

FRIEND JOURNAL: Permit me to offer the following incentive to the hopeful and patient disciples of Izaak Walton who loiter away long sunny afternoons along the raging waters of Elk Creek, contented if they catch a few "chubs" and crowing like roosters when they capture a few trout or suckers...

Besides pickering, our streams afford black bass, trout, cat-fish [here called "bull-heads"], a species of sucker called "red-horse," and of course the omnipresent chub, or minnow, as it is here called. Trout are rather scarce, however.

After an absence of some nine years, I have found on my return here the town very much improved. A noteworthy feature is the telephone system, which connects West Union [the county seat of Fayette] with all the towns in the county.

John Foot is in the Chicago grocery store and does a flourishing business. Several of our speculators have been shipping cattle to Dakota and Montana. It seems that, with all their stock-raising out there, cattle fetch better prices at present than here.

Had a talk with David Bell the other day—an old resident here. He told me of having met Ex-sheriff Musser and lady at the New Orleans Exposition and of having had an entertaining conversation with them.

Crops are doing finely, and promise to make up what was lost by a late Spring. We have had some good showers of late, and the "green things" are growing most luxuriantly. Fruit trees, however, have been seriously hurt by the winter's severity.

You may wish to know something of how prohibition is working in Iowa. Well, it does not altogether prohibit; a large quantity of liquors is smuggled into the State—especially beer. The law is, nevertheless, doing a good work, and in some places is vigorously enforced.

The liquor ran out over his door sill; and finally they came up town, got a pump and emptied the cellar in that way. But we hear that the freshest weakened the wall in one place and it caved in. The value of the vessels destroyed is quoted at \$500; the beer was worth as much more.

Think of it—O! think of it, ye guzzlers of the amber "sea-foam." C.C.Z.

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The Hat Exploded.

'Speaking of nitro-glycerine,' said Dr. Roberts, the oil torpedo man, to a group of legislators in Warren the other day, 'and its explosive properties, reminds me of one incident of a thousand that I could relate regarding it. At the factory where the oil well torpedoes are made we strain the nitro-glycerine through the crown of an old felt hat, and when the hat has served its purpose we destroy it. One day some of the workmen, instead of destroying the hat, washed it thoroughly and treated it with alkalis in order to destroy the effect of the nitro-glycerine. Then they laid it up on a shelf and forgot about it. Some two years afterward one of the men ran across the hat, and his curiosity was excited as to whether it would explode if struck a hard blow. He placed it on one of the iron arms that run out from the tinner's bench in the factory and struck it, while his companions looked on in wonderment. He struck it twice without any result, but the third time it exploded, blew the iron through a brick wall, knocked the man down and broke both of his arms, and wrecked the interior of the tin shop.'

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