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TIMELY TOPICS.

The revised English version of the New Testament will be issued from the Oxford and Cambridge university presses about the middle of May.

A Boston authority says that a good and complete series of autograph letters of signers of the Declaration of American Independence is worth about \$2,500.

Gov. COLQUITT, of Georgia, is said to have pardoned nearly 50 convicts upon the occasion of his late visit for personal inspection to the prisons of the State.

The New-Orleans Democrat, which thinks a steam fire-engine is a terror-inspiring object, complains that the firemen of that city drive too fast going to fires.

COMPLAINTS come from Canada that the Dominion Government is being defrauded of considerable revenue by 'country postmasters,' who use cancelled stamps.

Mrs. GEAR, wife of the Governor of Iowa, and other ladies are incasing the torn battle-flags of the State in strong gauze that they may be kept from harm and yet not concealed from sight.

A man who left Newburyport, Mass., with his family, for the West, a few days ago, bought railroad tickets for himself and wife only, their six children being all under 5 years of age, and therefore carried free.

JUDGE TYLER, of Montgomery county Tenn., is to be impeached for neglect, drunkenness, misapprehension, and attempt to assassinate. He appears to be a versatile character who has had a pretty busy life of it.

A GENTLEMAN in Montreal who struck a match to light his cigar in the street was startled to see himself surrounded by flames and then to see a fire burning from the snow. Examination showed a break in a gas pipe.

The late Mrs. Maria T. McHugh, of South Carolina, left the bulk of her property, valued at \$35,000, to four of the Roman Catholic churches in that State. During her life-time she gave \$6,000 for the founding of a Catholic hospital there.

PRESIDENT GARFIELD'S inaugural appeared in full in the London papers the day after its delivery. This circumstance is primarily due to the oceanic cables, but it also shows that European interest in American affairs is increasing and has already attained proportions.

Five generations of one family live in Madison, Wis. They are Mrs. Wallace, aged 75; Mrs. Langdon, her daughter, aged 55; Mrs. Lewis, granddaughter, aged 38; Mrs. Thompson, great granddaughter, aged 18, and an infant great-grandchild, aged one week.

The people of Strasburg, instead of celebrating the Imperial wedding at Berlin, kept publicly Victor Hugo's birthday anniversary by defiling before the house of a picture-dealer who exhibited a large photograph of the poet surrounded with a laurel crown.

A BOSTON real estate owner informed the assessor that a piece of property owned by him, which had been assessed at \$45,000 through the error of their clerk, ought to be assessed at \$60,000 more. The error was corrected with alacrity after the assessors were brought to.

While a party of American travelers were visiting the battlefield of Waterloo recently, an iron box was found by one of them. It contained the will of an English officer, Sir Charles O'Neally, and by it the present heirs of his fortune suddenly find themselves dispossessed in favor of the children of his eldest son.

WHEN the village Squire stops at the corner grocery, taps on a box with his knuckles and says: "The great need of this country just now is a higher plane of political morality," you bet that the village cobbler is at work to secure the nomination which leads to that same Justice's office.—Detroit Free Press.

A MAN on trial for arson in Branch county, Mich., showed that the house was owned by his wife, and the judge ruled that as he occupied the house in common with her, and the State statute defines the crime of arson to be burning the dwelling of another, setting fire to the building would not constitute the crime. The accused was accordingly discharged.

Mr. J. W. Carter, of Oldham county, Ky., says when a sheep shows signs of grub in the head he takes an ordinary tin cup, in which he puts a handful of air-slacked lime. He then puts the nose of the sheep into the lime, which will cause violent sneezing, by which the grub will be expelled. He has tried this remedy with good effect.

NEWS IN A NUT SHELL.

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

The Cream of the Two Hemispheres Carefully Condensed and Classified—An Interesting Budget of Personal and Miscellaneous Information.

Washington.

The President appointed the following postmasters: John G. Dickey at Waterville, Kas.; J. W. Doty, Burlington, Kas.

Judge TOURGEE controls the North Carolina Federal patronage, much to the disgust of the Grantites and the Conklingites.

A GREAT deal of pairing and deserting is going on in the Senate. Late departures are Fair, Jones, Teller, Maxey and Garland.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Mrs. B. H. BUXTON, the British authoress, is dead.

The Republicans carried Lincoln, Neb., as usual.

The Democrats made a clean sweep in Dubuque.

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The entire Democratic ticket was elected at Columbus, O.

The Republicans were victorious at Atchison and Fort Scott.

MEANS, Democrat, is elected mayor of Cincinnati by 2,469 majority.

The Republicans swept Boonville, with the exception of one councilman.

JOHN F. RICH, Republican, was elected to succeed Conger in the Seventh Michigan district.

The Republicans carried Jefferson City, with the exception of Alderman for the First Ward.

The position of Commissioner of Indian Affairs has been tendered ex Congressman Price, of Iowa.

The Republican ticket was elected at Leavenworth. Porteus for mayor received 680 majority.

The mayor of New York vetoed the bill permitting Edison's electric light company to lay tubes, etc., in the city.

The Democrats carried Chicago for their entire ticket. Carter Harrison, for mayor, received about 2,000 majority.

The Republicans in St. Louis elected their entire ticket. Ewing, Republican, received over 13,000 majority over Overholtz, Democrat.

The President nominated Hiram Price of Iowa, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, vice Thomas M. Nichol, whose nomination was withdrawn at his own request.

SECRETARY LINCOLN proposes as a reform that officers who have lapsed in staff duty shall join their regiments, and be succeeded by those whose active service entitles them to rest.

GENERAL FOREIGN NOTES.

BEACONFIELD was worse Monday.

The Oxford won the English University boat race.

The London Times reports an advance in telegraph stock.

The trial of the assassins of the Czar has commenced in St. Petersburg.

TWELVE barons in County Cork are proclaimed in a state of disturbance.

BAIL has been refused in the case of Most of the Freiheit, and he is committed for trial.

The police were attacked by women in Ballinacorney, county Laitrim. One girl was fatally shot.

The report is current that Lord Carlisleford will succeed the Duke of Argyll as Lord of the Privy Seal.

A MANIFESTO has been issued throughout Great Britain, aimed at the discouragement of importation of American pork.

The Czar, in an autograph letter to Emperor William, communicates an intention to visit him the third week in May.

The government of Greece has instructed its agent at Berlin to engage twenty skilled surgeons for ambulance service.

The Reichstag at Berlin has adopted a quasi international check on the assassination of rulers, or those high in authority.

THIRTY thousand persons are in want of provisions in the Spanish flooded districts. The damage is estimated at 200,000 pounds.

SEVERE floods and gales on the Spanish coast of the Mediterranean caused considerable destruction to property in Andalusia.

MISS SEARL, one of the victims of the opera house at Nice, was fiancée of Herbert Reeves, son of Sims Reeves, the well known tenor.

CONTINUED shocks of earthquake at Chio are destroying the houses injured by the first shock. It is said to be utterly impossible to enter the town.

The daily News indicates that England has declined to attend the monetary conference, because the conference is practically pledged to bimetalism.

An affray has occurred between the people and police, who were protecting a process server on an estate near Ballinacorney, County Mayo. Two men were killed and many wounded.

At 9:30 a. m. Tuesday a slight shock of earthquake was felt in San Cristobal. The movement was from the south and southwest to the north-west. There were light oscillations all the morning.

FOUR natives, belonging to Col. Flatter's mission of exploration for the trans-Sahara railway, arrived at Owarba, bringing details of the almost complete annihilation of the expedition by the natives.

COUNT HAMILTON, chancellor of the university at Upsal, Sweden, has been arrested on the charge of forging L. the amount of \$40,000. The names counterfeited include those of the King and Queen.

GLADSTONE presented the land bill in the Commons Thursday, the chief feature of which is the establishment of a court with extraordinary powers for the adjustment of the rights of tenants and landlords.

By a collision on the Northern railway in Canada, between Barre and Allendale, David Thornton, a railway employe, was killed and several others badly injured. An engine and three cars were destroyed.

The Russian Philanthropic society has resolved to provide for the families of those killed or injured in the struggle against the Shilbits. A special guard will be formed, as during the Turkish war, for protecting the Emperor wherever he resides.

A BERLIN dispatch says Prince Carolus has obtained a decree of divorce against his wife, nee Countess Hertzfeldt. It is said Count Herbert Bismarck's marriage with

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Short Stories for the Young People to Read and Enjoy.

Bobbie's father was going to the city, and going on horseback too. Robbief wanted to go very much, but it was a long way. Robbief was very little, so he must stay at home with mother.

He watched his father ride away, and he did not cry, as everybody expected he would; for, as a fine plan had crept into his small head.

After his father was out of sight, Robbief looked around until he found his stick-horse. He didn't look for his hat, for he didn't like to wear it. He only kept it on because mother said, if he did not, he must wear a bonnet.

So, in his red dress, Bobbief went off trotting through the front gate. Nobody was on the watch just then, and Master Rob got well out of sight before any one missed him.

He had made up his mind he would go with father, and expected every moment to catch up with him.

The stick-horse trotted bravely along the muddy road. Father's horse had gone through the mud. Bobbief could see the tracks of the horse, so he would not turn aside either, but splashed along through every mud-hole.

At last the stick horse did not trot so merrily. He fell into a walk, for Robbief's shoes were so heavy with mud he could scarcely drag them out of each muddy place. His hands were very red and cold, too.

Surely he would soon find father, so he trudged along the muddy road.

At last he did see a man, and on horseback too. But he was coming towards Robbief. When at last he came up to the stick horse and its tired rider, he stopped.

"Where are you going?" he asked of Robbief.

"I'm going after father, and he's gone to Richmond," said Robbief.

"Well, I wouldn't go any farther to-day," said the man. "You get up here in front of me, and we'll have a fine ride home."

At first Robbief did not want to turn back. But the kind neighbor persuaded him, and took him, muddy shoes, stick horse, and all, safely home.

Whether mother had missed Robbief before he got back, I don't know. But I do know she was glad the stick horse had not carried its little rider on any longer journey.

Robbief was washed and kissed and petted, but he never rode after father again.

Freddie's Poultry.

Freddie is a little boy living in a city. Polly is a large green bird. He has a yellow face, and long red feathers in his wings.

Besides this large parrot, Freddie has a very little poultry. The little poultry is green too. It is fun to see them on the floor together. Big Polly says to little Polly, "Come along, sir." Little Polly can't talk; he can only scream. But he runs towards the big poultry. As soon as he gets near enough, big Polly tries to catch him. I think, if he did get hold of him, he would kill the little fellow.

But little Polly always flies screaming away just in time. Big Polly talks a great deal for a bird. He calls himself "pretty Tommy Brown." He can cry like a little baby and laugh like a happy child. He can call like the newsboys, "Here's your Evening paper five o'clock." He can sing, too very nicely. "Not for Joseph" and the "Sweet By and By" are his favorite tunes.

Big Polly cost a \$100. He is almost worth his weight in gold. He may well be proud, and call himself "pretty Tommy Brown."

I am afraid big Polly would nip of his little master's nose if he went too near.

KANSAS CITY MARKETS.

CATTLE.

Extra steers	.....\$5 00 to 5 40
Medium steers	.....4 20 to 4 50
Butcher steers	.....4 40 to 4 80
Feeders and stockers	.....3 75 to 4 20
Common grades	.....1 75 to 3 00

HOGS.

Choice heavy	.....\$5 25 to 5 55
Medium and light	.....5 10 to 5 20
Good hams	.....\$4 00 to 4 50
Stockers	.....3 00 to 3 75

WHEAT.

No. 1	.....96 1/2c
No. 2	.....92 1/2c
No. 3	.....87 1/2c

ORZ.

No. 2 mixed	.....37 1/2c
No. 2 white	.....32c

EGGS.

Medium to fair12 to 14c
Good to choice15 to 18c

BUTTER.

Per dozen11 1/2 to 12c
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PROVISIONS.

Mess pork\$15 50
Lard10 to 11 1/2c
Wool11 1/2c

A Huge Locomotive.

New York Tribune.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., March 28.—Engine No. 10 was put on the Pennsylvania railroad to-day. It is the largest in the United States, being 63 feet long, and the driving-wheels 3 1/2 feet high. It runs between Philadelphia and New York.

New Hampshire Returns.

A New Hampshire lady writes: "Mother has been afflicted for years with kidney disease. Last spring she was very bad, and had an alarming run and numbness in one side. Kidney-Wort proved a great blessing and has completely cured her."—Gazette.

Hard Luck.

London Truth.

A Ma'ta paper states that of fifty-five young ladies who had come out there from England in search of husbands only one had succeeded in her object.

"The melancholy days have come, the saddest of the year," because of the great increase of suffering induced by Coughs, Colds, Asthma, etc., all of which Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will promptly cure.

FACTS FOR FARMERS.

A Well Considered Article on the Application of Manure.

Manure, being the foundation of a farmer's business, deserves more attention than anything else on the farm. Experience has taught nearly all farmers that the soil gives a greater reward when well manured than otherwise, and most of them are satisfied with the mere performance of spreading it out as well as acting on the

The Topeka rolling mills were destroyed by fire on Thursday of last week.

A translation of Barbon's "Life of Victor Hugo" is being prepared for S. C. Griggs & Co.

Fugate, late of the Great Bend Democrat will go to Topeka and take charge of the Democrat at that place.

Ten Brock, the famous Kentucky horse, was offered for sale lately for \$90,000, but the offer has been withdrawn.

The winter wheat throughout Ohio is reported to be very badly injured. It is said that not to exceed half a crop can be expected.

There is talk of building a rail road across the country from Wa Keeney to Great Bend, and the people along the line of the route favor the project.

Two hundred American locomotives have been ordered for Mexican railways, and Americans are going there in corresponding numbers to build the roads.

An Ohio girl sued a man for breach of promise, and proved him such a mean scoundrel that the jury decided that she ought to pay him something for not marrying her.

Mrs. Garfield, who speaks French and German fluently, is said to be the first president's wife able to talk with foreign diplomats in the court language of Europe. Her husband is also accomplished in German and French.

Gov. St. John has appointed General J. H. Rice, of Fort Scott, George C. Brackett, of Lawrence, C. F. Koester, of Marysville, Joat Mulvane, of Topeka, and C. L. Hubbs, of Kinsley, as the board of managers for the World's fair to be held at New York in 1883.

An effort is being made by the clergymen and temperance people of Long Island City to enforce the law closing saloons on Sunday. It effected, the pleasures of the beer drinkers in New York city will be decreased, and Long Island will cease being a Sunday resort.

Since human ingenuity began to exert itself to discover means of suppressing the vice of intemperance it would be difficult to find anything to equal the recent action of the legislators of Wisconsin. That august body has just passed and the governor of the State approved a bill making it a criminal offense (punishable by fine and imprisonment) to ask another to take a drink and imposing like penalties on those who accept the invitation. The habit of treating has become so universal and customary, and is so interwoven with the popular ideas of friendship and hospitality that it may well be questioned whether such a law can be enforced and if so, whether it will have any effect in remedying the alleged evil.

The people of Louisville, Ky., have apparently good reasons for feeling elated over the future prospects of their city. It is stated that another year will see the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio road, the Knoxville branch, the New Albany and St. Louis Air line, and the construction of a second bridge, connecting Louisville with New Albany. The new bridge company was organized a few days ago, and the stock has all been taken, and it only remains to place the bonds. The estimated cost of the new bridge is \$1,200,000 and it will be 2,550 feet in length, or a little more than half the length of the old one. As regards the Air line it is said that \$3,000,000 has been subscribed to complete and equip the road, the old company having turned it over to the Boston syndicate. These enterprises can hardly fail to bring more capital, more mills, factories and foundries and more inhabitants to the place, and there is but little doubt that the material interests of the city will advance with increased rapidity.

The Missouri river is higher at Leavenworth than it has been for thirty years.

The widow and daughter of John Brown are living in poverty on a small farm near San Jose, California. With many persons no name is more revered than that of the hero of Harper's Ferry, but unfortunately for his widow they are not persons of wealth. John Brown's soul is marching on, was sung on the march, and the battlefield, and beguiled away many a dreary hour by the camp fire, in the late war, and yet his widow is to day living in poverty, while tens of thousands of dollars, has been raised, and donated to a man who is now not only already rich, and in the prime of manhood, but who declines the presidency of a railroad, or of an Inter-Oceanic Canal, with the nonchalance he would an invitation to a dinner-party. Unquestionably the zeal and devotion of John Brown, in the cause of liberty, done more to revolutionize the whole political fabric of our Government, and elevate this same recipient of princely pro-emts, from an obscure leather dealer at Galena, to his present high position, than any other given event. We wonder if John's soul don't sometimes stop its marching and wonder why his widowed wife in age and want, should be forgotten.

THE "YEAR WITHOUT A SUMMER."

From the Hartford Times. We continue to receive occasional inquiries concerning the "year in which there was no summer." Some persons appear to have a wrong idea as to the time. It was the year of 1816. It has been called the "year without a summer," for there was a sharp frost in every month. There are old farmers living in Connecticut who remember it well. It was known as the "year without a summer." The farmers used to refer to it as "eighteen hundred and starve to death." January was mild, as was also February, with the exception of a few days. The greater part of March was cold and boisterous. April opened warm, but grew colder as it advanced, ending with snow and ice and winter cold. In May, ice formed half an inch thick, buds and flowers were frozen and corn killed. Frost, ice and snow were common in June. Almost every green thing was killed, and the fruit was nearly all destroyed. Snow fell to the depth of three inches in New York and Massachusetts, and ten inches in Maine. July was accompanied with frost and ice. On the 5th ice was formed of the thickness of window glass in New York, New England and Pennsylvania, and corn was nearly all destroyed in certain sections. In August ice formed half an inch thick. A cold northern wind prevailed nearly all summer.

Corn was so frozen that a great deal was cut down and dried for fodder. Very little ripened in New England, even here in Connecticut and scarcely any even in the Middle States. Farmers were obliged to pay \$4 or \$5 a bushel for corn of 1815, for seed for the next spring's planting. The first two weeks of September were mild, the rest of the month was cold, with frost, and ice formed a quarter of an inch thick. October was more than usually cold, with frost and ice. November was cold and blustering, with snow enough for good sleighing. December was quite mild and comfortable.

A ROMANCE OF MODERN ENGLAND IN A CONVENIENTLY CONDENSED FORM.

Onida in the Chicago Tribune. "Has Myrtle come home?" The speaker was a richly-dressed woman of perhaps forty summers, although it might have been possible to have added an autumn and perhaps a couple of late springs to the account that time, that faithful but relentless chronicler of the world's doings, its lights and shades, its gala days and sorrowful anniversaries, had slowly but surely set opposite her name on the closely written pages of that book which no man has read. The person to whom she spoke—a delicately-formed girl with deep hazel eyes and flaxen hair that hung between her faultlessly-molded, but not too fat, shoulders in a simple braid, looking not unlike a new type of the kind used on horse-cars—stood on the veranda of a handsome villa in the south of England, tapping gently with a croquet-mallet which she held in her hand a tiny foot that peeped out from beneath the fleecy folds of her pignoir dress. Suddenly she started slightly, and a look of pain passed over the delicately chiseled features of her perfect face. She had hit the corn. This corn was the only sad chord in the otherwise perfect symphony of Ethelberta De Courcy's life. Often when gliding dreamily through the measures of a soft, sensuous waltz that set all her senses pulsing in harmony to the music, her nose resting trustfully on the shoulder of Percy Montrose, her affianced, had she been suddenly called back from the beautiful realms of rose-tinted meditation by some one stepping on her corn. Sometimes in the desolate moments that followed one of these society events she would almost sob out her grief to the world, and often in the still watches of the night would come to her the thought that even a bunion would have been better. Although of a timid shrinking nature, and possessed of a reserve that insurance companies might envy, Ethelberta had an iron will, copper fastened and clinched on both sides, and a proud spirit that could not brook the slightest affront. In point of spirit and reserve no girl among the proud aristocracy of haughty Albion was better fixed. Once, when an elder sister had in a moment of passion charged her with eating slate-pencils to improve her complexion, Ethelberta had only looked at her with an expression of withering scorn, and said calmly, "I shall never speak to you again."

It was nearly an hour before she borrowed the other girl's chew of gum. Percy Montrose was the only man she had ever loved. He was a handsome, manly-looking fellow of 26, and came of an ancient Saxon family that got a start in life by stealing evergreen trees in Norway about Christmas time and shipping them to England. Ethelberta did not know this. The one thought of her life was that she loved Percy with a wild, passionate love that was almost wicked in its intensity. He was in her thoughts by day and her dreams by night. She had told him of her love freely and fully. Often, when sitting on his trusty right knee in the parlor of her father's house, her head resting in perfect confidence just below his clavicle and above his right lung, had she murmured softly to him that she lived only for his love, and that without the oasis of his affection life would be a dreary desert upon which the sun beat pitilessly down.

It is not every young man that can boast an oasis all by himself, and Percy naturally felt pretty corky about the fact. Shortly after Ethelberta's mother had gone over to town and left her daughter standing on the porch, alone with her thoughts and corn, Percy Montrose came sauntering up the gravelled walk that wandered gracefully through the front yard until it reached the sidewalk. The girl greeted him with effusion and a kiss. He took both. In a little while they walked together to the croquet lawn and began to play. Both were experts at the game and neither could gain an advantage. Finally Ethelberta's ball was in a favorable position. With her dainty foot upon the ball, and mallet upraised, she was the picture of beauty and grace. Should she make the shot the game would be over. Just as the mallet was descending with a graceful sweep, Percy's voice was heard: "Your garter has come down."

The mallet fell with crushing force. There was a wild whoop of anguish, and Ethelberta fluttered toward the house on one leg like a wounded bird. She had hit the corn, and never spoke to Percy again. "Did Myrtle come home?" some may ask who remember the opening sentence of this story. I should smile. She not only came home, but she played out the game with Percy and subsequently married him.

Wendell Phillips is called by John Bright "the greatest orator who speaks the English tongue." We are waiting anxiously to see what kind of a dish of taffy Wendell will prepare for John. The calendar for the University of Tokio, in the departments of law, science, and literature, shows that twenty-three Japanese graduates have been sent abroad, viz: Ten to England, nine to the United States, and four to France.

A SCIENTIFIC RAILWAY CAR.

There arrived at our railway depot, recently, a passenger car the like of which is not to be found anywhere in the world. It is the property of Mr. P. H. Dudley, inspector of the tracks and apparatus of railroads, and this gentleman and his wife live in this car. A reporter of the Sun called on the occupants yesterday afternoon, and was entertained for nearly an hour with the explanations and experiments made with the large piece of machinery by which the gentleman accomplishes his work. It is of the most complicated and delicate nature, and the amount of work done by it is marvelous. A description of it would be wearisome, with its system of cogs, switches, wires, pens, etc., etc., and would be almost unintelligible, but an idea of its extraordinary work may be gained from the following summary of its accomplishments: A band of plain paper, about twenty inches wide, is fed from a roll into the machine, passing under a complex set of everworking pens. For every fifty feet of track passed over by the car this paper band moves one inch, thereby taking eight and a fraction feet for a mile of road. By carefully constructed and adjusted machinery, connected with the wheels of the car, the operator obtains upon the paper a perfect chart of every foot, yes, every inch, of the road. The instrument shows: first, the power required to draw the train; second, a pen marks on the paper the seconds of time in transit; third, another pen marks every tenth second in the same way; fourth, still another pen marks each minute. Then comes a schedule showing the distribution of coal used by the engine; the amount of water used by the engine; a perfect diagram of the track is delineated, showing all curves, grades, etc; the number of revolutions which the driving wheels of the engine make in a minute or mile, or parts of these two; the location of the mile posts are shown, as also the bridges; the work done by the engine, so given that the foot-pounds of work can be readily ascertained by multiplying the ratio; the velocity and resistance of the wind. All these are plainly and accurately shown upon the diagram. When used to inspect the track, the machine shows the surface of each rail, giving the condition of each joint, frog, etc., and shows at a glance whether the rails are fitted perfectly true, or the least trifle out of place, or if one is a hair's breadth higher than another.

The elevation of the rail on a curve is shown, and a machine has just been added, which Mr. Dudley invented, giving the exact amount in feet and inches that the rails are depressed from a true line. Another section of the chart gives the exact movements of the engine when the brakes are applied, when steam is put on, and the power required to start and stop the train. Mr. Dudley examines a road in this way, hands his chart to the superintendent, and that gentleman knows at once just where to make repairs and all other needful particulars. The machine is the invention of Mr. Dudley, he having spent eight years perfecting it, and, save one which he made and sent to Australia, his is the only one in existence. Besides the workshop there are a nicely furnished library and parlor, containing cabinets and a fine piano, a dining-room, kitchen, bedroom and storeroom. All this in a common size passenger coach, and in it Mr. and Mrs. Dudley have lived for the last four years, traveling all over the United States. The lady says the life is a very pleasing one, and she enjoys it much. Both the lady and gentleman are finely educated and entertaining people, and an hour spent in their company is a very profitable one.—Fittsfield (Mass) Sun.

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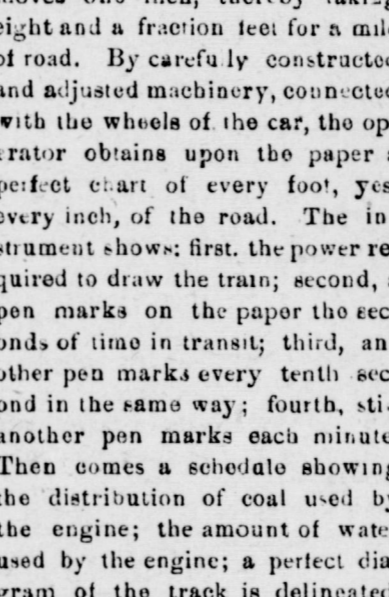
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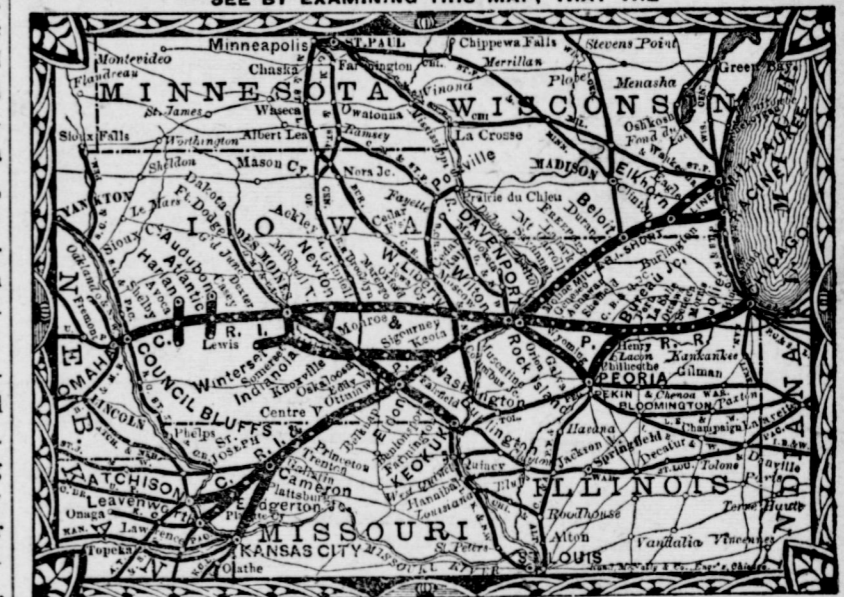
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