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The weak will succumb but the bold will be strong,
Tho' many go under and many go wrong,
He will acquit himself best in the fight
Who shrinks not from duty, but keeps to the right."

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1900

The Baltimore Sun is so very dissatisfied with the American tariff system and so very satisfied with the excellence of that of Great Britain that the Sun is likely to remove itself from the hither to the thither. It should go over there and leave its room here to be occupied by an American newspaper that can see something good in something American.

PRIVATE SNAP LAWS.

If a bill offered in the United States Senate by Senator Vest becomes law the question of American registry for foreign ships will be settled to the satisfaction of foreign owners. The bill provides that foreign built vessels may have American registry when purchased by citizens of the United States. There will doubtless spring from this seed firms and corporations for the ostensible purchase for American registry of foreign vessels. Such a system, for instance, as Delaware enjoys in a Dover semi-official firm that holds a corner on foreign incorporations operating under Delaware laws. This firm holds secret all information about incorporations until it is able to arrange with the corporation for Delaware representatives.

Delaware incorporation laws are a private snap for powers that be.

Numerous members of Congress and more numerous editors appear to have forgotten some valuable facts of our national history. They assert that annexation of unorganized populations, inhabiting acquired additional territory, necessarily and automatically operates to confer all of the rights and benefits of Federal citizenship, constitutional and statutory, upon the annexed population. Our national history is quite to the contrary. Such incorporated peoples acquire nothing in that respect except at the option of Congress. Senator Depew, debating the Philippine question, said: "By uniform legislation from the formation of the republic and by repeated and clear decisions of the Supreme Court these principles are established: First, that the Constitution thus formed was meant for the states in the Union as they severally adopted it. Second, that it becomes operative upon every state subsequently admitted into the Union. Third, that it does not extend by its own force over territory acquired after the adoption of the Constitution, but that Congress has the power to grant so much of its provisions as it deems wise."

BUTCHER THE BEAST.

A recent press report from Washington says: "The House today indulged in its annual joke by striking from the legislative appropriation bill all provision for the civil service commission. This action is taken each year in Committee of the Whole, where members do not go on record and the provision is then invariably restored when the bill gets back in the House, where members have to respond to their names upon a roll call. The vote today to strike out was 75 to 67. Tomorrow the House will reverse this action, as usual, on a yea and nay vote."

Pity 'tis that Congress has not the nerve to relieve the country wholly from this dangerous and abominable concession made to a horde of noisy and impracticable theorists. Wipe out the entire civil service system, commission, rules and impediments. The majority party is always fit to carry its principles, plans, purposes and theories into practice effectively. Its candidates and representatives are chosen and selected by the people for the especial purpose of carrying principles and theories into effect. No party can do its work well with unwilling and antagonistic agents.

Any majority party can at any time apply from its own adherents able, efficient and trustworthy officials and third-rate assistants. A man does not need to know what year shoes come out to be able to accurately estimate to be able to accurately estimate the rate of mouse traps. A fair the school education should be to qualify a sober and honest THE LAW a clerkship or a post office clerkship of his ability or Delmarvis, answer conundrums in as

economy or decide open questions of indefinite and inaccurate history. The only test should be the ability of the applicant to properly discharge his official duties. This country—any country under popular government—should avoid establishment of an official class or guild whose members are made barons upon the public service to the exclusion of all or any other citizens. Our so-called civil service system should have no place in our government. It is an official octopus that will absorb and destroy the usefulness of a system of free government. Butcher the beast!

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Whatever may be said about Kentucky it has developed no Colorado "Bloody Bridges Waite."—St. Paul Press.

Watterson's letter amounts to this: "The ballot in Kentucky is dead. Long live the Goshel law!"—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A crazy negro of Nicholasville, Ky., claims that he is the legally elected governor of Kentucky and is hunting for his seat.—Dallas News.

The democratic convention and the activity in the mule market ought to make the Kansas City tavernkeepers very happy men.—Washington Post.

The person who attempts to organize the Daughters of the South American revolution is going to have a rather busy time of it.—Washington Post.

The republicans will meet in national convention where the Declaration was promulgated. So perhaps they are quite on that score.—Boston Herald.

The populist bolt would be more significant if there were really anything to bolt from.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

THE WEATHER.

New York Herald's Forecast.—An area of higher pressure will advance today over the Atlantic States, causing a moderate fall of temperature. A disturbance in the Gulf States will move eastward, and may extend its rain belt to the southern part of this section. In the Middle States and New England today clear and slightly cloudy weather and fresh northwesterly to westerly winds will prevail. On Friday clear weather and rising temperature will prevail, with fresh southwesterly winds. On Saturday partly cloudy, and warmer, followed by rain or snow in the northern districts. European steamers now sailing will have mostly fair weather and fresh westerly breezes to the Banks. Forecast for Thursday and Friday.—Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland: Fair Thursday and Friday; warmer Friday; light to fresh north to east winds.

Stops the Cough and works off the Cold.

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OPERA HOUSE.

The Huntley-Jackson Stock Company presented at the Opera House last night for the first time the Cuban military drama, "For Liberty and Love." The play is an exceptionally strong one of its class and was well received by the audience. Every character was well sustained, and J. H. Huntley as Mario Navarro, was especially strong. The play was beautifully staged with special scenery carried by the company. This afternoon "The Tornado" was produced, followed tonight by "Hunted Down."

A NEW PLAY.

"Man's Enemy" comes to the Opera House on Thursday, March 15. The table at which bacchanal is played by the characters in "Man's Enemy" is the settlement of the case, and an old Louis XV. writing table, and two of the gilt chairs are historical from having been part of the contents of Fontainebleau Chateau. Gus Hill has mounted "Man's Enemy" in the most lavish manner and he has shown the public what can be done by grouping real objects of art.

IMPROVEMENT TO KENT ROADS.

Dover, March 8.—The roads of Kent county have cost about \$20,000 during the past year. The Levy Court has completed the settlement with the supervisors and their reports show these expenditures: First district, \$2,046; second, \$1,965; Third, \$1,756; Fourth, \$2,026; Fifth, \$803; Sixth, \$2,502; Seventh, \$1,238; Eighth, \$1,258; Ninth, \$1,858; Tenth, \$2,284. The total as approved is \$18,676.

STRANDED NEAR OCEAN CITY.

Ocean City, Md., March 8.—The yacht Nellie Charleston, with a barge of wood in tow, from Taylor's Landing for Ocean City yesterday during a strong southwest gale. She was boarded by the Ocean City life saving crew, who succeeded in saving the barge and cargo.

CHESTER'S NEW INDUSTRY.

Chester, Pa. March 8.—The Frankford Steel Forging Company, of Allegheny City, Pa., has closed a deal for a thirty-acre tract of the river front land for \$20,000. It is the purpose of the company to erect a steel forging mill. The company will give employment to 100 hands.

KENT'S TROLLEY FIGHT.

Dover, March 8.—Yesterday by agreement of counsel the chancery proceedings instituted against the Delaware General Electric Company to stop its track, laying across the property of Mrs. Sarah E. Cooper, a mile below Dover, were postponed to March 3.

WHEN BABY HAD SCALD HEAD—WHEN MOTHER HAD SALT RHEUM—WHEN FATHER HAD PILES—DR. AGNEW'S Ointment gave the quickest relief and surest cure.

These are gems of truth picked from testimony which is given every day to this greatest of healers. It has never been matched in curative qualities in Eczema, Tetter, Skin Eruptions, Piles, Scalds, Burns, Old Sores, etc.—and it is sold by Miller Drug Company, 402 Market, and N. B. Danforth, Market and Second streets.

THE GOINGS ON IN SOCIETY

Matters Which May Be of Interest to Feminine Readers.

WITH THE CITY'S VISITORS

Brief Items as to the Whereabouts of Wilmington People, Their Neighbors and Friends

All communications intended for insertion in this column should be addressed to Society Editor, care of the Evening Journal. Communications should be written on one side of the paper only.

PLEASANT SURPRISE.

An enjoyable surprise party was given to Miss Edith Hughes last evening by Miss Ethel Hughes, at the former's residence, No. 924 Elm street. Many games were indulged in, and during the evening the guests were highly entertained by Messrs. Heiser, Jacobs and Byrne, presenting their original Dutch and Irish turn, "Harcourt's Twins."

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raymond, Mrs. Samuel Raymond, Misses Ethel Hughes, Anna Raymond, Bessie Hildreth, Edith Ester, Mary Woodmansey, May and Ella Wigglesworth, Nettie Bromwell, Annie Raymond, Eva Edwards, Susie Harkness, Eleanor Maynard, Ruth Velt, Margaret Kugler, Nellie McBride, Bertha Elliott, Lydia Raymond, Reta Raymond, Margaret O'Keefe, Edith Scott, Mary Sinex, Sallie Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ryan and Clarence Raymond, Benjamin McFarlin, Harry Shakespear, William Wood, Norris Haislett, Harry Roberts, Ralph Raymond, John Ryan, Ralph Hurling, Milton Perego, Leslie Cooley, Edith Cobb, Harry C. Dillworth, Thorne Martin, I. Leon Parker, Albert Chalfant, G. R. Carpenter, W. Harry Heiser, Maurice L. Jacobs and J. Eugene Byrne.

A collation was served at a late hour.

A PLEASANT AFFAIR.

Miss Mattie H. Wonn pleasantly entertained her friends at her home, No. 421 East Eighth street, last night. Miss Clements managed graphophone selections, and the Woodbine Quartet, of Chester, sang delightfully. At a late hour supper was served. Miss Wonn's guests were: Misses Mary Harby, Bertha Marshman, Ida Pierce, Arthur Bloom, Andrew Jackson Bradstreet, Clarence Ayars and Frank Helms, of Chester, Pa.; Misses Elizabeth Hayes, Barbara Forrest, Mamie Baker, Katie Getty, May Ridgway, Eva Bang, Sallie Shinn, Minnie Gland, Florence Hartman, Annie Forrest and Laura Forrest, Harry Simpson, Harry Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Spear, Harry Pogue, Philip Snow, W. B. Raabe, Lewis Getty, Herman Gland, James Hoopes, Miss Mary Hamilton, Miss Mamie Wonn, Russell Wonn, Mr. and Mrs. Clements, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Biddle, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Mitchell, Ayars Mitchell, Mrs. H. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fenimore, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wonn, Mr. Hairsine, Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cooper, John Hairsine and Mrs. Henry.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Blest arranged a surprise for their daughter Carrie, at their home, No. 616 Lombard street, on Tuesday evening, in honor of her twelfth birthday. Those present were: Emily Dennis, Fanny and Grace Baldwin, Jessie Connor, Amanda and Irene Hall, Grace Mose, Elsie and Mabel McGinley, Mary Parvis, Myrtle and Katie Blest, Roy Baldwin, Willie Walling, J. Francis Spence, Claude and Lee Murphy, Oliver Bechem, Harry Biddle, Raymond, and Mrs. A. Baldwin. During the evening the Sunbeam Circle, of Scott Church, of which Miss Blest is a member, called, accompanied by their teacher, Miss Ella Pierce. Many pretty and useful presents were received by Miss Blest.

FORMER WILMINGTON BOY.

Harvey C. Egerton, of New York, was agent of "Man's Enemy," the play to be presented at the Opera House next Thursday night by the former Wilmingtonian, having been born in this city, and has several relatives here. Mr. Egerton was in the city today.

ARMSTRONG-MILLER.

Miss Roberta M. Miller, of No. 1202 West Second street, and William T. Armstrong, of Ashland, were married at the parsonage of Union M. E. Church last night by Rev. C. A. Grise. Upon their return from a wedding trip South Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong will reside at Ashland.

CONWELL-POYNTER.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Conwell, of Lewes, passed through this city last evening on their wedding trip. They were married in the Presbyterian Church of Lewes yesterday afternoon by Rev. W. W. Wright. Mrs. Conwell was Miss Sallie Poynter.

SAMPSON-SMALL.

Miss Nellie Small, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Small, of Lincoln, and Dr. Francis E. Sampson, of the same town, were married yesterday at the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. P. Corkran, of Fairmount, Md., brother-in-law of the bride.

QUIET HOME WEDDING.

Miss Matilda Scriber and John Schumder, both of this city, were quietly married last evening at No. 216 West Ninth street. The ceremony was performed at 7.30 o'clock by Rev. Frederick Doerr, pastor of St. Stephen's Church. Dr. Frank Wilkins acted as best man, and Miss Minnie Maier was maid of honor. Following the ceremony a reception was given at the future home, No. 307 West Sixth street.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NOTES.

Miss Helen Slaughter, of Dover, was a Wilmington visitor yesterday. Aaron Willis has returned from a visit to Dover. Claude Rhame, of Sumter S. C., has arrived in Wilmington, and has entered Goldey College for the shorthand

and typewriting course. He is the son of W. F. Rhame, cashier of the National Bank of Sumter.

The coming wedding of Miss Jennie E. Emory and John J. Horner has been announced.

RUN DOWN BY BLOODHOUND

NEGRO FUGITIVE CAUGHT AFTER A YEAR'S EVASION OF THE LAW.

Centreville, Md., March 8.—Lawrence Henry, a negro about 25 years of age, who is under indictment charged with assault with intent to kill ex-Clerk of the Circuit Court William H. Cecil, was captured near Goldsborough, Caroline county, by Constable Saunders, of that place, assisted by his brother. The alleged assault was committed about a year ago, but Henry had successfully eluded the officers of this and Caroline counties. Deputy Sheriff T. Frank Seward learned of his whereabouts a few days ago and arranged with Officer Saunders for his apprehension. On Tuesday the Saunders brothers went to the locality where they knew Henry was at work, accompanied by a half-breed bloodhound. As soon as Henry saw the men approaching he made a break for the woods. The dog was set upon him and he was compelled to run into a pond of water to escape an attack from the beast. Henry willingly surrendered when the dog was called off and he was delivered to Deputy Seward, at Bridge-town. Mr. Seward brought him to Centreville and put him in jail, where he was awaiting trial at the May term of court. He is wanted for several other charges.

The postmasters of this county of the fourth-class met in Centreville and organized by the election of George E. Lane, of KQ rdia aoin taoin rd i E. Lane, of Queenstown, chairman; Fred Booker, of Ingleside, treasurer, and William G. Chance, of uderaville, secretary. Their object is to secure certain legislation, among other things, an allowance for clerk hire, increased allowance for fuel and lights and larger compensation for themselves.

NEVER WORE STOCKINGS.

Seaford, Del., March 8.—William S. Moore, aged 76 years, of near town, states that he never wore a pair of stockings. He claims that they are dangerous of colds and pneumonia. He states that one's feet will keep much warmer during severe cold weather without them.

AGED WOMAN BURIED.

The remains of Mrs. Clementine Pund, aged 83 years, were interred in the Cathedral Cemetery today after high mass was said at St. Patrick's R. C. Church. She died at the home of her son-in-law, Albert Jacquet, No. 1408 King street.

ELECTED CONFERENCE DELEGATE.

Dover, March 8.—John S. Collins was elected delegate to the Lay Electoral Conference; John Hutton, alternate; and Joseph T. Hoffecker, district steward, at the fourth quarterly conference of Wesley M. E. Church yesterday.

WASHINGTON

THREE-DAY PERSONALLY-CONDUCTED TOUR VIA PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

Few short journeys are as interesting as a trip to Washington, the Nation's Capital; and such a trip can be made most satisfactorily by participating in the "three-day" personally conducted tours of the Pennsylvania railroad. Besides the advantages secured in rates, the absolute freedom from care, and the general comfort and convenience afforded, an extended experience and familiarity with the city enable the Tourist Agents of this company to visit the various points of interest with the least confusion and delay and at the most opportune moments, thereby insuring an economy of time not otherwise attainable.

The next tour of the season leaves Thursday, March 15. Round-trip rate, covering railroad transportation for the round-trip, meals en route, transfer of passenger and ordinary baggage to hotel, hotel accommodations, and guides, services of experienced tourist agent and chaplain, in short, every item of necessary expense, \$14.50 from New York, \$13.50 from Trenton, and \$11.50 from Philadelphia, with proportionate rates from other points. These rates cover accommodations for two days at the Arlington, Normandie, Riggs, or Ebbitt House. For accommodations at Willard's, Regent, Metropolitan, or National Hotel, \$2.50 less. Side trips to Mount Vernon, Richmond, Old Point Comfort and Norfolk at greatly reduced rates.

All tickets good for ten days, with special hotel rates after expiration of hotel coupons. For itineraries and full information apply to ticket agents: Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; 4 Court Street, Brooklyn; or address Geo. W. Wood, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

We are no longer, as we have been for so many weary and perilous years, dependent on the discretion of the executive for the preservation of the standard of value and the maintenance of public and private credit.—New York Times.

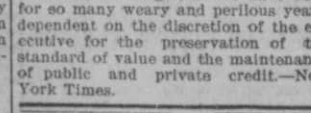
BOARD AND ROOMS.

WANTED.—Board by young married couple with baby. Address this office.

DYSPEPSIA

"For six years I was a victim of dyspepsia in its worst form. I could eat nothing but milk toast, and at times I was so weak that I could not retain food even that. Last March I began taking CASCARETS, and since then I have steadily improved, until I am as well as ever was in my life."

DAVID H. MURPHY, NEWARK, O.



Probably the reason a woman always confides a secret to another is because she is afraid she may die and there will be no one else to tell it.

MRS. GALLAGHER BETTER.

Mrs. John J. Gallagher, who was knocked down by a bicycle rider at Seventh and Market streets a few days ago, has recovered and is able to be out.



Plasant, Palatable, Potent, Frank Good, Do Good, never fail to give you 25c. Box 25c. CURE CONSTIPATION. No-To-Bao Sold and guaranteed by all druggists to CURE 750000 Habit.

NEWS FROM GOTHAM

A LETTER FROM THE NATION'S METROPOLIS.

Another Attempt to Reform—Two Views of the Saloon—Enormous Increase of City Salaries—A Conundrum—Minor Notes.

(New York Correspondence.)

If there is an other city in the world that has more liquor saloons than the square-roofed New York, I don't know what one it is, and yet the crusade of the so-called Anti-Saloon League now going on here is not having much effect. Six years ago the League began the first crusade in Ohio. It swept the state, and its progress was followed by the nation. Since that time it has established its crusade in thirty-two other states. It began its work in this state up in Poughkeepsie last May, and met with encouraging success. The fight is carried on in interdenominational lines. Through the churches the League hopes to reach the lawmakers and the voters. Meetings are frequent, and every man nominated for an elective office must pledge his support to the cause of the League's work or have the stamp of its disapproval set upon him.

We get one evil from the saloon in this city that you do not have in your own locality. There the saloon is usually satisfied to exist without interfering much with politics, but here in New York the saloon is the recruiting place and stamping ground for political parties. To seek office in this city without the sanction of the corner saloon is practically useless, and although the liquor interest is largely represented among the office holders, its members are good enough to allow an outsider to hold a minor office, provided he contributes liberally and promises to stand by them.

But with the Anti-Saloon League crying that the saloon must go, and that the corner saloon is a chamber of horrors, and Rev. Dr. Parkhurst advocating more freedom to saloons, it is but fair to assume that King Alcohol will have about the same hold on the people next year as he has this. When good reformers differ so widely as to measures results are always insignificant.

Meantime Tammany is reaching out like Oliver Twist for "more," and there is general complaint at the enormous rise in salaries in the various city departments. At the present time the amount paid by the city in salaries and wages amounts to \$41,995,350, or more than 10 per cent. of the total budget. This is an increase in salaries over a year ago of \$7,217,359, which is so large as to excite unfavorable criticism. A large part of this increase, however, is due to laws passed by the state, increasing the salaries of teachers and other public servants. The increase in the Department of Education is \$3,352,355, and few will offer any objection to this item. But there has been a wholesale increase of salaries paid to political office holders, and a marked increase in the number of "confidential clerks" and positions that appear to be sinecures. Tammany has discovered a gold mine in the government of the city, and, having at least two years more of power, is working it for all it is worth. The increase in salaries are in nearly every department, and include \$33,699 in the Mayor's office, \$28,540 in the Law Department, \$15,131 in the Finance Department, \$26,004 in the Police Department, \$265,583 in the Highway Department, \$444,239 in the Sewer Department, \$1,148,774 in the Street Cleaning Department in Manhattan and Bronx, and \$547,712 in the Park Department.

The bill introduced in Albany by Senator Treat to tax all savings bank accounts of \$1,000 or more, is meeting with a good deal of opposition by the bankers of this city on the ground that it strikes a blow at wage earners. One banker says: "It is a blow at the wage earner—at the industrious and thrifty poor who are striving themselves in order to put by aittance out of their daily wages." Without discussing the merits of the question at all, I would like to call attention to a singular psychological, social or mental phenomenon, namely: Why is it that the bankers are so very solicitous for the welfare of the workers, while the workers don't care a rap for the welfare of the bankers?

Rev. Madison C. Peters, formerly pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia but for the past nine years pastor of the Bloomingdale reformed Church in this city has occasioned surprise by announcing his intention of resigning. In order to join the Baptist Church, and, if possible, the Baptist ministry, although he has now no particular charge in view. He says that he believes that baptism should be by immersion only, and that it should be extended only to adult believers. He does not hold to infant baptism. With these opinions he believes it to be his duty to join the Baptist denomination. His resignation will take effect March 1. He says this is his hasty decision.

The old story has been revived, sans names, about John Brisen Walker, of the Comptroller of Magazines, and William Dean Howells. Walker engaged the latter as auditor at \$10,000 a year, some time ago, and could not see why a "littery feller" should not sit down at his desk and do his work in regular fashion, just as his bookkeepers and engineers do. He looked at his editorial den at all sorts of hours, whenever the mood seized him, and left in the same unceremonious way, and finally hinted to him that it would be much better were he to keep more regular hours. If ever there was a man thoroughly mad it was Howells, and he resigned at once. Mr. Walker thinks Mr. Howells is erratic. Mr. Howells does not say what he thinks of Mr. Walker.

VENTILATION OF TUNNELS.

Various devices have been used in Europe for the ventilation of tunnels. In some cases oil-burning or electric locomotives have been substituted for the trip through the tunnel, and in other cases artificial ventilation has been used.

FIRE INSURANCE AGENT.

Austin T. Humes, who is in charge of the renting department of C. W. Gooding's real estate office, has been made agent of the Union Fire Insurance Company, of Philadelphia.

THE BOER STRENGTH.

An Estimate From an Unbiased Source in South Africa.

(Natal Correspondence.)

That the English underestimate the strength of the Boer army there can be but little doubt. From the most reliable authority, based upon a careful estimate, the following figures are given:

South Africa Republic soldiers, 28,000
Orange Free State soldiers, 13,000
Immigrant Boers, 5,000
Uitlanders, 5,000
Natal Dutch, 5,000
Cape Colony Dutch, about, 8,000

Total, 64,000

As to their ability to carry on the war, there is little doubt of their successful resistance for months to come. They are controlled by the same intense patriotism, and sustained by the same intelligence, courage and fortitude that enabled the Americans to prolong for six years their war for liberty and independence.

The Boers have one great advantage that Washington's army was without—money, modern arms and a

SUNDAY TRAINS.

For Philadelphia (express), 1.57, 3.02, 4.55, 6.50, 8.55, 10.55 a. m.; 1.57, 3.02, 4.55, 6.50, 8.55, 10.55 p. m.
For Chester (express), 1.57, 3.02, 4.55, 6.50, 8.55, 10.55 a. m.; 1.57, 3.02, 4.55, 6.50, 8.55, 10.55 p. m.
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DELAWARE DIVISION.

For New Castle, 7.15 a. m.; 4.27 p. m., week days.
For Dover, 8.33 a. m.; 4.27 p. m., week days.
For Dover, Harrington and Delmar, 8.15, 11.04 a. m.; 4.27, 6.58 and 12.11 p. m. Sundays.
For Wyoming and way stations, 2.35 p. m., week days.
For Cape Charles, Old Point Comfort and Norfolk, 11.04 a. m., week days, and 12.11 night, daily.

Western Young Brides.

During the past six weeks marriage licenses have been issued to twenty-eight girls who were only 18 years old and under. The legal period for girls to marry begins at 18 years of age, but on an average of two licenses a week are issued to girls under 18, who bring to the clerk their parents' written consent before a license can be secured.

It was only a week ago that Judge Bishop granted a divorce to a wife who had been married in this city at the age of 13 years. The Judge was astonished when the witness testified to this fact and he closely questioned her as to her early marriage. This 13 limit holds the record so far for youthfulness, but since Dec. 1, two girls who were only 15, three who were but 16, seven who were only 17, and 16 who were only 18 years of age have been granted marriage licenses and have taken to themselves husbands. For all of these except the girls who are 18 years of age, the parents' written consent has been secured and is filed away with the stubs in the marriage license record. The twelve girls who were under age and have been married within the past six weeks have ranged between 17 and 15. The majority of girls who marry in Polk county claim to be 18, 19, 20 or 22 years of age, which seem to be the popular years in this vicinity.—Des Moines (Ia.) Capital.

Asked Lover to Choose.

Dr. A. L. Abbott recently employed Mrs. Mildred Grear, the divorced wife of Robert Grear, to act as his housekeeper at Cincinnati, O. Soon Roy told her he fell in love with her, and his sentiments were reciprocated. About three months ago the doctor removed his office to Newport, where he met Miss Irene Reynolds, a beautiful young woman. He transferred his attentions to her, although he still continued to pay attention to Mrs. Grear.

Finally Mrs. Grear learned of her rival. Instead of seeking her lover and upbraiding him Mrs. Grear went to Miss Reynolds and laid the state of affairs before her. The two women promptly agreed upon decisive measures. Together they went to the office of the doctor and confronted him. "Well, which of us do you want?" asked Mrs. Grear.

Dr. Abbott was greatly agitated, but he was not long in deciding. "I love you both," he said, "but I will choose the younger," turning to Miss Reynolds. "He has taken the morphine which I brought for myself if he chose Mrs. Grear instead of me."