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Salaries of County Officers. Mr. Walton introduced in the Senate last week a bill reducing the pay of County Commissioners, Prothonotaries, County Clerks, County Treasurers, and Registers and Recorders. Full instructions concerning the examinations will be sent to the different committees.

Worn at the Inaugural Ball. Readers of the Herald will be interested in the gowns worn by the wife of President McKinley and some of the ladies of her family party at the inaugural ball, which is said to have been the crowning glory of the inauguration. The gown worn by Mrs. McKinley was very simple, and it was what is known as a slash of silver. The groundwork was of white satin, heavily worked with a silver thread in a conventionalized bird design. The train, which was plain fall and sweeping, measured two yards and a half in length. On the left side it was open over a panel of seed pearls embroidered on satin.

Regiment at the bottom was a frounce of Venetian point lace of a special and beautiful design, a half-yard in width, which was cascade narrow at the bottom and gradually widened toward the top, until it extended its full width over the hip and on to the waist, where it was partly concealed under the full train. The right side of the skirt was also slash on one half way up, and under that also was an embroidered petticoat of pearls.

The dress of the bride was pointed at front and back. The lower part was of silver cloth, and the upper and the back of pearls. The same lace that is used in the Bounce was fastened at the top in an arrow point and draped lower toward the shoulders in a V-shape. From there it spread over the sleeves and under a strap of silver cloth, two inches at the top and four inches at the bottom. This strip was also embroidered in pearls.

The collar was of pearl embroidered satin. From it was a high Medical collar of the lace, wide and full, to show the pattern. Long and fairly tight, the dress was closed on the left side with a wrist with Vandyke effects, embroidered at the edge, from which they fell from narrow lace of the same design as that on the skirt.

With this gorgeous gown Mrs. McKinley wore a number of diamonds to fasten the lace, the handsomest being a diamond star and a sunburst of unusual brilliancy. She also wore exquisite side combs. The fan carried by the bride was of the same design as that on the gown, exquisitely embroidered in pearls.

The lining for the gown was of white satin, heavy and rich. Around the bottom were a spray of the lilies, to give a full effect play to the train. Mrs. Abner McKinley was gowned handsomely in a pearl-bine brocade of the same design as that of the bride. The bodice was devoid of, and trimmed with pearls, and the skirt was of the same design as that of the bride. The gown was of the same design as that of the bride.

At the ball she wore in honor of the proudest event of her life a stately gown of black satin, with plain diamond and pearl trimmings. The gown was of the same design as that of the bride. The gown was of the same design as that of the bride.

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Great Work of Hunters. Some astonishing figures are given in the annual report of the State Zoologist, Dr. B. H. Warren, and notwithstanding the great slaughter of animal life the fur trade of the State is very large. Dr. Warren's report shows that the State is producing more than one million dollars worth of furs annually. In Wayne county a large sum is annually realized from furs by hunters and trappers.

Mr. Morris' Marriages. Samuel Lohr has returned from Maurer Brothers' house, in which he has been located for several years, into the well-known Crowdsdale mansion. Samuel and Millard Hummel have leased H. W. Jones' farm camp. Robert Zimmerman, one of our most promising young men, has decided to spend the summer in the great north-west and will take his departure about April 1st.

Reminding With Smiles. Are the countenances of people who have had malarial and other fevers, or nervous troubles through the aid of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Such countenances are very numerous. So are letters from their owners expressing their appreciation of the great medicine. Among the signals of distress thrown out by the stomach, bowels and liver is a state of disorder, are sick headache, heartburn, nausea, loss of appetite, sallowness of the skin and eyes, and an uncertain state of the bowels. They should be heeded at once. If the Bitters are resorted to, the way-bone lung which accompanies sickness will give way to cheerful looks produced by renewed health. If you are drifting on the coast of disease, throw an anchor to windward by summing the Bitters to your assistance. It will keep you in safety.

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