWYARD, Com. G. R. SHEWYARD, Adj.

MANCHESTER TENT NO. 141, K. O. T. M.
met in hall over J. Miller & Co.'s store 1st & 3d Tuesday in month. Visiting knights invited. FRED K. STEINKOHL, Com. CARL F. WUERTHEIM, Record Keeper.

COMSTOCK W. R. C. NO. 230
met first and third Saturday afternoon of each month at their hall over J. Braun's store. Visiting members invited. MRS. HELEN B. BROWN, Miss IDA L. SILKWORTH, Sec. Pres.

Business Cards.

J. D. COREY, Conveyancer and Notary Pub-lic. Collections and all other business left with him will receive prompt attention. Farm and village property for sale.

KIEBLER & LANDWEHR.
CENTRAL MEAT MARKET.
Steaks, Game, mutton, Fresh, salt and
smoked meats. Wholesale and Retail.
Ice for Private Families.

G. W. TORREY.
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.
Attention also given to Optical work.
Office over Young's, Main & 20th, store. Resi-dence, middle Linn cottage on Boyne St.

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PENINSULA MATTERS

RELATED IN A BRIEF, CONCISE MANNER.

Schooner Waukesha Founders in a Gale Off Muskegon and of the Crew of Seven but One Man Escapes—Drunk Captain and Crew Responsible.

Schooner Sank—Six Men Drowned.

The three-masted schooner Waukesha, of Chicago sank off Muskegon at night during a gale. Six of the crew, including the captain, were drowned and only one man was rescued. The survivor is Frank Dolach, aged about 30. He was a seaman on the ill-fated schooner, and had the life saving crew been 15 minutes later he would not have lived to tell the story.

Dolach tells a terrible story of his first trip on the Waukesha. He says: "Capt. Duncan Corbett was in command of the Waukesha, which was loaded with 600 tons of salt in bulk and 25 barrels of apples, and bound from Ludington to South Chicago. We left Ludington with a slight wind, but the old ship sprung a leak and in a short time we were working the pumps with four feet of water in the hold. We ran as far south as Grand Haven, but the captain and mate were drunk and said it was not Grand Haven. We kept at the pumps all night, and in the morning were 30 miles off shore. I told the captain if he kept going that way we would sink in midlake, and urged him to keep well to the shore. The weather continued good and we reached Muskegon. My partner and I knew it was Muskegon, but the captain and mate said it was not. We wanted to run in but the captain was stubborn and would not do so. The ship was fast filling with water and my partner and I became desperate and told the captain we would make him run. The mate advanced on us with clenched fists, and cussing us, he would like to see us make him. As there were but two of us, and all but one of the other sailors were drunk, we kept still; there were then six feet of water in the ship. At 7 o'clock the life boat left us. I begged the captain to signal for the life crew but he would not. I tried to get the signal torch but he locked it in his cabin so that I could not get it. My partner and I let the anchor go so that we might drift ashore, but it was too late. The ship commenced to sink and we all took to the rigging of the foremast. The sea was now running high and it was 9 o'clock at night. The mast snapped and we were thrown into the water. One by one my partner and I saw the other members of the crew go down to death. We had managed to lash two spars together and tried to help them but as they were helpless—themselves they were washed from the spars as fast as we pulled them on. At 8 o'clock in the morning my partner died and I was going to sleep myself when I awoke with a jerk to find the life boat coming from the shore. I stood up on the spars to let them see me and I was soon in the boat. Thank God."

Dolach was in the cold water for 12 hours. He says one of the men was a Swede, aged about 50; the mate was an American aged 40, another American about 45; the Negro cook was 26, and the other member of the crew besides the captain was a young Irishman, 22. The Waukesha was one of the old fleet of "cansters." She was owned by F. H. Head, of Chicago, and was formerly known as the Nabob. She was built in Manitowoc in 1864 and was valued at \$2,500.

Young Woman Whitecapped at Capac.

Miss Louisa Roy was brutally treated by about a score of whitecaps at Capac, because of her alleged fondness for the society of H. P. Jenney, a well-known lawyer. Louisa Roy has been a clerk in Jenney's office about six years. Mrs. Jenney became jealous, and frequent family quarrels resulted. Recently the fellow has spent much time at the Roy home and finally the citizens visited the house, ordering Mr. Roy to surrender both Jenney and his daughter. Upon his refusal to do so, they hurled stones through the windows. Miss Roy came out and threw herself on the mercy of the mob, and they partly divested the girl of clothing, rolled her over in the mud and escaped her up Main street, yelling, "Hang her," "tar and feather her." She was finally allowed to go home. Mr. Jenney left the Roy house and skipped the town.

Hung in His Cell.

George W. Whipple, a butcher, living at 922 Twenty-fifth street at Detroit, has been away from his wife and family for some time, because he is not able to agree with them. He returned and went to his home. Shortly afterwards he was arrested on an old warrant, charging him with being a tinker. He was taken to the Vinewood police station. About an hour after being put in a cell Doorman Charland heard a peculiar sound in the cell. He found Whipple hanging to the bars at the top of his cell by a cord. He died in a few minutes. He had taken off his shoes so that his movements could not be heard by the doorman. The cord he hanged himself with was one he had been using as a belt to keep his trousers up.

Young Lady Paid Her Election Bet.

Miss Metta Owens, a clerk in the Penhook & Marzin store, wheeled Frank Bauer, assistant cashier in Liley's state savings bank, from one end of the business portion of Tecumseh to the other and return, in payment of an election wager. The wheelbarrow was gaily decorated and a box covered with old gold served as a seat.

The city of Hudson has purchased three of the Abbott voting machines which were given a successful trial in the last election.

Condition of Michigan Crops.

The Michigan crop report says: The average condition of wheat in the state Nov. 1 was 90, in the southern counties 88, central counties 93, and northern 95, comparison being with vitality and growth of average years. In previous years it has been as follows: 1895, 78; 1894, 91; 1893, 89; 1892, 87; and 1891, 91. The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed by farmers in the three months, August, September and October, was \$3,999,174, or 476,459 bushels more than were reported marketed the same months last year. The average yield of corn per acre in the state is estimated at 72 bushels of ears, equal to about 32 bushels of shelled corn. These figures indicate the largest crop ever grown. The average yield per acre in the 16 years, 1879-'94, was 51.65 bushels of ears, or about 26 bushels of shelled corn. The clover seed crop is light. Potatoes are estimated to yield 80 per cent for an average crop. Hog cholera is reported from a few localities mostly in the extreme southern counties, but stock generally is in good condition.

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Gov. Rich has issued the following Thanksgiving proclamation:

"In accordance with a custom honored in its observance, I hereby designate Thursday, November 26, as a day of thanksgiving. Upon that day let all secular business be laid aside and the day devoted to exercises and recreation suitable to the occasion. Religious and political differences of opinion should be forgotten and as citizens of a common country, alike interested in upholding its honor and maintaining its laws, let us assemble in our homes of worship and in graceful recognition of the manifold blessings Providence has showered upon us reverently thank God for the peace and prosperity that has fallen to our lot. The poor and unfortunate should not be forgotten, and acts of kindness done to those who do not share in the abundance that has blessed us as a people will prove that it is indeed more blessed to give than to receive, and make more joyous the reunions about the family hearthstone."

Three Children Buried to Death.

A terrible holocaust occurred at the residence of Alexander Campbell, four miles south of Perrinton. While the family were asleep the house took fire, and was soon enveloped in flames. The alarm was soon sounded, but all the avenues of escape were shut off. One of the children escaped by jumping, but two others, aged 6 and 2 respectively, and a cousin, aged 19, were buried to death. Neighbors flocked to the rescue, but were unable to do anything, the house soon becoming a mass of ruins. The charred remains were with difficulty recovered. How the fire originated is not known.

Creditors May Seize Niles' Waterworks.

The city of Niles is in a predicament. With an outstanding debt of nearly \$240,000 there are prospects that some of the creditors may seize the electric light and water-works system. The council is unable to pay bonds long past due held by N. W. Harris & Co., of Chicago, who declare they will sue the city. As the treasury is empty and taxes not due until December, there is no way to meet the obligations except to hold a special election to vote bonds. Last June a special election was held, but the taxpayers voted the proposition down and there is every prospect they will do so again.

Old Soldiers Preferred Death to Disease.

Asbury T. Long, an old resident of the Bay City Tribune, was arrested at the residence of Alexander Campbell, four miles south of Perrinton. While the family were asleep the house took fire, and was soon enveloped in flames. The alarm was soon sounded, but all the avenues of escape were shut off. One of the children escaped by jumping, but two others, aged 6 and 2 respectively, and a cousin, aged 19, were buried to death. Neighbors flocked to the rescue, but were unable to do anything, the house soon becoming a mass of ruins. The charred remains were with difficulty recovered. How the fire originated is not known.

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NOTES TO THE PUBLIC.
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Notice of church socials and meetings, free; but notices of business to be paid for the same as other business announcements.

Notice of the business of the post office are required to ask Judge Abbott to send them printed to the public.

Obituary notices, death notices, free. Obituary notices, free, a line.

Card of Thanks, five cents a line.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1896.

The pilgrimage to Canton continues.

A wonderful meteoric display is promised for Friday and Saturday nights.

Kalamazoo county has been selected as the place to try the rural free mail delivery in that state.

The state board of carvers meets at Lansing on the 18th. This is much earlier than usual.

T. C. Sherwood, state bank commissioner, has resigned and Geo. D. B. Ainger of Charlotte has been appointed in his place.

Two carloads of cotton were brought from Cincinnati, Monday by the C. & J. and sent to Boston by the Michigan Central.

The D. L. & N. R. was sold Tuesday at auction for \$100,000. It will be at the Grand Rapids, Lansing and Detroit Railroad.

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The Enterprise has heretofore made mention of the fact that the farmers' clubs had undertaken to have the matter of salaries adjusted. They claim that salaries are too high for the time. Last spring resolutions were passed in several of the clubs throughout the southern part of the state, declaring that the members would not vote for any club which would not vote for the same. On Dec. 7 and 8 the state association of the agricultural clubs will meet in Lansing and then "no doubt a strong effort will be made to induce the legislature to take action in the matter. The farmers even a delicate system of the eating of ripe and juicy apples before going to bed."

Washtenaw County.

The circuit court has adjourned to Monday Nov. 23.

J. H. Miller's store at Ypsilanti, was robbed Monday night of \$15 or \$20 in cash, a quantity of cigars and a box of pocket knives.

Mary Enrich of Ypsilanti was found dead in her bed Monday morning and had been dead probably 30 hours. She was 76 years of age.

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PEOPLE ON THE GO.

Some Who Are Not.

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Eyes

There are more or less affected by catarrh, which is caused by impure blood. Cure catarrh by purifying the blood. Remembers

Hood's Sarsaparilla

In the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills five. All druggists, etc.

The devil has his hand over the eyes of the man who does not give.

Tourist Car to California.

An Upholstered Pullman Tourist car is run every Wednesday by the Northern Pacific. This car leaves St. Paul at 2:45 p.m., Minneapolis, 3:20 p.m., reaching San Francisco the following Monday morning. Double berth \$6.00. For tickets and reservations write to Chas. S. Fee, Gen. Pass and Ticket Agent, N. P. Ry. Co., St. Paul, Minn., sending six cents for tourist literature.

When we get in the wrong place our right place is empty.

Homeseekers' Excursions.

Very low rates will be made by the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway, on November 17th, December 1st and 15th to the South. For particulars apply to the nearest local agent or address H. A. Cherrier, N. P. A., 316 Marquette Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

There is no more dangerous deception than self-deception.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

For children teething, softens the mouth, allays pain, cures wind colic, cures the bottle.

We are sure to lose what we try to keep God from having.

Megemann's Camphorated with Glycerine, Camphorated Hand and Face Tonic, Camphorated Liniment, etc. C. G. Clark Co., New Haven, Ct.

Fifty sheep make a good flock to keep together.

I believe my prompt use of Mrs. Curr's prevent cold consumption—Mrs. Lucy Wallace, Marquette, Kans. Dec. 12, '95.

Salt the sheep regularly and not in too large doses.

Cascarets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe.

Choose a high, dry place for your poultry yard.

Just try a 10c box of Cascarets, the finest liver and bowels regulator ever made.

A revival means a recovery of lost power.

When bilious or constipated eat a Cascaret cantharic, cure guaranteed. 10c. 25c.

I never knu an old bacheler yet but who thought he could marry enny woman he had a mind to, nor an old maid who hadn't refused menny fast-class bids, and wasn't issuing sealed proposals for more.

There are fu men who ever doubt their judgments. Yu kan find skores ov men who kant tend a toll gate and make their accounts balance who kan tell yu exactly how the finances ov the kunitry ought to be managed.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists around the money. It's fat 15c. 25c.

Miss Younger, of Perry, O. T., says that if Bryan is elected she will marry T. J. Stanton. If McKinley is elected she will not.

Old Gotroix (savage)—So you want to marry my daughter, do you? Do you think two can live as cheaply as one? Young Sofly (slightly embarrassed)—I hardly think you will notice any difference, sir.—Puck.

"Here, waiter!" roared the long-whiskered customer, pushing the plate from him. "Take this punkin pie away and bring me a glass o' milk. Darn silver man that ain't true to his colors!"—Chicago Tribune.

HESITATE NO LONGER.

Modesty in women is natural. It is one of women's chief charms.

No one cares for one who really lacks this essential to womanliness.

Women have suffered fearfully because of over-sensitivity in this direction. They couldn't say to the physician what they ought to say to someone.

Mrs. Pinkham has received the confidence of thousands of thousands.

Women open their hearts to her. She understands their suffering, and has the power to relieve and cure.

In nearly all cases the source of women's suffering is in the womb.

In many cases the same physician does not understand the case and treats the patient for consumption—indigestion—anything but the right thing.

It is under such circumstances that thousands of women have turned to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., and opened their heart and lives—woman to woman—and received her help.

You ask how she can tell if the doctor cannot? Because no man living ever treated so many cases and possesses such vast experience.

Displacement, inflammation, torpid action, stagnation, sends to all parts of the body the pains that crush you.

Lydia E. Pinkham's "Vegetable Compound" is the sure cure for this trouble. For twenty years it has done its grand work and cured thousands.

SWAMP KIDNEY, LIVER & BLADDER CURE. Dr. Klimm & Co., Binghamton, N.Y.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

TIMELY TOPICS FOR OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Lighting a Fire with Ice—How to Make Big Soap Bubbles—The Game of Ball Is Not a New One—Johnny's Excuse—How Nobility Is Illustrated.

Nobility Shown by Buttons.

CHESTNUT bur, with fur, Upon the parent tree,

One autumn day was heard to say,

To Mr. Bumblebee: "How sad am I, who cannot fly Or run or leap or hop."

Like beast or bee, but on this tree Always doomed to stop.

"The birds and bees float on the trees, The rabbits leap and run. The nimble squirrels and boys and girls Indulge in active fun.

But day and night I stuck here tight, And the I long to roam,

As you'll perceive, I ne'er can leave My leafy tree-twig home."

A fairy small, who'd chanced to call,

O'erheard this fretful talk;

She shook her head and gently said:

"Your wish to fly or walk I'll grant you. Which will I do?

"Just name it and 'tis done."

Then cried the bur: "I'd much prefer To be a beast and run."

A gentle wave the fairy gave,

Of jeweled wand so small,

When with a bound unto the ground The burr was seen to fall.

Lo! there appears eyes, moth and ears,

Four legs, a tail, some feet,

(Strange, you'll agree) and then we see A porcupine, complete.

Lighting a Fire with Ice.

If anyone was to tell you that you could light a fire with a piece of ice you'd be very likely to shake your head.

But it can be done, and if you have a liking for surprising your friends you can try it—after a little private practice behind the barn. Take a piece of clear ice about an inch thick from the water cooler, whittle it into the shape of a disk and with the palms of your hands melt its two sides convex, thus giving the form of a double convex lens, or burning glass. This you should do with considerable accuracy, and you may have to practice some time before you can accomplish it. When your ice lens is complete hold it where the sun's rays will fall on it and focus them so that they will be directed on a piece of light paper or tinder. A blaze will burst up at once. The experiment works well only when the sun is very bright.

Johnnie's Excuse.

Not far from Boston a little boy named Johnnie, who is only nine years of age, is continually causing amusement by his quaint and original excuses whenever he gets into a scrape.

He is never at loss, and before you speak almost, he interrupts you with an excuse that is so funny that you cannot help laughing and forgiving him.

He has been last down to breakfast several times lately, and he was told that the next time it occurred he should go without.

A day or two back he made his appearance when breakfast was half over.

"Now, Johnnie," said his mother, "you know what I told you last time you were late."

"Yes, mother; but I could not really and truly be down to breakfast in time this morning."

"Well, why not?"

"You see, I was half asleep and half awake, and somehow I dreamed that I was at church, and I knew you would not like me to get up during the sermon."

Johnnie did not go without his breakfast that morning.

The Game of Ball.

Ball is by no means a modern game,

for it was a favorite pastime of the Egyptians four thousand years ago.

It was an outdoor sport as at the present day, and was indulged in not only by men and children, but by women as well.

Throwing and catching the ball was regarded as wholly a woman's game, and one method of playing was that the person unsuccessful in catching the ball was obliged to carry the successful player on her back—the victor continuing in this position until she also failed to catch the ball.

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Handsome Is That Handsome Does.

Patsy Dooly was a very poor arithmetician, and was puzzled by a great many questions of numbers which did not enter other people's heads. One day a new acquaintance remarked in his presence:

"I have eight brothers."

"Ye have eight brothers?" said Patsy.

"Then I suppose every wan' thim is eight brothers, too."

"Certainly."

"Arrah, thin," said Patsy, "how many mothers had the sixty-four o' ye?"

Trained for Coons.

"Handsome is that handsome does," whether in one form of life or another.

"It ain't no use tryin' to get a coon—at all unless you've got a coon dog," says a Maine woodsmen.

"You can take a high-toned dog of some fancy breed,"

an' bring him up as careful as you please, an' the chances are he won't be no more use for huntin' coon than he would if you set him agin' wild elephants.

Or mebbe a measles, or monget, yellow cur that nobody knows where he come from an' that looks as if he growed from a burdock root will be a regular cyclone when he gets after a pair of coons. It's a curious thing, too, that a coon dog ain't good for nothin' else. For ten months of the year he's the biggest toad in the puddle. He realizes his own importance then, an' he's right about it, for a good coon dog is the hardest kind to get. It must be born in him or he won't be no good at catchin' coons."

Must be born in him! Well, that applies to other knacks besides that for the successful pursuit of coons.

Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

An Impossible Conversation.

"My dear," said he, "that waist doesn't fit you in the back at all."

"It doesn't matter," she said. "People in front of me can't see it, and I don't care what they say behind my back."

The feminine reader is allowed the choice of two solutions: Either the woman who didn't care about the fit of her waist was fibbing, or, what is more likely, she never existed.—Indianapolis Journal.

To Make Big Soap Bubbles.

It is great sport to make soap bubbles, but it is twice as much fun if the bubbles are big ones, strong enough not to break when they are floated on the floor.

Bubbles twice as big as your head or as big as the biggest kind of a football can be easily blown by anyone who knows how to mix up the soap-bubble material. To make these big bubbles, take a piece of white castile

soap about as big as a walnut. Cut up into a cup of warm water and then add a teaspoonful of glycerine. Stir well and blow from a small pipe. This will make bubbles enough to last all the afternoon. And this is really all you care to make in one day. To make pink bubbles add a few drops of strawberry-juice, and to make yellow ones put in a little orange juice.

Nobility Shown by Buttons.

BUTTONS play an important part in the dress of the Chinese mandarins. Those of the first and second class wear a button of coral red, suggested, perhaps, by a cock's comb, since the cock is the bird that adorns their breast. The third class are gorgeous with a robe on which a peacock is emblazoned, while from the centre of the red fringe on the hat rises a sapphire button. The purple button of the fourth class is an opaque, dark purple stone, and the bird depicted on the robe is the pelican. A silver pheasant on the robe and a clear crystal button on the hat are the rank of the fifth class. The sixth class are entitled to wear an embroidered stork and a jade stone button; the seventh a partridge and an embossed gold button. In the eighth the partridge is reduced to a quail and the gold button becomes plain, while the ninth class mandarin has to be content with a common sparrow for his emblem, and with silver for his button.

Valorous.

When I was on the Zulu frontier (a traveler recently) I stopped for a week with a native, a splendid fellow, who had a fine farm. Among other animals, he had a young bull called Hulo, which he and his children fondly believed could vanquish any beast on earth. Hulo was a great pet, and not in the least vicious, so I was surprised

at the time of my stay, to see Hulo snuffing the air and pawing the ground in evident rage. I was about to ask what it meant when out of the forest came an ugly rhinoceros.

My host and I hurried for our guns, and Hulo dashed at the beast with dauntless courage. A rush, a crash, and the bull was hurled twenty feet. Fortunately, the horn of his enemy had not caught him, and the first rush had taught him a lesson. His horns were like sharp swords, but the hide of a rhinoceros is remarkably thick, and the young bull soon showed signs of fatigue. So he resorted to strategy, and dodged behind his clumsy foe, giving his vicious stabs in the thighs. This was rapidly weakening the rhinoceros, and just at this time we found some steel bullets (leaden bullets having no effect on this animal), and quickly completed the work Hulo had begun. Then the bull stood on the carcass and bellowed his joy.

He Resigned.

In the early days of Pony, a mining camp in Montana, the post-office consisted of an old tea box, into which all the letters were dumped, the citizens helping themselves. There were only forty citizens in Pony, and there was no money in the office, it was with considerable difficulty that the storekeeper was persuaded to accept the postmaster's resignation.

One day a stranger rode into camp and called on the postmaster.

"Don't you know," he began, sternly, "that it is illegal to allow people to pick out their own letters like that?"

"Was a stranger," said the postmaster, "I don't know that it is any of your business how this office is run."

"But I am a United States post-office inspector."

"In this case," said the postmaster, "we will finish up this post-office right now."

He took the tea box, placed it in the middle of the road, and with a good kick, it cleared the ground.

"Now then," he resumed, "you go right back to Washington and tell the department from me that the accounts are closed and the postmaster at Pony has resigned."

He continued not to run for any more trains, but walked over to Clark street in a dignified manner, as befitted the day, and took his seat on the electric, just starting south. As I sat there, plodding along the swift motion of the car and the cooling breeze on my aching head, it struck me that we were making a good many more turns than usual, and, looking about on either side, I could not discover one familiar object. Finally, glancing up the street and seeing a huge drove of steers coming our way, completely filling the street from curb to curb, and even overflowing onto the walk, it dawned upon me that I had boarded the car without looking at the sign, and was out in the "wild and woolly West," represented by the Union stock yards. Just how we were going to get through that