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A strong movement is being made to again place hides on the free list. Boot and shoe manufacturers who have appeared at the hearings of the house ways and means committee say they are willing to have their finished products on the free list also if they can get free raw material.

As the Democrats retain control of the Oklahoma legislature, Mr. Gore, the blind senator from that state, is said to feel certain of being elected for a full term from the 4th of March. After the admission of Oklahoma he and Senator Owen drew lots as to who should have the long term, and Senator Owen picked the lucky straw.

While no advance tips are given as to the contents of Governor-elect Marshall's message to the legislature yet we are willing to bank that brevity will be its leading virtue. It will be punctuated with no stumpy oratory, but instead will be a business document of high class and sound sense. While the change will be sudden, it will nevertheless fill a longfelt want.

The five or six candidates for United States senator were conspicuous at the conference of Democrats at Indianapolis. Each bear a fine personality, are gentlemen of ability and would grace an Indiana seat in the senate of the United States. While personal preferences exist, yet no party calamity will follow the choice of the legislative caucus—no matter whom that choice may be.

The boom originating with the legislative companions of Dr. J. W. Vizard is fast culminating into the real thing, and will likely result in his being made the principal clerk of the house of representatives. The position is one of the best at the disposal of the legislative caucus, and carries with it high honor, responsibility and is not to be sneezed at from a monetary viewpoint. The Dr.'s record and acquaintance during the

two last assembly sessions, makes him admirably fitted for the place mentioned and the duties involved.

The conference of Democrats at Indianapolis revealed a happy condition. At this time at least the verdict is unanimous for a legislative record that will be brimful of Democratic simplicity—economy. They propose to cut out all the extra frills, and to transact the public's business in a business way. Such a record will meet with appreciation by a long suffering people. Extravagance bordering on the point of graft, has long predominated; appropriations and high taxes have run riot, and it is high time for a change in methods and men.

Hon. James S. Sherman, who becomes vice president on March 4, will continue to serve until that date as a member of the house of representatives. In the history of our government there has been but one other instance like this. Schuyler Colfax of Indiana was not only a member of the house at the time he was elected vice president on the ticket with General Grant in 1868, but was also speaker of that body. He was present when the electoral vote for president and vice president was counted in the presence of the two branches of congress. Speaker Cannon, if living, will preside when the next electoral vote is counted in February.

## A CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank our many friends and neighbors who kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our little daughter, Ida May Russell. May was sick all summer and bore her affliction cheerfully. Was always ready to take her medicine even up to the last. But God called her and her spirit took its flight to the land where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Russell.

## DETECTIVE ASS'N TO MEET.

The Adams County Detective Ass'n will meet in session at the Grand Army hall Saturday, Dec. 19, 1908, at 10:00 a. m. After the session there will be given a free dinner to all members of the association. Come and enjoy the time together. In the past year, in state of Indiana, there have been thirty-two horses stolen. Thirty-five have been recovered by the Ass'n and 29 horse thieves have been convicted and sent to state prison. This is a good record of the association, what they have accomplished the past year in this state.

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## COUNTY TO DONATE

Them and There Will Be Money in Treasury—The Berne Institute

Messrs. Joseph Lower and C. S. Mumma have returned from Berne, where they made arrangements for the farmers' institute, which is to be held at that place January fourth. The skating rink has been selected as the meeting place. Rev. Cooper was engaged by the men to open the session which convenes at 9:30 o'clock. The Berne high school will render a song. The Mennonite chorus will favor the audience by a German selection and several recitations will be given. The promoters of the institute have started a movement by which they are making an effort to secure one hundred members to the institute at a fee of twenty-five cents each. By doing this \$25 will be raised and according to law the county will then donate the same amount to the cause. It will not be a difficult matter to secure one hundred Adams county men to contribute to such a worthy cause as is the farmers' institute. The institute at Berne will be ideal in every respect. It is urged that many ladies be in attendance as a goodly portion of the program will be dedicated to their interests. Let everybody join in making the event the best ever.

FOR RENT—Eight-roomed house corner of Jackson and Ninth streets. See Mrs. P. J. Hyland, Fifth street. tf

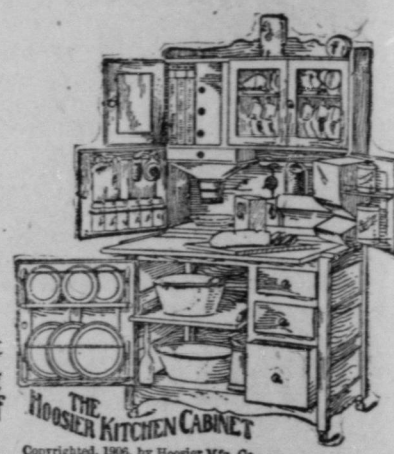
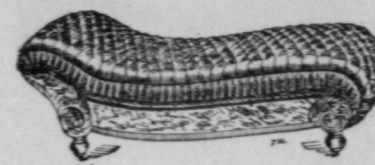
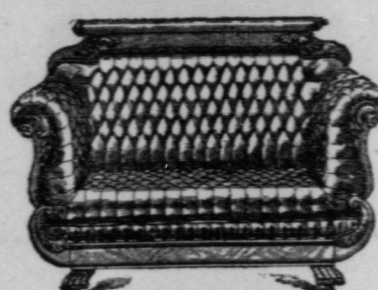
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## MOSES & MEYER

## DEATH IS CERTAIN

Mrs. Sol Billman Receives Word That Daughter Will Die Soon

MRS. J. GOODMAN

Formerly Miss Allie Billman of Decatur Lying at Hospital

Mrs. Sol Billman left this afternoon for Indianapolis in response to a telegram which conveyed the sad news that her daughter, Mrs. J. Goodman was lying at a hospital in that city at the point of death. Mrs. Goodman who formerly was Miss Allie Billman, was in this city some time ago, leaving here two weeks ago for her home, conscious of the fact that she would be compelled to submit to a surgical operation for the removal of tumors. Her condition became worse as days went by and it was planned to have the operation performed last Tuesday, which was done, revealing conditions even more perplexing than was anticipated by the physicians. She is growing weaker each day and no hopes whatever are entertained for her recovery, the physicians giving out the statement that her recovery would be nothing short of a miracle. Mrs. Billman will remain at the bedside of her daughter until the crisis is reached. The innumerable friends of the afflicted woman extend their

hopes that she will be able to withstand the ravages of the excruciating ailment.

## THE RULE OF THREE.

A Superstition of the Men Who Build the Skyscrapers.

These airy crews are a generous crowd, says Ernest Poole, writing in Everybody's Magazine of men who work on skyscrapers. They earn high pay. When working full time they make \$27 a week, and like their rough brothers out on the plains, they are quick to give of their earnings. On Saturday afternoons when they line up at the pay window the Sisters of Charity are always there, and quarters and dimes jingle merrily into their little tin boxes.

Behind this generous giving is a superstitious belief that amid risks like these it is well to propitiate fate all you can, for fate is a relentless old machine, and when once its wheels begin grinding no power on earth can stop them. The "rule of three" is centuries old. You may hear of it out on the ocean, in the steel mills, in the railroad camps and down in the mines. And you find it up here on the jobs in the skies.

"Believe it?" said an old foreman. "You bet they believe it." "Do you?" I asked. "Well," he said, "all I can say is this: It may be a spell or it may be because the way of the whole crew is expecting it. But anyhow, when two accidents come close together you can be sure that the third ain't very far off."

## Influence of Pluck.

The blindest, the most purely instinctive, effort of mere pluck has a lifting power and deserves our thankful admiration. Every degree and every form of courage tends to raise the whole tone of life within the range of its influence in proportion to the amount and the quality of the endurance exercised.—Hilbert Journal.

## THE DRUG FIEND.

Hasheesh Makes Its Slave Utterly Useless For Any Service.

One of the drugs that are most striking in their effects is hasheesh, or Cannabis indica, largely taken in Asiatic countries, where I used myself to meet its votaries. Its chief peculiarity is to make one believe with all his might whatever is suggested to him.

If he is an Arab, tell him that he is a sultan, and straightaway he orders heads to be cut off. Tell him he is a rooster, and he will crow. I knew of two Americans who experimented on themselves, and when the first was told that he was like a locomotive he snorted and whistled and kept going round the table puffing and blowing until he dropped from sheer fatigue. The other somehow conceived the idea that he was dead and forthwith gave elaborate directions for his own funeral till he waxed wroth at the unseemly mirth of his companions when they should have wept.

Hasheesh makes its slave utterly useless for any service, and so with the other drugs. Their victims one and all end in becoming do-nothings. Self made do-nothings, or those who are so by drug taking, are much worse than useless.

As they usually do not begin till as adults they reach the working period of life, they become wretched burdens on the real workers, since our social system lacks any constitutional enactment whereby, as occurs in a community of bees, the workers systematically put their drones to death.

The opium fiend from long living in an unreal world becomes transformed into the most all round liar in the land, the very embodiment of untruthfulness. One of them victimized me with a loan that he might go and close the eyes of his dying mother when her eyes needed no such closing for years afterward.

Another sent from a western city to his wife a telegram which purported to come from an undertaker demanding money to pay for shipping his body home. This money, when it came, he, and unfortunately no undertaker, pocketed and then went his way.

## AVERTED A TRAGEDY.

Nerve Displayed by Daniel O'Connell at a Critical Moment.

Daniel O'Connell, the famous Irish agitator, had a contempt for physical danger. On a certain occasion a meeting had been convened, and a large crowd assembled in a room on the first floor of a building in a small city in Ireland.

O'Connell was about to address the people when a gentleman, pale with fear, made his way to the platform and hoarsely whispered:

"Liberator, the floor is giving way! The beams that shore it up are cracking, and we shall fall through in a few minutes!"

"Keep silent," said O'Connell. Then, raising his voice, he addressed the assembly:

"I find that the room is too small to contain the number who desire to come in, so we must leave it and hold the meeting outside the building."

At this a few rose and went out, but the majority retained their seats. Then O'Connell said:

"I will tell you the truth. You are Irishmen, therefore brave men. The floor is giving way, and we must leave this room at once. If there is a panic and a rush to the door we shall all be precipitated into the room below, but if you obey my orders we shall be saved. Let the twelve men nearest the door go quietly out, then the next twelve, and so on till all have gone. I shall be the last to leave."

His instructions were obeyed to the letter, and he waited, patient and calm, till all had gone out in safety. Then he walked quietly across the sundering, cracking floor, reaching the door just as the shattered beams gave way. And thus, by the force of his strong will, a terrible accident was averted.

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