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## THE MAIL

A PAPER FOR THE PEOPLE.

### NOTES AND COMMENT.

The Blanchard business looks uglier and uglier as victim after victim speaks out.

The lawyers and the newspapers would no doubt be glad to have the light contest prolonged for a year, the one class for the purpose of large fees out of it and the other to get ten cents a line for reading notices.

The police commissioners held their monthly meeting this week, and we do not hear that they ordered the enforcement of the eleven o'clock law. Yet such is on the statute books, and the circuit judge has endeavored to have its provisions carried out.

The murderer Hennings, now confined in our jail, says his only hope now is in Jesus. That is generally the course pursued by such red-handed criminals, who perhaps never give a second thought to the great Judge, until they see there is no earthly avenue of escape open to them. If Mr. Hennings has placed his trust in Jesus thinking thereby to save his worthless neck, he is probably doomed to disappointment.

Horse thieves and cow thieves ought to begin to understand by this time that Judge Mack is a bad man to fool with. Not long since he sent a horse thief to the penitentiary for fourteen years, and this week did the same for Dick Mortz, the cow thief, whose escape from Superintendent Lawlor sometime ago caused merriment at the latter's expense. Mortz can cut down his time several years by good behavior, but can't vote for twenty-one years, as the court disfranchised him for that period.

The good citizens of our neighboring town of Marshall are incensed that a couple of Mormon missionaries are permitted to work in their vicinity making converts to the Mormon doctrine. Mob law is not a measure to recommend, but if there is any offense for which it ought to be applied as a remedy, to the extent of at least a coat of tar and feathers, it is in a case of this kind. If the law cannot prevent these men from evangelizing among decent people the infamy of their polygamous religion then it is time the people should.

An old haysced ruralist, who couldn't tell the difference between a handcuff and a crowbar, captured a thief our police had been looking for for months, and who, after being captured once, escaped. This was gall and wormwood to some of our "finest," but the old fellow doubled the dose by working some of the officers for a \$15 reward, which they paid out of their own pockets, and then obtained at \$25 reward from the court. Now, the officers are too mad to discuss the matter, and it that Hoopolee township detective but dares to show his nose within the corporation he is in danger of being sent over the road for a thousand years.

An easy way to spill the evening meal is for each member to tell the sad tale of all that has gone wrong during the day. To mention the disappointments and vexations, to tell of the slights that were endured and the offences that were given, and to lament over the results of this infelicitous combination of affairs, is enough to counteract the refreshing effect of all the good things with which the most generous and skillful housewife can load the table. Better put this complaining off until some other time. What is the best time for it, is hard to say. Perhaps an indefinite postponement would be a happy thing for all concerned. Half the things that we groan over to-night will right themselves before to-morrow night if we let them alone.

Speaking of schools, a cheerful old man remarks that if he were now teaching he would abolish that grim old rule which forbids talking during school hours. Instead of making his pupils observe a constrained silence like that of the grave, or requiring them to sit as motionless as if they were posing for the camera of the photographer, he would treat them like intelligent young gentlemen and ladies whose wits could be sharpened by conversation. Instead of compelling the geography or history class to memorize what is printed in the book, he would let them first study the lesson as they would study in the newspaper any prominent topic of the day, then he would let them talk about it, right out in the class room or in open school. Then he would hold a conversation with them, affording them an opportunity of exchanging ideas with him. He claims that thus they would pick up a great deal more information than under the present system. The old man has some ideas which are as good as they are cheerful.

The Mail has received an anonymous communication, evidently in a disguised hand, making charges against certain of the city councilmen, to the effect that they were paid for the votes cast in the light contract. Such charges as these are easily made, anonymously but very difficult of proof, and The Mail for one is free to confess—alike for the credit of the city and of the men who make its laws and regulate its finances,—that it does not believe there has been any money paid for the influence of councilmen by either of the light companies. If The Mail's correspondent knows of any such corruption, his duty as a citizen, whether he be interested in the letting of the contract or not, is to use such information in a legal way against the alleged corrupted and corrupters; if he knows the charges to be true there is legal redress. If he knows nothing he is wasting his time and his postage in addressing anonymous communications to The Mail.

In the rush of other matters of importance the dailies have not given us such a surfeit of Ben Blanchard reading the past week as the week before, and the real estate speculator has almost dropped out of public notice. His whereabouts still remains unknown, unless by his relatives in Newport, where it is alleged he is concealed, although this is most unlikely untrue. It is said that the other parties who are interested in the big Mexican trade have given him until next week to raise the money for his proportion of the expenses of conducting the London parties to Mexico, and if he fails he is to be dropped from the deal. The lands to be examined by the representatives of the London syndicate are located in the States of Durango and Zacatecas, Old Mexico, and embrace several hundred thousand acres of grazing and agricultural lands. Blanchard himself visited Mexico last winter in the interest of this trade, and it is said has contributed considerable money towards paying the necessary expenses, and it is alleged that his only hopes of straightening up his affairs, here and elsewhere, center in the consummation of this trade.

### AMUSEMENTS.

"Fortune's Fool" was the play at the opera. The plot is intricately woven and the climaxes are worked up in fine sensational style, the drop of the curtain being always the signal for a storm of applause. There is pathos in moderate quantities and humor and sentiment in the dialogue, and altogether it is a very interesting drama. It is mounted on this occasion in splendid style. The explosion of the ship, the rattling rocking on the waves, the lunatic asylum, the revolving walls and the escape of the hero, the panorama of the Thames and the elevator are all very beautiful scenes and cannot fail to please all lovers of realistic stage setting. The audience last night was very enthusiastic and greeted the thrilling episodes with loud applause. The company is a very capable one throughout.

The performances of "The World" in this city will be its 901st and 902nd representations in the United States. The management have decided on these occasions, both Wednesday and Thursday evenings, to give a Gold Coin—the same pure article—to every lady purchasing or for whom is purchased a reserved seat.

Modjeska, who appears here three weeks from this evening will play her new piece, "Prince Zilah."

### MARRIED.

Last Monday evening Rev. E. Frank Howe, pastor of the First Congregational church, in this city, and Mrs. Sarah S. Proctor, also of Peoria, were married at the house of the bride, on the corner of Perry and Fayette streets. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Thomas X. Orr, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church. The wedding was a very quiet affair, only the immediate members of the family being present. Mr. and Mrs. Howe will not indulge in the luxury of a wedding trip, but will remain here in the city, moving on in the regular routine of duties as though nothing had happened. The parties being so generally known in this city, congratulations have showered upon them from all quarters since the eventful evening that made them husband and wife. We add our good wishes to the general fund.

### PURELY PERSONAL.

Ben Blanchard is out of town. Mrs. C. A. Waldo has returned from the east. Miss Hannah Smith is visiting Mrs. Hibben, in Indianapolis. Mrs. Frank Arnold has returned from a visit to Columbus, Ohio. Miss Hattie Smith left yesterday afternoon for a visit in Vincennes. Miss Ada Jones, daughter of the ex-postmaster, is very seriously ill. Miss Mamie Bement, of Evansville, is visiting the family of G. W. Bement. Mrs. Julia Neal has returned from an extended visit to her old home in Detroit. Mrs. Judge Jones of Robinson, Ill., was the guest of Mrs. T. C. Buntin this week. Miss Mattie St. Clair has returned home after a three months' visit in Minneapolis.

Miss Josie Douglass has returned from a visit with Miss Lena Weinstein, at Bement, Ill.

H. S. Jones, of Streator, Ill., has been here this week, visiting the friends of his old home.

Rev. C. R. Henderson was the guest of J. A. Parker's family during his stay in the city this week.

Frank G. Jones and wife, of Washington City, are in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Cortner.

Mrs. Marlon Thompson and son Maurice have returned from a visit with relatives in Effingham, Ill.

Edward Insley has gone from the Exposition force to accept a rectorial position on the Chicago Inter Ocean.

Mrs. A. L. Crawford, of Newcastle, Pa., is in the city visiting the families of her sons, A. J. and J. P. Crawford.

Thomas Carr, of Max Joseph's clothing store, came to this county on the 29th day of October, 1824,—sixty-one years ago.

Mrs. Webb Van Slyke, of Minneapolis, Minn., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben St. Clair on east Main street.

Rev. Wm. Goodman, the pioneer Congregational minister in western Indiana, is seriously ill at his home in Sugar Creek township.

Chas. M. Duggan, the lumber merchant, has purchased the new Turner residence on the corner of Sixth and a-half and Chestnut streets, and has moved into it.

Miss Kittie Smith and Mr. Lyndon Smith, daughter and son of Lyndon Smith, of St. Louis, were married by a double wedding last Wednesday morning.

T. J. Griffith and wife were in Cincinnati this week, where they enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coughlin—the latter formerly Miss Bessie Alexander.

A large gathering of friends joyously celebrated the 18th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Cook, at their pleasant new home on north Eighth Street, Thursday evening.

Charles Noble who has been keeping books for the Parke coal company at Minshall, will take Hod Smith's place as deputy county clerk, when the latter assumes control of the Terre Haute office.

Dr. E. F. Stetson, for seven years past an esteemed resident of this city, starts to-morrow night for his old home at Damariscotta, Maine. We regret ill health of himself and wife makes this move necessary.

Grand Secretary Debs and wife, and Frank Arnold returned last night from New Orleans, where the gentlemen have been attending a meeting of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. They succeeded in their mission of bringing about a more friendly feeling between their own order and that in session.

The beautiful hats and bonnets which Mrs. A. L. Williams is sacrificing at her closing-out sale, are captivating the ladies generally. No. 21 south Sixth st.

W. T. Leggett still continues to run semi-monthly excursions to all parts of Kansas and Missouri and gives low rates especially for the benefit of home seekers. Go west with him Nov. 10th or 24th. For low passenger and car rates and price lists and maps of Kansas, call at the old stand, 407 1/2 Ohio street.

This is the last day of October, winter's chilling blasts will soon be here and it is a timely statement to make that the best Fur and Plush Robe can now be had at S. Loeb & Co's, corner of Main and Fifth streets, where also may be seen a nice line of Gloves and Umbrellas, and the latest and most stylish Hats and Caps, direct from the manufacturers and importers, and at the most reasonable prices.

COFFEE POT SPRINGS, Idaho, rejoices in the possession of a paper having the appropriate title of "The Coffee Pot Holder."

Only one pound in ten of what is sold as butter in Chicago, according to the health commissioner of that city, is the genuine unadulterated article.

### HALLOWE'EN.

To-night, the 31st of October, is "Hallow eve" or "Hallowe'en." It was formerly believed to be a night on which the fairies held a grand anniversary festival, and that witches, devils and unclean spirits were all abroad on evil and mischief-making errands. A relic of this latter belief is still seen in the efforts of Young American to make mischief by misplacing gates, and other movable articles. Hallowe'en has always been the time for certain usages by young men and maidens, to discover their future wives or husbands, by the performance of spells of various kinds. For the benefit of the love-lorn among The Mail's readers, we recapitulate a few of these:

Take two hazelnuts or chestnuts (dry beans or apple seeds will do, on a pinch); place them side by side on a hot stove, naming one for yourself, the other for the adored one. If they burn quietly side by side, it will be a match. If, however, one snaps and flies away, the person after whom it was named will prove faithless.

Take a hard-boiled egg, remove the yolk, fill the cavity with salt, and eat the egg, salt and all. Retire at once, without drinking any water. If you dream that some one offered you a drink, you will marry that person within a year.

Eat an apple before a mirror at midnight, alone, and watch your reflection in the glass. If you see the face of a person peering over your shoulder, the marriage will follow within a year.

Melt a piece of lead and pour slowly into a pan of water from a height of four or five feet. The pieces will form letters, which are the initials of the one you will marry. If a girl try this charm, the shape of the pieces will be that of the occupation of the future husband—a plow for a farmer, a hammer for a carpenter or smith, etc.

Tax press generally, throughout the country are becoming awake to the importance of having our articles of food just what they pretend to be, pure and wholesome. That they are very often something else is too palpable a fact to be disputed. The Philadelphia Evening Star, touching upon the subject, says:

When wooden nutmegs and wooden hams first made their appearance in Connecticut, the world was astonished at the ingenuity and impudence of the fellows who put them on the market. But those early frauds in condiments have been so completely eclipsed by the rogues of to-day, that the Yankee impostor sinks into insignificance. A wooden nutmeg grated into a pudding might go for miles of the highways, and the body would be likely to attempt to broil a slice out from a wooden ham; but when poisonous substances are introduced into staple articles of daily consumption, invention and ingenuity become delirious, and should be punished with all the severities of the law. The commonest grades of coffee are now manipulated by certain poisonous coloring ingredients, as to resemble Government Java so closely as to render it impossible for any but experts to detect the impudience. Hence it is that we so frequently see Java coffee offered at the prices usually asked for Rio or Maracaibo. It is always safest to buy the best, though the paying of a high price for coffee is not a guarantee that you get the best.

### LITTLE SERMONS.

Goodmanners are a part of good morals.

To sore listeners, talk to people of themselves.

He who sows brambles must look well to his oes.

Faith is nothing more than the expression of avowed insincerity.

He who can suppress a moment's anger prevent a few days of sorrow.

Whid to the evils of the present by recall the misfortunes of the past.

Obstination is a luckless judge, and alway in its decrees of another's worth.

A p heart and generous mind are a betterment than noble lineage and astral wealth.

What is but a modification of selfishness? A man is only vain that he may get notice in his own direction.

That which cherishes hate and plots revengs the cave of a demon, whose sting more deadly than that of a viper.

Huds must be rated low in Rochr, New York, when the alienations of one or them is valued at \$1 by his wife and at \$2,000 by a jury.

Mrs. Wagner, finding that her husband had transferred his affections to a Fannie Stevens, brought suit against young lady, claiming \$10,000 dam. Although the case was one with precedent, and the attorneys for Fannie tried to have the complaint dismissed on this ground, the judge the motion and was willing to abolish a precedent by allowing the to present her case to a jury.

Attending the evidence, the jury decided Miss Stevens had alienated the sons of Mr. Wagner and return verdict awarding the wife \$2,000.

That "a faith cure" convention in Alpha last week. The advocates cure propose to do away with wigis and doctors. There are people who never pray at any other who would do so if they could clear of doctors' bills by praying.

### WOMEN'S WAYS.

"A pretty woman has ruined more than one church," says Sam Jones. Some of the most zealous socialists in Germany, especially in public speaking, are women.

A woman 73 years old was an applicant for a divorce in Hartford, Conn., the other day.

According to the Medical World every farmer wears out, on the average, two wives and a half in his lifetime.

A badly dressed woman—the one who sits next to your wife at the theater. This information is obtained from your wife.

Some one has overhauled last year's novels and found that of the heroines 372 were blondes and only 100 were brunettes.

A lady who said she had come four hundred miles to see the President, shook hands with one of the door-keepers, thinking he was Grover, and left happy.

The male sex will be astonished when they see the huge size of some of the buttons to be worn this fall on ladies' dresses. Some of them will be so large that only half a dozen can be used, and the price per dozen is as high as eighteen dollars.

Mrs. A. T. Stewart is credited with ingenious charity in employing a number of poor women to clean her marble palace daily. They work four hours and receive \$2.50 each. Other women are employed to clean silver at \$3. a day and men who brush the statuary get \$5. per day. These latter are said to be old sculptors past other means of earning a living.

A Michigan girl outdid her companions in a craze for autographic albums by having about a hundred letters from the same number of men bound in a volume for her parlor table. As the missives represented her extensive and usually sentimental correspondence since she had arrived at the age of chirography, the collection proved very interesting to callers.

The wife of the proprietor of the Kansas City Times, a most estimable lady, always gives an evidence of her hospitality when Emma Abbott appears in that city by preparing a number of mince pies for the exclusive consumption of the art manager, Miss Kane, together with the assurance that Emma Abbott loves Kansas City, and has her affection reciprocated in popularity, tends to prove the assertion that pie is the popular diet of prima donnas.

Lawyer Kate Kane is still making things hum in the Chicago police court. Recently she was defending a shop-lifter, and tried to convince the judge that it was not unusual for women to wear pillow-cases for pockets inside their dresses. The judge said he didn't care if the woman had a pocket big enough to hold the court-house, but he drew the line when it came to filling it with jerseys and things taken from stores without paying for them. And Kate Kane lost the case.

Kate Claxton stars in "Called Back" this season. She has not been successful of late. The fact of the matter is that Miss Claxton has very little ability and the public are finding it out. Her hit in the "Two Orphan" was due more largely to the part than the player and she has never done anything else even tolerably well. She is not unlike Effie Ellsler, who made a success in "Hazel Kirke," solely because she had a good play and a part to which she was adapted by nature. Then she imagined she was a great actress and has disappointed her friends ever since. These accidental successes are very unstable things.

### AT THE FAIR.

This is the race track Bounded and smoothed with care, Thronged with horses and people Every day at the fair.

These are the farmers' products, Few and far between, Viewed by reporters and committees, Cared for only by farmers green. —(Stoughton Sentinel.)

Norristown Herald: A writer on table etiquette says: "Let the soup be served by the mistress and eaten with no accompaniment except a piece of dry bread held in the hand." There is a big chunk of common sense in that suggestion. To hold a piece of dry bread in the mouth while eating soup is not only a violent breach of etiquette, but is blamed inconvenient, we should say. If it were not for the wise hints promulgated by writers on table manners, some persons would hold the soup in the hand while eating a dry piece of bread.

Two old people—both were over 60—making a bridal tour into Cincinnati, acted so silly that the conductor threatened to put 'em off the train, and a Cincinnati judge gave 'em a verdict of \$300 as damages. He argued that a person who didn't act silly when in love was not really in love.

### THE ART OF DINING.

(Good Housekeeping.)

To begin with, then, let the table, when no one is present but the home circle, be the model of what it should be when surrounded by guests. Lay a piece of thick Canton flannel under your tablecloth. Even coarse nappy will look like a much better quality with a sub-cover than if spread directly over the bare table-top. Avoid the cheap tricks of hotels and restaurants in the arrangement of napkins and table utensils.

Simplicity is never ridiculous, while pretension usually is. Place the napkin on the left side of the plate with a piece of bread in its folds, the fork on the right hand, next to that the knife with the sharp edge turned from the one who is to use it, beyond this the soup-spoon. At the point of these set the tumbler and individual butter-plate. Mats, table-spoons, salt-cellars and pepper-crusters may be arranged to suit one's own taste. Banish the heavy castor from the centre of the table and put there instead a vase of flowers, if it be nothing more ambitious than some bits of ivy or evergreen, brightened by a spray of lily-of-the-valley. The carver's place spread a white napkin, the point toward the middle of the table, to protect the cloth from splashes of gravy. Let the soup be served by the mistress and eaten with no accompaniment except a piece of dry bread held in the hand. Butting it is only less vulgar than the thickening the contents of the plate with crumbs. When the course has been removed the meat and vegetables may be placed on the table. If there is salad it should be served separately, in a course by itself.

The heavy part of the dinner eaten, the maid should be summoned and should commence the clearing of the table by carrying out, first the meat, then the dishes of vegetables and after that plates and butter plates, placing one on top of the other and using a tray to transfer everything except the large platters. Do not permit her to go through the operation of scraping the contents of one plate into another with a clatter of knives and forks and then bearing off the whole pile at once. Two plates at a time are enough for one load. Next after the soiled dishes, have taken off mats, salt-cellars and other table furniture but tumblers, water-bottle or pitcher, napkin-rings and ice-bowl, and then have the crumb brush and tray used. The dessert is then served and, except a ceremonious dinner, the tea or coffee, which should never appear earlier in the action, and the work of waiting is done. When one realizes the excessive simplicity of this much-decried branch of domestic service it seems incomprehensible that in so many families dainty waiting should be unknown. I am well aware that this question of serving is generally the sticking point. It is very hard—sometimes impossible—for the mistress with one maid of all work to demand that that one shall be a practical waitress. It is much easier to have the food jumbled on the table in a helter-skelter fashion than to run the risk of making trouble by insisting that it shall be served in courses. But the matter is not so difficult, after all, if the servant understands from the beginning that this will be required of her.

ONE GIRL'S PLAN.

A writer in the Christian Register tells of a letter just received by her from a sweet girl graduate of a year ago—"a lovely young woman, the daughter of wealthy parents, who have from her babyhood been able to lavish upon her every gift that money can bring." Before leaving school she had become engaged to a class-mate worthy of such a wife. "The letter which I have before me is relating to her marriage, soon to take place. There is no thought or word of the wedding preparations, in the ordinary sense, no comparing of weariness over sewing and dressmaking, but only happy restful hopes that she may keep well, and be able to make a perfect home, and to hold fast to her ideals. Then follow some plans regarding the new home. A pretty house in the outskirts of the city has been rented and furnished, and a good garden planted in early spring. My friend is planning to do all her own housework. The wedding tour is to be only the little walk or ride to the home already prepared by their own hands; and—that will greatly surprise most girls who read this—I am told, 'My graduating dress of a year ago will now do service as a wedding gown.' And this, remember, from one who could easily afford an expensive trousseau, in keeping with the elegant home she leaves. I am made glad by the common sense and prudence which avoids useless expenditure; and underneath all, I fancy I see a fine sentiment in choosing to wear the old dress which must hold so many dear memories of college life and of her acquaintance with the one she has chosen to work with through life."

There is no parade of duty in this, but all seems as simple and natural as the bloom or fragrance of a flower. We know that only deep moral feelings and a full appreciation of life and its possibilities must underlie such beautiful living.

### SONATA IN THREE MOVEMENTS.

ANDANTE CON SENTIMENTO.  
Moonlight—Summer—John—Jane,  
Rippling rivers—fragrant lane,  
Trembling—sighing—vows—kiss—  
Love—forever—heaven—bliss.

ALLEGRO MA NON TROPPO.  
Morning—Autumn—church—bell,  
Flowers—favors—shoe—fling—  
Bridgroom happy—bride fair,  
Fitness wonderful—fortune rare.

BONDO CAPRICIOSO.  
Winter dreary—love flower;  
John—club—Jane home,  
River frozen—lane cold—  
Vows forgotten—story told.

Doctors say that mothers who take pride in the weight of their newly-born children should weigh them as soon as possible after birth. Children lose weight during the first three days of life, and the loss sometimes amounts to twelve ounces or more. It takes them nearly a week to regain the weight they had at the time of birth.