

By an interview with commissioner Stone of the general land office...

The committee on judicial apportionment has reported to the Sioux Falls convention...

The REPUBLICAN is glad to note that the North Dakota constitutional convention shows a disposition to fix the salaries of state officers...

A crank in the last Minnesota legislature procured the passage of a law requiring criminals to be executed before daybreak...

The eastern papers are up to their old tricks of making out that the crops of Dakota are a total failure this year.

The air is filled with rumors about this and that combination between aspirant candidates for state offices...

The REPUBLICAN is free to say that it does not believe the principle of prohibition will prove a panacea for all the woes of mankind...

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who believe in some other method and, incidentally, the saloon element. The REPUBLICAN hopes to see the one-side advocates prevail for the reasons above given...

In commenting on the fact that the Watertown Courier-News is in the hands of the sheriff, the Parker New Era makes the following pertinent observation:

A town that will allow its only daily paper to starve to death, and particularly when that paper is a good one, has not the sympathy of the newspaper craft at least in its aspirations for capital honors.

A daily paper is a pretty good advertisement for a town on any and all occasions.

Delegate Mathews and Gov. Mellette are both at Washington, and have united in a movement to secure as many appointments as possible for Dakota at once...

Frank W. Thaxter, formerly of the Diana Monitor, is now the western manager of the American Bank Reporter, with headquarters at Kansas City...

Candidate Pettigrew is getting considerable newspaper mention these days. Can there be any connection between this fact and that other one that he is president of a Sioux Falls "soap" factory?

The Alexandria Herald makes the following prediction: The men nominated for office by the publican state convention will have to stand on a prohibition platform and favor prohibition boldly.

A. J. Parshall, at one time of the Alexandria Advocate, is said to have his eye on the Aberdeen Pioneer. Parshall is an original disciple of Pettigrew.

"Jack the Ripper" has been captured and has confessed his crimes. What's the matter with importing an English detective or two in the Cronin case?

If Sioux City realized the great value of her base ball club as an advertisement throughout the northwest she would hang on to it.

It is still more a citizen to the state for war, it is infinitely greater as a national school for the moral, mental and physical training of the people.

Talking Plainly to Ueelo Gifford. Alexandria Herald: It is said the latest political combination is Gifford and McCoy for congress.

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A Deplorable Condition. Watertown Journal: The Watertown Courier-News has been closed by the sheriff, and several suits have been instituted against it.

Live Long and Prosper. Howard Press: The Mitchell Republican is six, going on seven. May it live long and prosper.

None More Bitter.

Parker New Era: Charley McCoy is traveling over South Dakota asking republicans to send him to congress.

Fairly in the Race. Pioneer-Press: Mitchell is fairly in the capital race. Some of its advantages, as shown by the REPUBLICAN, are unexcelled by any other candidate.

They May Retaliate. Alexandria Journal: Sioux Falls is in a bad way in regard to her capital aspirations. She will fight prohibition to a finish.

An Affluent Editor. Kimball Graphic: The editor of this great moral engine has left a sick umbrella at some place around town.

Railroads in India. Nearly all the railroads in India are under the government and many of the roads were built by the government, guaranteeing 5 per cent. to the stockholders on the condition that the profits above 5 per cent. shall be equally divided between the government and the stockholders.

The German nation may be thankful to the German army for other reasons than simply the defense of the fatherland, according to Gen. Lord Wolsley. He writes: "I take the German army as the highest existing type of the military system and organization, which the changes effected in armies by the French revolution have led up to; and much as I admire that army as a soldier I admire it still more as a citizen."

A Woman's Club. The only women's club of Philadelphia is the New Century, which consists merely of a number of classes, to all of which members are admitted.

Scotland Citizen: The Parkston Advance is devoting more space to booming Sioux Falls for the capital than the leading Sioux Falls daily does.

ISRAEL ASKS FOR A KING.

LESSON IV, THIRD QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, JULY 28.

Text of the Lesson, I Sam. viii, 4-20—Commentary by H. S. Hoffman, publisher, Philadelphia.

"Then all the elders of Israel gathered together, and came to Samuel unto Ramatha. They said to Samuel, Behold, we have called thee, and thou hast not answered us. We have called thee, and thou hast not answered us. We have called thee, and thou hast not answered us."

Great original genius is only recognized and admitted after a desperate fight, because there is no greater coward than the intellectual public. The well furnished and critical brain has every shelf of its cells fitted up with the lore upon which centuries or generations of public approval have set their seal.

People do not stop to compare or even to remember the difference between the succeeding literatures of past generations. Think of the monotony of the world's letters if no original minds had ever come to break loose from traditions, inaugurate new schools and plant new ideas. Suppose the glorious galaxy now illuminating our path had been extinguished by the inevitable fire of public proscription.

A Michigan avenue car stopped at Second street yesterday to permit a young lady and a gentleman to get on. As the former, who was young as well as pretty, stepped forward to accept a seat offered her, she tripped over the outstretched foot of an individual who was sitting at the rear of the car.

In an instant she was almost at full length in the bottom of the car. The exclamations of the passengers and the black looks directed at the extended stumbling block should have caused its owner to sink through the seat.

She was greatly embarrassed, and her escort looked like a thunder cloud and as if he would like to punch the head of the fellow who had caused all the trouble. But he didn't. He contented himself with occasionally stepping vigorously on the still extended and offending foot.

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ILLUSTRIOUS SECONDS.

Some Notable Reproductions of Ideas in Literature—Evolution Inevitable.

All great writers have imitated here and there, but always consciously and for their own amusement solely. Many of these reproductions have been very brilliant, but upon no one of them has the fame of an author ever rested.

To comedown in the scale, "St. Elmo" and "Rutledge" owed their great vogue to the popularity of "Jane Eyre" and to the inspiration their authors drew from that famous novel. The duchess and Helen Mathers pressed their lips to the fever-stricken mouth of Rhoda Brough-ton and took the disease in a mild form.

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LACE MAKING IN IRELAND.

BEAUTIFUL HANDIWORK OF ERIN'S MAIDS AND MATRONS.

Labour That Is Poorly Rewarded—Seven Months Making a Handkerchief That Would Bring Five Dollars—Statistics of Women Workers in the Industry.

In Limerick alone of all the Irish cities there ever been anything like an attempt at manufacture of lace, and here lace making has been, during certain periods, extraordinarily successful. It was introduced in 1829 by a man named Walker, about twenty lace makers having been imported from Nottingham.

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Wedding Rings.

If marriage is not a failure there isn't a question as to the indifferent regard in which the wedding ring is held.

Among older wives the ring is discarded altogether, and if you inquire about it the matron will calmly tell you it's such an unfashionable piece of jewelry to be obliged to wear and as a result the young lady daughters in the family are married with a seal ring, not one of which can be procured for the paltry \$7.

A bride of a month ago was married with a serpentine ring, composed of two snakes exquisitely carved, each with a precious jewel in its head. To show the low degree of enthusiasm for the time honored symbol of conjugal love the last evening club dinner party given in the Brunswick, but three ladies out of forty, all attended by their husbands, wore the plain gold band.

Very Old Bread. A German who visited Pompeii writes as follows concerning the bread discovered there: "In one room are shown in well closed glass cases, side by side with some precious objects, the oldest bread, which was found in an oven—of which more by and by—burnt, of course. This bread is round and has four cuts, and may have weighed when fresh about three or four pounds. To this day bread like this is baked in Naples and the neighborhood, a proof of how little advanced the baker's trade is in the south of Italy.

The houses are not built like ours of today. They are without windows, with an entrance into the interior, which is a square, open hall or rather yard, which, in the better class of houses, contains a fountain and water basin. Into this yard the doors from all the rooms open. The streets serve as drains for the houses as well as the streets. Great blocks of stone serve as stepping stones to pass from one side of the street to the other.

LABOR BETTER PAID IN THE SOUTH. Their peasant sisters of the south are more fortunate in the matter of training and just and generous supervision. The Youngs of the Presentation convent at Nougha have assiduously striven for fifty years to not only secure the best copies from the most famous lace makers of southern Europe, but have insisted upon constant instruction. Dealing direct with the importing houses of America, they have been able to pay the best wages known in Ireland for women's labor.

To begin with, the well must have a title or be a military man, and as all titles are inherited, the yeomanry with the army, the militia, the yeomanry or the volunteers, all swell of the first water are military officers of some kind. Before a young titled Englishman can be qualified to become a credit to his family and the British aristocracy he must have been to Eton, to Oxford and have held a commission in the Guards. It doesn't matter how long he holds the commission. Then, again, the personal appearance of the most admired men of this type is apt to be wanting in variety. They run about six feet in height, have broad shoulders, deep chests and comparatively small waists, for which three latter things the tailor may be partly responsible. They, almost without exception, have all their face but the upper lip, where they grow as big and curly a mustache as possible.—Blackly Hall in Clothier and Furnisher.

A Famous Buccaneer. One of the earliest of the famous buccaniers was Capt. Cromwell, who had been a common sailor in New England. In 1646 he was in command of three fast sailing brigantines, filled with armed men, and was driven into the harbor of New Plymouth by a storm. Cromwell and his men soon afterwards came to Boston, and while in this city presented Governor Winthrop with an elegant sedan chair, captured in one of his prizes.—Boston Budget.

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