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Gov. Beaver has declined. How provoking. But then Feidler may induce him to reconsider.

DAVID B. HILL—The mountain labored long and brought forth a mouse. You are not a mountain by a Hill of a sight, and you would only bring forth something more diminutive than a mouse. Don't do it David.

Put Pennsylvania down as *Solid* for Cleveland at St. Louis, and put her democracy down for the hardest fight they have made in a quarter of a century to carry their State. There will be no dodging of living issues and no resurrection of political dry bones.

A WORD to Samuel J. Randall—The Cleveland train is sweeping through Pennsylvania at 60 miles to the hour, don't get in front of the engine. Tariff revision is coming and well Sammy we respect your feelings, but don't put your foot in it again. As between yourself and Cleveland Pennsylvania is for Cleveland every time.

WHILE in Florida Mrs. Cleveland plucked orange blossoms and oranges just as though she was to the manner born. The first orange she plucked was a very large one and she threw it to Grover to catch, he caught it, on the nose and positively refused to catch any more saying that man's troubles in this world came from accepting fruit at the hands of woman. Had Eve hit Adam on the nose with an apple as did the President's wife with her husband, sin never would have got into the world, Adam would have got mad all over and refused to eat.

Keep up the Good Work.

The result of the spring elections throughout the County are indeed gratifying to Democrats and give evidence of the utmost harmony in local affairs, and the burial of past political family differences. All over the County Democrats have been making efforts to put the party in fighting trim for the coming campaign and the result is a harbinger of victory for next fall. We congratulate the Democrats of this County on the fact that the party is now practically united and all attempts at disturbance should be frowned down upon. We can't afford to allow the enemy to intrench himself in another office in Centre County. An united effort must be made to bring the party back to its old prestige. The formation of a permanent Democratic association in Bellefonte with leas-

ant rooms always open to the public with Democratic newspapers and documents will in a great measure serve to harmonize the party and to break the down unnatural barriers which have been raised between the Democrats of the County and town, by parties who hoped to profit by such antagonisms and by the silly cry of "Court House ring" raised by the Republicans and taken up by thoughtless Democrats. Every Democrat in the County should consider himself a committee of one to look after the interests of his party in his district. Whatever we do let us not be divided by the lies and intrigues of our political enemies. Let us each stand up our posts like honest true Democrats and if we want a fight let it be with the common enemy. Let every Democrat be our political friend, and every Republican be our political enemy. The success of the great principles of Democracy should be the first object of every Democrat. Among democrats "Let us have peace" and next November victory will perch on the Democratic banner, national State and County.

Watch Their Reading.

The real facts of the kidnapping of the little girl at Osceola by young Kinsloe, are given in this week's DEMOCRAT and are from the pen of the boys father. The boys story as told by the father agrees with the story of the girl and denudes the affair of any attempt at outrage or even thought of outrage on the part of the abductor. There is one phase to the case which should furnish food for serious thought to parents and that is the character of literature which is now put into the hands of children through the cheap publication of all that is most trashy in the line of stories or novels. The wild freak of young Kinsloe is traced to his insatiable appetite for the blood and thunder type of novels. The boys mind was perfectly saturated, with the false unnatural and pernicious stories of love, murder, kidnappings and the whole catalogue of crimes, until he fancied himself an adept at almost anything found in a five cent novel from an abduction to a murder. The out come of his reading was the abduction of Miss Walker, in a truly dramatic style. That the matter ended where it did is due perhaps to the last novel the boy had been reading. The taste for reading is in the majority of people an acquired one, if properly directed in youth the taste will be correct, and its effect will be to make intelligent men and women. If it runs to trash, the ideals will all be false, imperfect and impossible and the man or woman becomes dwarfed in intellect, lax in morals and utterly worthless as a member of society, if not its bane.

How important then that parents should direct the early reading of their children, any thing that tends to erect in the mind false ideals of human life, that presents man in any other light than that of a law-abiding citizen respecting the rights of his neighbors, and earning his bread by honest toil should in early years be utterly tabooed. As the twig is bent so will the tree incline. The early reading of childhood will determine to a great degree the bent of the more mature mind. Be careful what your children read. If from ten to fifteen you put into their hands proper books from fifteen to twenty one you will never fear for the healthy condition of the mature mind. The mind is broadened by a proper course of reading, it is dwarfed, narrowed and burned to a crisp by the flood of filth thrown on the market for the youth of the land. It is in the power of every thoughtful parent to prevent this dwarfing and corrupting of youth. The case of young Kinsloe is paralleled every day from the same causes and many times the degree of crime does not stop short of robbery or murder.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Only a few short weeks ago we wrote you about the happy completion by Mr. W. W. Corcoran of his eighty-ninth year and of the numerous presents received from his many friends. To-day we have to record his death, after a very brief illness. His life was full of charitable works, and many institutions, which owed their inception and success to his generous aid, will keep before coming generations the memory of Washington's noble hearted philanthropist.

Mr. Corcoran was born in this city in 1798, and here his whole life was spent. He early entered the banking business and soon became one of the most prosperous financiers in the country. It is said that he leaves an estate valued at about \$3,500,000 but more than that sum has been given away The Corcoran Art Gallery and the Louise Home were wholly built and endowed by him and one of his latest charities was to cause the remains of John Howard Payne, the author of "Home Sweet Home" to be brought from Tunis and placed in a tomb in Oak Hill cemetery and to erect there a suitable monument in his memory. Mr. Corcoran leaves no children. His heirs will probably be his three grand children who have lived with him for many years.

Washington's birthday was very generally observed. All of the Government Departments and the various places of business throughout the city were closed. The Veteran Firemen's Association and military companies paraded the principal streets in the morning. The day was all that could have been desired, and the principal streets were crowded with people during the entire day.

Notwithstanding the President's absence from the city the week has been an eventful one. Owing to the rivalry between the various cities in the contest waged over the selection of a place for holding the National Democratic convention. Politicians from every State and Territory in the Union began to arrive in the city on Monday, and each succeeding train added its quota to the crowd until it began to look as though even the far-famed hotel accommodations of the National Capital, which in the past has proven adequate for all demands made upon them would be taxed to their utmost, in providing for them. After a protracted and somewhat interesting discussion of the advantages offered by each of the several cities, as a place for holding the convention, it was at last decided that the convention should be held in St. Louis on the 5th of June. This decision was a bitter disappointment to the army of politicians from California, who came to Washington to urge the selection of San Francisco as the place for holding the convention. They made a determined effort to carry the day, and for a time seemed likely to succeed, but were at last defeated by a combination entered into by the representatives of the interests of the Eastern cities.

The bill providing for changing the day for the inauguration of the President from the 4th of March to April 30th is not likely to be acted upon during the present session. It was called up in the Senate the other day, and it was decided by a large majority vote to postpone the action indefinitely. This is in effect, a final disposition of the bill and it is probable that we will continue to inaugurate our Presidents on the 4th of March. H.

WASHINGTON, February 26.—The presidential party arrived here this morning from their trip to Florida. They express themselves delighted with the trip.

KIDNAPPED FOR RANSOM.

YOUNG KINSLOE'S MADCAP PRANK AND HOW IT RESULTED.

NOVELS OF A LURID TYPE.

They Inspired the Boy to Carry off Gertie Walker in Thorough Bandit Style.

OSCEOLA MILLS, February 23.—The excitement occasioned by the kidnapping of Gertie Walker, the 15-year old daughter of R. J. Walker, has reached its culminating point in the story of the case, which is made public by R. A. Kinsloe, the father of the young man who had confessed to the madcap prank of carrying off his neighbor's daughter. Mr. Kinsloe is the editor of the *Wage Earner's Journal*, a weekly publication printed in this town and his son, W. A. Kinsloe, the hero of this altogether singular adventure, is only 18 years old, and has been his father's assistant in getting out the paper. The *Journal* did not come out this week, but in lieu thereof Mr. Kinsloe prints a single sheet, with the acknowledgement that the scrape in which his boy had involved them made it impossible to issue a complete paper. He adds that the *Journal* is for sale at a sacrifice, and intimates his purpose to leave the region. He is apparently overcome with mortification at his son's strange action and disgrace.

The facts of the abduction and its attendant results are thus set forth by Editor Kinsloe: It is no easy matter, says Mr. Kinsloe, patently, for the writer to send the facts herein contained broadcast to the public, but justice to all parties demands that it be done.

THE ABDUCTION.

The father's account then proceeds: Friday evening last, February 15, Gertie, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Walker, of Osceola, with other school companions, was at the residence of J. R. Brown, calling on a young friend and listening to a number of her school companions rehearsing a piece to be given at a public school entertainment in this place on the 24th, and among the children was the only daughter of the writer. Mr. Walker is the proprietor of the planing mill and is one of our town's leading and most prosperous citizens.

Gertie had promised her mother to be at home early, and when the whistle of the locomotive of the train arriving here at 8:25 P. M. sounded she remarked that she would give to go home and immediately made preparations to go and, with Clara Brown to accompany her a short distance, started. Situated sixty feet from the residence of Mr. W. are the foundation walls of what was formerly a two story brick store, the upper part of the wall had been torn down for the reason that the building has long ago been condemned as dangerous. The joist and flooring on the first floor were not removed. To the rear of the building was the cellar, entered by wide doors leading from the street. The building having been abandoned, so to speak, the doors were left open, affording a secure retreat for the commission of almost any crime.

Gertie had reached a point opposite one of these doors when she was seized, her shawl thrown over her head and pulled into the cellar. Her hands were bound together, when she was told that if she attempted to make any noise she would be killed. Making the shawl more secure about her head she was carried through the cellar, around the foundation of another building, up Coal street one-half square to the alley leading to the Reveille building in which the *Wage-Earner's Journal* is now published. Here she was again cautioned not to make any outcry and then carried to the printing office and from the back door carried up two flights of stairs to the attic, where a bed made of old exchanges and an old blanket was arranged on which she was placed. Her ankles were then bound together and again she was cautioned about attempting to leave or make a noise. Her captor then left her

and she never saw him afterward. When in the alley she was asked if she knew who had her. Replying no, she was informed that it was Will Greenwalt.

THE YOUNG PRISONER.

Fearing harm would befall her if she made any noise, Gertie remained quiet until near morning. Working her dress around so as to be able to reach her pocket with both hands she after a long time succeeded, and with a small pen-knife cut herself loose. Afterwards noticing rays of light in the front of the building she quietly made her way to the front and found what is known as a bull's-eye window, it being covered with a sheet of binder's board. This she removed, and found it broad daylight. She saw Dr. Read and others on the street, but hearing some one down stairs was fearful that her captor might reach her before outside help could be obtained, she made no outcry, but once or twice did attempt to open the window. Shortly thereafter she discovered the stairs leading from the attic and then slowly, but quietly, slid down two pair of stairs, and ran with all speed to her home, where she arrived greatly prostrated from fright and nervousness.

She at once informed her distracted and weeping parents and friends who had kidnapped her (recognizing him by his voice) and at the same time gave the gratifying intelligence that except her fright she had not been injured and that no attempt had been made to commit an outrage.

Mr. Kinsloe then describes the search that was made for the missing girl, which was kept up by the parents and friends and in which there were none more active than himself. The impression prevailed that the child had been kidnapped by tramps, but after a fruitless search the article proceeds:

The writer advanced the theory to Rev. Mr. Miller and others that it was not the work of tramps; that the deed had been committed by some one in town; that the child, either dead or alive, would be found in town, and suggested that the Mayor call a meeting, offer a reward, send word to neighboring towns and then make a thorough search of every building in town. This plan was about to be adopted, when, as before detailed, the child returned, and from searching for Gertie the scene in an instant changed to a wild chase for the boy accused of the deed.

THE YOUNG CULPRIT.

The guilty one was W. A. Kinsloe, eldest son of the writer, aged 18 years the 2d of this month, heretofore a quiet, rather reserved lad, having few companions, working every day, seldom on the street even as late as nine o'clock at night, and, to our knowledge, never concerned in the usual and not unlooked for pranks, more or less mischievous or malicious, in boys of his age. On learning that a from house to house search was to be made, he remarked that he would step out and see if any clue had been found, and passed out of the front door of the office less than five minutes before Gertie made her escape through the back door. He eluded his pursuers until about noon, when he was captured and at once lodged in jail, this course being advised owing to the excited condition of many of the people. He was unarmed, and did not own a pistol.

The excitement is not to be wondered at, for the knowledge as to who committed the act and the return of the child followed so quickly, that no time was given for our people to grow more calm, even though many knew Gertie had not been seriously harmed. The high state of feeling being only a natural result following the commission of a heinous crime—believed to have been committed—we have neither any right nor any desire to censure. Bad as it is we thank God it is no worse.

HELD FOR RANSOM.

The boy's statement, as taken by the writer at Clearfield on Thursday, is that the girl was to be captured and held until a reward was offered for her return, the project being the outgrowth of the reading of that kind of trash literature in which kidnapping, highway robbery and like crimes form the basis. He asserts that while some such was frequently discussed with others, no one was engaged with him in his attempt to kidnap Gertie and that no one knew of his purpose. Friday evening he admits he

had two or three drinks of liquor with others, (won't say who they were), and while standing opposite Brown's, and seeing Gertie come out, the impulse seized him to carry her off. He asserts that he never thought of doing her any violence, his only purpose being to hide her until a reward was offered for her return. How he was to obtain the money without criminating himself he seems not to have considered, the scheme having been worked out only so far as obtaining possession of the girl and the securing of a hiding place.

"After placing her in the attic and still somewhat under the influence of liquor, he in order to wear off its effects, ran twice to the school house and back, to the depot and back—more than a mile—then home, where he kept tally for several games of dominoes, a few lady guests were playing, then retired. He heard the tannery whistle, supposed it an alarm of fire, looked out of the window, saw none and, as many others did, went back to bed, arising at 5 o'clock, when he went to the office, made the fire and then went to the Osceola train station to meet the writer, who had been absent all night at Madera. He then, with the writer, went to the house, ate breakfast and together, came to the office to begin work in the office. This was about ten minutes after 6 a. m. and for at least an hour and a half Gertie was in the office where we sat.

"Active in our efforts to obtain a knowledge of the guilty one, our keen sympathy and the sympathy of our family for Mr. and Mrs. Walker, the transfer of trouble from their shoulders to our own came like a thunderbolt from a clear sky and we have the best reason to know that the sympathy of Mr. and Mrs. Walker goes out to us in as full measure as ours went out to them.

The strike of the Brotherhood of locomotive engineers began on the Chicago Burlington and Quincy Railroad on Monday. This is an unusual proceeding on the part of this branch of organized labor, as a rule it is opposed to strikes and seldom engages in them. The contest promises to be as bitter as that waged between the Reading Railroad and its employees. The cause of the difficulty is one of wages, the Brotherhood having arbitrarily fixed a scale of wages some time in October last which was to go into effect several weeks ago. The company refused the terms dictated by the engineers and the result is a "strike." A peculiar feature of the strike is the ill feeling which exists between the Brotherhood and the Knights. The latter have offered supt. Stone three hundred knights of labor engineers from the Philadelphia and Reading road this offer is prompted in a spirit of retaliation as Chief McArthur of the Brotherhood offered three hundred engineers to the Reading in case they were needed when the Reading strike began.

St. Louis Triumphant.

St. Louis, February 25.—The delegation of prominent citizens sent to Washington to represent the interests of this city in its endeavor to have the Democratic national convention held here, returned this morning amid huzzas of the populace and congratulations of the friends of both parties. A committee of citizens met the delegation at the East St. Louis transfer station and welcomed them back to Missouri with bands playing and flags flying.

They were escorted to the Southern hotel, where a formal breakfast was given to them. George W. Allen welcomed the successful committee and was responded to by several members of the committee, and the feast wound up with an anthem composed for a similar occasion which was to have taken place in Chicago. The anthem was taken to Washington by Warren Leland, of the Chicago delegation, but their failure to get the convention, the St. Louis delegation revised the verses and adopted them for their triumphal return to their house.