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COTTONWOOD FALLS, - - KANSAS.

The Taming of the Bear

By Herbert E. Hamblen

It was hot, blistering murderously hot, and I was in my very ugliest humor. When I stepped up in the tender, after oiling, there sat a woman on the fireman's seat.

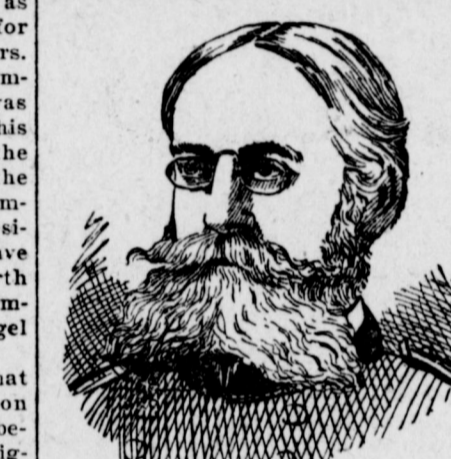
She thanked him so graciously that I hated him even worse than ever. Every time the steam went down a pound I growled at him, but his good nature—like hers—was invincible.

headed Allison permanently. If his overwhelming conceit could be kept in check, he wasn't such a bad fellow at all. He tried several times to broach the subject of the lady passenger, but as I saw it was merely to dilute on the impression he made, I declined to listen.

ABUSES IN THE ARMY. Why There Is No Harmony in Our Military Establishment. There Are Too Many Independent Bureaus Whose Heads Are in a Measure Not Responsible to Anybody.

in time of war. The ten brigadier generals, known as bureau chiefs, are as follows: The adjutant general, who is the military clerk to the secretary of war, through whom all orders are issued to the army.

A SENSIBLE LETTER. A Western Canadian Settler Writes to an Illinois Friend. In writing to Mr. T. Hawkyard, of Rockford, Ill., Mr. G. Simpkins, of Leduc, Alberta, Western Canada, (and to which, points especially low rates are being quoted over all lines of railway), says:

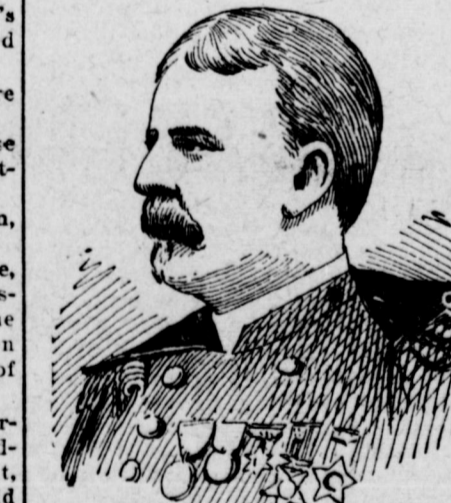


GEN. A. W. GREELY. (Chief Signal Officer of the United States Army.)

improvements, bridge buildings, handling pontoons for army use in crossing streams, and in debarking and embarking troops.

Table listing military ranks and their corresponding pay rates, including 10 brigadier generals at \$55,000 and 10 second lieutenants at \$19,600.

Aggregate..... \$1,457,020. They come high, but we must have them. This brief statement does not begin to cover their expense, because in addition to these there are others, many others.



GEN. H. C. CORBIN. (Adjutant General of the United States Army.)

eral nominally in command is deprived of actual command, so that there can be no coherence of military plans and purposes. Gen. Grant, who divorced the army from the command of the secretary of war, afterwards restored the conditions which had embarrassed the army commanders for many years.



Mrs. Lucinda B. Chandler, of Chicago, Ill., is the Honorable President of the Illinois Woman's Press Association; Honorable President of the Society for the

Chicago, Jan. 6, 1899. Dear Doctor—I suppose everyone that is confined to their desk and not getting the required amount of exercise, will sooner or later, suffer with catarrh of the stomach and indigestion.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1899. COTTONWOOD FALLS, KANS.

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TIME TABLE!

A. T. & S. F. R. R.

Table with columns for EAST, WEST, and Mixed services, listing destinations like Cedar Grove, Elmdale, and Strong City with corresponding times.

Table for G. K. & W. R. R. with columns for EAST, WEST, and Mixed services, listing destinations like Elmdale and Strong City.

Table for COUNTY OFFICERS listing representatives, treasurer, clerk, sheriff, and other officials.

Table for SOCIETIES listing various groups like A. F. & A. M., W. M., and others with their meeting schedules.

LOCAL SHORT STOPS.

John Madden, of Emporia, was in town, Tuesday. J. D. McKittrick, of Waseca, was in town, Saturday. Frank Lee and family have moved back to the ranch. S. T. Slabaugh, of Waseca, was in town, last Thursday. Mrs. O. H. Drinkwater is quite sick with the grippe. F. P. Cochran went to Topeka, Tuesday, on business. E. L. Gowen, of Toledo, has been sick for some time past. County Commissioner Frank Lalage is still very sick. Mrs. G. W. Hinz is visiting Mrs. Joe Roach, at Emporia. The April term of the Probate Court began last Monday. Dr. Carey Pratt is optician at Jaggard's Kansas City house. Miss Julia Allen is visiting her brother, Ed., at Kansas City. Miss Nora Stone, of Saffordville, visited at Emporia, Saturday. D. C. Morris, of Diamond creek, was out to Cimarron, last week. Dr. Frank Blackshere, of Elmdale, is home again, much improved in health. The Board of County Commissioners will meet in regular session, next Tuesday. F. L. Perry went to Emporia, Sunday, returning on his bicycle the same day. Mrs. Alex. McKinzie, of Clements, is visiting Mrs. John Rettiger, at Strong City. Miss Mayme Kirwin, of Strong City, visited at Emporia, the fore part of the week. W. C. Austin and family are now boarding at the home of Mr. Austin's father, east of this city. Miss Allie Folsom, of Strong City, returned home, last week, from a ten days' visit at Emporia. Bud Nichol has bought Vander Boocook's interest in the livery stable and is now sole owner. If you want corn chop, flour, bran or shorts, go and shake hands with H. L. Hunt before you buy. A fire and burglar proof safe and set of postoffice fixtures for sale, Apply at the COURANT office. Booth Davis, president of a New York college, visited the Jeffery family at Elmdale, last week. John O'Donnell, of Strong City, returned home, Wednesday of last week, from Tusksahoma, I. T. Fred E. Bates, who was looking after Mr. Buckingham's cattle, has returned to his home at Alma. Mrs. Rev. J. A. Sankey enjoyed a visit last Saturday and Sunday from her sister, Mrs. Dale, of Emporia.

Boyd Sankey, of Sterling, visited his brother, the Rev. J. A. Sankey, of this city, a few days this week. W. J. McNeer and Elmer Johnston came in from Stafford county, after killing two or three hundred ducks. Some walnut posts for sale. Apply to Jas. Drummond, on Diamond creek four miles north of Elmdale. F. P. Cochran and son, Robert, were down to Emporia, last Friday, having the eyes of the latter treated. L. W. Lewis' quarry, east of Strong City, resumed work, last Thursday, with a force of twenty men. M. C. Newton and W. H. Holsinger were down to Emporia, Tuesday, buying a new carpet for the Lodge room. I. O. O. F. Mayor M. C. Newton received a visit from a cousin, who lives in Oklahoma, whom he last saw when three years old. B. Lantry's Sons, of Strong City, received a car load of mules, last week, and work was resumed at their quarries, last Thursday. The weather was cloudy and cool yesterday with rain in the afternoon, and with not much indication of spring opening up soon. Mrs. S. F. Jones, of Strong City, who has been sick with grippe had a relapse, last week, and was quite sick, but she is again improving. F. I. Beach will occupy the Hait property about May 1st, and Frank Daub will occupy the house on Broadway, vacated by Mr. Beach. Leo G. Holz sold his shoe store at Wamego; Monday of last week, and returned here, Saturday. He intends to travel for some wholesale house. If you want a good job of plastering done call on W. E. Brace, Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, who also does paper-hanging. Dr. and Mrs. F. T. Johnson and son, Allen, attended the golden wedding of Mrs. Johnson's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Mooney, of Towanda, yesterday. John Madden has purchased the fine residence of Prof. M. A. Bailey on West Twelfth avenue. This is one of the prettiest home places in town.—Emporia Times. J. R. Holmes, T. H. Grisham, E. M. Blackshere, Joe Costello, J. L. Cochran and J. H. Martin attended the Democratic banquet at Topeka, on the night of March 30. Mrs. P. J. Heeg and children, Georgia and Clara, of Matfield Green, left, last week, for Des Moines, Iowa, where they will make an extended visit to Mrs. Heeg's sister. Joe Costello, who has the contract on the road work at the Fox creek bridge, northwest of Strong City, is pushing the work as rapidly as possible, and is making a good job of it. The meetings at the Baptist Church, in Strong City, will continue until the 9th of this month, and longer if the interest that is now manifested continues. Preaching every evening. Cockerels for sale.—The Timmons Bros. have a number of choice cockerels for sale, viz: Silver Laced and White Wyandottes, Barred Plymouth Rocks, Black Langshans and one Buff Cochran. Mike Lawless and Henry Plumber and son, Ed., of Strong City, who had been working for B. Lantry's Sons, at Belton, Texas, for some time past, returned home, Wednesday night of last week. A. F. Foreman is the Fish Warden for Chase county, and he informs us that all parties taking fish from any of the streams in this county, in violation of law, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. The E. V. O. C.'s held their regular meeting at the home of Miss Lillie Holsinger, in this city, last Saturday, at which there was a full attendance. Misses Grace Houghton and Myrtle Conaway were taken into the order. There was a good attendance at the churches in this city and at Strong, Easter Sunday morning, although the weather was somewhat cool. The afternoon was quite warm, but a strong south wind prevailed all day. Rettiger & Norton, whose quarries are east of this city, have the contract for the bridge work on the Santa Fe, between Strong and Dodge City. They also have the contract to build twelve bridges on the Superior branch. The Ladies' Guild of the Presbyterian church have sold the old Steve Breese property to E. D. Replogie, taking in part pay two lots off the north end of Mr. Replogie's residence property, on which they will build a parsonage. Robert Cochran left, Monday night, for his home at Blackwell, I. T., accompanied by his mother, Mrs. F. P. Cochran, and brother, Sydney, who went for a couple of weeks' visit with Mrs. Cochran's daughter, Mrs. J. O. Silverwood. Geo. W. Blackburn, of Waseca, had a most enjoyable birthday party at his pleasant home, last Saturday night, the occasion being the 62d anniversary of his birth. Refreshments were served, and a good time generally was had. Sheriff McCallum and wife were present. Monday morning was ushered in with thunder, lightning, sleet and snow, the snow continuing to fall until the ground was covered white with it; and it snowed again in the afternoon, coming down thick and heavy for several minutes; and Monday night the weather was quite cold. J. C. Nichol who had resided in Emporia for three years that he might give his children the benefit of an education in our schools, removed, this week, to his farm near the Thurman postoffice, in Chase county. He is an intelligent and excellent gentleman and has a most estimable family.—Emporia Times. Arthur Bledsoe has resigned his position as night clerk at the Bank Hotel. It is his intention to leave the barber trade in a shop at Cottonwood Falls, but just at present he is laid up with an aggravated case of carbuncle. He is succeeded at the hotel by Scott Wilkins, lately of Ohio.—Derrick.

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CITY ELECTIONS. Last Monday was election day in this city and at Strong City. The day was ushered in with lightning, thunder, sleet and snow, the snow continuing to fall during a great portion of the day. Nevertheless there were quite spirited contests in these were the offices of City Marshal and Street Commissioner, and quite a good sized vote was polled. The following is the result in COTTONWOOD FALLS. For Mayor, M. C. Newton, 206. For Police Judge, C. B. Hunt, 202. For City Clerk, Phil Goodreau, 203. For City Marshal—T. S. Klous, 153. L. W. Heck, 112; Klous majority, 41. For Street Commissioner—G. W. Estes, 110; C. C. Massey, 92; S. J. Evans, 68; Estes plurality, 18. For Councilmen—C. M. Gregory, 207; J. B. Smith, 204; R. B. Harris, 203; Wm. LaCoss, 200; H. A. McDaniel, 196. The total vote was 280. STRONG CITY. At Strong City the interest was over City Marshal, the successful candidate winning by one vote. The following officers were elected: Mayor, W. P. Rettiger. City Clerk, C. A. Robinson. City Marshal, John Gates. Street Commissioner, Pat. Tracy. Police Judge, Gustavus Kindblade. Councilmen—C. F. Spurgin, Wm. Martin, Sr., Robert McCrum, W. C. Winch and Wm. Reifensnyder. There were 334 votes cast. REDUCED RATES. Second class rate to San Francisco, Calif., and points taking same rate is, reduced to \$32.50. To Portland, Ore., and intermediate stations, via Billings or Huntington only, second class \$28.85. Hutchinson, Kas., May 16 19—Kansas Musical Jubilee—Round trip \$2.59, on sale May 15 19, limit, May 20th, 1899. Hutchinson, Kas., May 9 11. Kansas State Sunday School Convention, Round trip \$2.59 on sale May 8-10, limit, May 12th. Ripans Tablets, at all druggists.

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WOMAN PHILOSOPHER

Mrs. Florence Huntley the Author of a New System.

Treats of Great Themes Which Have Puzzled Mankind from the Days of Pythagoras Down to Herbert Spencer.

[Special Correspondence.]

Scholars and thinkers will be surprised to learn that an entirely new system of philosophy is to be given to the world by a woman...

Mrs. Florence Huntley, now a resident of Chicago, has, according to her own statement, devoted 11 years of research and three of literary labor to the composition of a book which she calls "Harmonies of Evolution: The Philosophy of Individual Life, Based Upon Natural Science as Taught by Modern Masters of the Law..."

On the subject of "True Marriage" on the human plane Mrs. Huntley becomes quite enthusiastic, saying among other equally healthful things: "Perfect marriage upon the physical plane is a scientific possibility. The principle involved is the universal principle of affinity. The process involved is the effort of vibratory correspondence between two individuals of opposite polarity..."



MRS. FLORENCE HUNTLEY, AUTHOR AND PHILOSOPHER.

there are many orders and brotherhoods in India—the ancient Indian school known in history as the Illuminati, or the "Order of Light."

This statement makes Mrs. Huntley the rival of Mrs. Besant and Mrs. Tingley, both of whom also claim to have received their instructions from a member of the same order. She does not, however, lay undue stress on this lesser matter, and is quite frank in declaring that she does not wish to join any society or to establish a sect.

Before referring to the contents of her book, a few words concerning Mrs. Huntley's personality might not be out of place. She is a tall brunette, and a fluent conversationalist on a wide variety of subjects. Stanley Huntley, her husband, who died some 13 years ago, was noted in his day as the author of the "Spoonendyke" papers, a series of intensely humorous sketches based on domestic affairs and infelicities of the harmless sort.

Mrs. Huntley starts her "Harmonies of Evolution" with these three propositions: 1. There is no death; 2. Life after physical death is a fact scientifically demonstrable; 3. Life here and hereafter has a common development and a common purpose.

Of life hereafter she says: "Men and women continue to occupy the same relative position in that life as in this. In spiritual life, as in this life, man particularly represents law, order and knowledge, while woman particularly represents peace, love and all the aesthetic and ethical activities. The student learns another and still more important fact. He settles for himself a question that has been debated for ages. He discovers that men and women in spiritual life continue the individual love relation. Between

men and women on the spiritual side exists the same irresistible attraction which leads them into individual love relations. This individual love relation must not be understood to mean merely an imperfect and altruistic friendship. It means instead a personal and exclusive love and partnership, based upon a spiritual law of affinity. This relation, therefore, is a more permanent one than the average marriage here. It is a union based upon spiritual, intellectual, aesthetic and ethical sympathies."

This theory, however, is by no means a new one. Several famous writers have advanced it, notably Swedenborg, who devotes several chapters to heavenly marriages.

Of death Mrs. Huntley says: "There is no death. Instead, a man has one life in two worlds. When he leaves the physical body he simply takes up life on the other side as would any stranger suddenly transported to some strange and unfamiliar country. He takes up life under new conditions while remaining in essence the same man he was on earth. He is released from physical exactions and physical activities, nothing more. He continues to feel the same impulses, passions, appetites and desires that he had encouraged here. He is released from physical toil, but not from activity. He does not suffer pain through physical disease. He is not, however, exempt from pain."

On the subject of "True Marriage" on the human plane Mrs. Huntley becomes quite enthusiastic, saying among other equally healthful things:

"Perfect marriage upon the physical plane is a scientific possibility. The principle involved is the universal principle of affinity. The process involved is the effort of vibratory correspondence between two individuals of opposite polarity. The effects of marriage are threefold in character: mathematical, harmonic and ethical. The mathematics of marriage have to do with the rates of vibratory activity in the individuals only. The harmonics of marriage have to do with the ratios which exist between the

rates of vibratory activity of two individuals of opposite polarity. The ethics of marriage have to do only with the effects produced upon the individual intelligence of a man and woman by harmonic or inharmonic ratios between their individual rates of vibratory activity. Thus true marriage is vibratory in principle, harmonic in relation and ethic in effects. The principle, process and effects of perfect union between entities are found in all the lower kingdoms of nature. Human marriage includes all of the affinities and effects which characterize the union of two atoms or two cells. The higher marriage, however, embraces affinities and effects superior to those of the lower unions. Human marriage adds those closer affinities, sweeter harmonies and richer emotions and ethical effects which flow from the union of two rational souls."

Of what she is pleased to call "Natural Marriage," Mrs. Hunter takes a rather pessimistic view. "Marriage, as a whole, at the present time," she says, "occupies the broad middle ground between complete discord and perfect harmony. This means that few married pairs at present either hate or absolutely love each other. It means that in the average marriage affection and antagonism alternately play. Thus, the great body of married people live in an individual relation which is as far removed from actual happiness as it is from actual misery."

There are thousands who will not agree with this broad statement, whose boldness is stupendous, to say the least. Altogether Mrs. Huntley has ventured upon ground which has been gingerly tread on by men with a fearlessness calculated to excite thoughtful study even though it does not perhaps carry conviction.

Simple Fact.

He—What sort of a book is that which you are reading?

She—Oh, it is one of those stupid old-fashioned novels.

He—What is the difference, then, between the new and the old style?

She—Surely you know, don't you?

He—No. You forget I have only just returned from India, where the white ants eat up all our books.

She—Why, the old-fashioned novel ends with a marriage, while the up-to-date story commences with one.—Ally Sloper.

Just Caught On.

Uncle John (examining the snide watch he has purchased at an auction)

—Yes; I reckon I understand now what the auctioneer meant when he shouted: "Sold again!"

Aunt Martha—Why, he meant the watch, didn't he?

Uncle John—No, Martha. He meant me.—Jewelers' Weekly.

THE POWER OF MUSIC.

It Did a Good Turn for a Barn-Storming Troupe in a Hard Situation.

"Concerning the power of music," remarked the retired barn-stormer who had several home-stretch pedestrian records with various comic opera companies, "I remember on one occasion to have seen it peculiarly verified. We had some first-class talent in the company I was with at the time—we had been out a month and the endowment fund wasn't exhausted yet—and among them was a quartette of male and female voices that couldn't be beat anywhere. We were billed to appear one Monday night in a town of 7,000 people in Ohio, which had a reputation of being the frostiest place on the road, and the manager put us in there only because there wasn't any other place to go without costing as much in railroad fares as we could lose at a performance."

"We got to the town Sunday morning, and it was a long and tiresome day, and we were so bored when night came that we made up a party to go to church, just to change our luck. I don't know what kind of a church it was, except that it was a big one and there was some kind of a meeting on that filled it. We had come early—there were six or eight in our crowd—and we had seats about the middle of the orchestra chairs. As it happened, our quartette sat together and they got hymn books all right."

"When the first service of song was offered our combination was a bit shaky with stage fright, for they hadn't been to church since they had sung in their home church choirs long ago; but on the second round they were all right, all right, and the hymn was one they were familiar with. Well, they went at it like they ought to, and when the first verse was finished I could see there was some sensation among the people nearest us, and lots of eyes and ears were turned our way. Our quartette was interested by now in their singing, though, as we didn't think about anything else but the word to go on with the second verse, and when they got it they went at it with all their skill and sweetness. By the time the second verse was finished there were not a dozen voices to be heard besides their own, and the sensation had spread all over the house. On the third verse our quartette went in alone, and I don't think I ever heard such singing as they put up. It was one of those good, old-fashioned hymns that had the spirit of truth and glory in it, and the music matched the words in a way to carry anybody off of his feet, and it did it for that audience, or congregation, or whatever you call it, for when the last note died away there was a stillness that actually made the cold chills run down my back and up my neck, and if some old brother in the amen corner had not shouted 'glory and a dozen more in other parts of the house followed suit I believe I would have shouted myself."

"However that might have been, when everybody had sat down the gentleman in the pulpit stepped forward and thanked our people for their singing, and said if they would sing a few more selections the congregation would be greatly pleased. Of course, our quartette was pleased, too, and they not only sang a few more selections, but they received the personal thanks of everybody after the service was over, and the next night we had an audience that filled the theater. Now, that's what I call real power."—Washington Star.

DISEASE OF FOOD FEAR.

A Personal Idiosyncrasy That Disturbs Dietary Complacency.

Of all the emotions fear is the most deadly, and whether in the supreme degree where it turns the hair white, or in the minor degree where it invests every apple with stomach-ache, the disease of "food fear" is not to be treated lightly, for it is both widespread and deep-seated. It has spoiled life's comfort for many, and unchecked will spoil it for many more. Intelligence surely points to accepting all natural foods as "good." We should divest them in our minds of any adverse reputation they may have, and then test them, confidently, on their own merits—not once, but many times. If, possibly, some personal idiosyncrasy interferes with toleration of an article, we should yield to it grudgingly only after determined resistance; for does it not seem a logical necessity that the stomach, like all other organs of the body, is weakened by inaction and strengthened by proper exercise? A personal idiosyncrasy counts for more than all the dietary arguments in the world, and we all of us prove the truth of this every day we live.—Ella Morris Kretschmar, in Woman's Home Companion.

Poached Eggs.

Have ready in a perfectly clean frying-pan a quart of boiling water in which a tablespoonful of salt has been dissolved. Break the eggs one by one in a saucer and slip carefully into the salted water, which should be bubbling but not violently boiling. Dash with a spoon a little water over each egg to make the top white, as the beauty of a delicately poached egg is to see the yolk through a veil of transparent white. Cook until the white is firm but not leathery; lift out with a pancake turner and serve on a warm platter with a sprig or two of parsley for decoration, or on slices of golden-brown toast.—N. Y. Tribune.

Fish Creams.

Any kind of cooked fish may be used in the making of these little dainties, but they are especially nice when composed of equal parts of white fish and cooked lobster, when they are usually termed "lobster creams."—American Queen.

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