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Mrs. Levi McDonald is growing weaker each day.

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Mrs. D. C. Basfield and children will leave on the 23rd, for Washington to spend the holidays.

Miss Anna Brown and Miss Phoebe Allen of Oskaloosa expect to spend New Years with Mrs. B. J. Holmes and friends.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar Lyceum will celebrate the Emancipation Proclamation of the immortal Lincoln on January the 2d. with a special program.

Mrs. Sarah Knox of Oskaloosa, was called to the city last week by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Jas. Renix of Ninth street.

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Rev. Timothy Reeves went to Galesburg last Wednesday to conduct the funeral services of an old friend, he will return to day.

Quite a number of people went to Colfax last Thursday evening to attend the Capital City Dramatic Club play.

The Mt. Olive Court entertainment last Thursday eve, on the East side was not very largely attended although a good program was rendered.

The Des Moines Harmonic Society gave another of their high class concerts last Friday eve, the 10th, at the East side High school. They appeared under the auspices of the teachers of Longfellow school. The Society was greeted by an audience of about 500 persons and the program was well received.

The East Side Baptist revival meeting is closed. They had a good meeting and took in six members with a good christian experience. Rev. T. Godbow worked very faithful through all the meetings.

Mrs. Lewis Clark, Mrs. B. J. Holmes and other of Oskaloosa will visit friends and relations in our city during the holidays.

Mr. Wilson Hughes is quite sick this week, at his home.

Mrs. W. M. Fletcher is very sick at her home on 1012 Crocker St.

Wm. L. Tomlin who has been very sick for about two weeks is convalescent.

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J. W. Hewitt has entered the employment the Champaign Laundry Co., and solicit your trade.

Mrs. Ella Smith left yesterday for Ottumwa, called to the bed side of her mother, Mrs. J. Hamilton, who is sick.

J. R. Erickson of E. Des Moines made the Bystander a pleasant call and also paid his subscription.

Mrs. I. Clark gave a very nice party for her oldest son, Fred. A large number of young people were present. A jolly time is reported.

Mrs. Joseph H. Shepard will do fashionable dressmaking at her home 1058 West Fifth-st., and also teach the improved Capitol Tailor System. Ladies are invited to call.

Miss Marie Thompson was married 18th to Mr. Mash. Mr. Mash is sexton of the East Side Baptist church. We wish them success. They went to house keeping at 322 S. E. 2d street.

Mrs. J. Debbles from St. Paul Minn., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Cunningham, and relatives. She expects to stay a few weeks.

You ought to call and see Moer shell Duffy & Fotheringham Xmas goods. They have a splendid lot of goods to select from and will be glad to show you their goods.

The Marquisville Baptist church was organized Dec. 5, by the East Side Baptist church and pastor. They are a good body of young and earnest workers for the Lord. We ask the prayers of every one in their behalf. They will build a church.

On last Saturday the report got out through some mistake that Mrs. John Mayweather had died suddenly that morning, excitement ran very high for a while, quite a number immediately on going out there was surprise to find her sitting happy in her pleasant home ready to receive them. It was her sister who had died that morning in Alabama.

Concert by the Great Western Band.

Our band boys gave their first concert and musical entertainment last Tuesday evening, at the East Side Baptist church. The band taken a very prominent part on the program. This society of musicians was recently organized with twenty-six pieces, they have been very hard workers from the start and thus far they have done well. They played a great many very good pieces. The attendance was large. Under the same management the band is sure to succeed.

Capital City Com. College Commencement.

On last Wednesday eve a class of thirty-one in the Shorthand department and twenty-nine in the Commercial department of O. C. C. college received their diplomas conferring the highest degree that the college can give. There was only one colored in the entire number, Miss Zilla Davis in the Shorthand department, this makes two diplomas that Miss Davis holds which is an honor that any lady might be proud of. Miss Davis received her education in Iowa nearly all in this city and is well known and highly esteemed by a host of friends both white and colored. She was on the State Census bureau in 1895 and received special comment for her speed and accurate work she is very amiable, intelligent and energetic and we wish her success.

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Our city mayoralty contest is beginning to warm up a little at this early date, for the election will not be held until next spring. It will give the people a long time to make their selection, yet these long hard fight among the citizens of our own city is not conducive of success it is usually persuasive to the interest and growth of our city as it creates strife and hard feelings which it would take several months of commercial trade to settle things.

GERMANY WANTS TO FIGHT.

The old German Empire wants to wipe the black republic of Haiti from the face of the earth without diplomatic observation or investigation utterly ignoring that respect and courtesy that the laws of nations has established. The Haytian government has according to reports wrongfully imprisoned a German named Lueders, the German Commander demanded that the Haytian government pay \$30,000 and allow Lueders to return whenever he wished.

ALTON SCHOOL FIGHT IN THE SUPREME COURT.

The mayor and city council of the city of Alton have filed their answer in the Supreme Court to the mandamus case filed by some of the loyal colored citizens of that place, to compel the board of education to admit their children to attend any of the schools in that city. The board of education has built two school houses in a certain locality and then say that these colored children must attend these schools and no other. This same mayor and city council had the police to eject all the colored children out of the schools that the white children attended. They claim that the legislature of 1865 passed an act, and that the city council of Alton to create such a board and cloth them with power to discriminate against colored children. We believe that the Supreme Court of Illinois will say to the board of education, the mayor and the city council of Alton that your law is unconstitutional and that the constitution of the United States says you cannot make a law that will discriminate against any of its citizens.

HAS THE DINGLEY BILL HAD A FAIR CHANCE?

It is undoubtedly true that many of the leading free silver papers of the country are trying to mislead the people by suppression of the truth, by the statement that the revenue tariff during the first four months of the Wilson law was greater by far than under the first four months of the Dingley tariff law, how could it be otherwise? The importers knew for months before that the Wilson bill would soon become a law and they held back their orders, and as soon as the duties was lowered, we were flooded and thus it can easily be seen that the first four months of the Wilson bill was the best in its history; on the other hand the importers knew that the Dingley law would increase the duties, so they crowded their ware houses with goods at a very low rate; with this great surplus on hands, that can not be used in the next four months, it would be the hardest four months that the Dingley bill will have; but with a certain increase in view one can easily see how unfair it is to make such comparison, and how false such publications are. As long as the American people sees the benefit of a protective tariff as they do to day, they will not be misled by no such comparison or falsehood.

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

The concert given by Miss Etta Davis with the assistance of Mrs. G. H. Brown for the benefit of the pastor was a grand success the children did well, they as well as their instructors deserve much credit. Some very beautiful Tableaus were exhibited.

The A. M. E. Sunday School is preparing for a Christmas tree and entertainment Christmas Eve, Meadames F. Roberts, G. Brown and Mattie Wade are practicing the children.

The Light House Society will meet Friday night at Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Martin. The society will give a grand reception Dec., 28th in honor of their First Anniversary a good time is anticipated.

The Ladies Industrial Circle will meet Friday with Mrs. W. H. Raspberry of 10th St.

Mrs. H. A. Perkins entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wade and Mrs. W. J. Adkerson of St. Paul Minn.

The Christian Endeavor of the A. M. E. church will be led Sunday evening by Mrs. Geo. Tylor every one is welcome.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Talbert and two grandchildren Dossie and Burt Jackson are visiting in Oskaloosa this week.

Messrs Randolph and Burfelt of Hiteman were in Albia on business last Monday.

The foling societies will entertain all visitors in the city during the holidays. The D. of D. T., the Odd Fellows and the Cluster Leaf Literary Society the church and Sunday school will also have a Christmas ship on Dec. 24th.

Mrs. Josie Meadows returned home from Muchakinock Saturday evening and visited over Sunday at the parental home.

Mr. O. G. Folsom spent Sunday at home with his family.

The A. M. E. church celebrate its 24th. Anniversary Dec., 16th this church is in a very good condition and very prosperous under the pastorate of Rev. A. Ford.

Rev. A. Ford was called to Chariton to fill that appointment on Sunday and Rev. C. Thomas officiated at this place.

Literary Program for Dec., 14th Instrumental, Mrs. A. Ford; Select Reading, Hencieretta Jones; A Chapter on the Bible; Mrs. J. Brown; Solo, Anna Jones; Journalist, May Davis; Debate, Resolved that fire is more destructive than water.

Boy wanted between six and seven years old to raise any one knowing of such, address Mrs. Dora Morris Albia Ia.

KEOKUK NEWS.

Mrs. Lawson Carol of Davenport Ia., is in the city the guest of Mrs. G. M. Tillman.

There will be a fine drama presented at the Pilgram Rest Baptist church entitled "Murder Will out," under the direction of Miss Carrie Smith.

Mr. John Drain has been ill for a week.

Misses Sandie Benthon, M. Jackson, M. Harris E. Draine and Mrs. Tillman are in the canvassing business.

Mrs. Jean Diggs is home from Burlington.

Mt. Olive Club presented Rev. Tillman with a fine turkey last week.

Mrs. M. J. Dove filled the A. M. E. pulpit Sunday morning in a very acceptable manner, Theme The Virginia.

Rev. Tillman preaches at the 7th., St. Baptist church Sunday Dec. 19th, the occasion being rally day.

An entertainment under the management of Mr. R. Krys will be given at Hamilton Ill. Dec., 21st.

Mr. Homer Jones one of the promising young men of the city, met with a painful accident at the canning factory Thursday. His little finger on the right hand was cut off and the one next to it badly lacerated, he has the sympathy of the community at large.

Miss Ella Drain and Mrs. Steels

left last night for Montgomery county Miss., where the latter sister is lying very low.

The children of the A. M. E. S. S. gave a fine concert Dec., 7th at the church.

Mt. Olive Club gave a first class supper, Thursday evening.

Rev. Tillman preached an interesting sermon Sunday night, theme, The Message.

IOWA CITY.

Special to Iowa Bystander.

Mrs. Mason has moved here for the purpose of educating her children, two of her daughter are now in High School.

The colored students in the University, number more this year, than at any time before in its history.

Mr. S. Joe Brown senior collegiate and junior law is one of Iowa's bright young men and we are glad to know that he will soon cap and gown the insignia of his accomplishment.

Mr. Jas. L. Dameron who has been but for the most part several years has entered Medical department and will also finish his degree from the collegiate department.

The young people had quite a nice time at the lath nailing at the paragon.

Mr. Ed. Welton who has been working on the hospitable left for Oskaloosa.

Mr. Wm. H. Mason arrived from tour of the east where he has been employed during the summer and fall visiting New York, Philadelphia, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Dameron entertained the former's mother, sister and brother at dinner Thanksgiving also a few friends.

Miss xamie Patterson returned from Peoria where she has been visiting her son.

Rev. N. N. Pharris has succeeded most nobly since he has been here, having built a nice paragon which he will occupy in a few days we believe he will have a very successful year in Iowa City.

MOUNT PLEASANT DOINGS.

Miss Agnes mason came home from mo., last Saturday night on account of serious illness of her father, she will remain until after the holidays and will then return to resume her work in the school room.

Miss Lyda Bartlett has been employed by Drs. Smith and Linn in their office.

Mrs. A. Carter is on the sick list.

Mr. mason is a little better.

Mrs. Chas. Wade has returned to the city after pleasant visit with friends in Ohio and Penn.

Prayer meeting is still carried on at the A. M. E. church.

Mrs. N. Page expects to spend the holidays with her sister in Ill.

The Christian Endeavor Society elected new officers last Saturday.

Washington correspondence Chicago Times-Herald: A statistician of Washington has demonstrated by carefully prepared tables that the 80,000 or colored people in the Capital city spend \$12,095,775 annually. According to the investigations the money is divided as follows;

For whisky, beer, wine, and other intoxicating drinks..... \$ 1,994,750

Shoes 320,000

Hats for men 127,000

Hats for women 250,500

Suits for men 1,055,000

Underwear for men 537,000

Overcoats, one each in three years 480,000

Clothing for women, excluding hats and shoes 680,000

Tobacco in various forms 531,025

Food and other living incidentals 6,120,000

Grand total \$12,095,775

A new form of delirium tremens was attacked a New York toper. While under the influence of a lively jug he was shocked by an electric wire. Now when he has taken too much whisky, he fancies he sees sputtering electric wires and writhing snakes, which shower him with sparks.

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It will be cheerfully conceded that Banker Spaulding bore an unblemished reputation until he was found out.

A paper in Havana wants somebody to lynch a few Americans in that town. The man to do the business is not the editor of the paper, we feel sure.

Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale said in a lecture in Boston that he found that nine out of ten in a class of girls in one of the city's public schools had never heard of Noah's ark.

A Springfield (Mass.) girl who ran away from college wore "a black skirt and a black flat cap." Meager though the description is, it is sufficient to enable anybody to identify the girl.

Believing in the possibility of recovering the iron contained in low-grade ore, and so bringing vast tracts of hitherto worthless magnetite into commercial value, Mr. Edison has devoted six years of time and nearly three million dollars of his private fortune to a process which, according to the Electrical Review, is now perfected and will have a tremendous effect upon the iron industry of the world.

The British taxpayer has learned that he can not afford to neglect the management of his city. He insists that he get the worth of his money, and that the business of the corporation be conducted honestly and efficiently. For this purpose he selects city officials on the basis of merit and keeps them in office as long as their work is satisfactory—no longer. On the other hand, the American citizen mixes politics with municipal business and intrusts the management of his city to one or the other of the political party machines organized for the benefit of their organizers and directors.

The son of Grover Cleveland is to be congratulated that he was born too late to be called the prince. That title affixed to the name of a young man means the grossest of abuse on the part of the newspaper reporters. They follow him wherever he goes. Let him be wise and a good fellow and they grow humorous over him just the same. Let him submit to interviews and they misrepresent him. Let him refuse to be interviewed and they insult him to his face and afterward in print. He is a marked man, and malice follows him as naturally as his own shadow. Let the little Grover thank heaven that his father is too old ever to be president again.

The annual report of Paymaster-General Edwin Stewart shows that during the past fiscal year the cost of maintaining the ships of the navy in commission was \$9,338,549, and of repairs and maintenance, \$3,668,930. Repairs cost \$1,774,203, and the Marine Corps cost \$316,713. The total cost of maintaining the navy during the year was \$17,514,231, not including increases of the navy and improvements. The paymaster general shows that, while there has been an increase in expenditures for stores, the purchases have been made with great care and with regard to the actual needs of the service, and that there has been a marked decrease in cost of supplies, as well as great saving in requisitions, etc., as a result of the system pursued by the bureau. General Stewart earnestly urges an increase of the paymaster's corps by twenty, and in support of his request points to the recent additions to the number of ships in the navy, each requiring its pay officer.

The London Times says: "The trade of the Mexican republic is increasing with considerable rapidity. Last year the imports amounted to \$9,395,547, against \$7,249,009, while the exports were \$11,750,000, against \$11,250,000 the previous year. The increase in imports was spread over all staples, but was chiefly marked in the case of iron and steel and in machinery and implements. British imports were greater in 1896 than in 1895, yet they only amounted to 17 per cent of the whole import trade in 1896, while they were 19 per cent the year before. The imports from the United States, on the other hand, were 52 1/2 per cent of the import trade of Mexico, against 45 per cent in 1895. This, our consul at Mexico observes, should warn British merchants and manufacturers that 'unless they soon make a serious effort they will have to give up all hope of profiting by the increase in the Mexican import trade, and may even lose part of the very limited share of it they at present enjoy.' The trade in textiles generally, in which England has so far held her own, becomes each year a smaller proportion of the import trade, owing to the improvement in domestic manufactures; metals and machinery, on the other hand, are every year growing more important."

Mr. W. T. Stead, having finished with New York, is now asking: "What hymns have helped you?" It is understood that so far none to whom the query has been propounded have referred to editor Stead as one of the hymns that have helped them.

Whoever is starving in Alaska will be much pleased to learn that their condition is to be called to attention of congress, thus insuring several eloquent addresses in their behalf which their relatives can put away along with the death notices.

The frequent occurrence of illness among jurymen in important criminal trials suggests the advisability of subjecting takersmen to medical examination before they are sworn in, so as to determine their ability to withstand the strain of protracted sessions.

Speaking of the United States, Miss Gonne, the Irish Joan, says: "Would that Ireland might come to share its blessings!" Ireland already has come for that purpose, says an exchange; if you don't believe it, ask the nearest policeman.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

CONFESSES HIS CRIMES.

"Little" Arthur Courtney Tells of His Wholesale Stealing.
OTTUMWA, Dec. 17.—"Little" Arthur Courtney, of Mt. Pleasant, who is now serving time at Fort Madison for wholesale cattle stealing in Henry county, which covered a period of several years, has confessed in prison, and implicated his cousin, "Big" Arthur Courtney, one of that county's prominent farmers, in the deal. With the confession at hand, the grand jury indicted "Big" Arthur. In his confession Courtney gives the details of the crimes which he committed, and the number of cattle stolen, which amounted in value to several thousands of dollars. "Little" Arthur owed "Big" Arthur Courtney \$2,000 on a farm which the former purchased of the latter, and he would steal cattle and drive them to his cousin's place, where they were turned in on the debt. The confession has caused a sensation and was brought about by the convict hearing a strong sermon by the prison chaplain not long ago on "Confession." He immediately sent for his father and attorneys and made a clean breast of the affair.

KILLED BY A BULL.

Terrible Death of L. S. Youtz, a Prominent Polk County Farmer.
DES MOINES, Dec. 15.—L. S. Youtz, a prominent farmer living near Ashawa, was killed by a vicious bull. Youtz was an old settler, was 68 years of age, and was widely known through the surrounding country. He lived alone with his aged wife. Mr. Youtz had gone out at 10 o'clock in the morning to feed his cattle, and did not return. Late in the evening a search was instituted and his mangled body found lying in a gutter in the field where the cattle were. The animal had been dehorned some time before, but the dead man's body had been crushed into a jelly by the repeated attacks of the enraged beast.

REPUBLICAN LOSES.

Woodbury Democratic Candidate for Sheriff Elected.
STOUT CITY, Dec. 15.—The count of the ballots in the contest over the office of sheriff of Woodbury county, terminated in favor of J. W. Gamba, the democratic contestant for the office, who leads by fifteen votes. W. C. Davenport, the present sheriff and republican candidate for re-election, was only elected by a majority of eleven votes. Gamba filed a contest, and is now found to have had more votes than his opponent. Davenport claims the courts will reverse the ruling of the contest court in declaring the election law unconstitutional. The question will go into the courts at the January term.

TO BE FINISHED IN 1900.

Commissioners of Cherokee Hospital Want to Finish It in Two Years.
DES MOINES, Dec. 14.—The commissioners of the new Iowa Hospital for the Insane at Cherokee have filed a report with Governor Drake, in which they review the work which has been accomplished since the commission began the construction of the hospital. Four hundred thousand dollars have been spent in putting in the foundations and completing the superstructure, and the commissioners now ask for an appropriation of \$270,000. They say that this appropriation is necessary in order to complete the hospital and have it ready for occupancy in 1900.

AN INTERESTING MAP.

Enterprise of An Iowa Newspaper.
DES MOINES, Dec. 14.—J. J. Hamilton, manager of the Des Moines Daily News, has gone east in the interest of that remarkably successful paper. He takes a map of Iowa showing in red figures the number of copies of the Daily News taken at each town. As the Daily News is only \$1 a year and a first-class newspaper, the map is crowded with red figures and makes a splendid showing.

Big Estate is Divided.

CHARLES CITY, Dec. 16.—Attorneys in the Charles Dexter will case met for the distribution of an estate of almost \$200,000. Hamilton College, New York, was given \$18,000; Charles Dexter, of Sedalia, Mo., \$20,000; heirs of Edgar Talman Madison, Wis., \$11,000; American Bible and other church societies, \$14,000, and the remainder to the widow.

Thieves at Atlantic.

ATLANTIC, Dec. 13.—Shandy Bros.' hardware store was entered and shotguns, revolvers and cutlery to the value of \$200 were taken. R. Church's horse and buggy are also missing. A. J. Sydel's carpenter tools were stolen, and it is believed local talent figured in all the cases reported.

Iowan Killed at a Crossing.

MARSHALLTOWN, Dec. 13.—Joe J. Kobb, the young farmer who was struck by a Northwestern engine at the Center street crossing one week ago, is dead. His death was the result of the injuries received at the time.

Frank Lyman Injured.

AMES, Dec. 13.—While working in the sawmill at the Iowa Agricultural College, Frank Lyman accidentally had his right arm caught in a revolving saw and one of the bones of the forearm was broken. He narrowly escaped death.

Governor Drake Appoints a Judge.

DES MOINES, Dec. 13.—Governor Drake has appointed Franklin Platt, of Waterloo, successor to Judge Tolerton, resigned, in the Tenth judicial district.

Norak in Supreme Court.

DES MOINES, Dec. 15.—Judge Kincaid, of the supreme court, listened to arguments on the Norak habeas corpus case, the question of bail being involved. The matter was taken under advisement.

A Steamer Drowned.

Dubuque, Dec. 16.—Albert Klavitt, 30 years old, met his death while crossing the river. He started into an air hole and disappeared before help could be summoned.

BETTY SMITH IS DYING.

Little Chance That She Will Ever Be Brought Back for Trial.

DES MOINES, Dec. 15.—Since the supreme court granted Betty Smith a new trial, there has been much speculation why this woman, convicted of murdering her husband for his life insurance, has not been returned to Des Moines and placed on trial again. At last an explanation is forthcoming. Betty is still in the penitentiary and suffering from an illness which the attending physicians say will result fatally in a short time. County Attorney Howe has been anxious to bring the case to trial, but has been met with the statement that she was too ill to be moved and could not be tried. To satisfy himself he recently paid a visit to the prison and there talked with the hospital physicians. They told him a trial at this time was out of the question and that in all probability Betty would not recover. She is suffering from bladder trouble, and has been told that her only hope is in an operation that might prove fatal, but she has persistently refused to submit to it. The attending physician says he does not think she will live long.

HORTICULTURISTS.

Officers Elected at the Meeting of the State Society.

DES MOINES, Dec. 15.—At the annual meeting of the State Horticultural Society the following officers were elected: President, C. F. Gardner, Osgood; vice-president, M. J. Wragg, Wankee; secretary and librarian, Geo. H. Van Houten, Lenox; re-elected; treasurer, W. M. Bomberger, Harlan; re-elected. Directors—Second district, A. Branson, New Sharon; re-elected; Fourth district, Wesley Greene, Davenport; Sixth district, A. L. Plummer, Ivy; re-elected; Eighth district, R. P. Speer, Cedar Falls; re-elected; Tenth district, P. F. Kinne, Storm Lake; re-elected; Twelfth district, Eugene Secor, Forest City; re-elected. Prof. J. L. Budd was elected for three years to succeed himself in the experiment station committee.

BIG STORE IS BURNED.

Letts-Fletcher Establishment at Marshalltown Totally Destroyed.
MARSHALLTOWN, Dec. 17.—Marshalltown was visited yesterday by the most disastrous fire since the one of 1870. Despite the efforts of the entire city fire department and willing citizens, the large wholesale grocery house of Letts-Fletcher company, one of the largest of its kind in the state, was completely destroyed, with the handsome three-story building. The stock was entirely ruined and the building almost so. The loss on the stock will be in the neighborhood of \$100,000, almost fully insured, while the loss on the building will be \$20,000, with only \$8,000 insurance.

Now Used for \$20,000.

WATERLOO, Dec. 16.—A fourth damage suit has been filed against the rapid transit company by victims of the wreck near Cedar Falls in October. The suit is instituted by Frank Fouk and is for the same amount as the others, \$5,000.

IOWA CONDENSED.

The Cedar Rapids boot factory, three miles out of the city, caught fire at 1 o'clock a. m. and was totally destroyed. Two employees were badly burned and may die.

In the district court at Waverly a few days ago Judge Clyde passed sentence upon Deliah Fails and Wm. Kern for the murder of the latter's father. The girl was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment and Kern to twelve.

A systematic method of stealing from the wagons of the express companies in Sioux City has been going on for some time. The amount stolen is not known, but the companies have lost considerable in the last few weeks. The police are working on the matter and arrests may follow.

The grand jury of Bremer county found an indictment against William Kern, the accomplice of Miss Fails in the conspiracy to kill his father. At the same time Deliah Fails entered a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree, which plea was accepted by the state and approved by the court. Later Kern was brought into court and entered a plea of murder in the second degree. This plea was also accepted.

James Hanson, an employe of the Brittain Packing Company, of Marshalltown, was recently quite seriously injured at the works while engaged in shacking hogs. The animal had been raised above him and was being let down on the bar to be stuck. In some manner it missed the bar and fell upon Hanson, throwing him violently to the floor. He was rendered partially unconscious, and it is thought he is injured internally.

Council Bluffs dispatch: R. N. Whittesley, surveyor of customs for the port of Council Bluffs, has disappeared under circumstances that lead to the conclusion that he is a heavy defaulter. On the 9th he secured from a local importer \$3,100 to cover duty on a consignment. Instead of sending the money to the sub-treasury at Chicago, he took it home with him. He left the house that evening and has not been seen since. Recently he admitted to friends that he was short in his accounts with the government. His books cannot be found.

Davenport dispatch: Another sensation will be sprung in the celebrated Behrens case, which has been a succession of surprises. Henry Langworth, the star witness for the defense, arrested some days ago for perjury, may yet be proven a trustworthy man, notwithstanding the state's claim to the contrary. The discovery is reported that Druggist Schlegel has not always placed the names of the purchasers of pills given on the poison register, and it is expected to show that Langworth did buy the poison to doctor a horse, as he stated. It will be claimed that Behrens stole some of this poison to commit suicide, and this is expected to give a new trial to Mrs. Behrens, sentenced for life for the murder of her husband.

ALL OVER THE WORLD

GERMANY'S LAND GRAB.

PERKIN, Dec. 13.—The German-Chinese difficulty is practically settled. Germans refuse to discuss the occupation of Kiao-Chau bay. The governor of Shan Tung is removed from office. No monopoly of the mines and railroads are conceded to Germany, but that country is given preference. The area immediately surrounding Kiao-Chau bay is set apart exclusively for Germany. China yields on all other points.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 14.—The Noulk says that the absence of protests from the other powers at Germany's evident determination to remain at Kiao-Chau bay indicates that the partition of China has actually begun and will proceed quickly. Another newspaper expressed the belief that the United States, among other powers, may object to the permanent occupation of Kiao-Chau bay by Germany. Russian official circles, however, appear indifferent to the step taken by Germany.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail says he hears that Great Britain agrees not to oppose Germany's occupation of Kiao-Chau in return for Germany's promise not to interfere in the Egyptian question. According to a dispatch from Shanghai to the same paper, the Germans are extending the area of occupation at Kiao-Chau and now control 400 square miles. They have arranged a German administration and are already collecting duties. The Tsungli-Yamen (the Chinese foreign office), says the dispatch, has appointed a prince to negotiate a settlement with the Germans.

ARTILLERYMEN ARE NEEDED.

Without Them the Great Coast Defense Batteries Are Useless.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Within the past 10 years the government has expended \$28,000,000 in providing coast defenses. High power guns with modern emplacements have been established at many points at a cost of \$100,000 each. These guns are practically useless for want of men of expert knowledge and skill, and they are in danger of rust and decay from sheer neglect. General Miles in his report calls upon congress to provide gunners. He recommends expenditures for additional defenses at many points.

Democrats Are for Cubans.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The caucus of the democratic members of the house of representatives resulted in the adoption of resolutions defining the party policy on the questions of Cuba, finance and bankruptcy. The caucus was largely attended, 101 of the 125 democratic members being present despite the stormy weather. The resolutions decided in favor of recognizing that a condition of war exists in Cuba; for a just and wise bankruptcy law; against the retirement of the greenbacks, and against the extension of privileges of national banks.

WHI KHI Thugs on Sight.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Because of the large number of "hold-ups" and highway robberies that have taken place within the past three weeks the citizens of the west side have organized a vigilance committee to assist the police. The chief plank in the platform of the new organization is that when possible every foot pad shall be killed as soon as he reveals himself, unless he happens to have the drop on the member of the vigilance committee. In such case arbitration is advocated. The committee numbers about 100 men.

Will Durrant Go Free?

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—In an interview, Eugene Deupreye, the attorney who is making such a fight for Theodore Durrant, gives warning of sensational developments. He says Durrant will not hang in January, as is generally expected, and declares that he will eventually go free. The attorney says that revelations will soon be made in the case that will cause a profound sensation. Deupreye says they are on the track of the real murderer and says that arrests will soon be made.

Famine Persues.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 14.—Advices from Dyea say that over one thousand ill-provisioned men who stampeded from Dawson City the latter part of October by the fear of famine are now madly forcing their way over the mountains. It is believed fully 25 per cent will perish on the way. Parties in Victoria will submit a proposition to the government to deliver in Dawson City within fifty days 50,000 pounds of provisions for \$75,000.

McKinley's Train Kills a Man.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16.—The special train bearing President and Mrs. McKinley and members of the cabinet from Canton to Washington, just after it left Canton, struck and instantly killed Luis Moinet, a laborer, who was walking on the track. His head was torn from the body. The president was much disturbed by the accident.

"Mother" McKinley Buried.

CANTON, Dec. 15.—The remains of "Mother" McKinley were laid to rest yesterday. The funeral sermon was delivered by Rev. C. E. Manchester, of the First Methodist church. The members of the cabinet, their wives and a number of other persons were in attendance.

Russian Grip on Japan.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 13.—The Northern Pacific steamer Tacoma, brings advices that Japan is exercised over recent events indicating the strengthening of Russia's hold upon that country, which is losing its belated attitude on the Hawaiian annexation question.

Hayden Ministry Resigned.

PORT AU PRINCE, Dec. 14.—The ministry resigned to escape interpretation to the chambers. The situation is becoming more critical hourly. There is a strong feeling against President Roux, particularly in the interior, and it is impossible to forecast events.

TALK OF A PROTECTORATE.

New Solution of the Trouble in Cuba—Insurgents and Antagonists.

HAVANA, Dec. 15.—Some of the rich Spaniards in Cuba have held a conference at Cienfuegos and Sagua to consider the advisability of sending a petition to McKinley asking the establishment of a United States protectorate over Cuba if the island is not pacified in six months. It is officially announced that the Spaniard forces under General Pando in the province of Puerto Principe have been pushing the insurgent leader, Gen. Gomez, so closely that he was obliged with 200 of his escort to seek refuge in the woods and mountains of Las Pelicias. The commissioners sent by General Pando to different parts of the island with instructions to negotiate with the insurgents for the acceptance of the autonomous form of government proposed by Spain, have not returned in a single case, which seems to confirm the reports that some of them were hazed by the insurgents and others elected to stay with the enemy.

MRS. MCKINLEY PASSES AWAY.

Mother of the President Dead at Canton, Ohio.

CANTON, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Nahey Allison McKinley is dead. Mrs. McKinley passed from life at a few minutes past 2 yesterday morning, with all her children and other immediate relatives at her bedside. She did not suffer any in her last hours, but gradually passed from the deep pained sleep in which she has rested almost constantly for the past ten days, into the sleep of death. The president and all her family were by her side. There were no recognitions, however. Her last consciousness was hours before her final taking away.

IOWA IN IT.

Lewis Miles and Joseph R. Reed Get Jobs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The president sent a large number of appointments to the senate, including many made during the recess, which have been announced as follows: Joseph McKenna, of California, to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United States. Charles G. Dawes, of Illinois, comptroller of the currency; Lewis Miles, attorney for the United States for the southern district of Iowa; court of private land claims, Joseph R. Reed, of Iowa, chief justice. The four associates are re-appointed.

TWENTY-TWO MISSING.

Wreck of the Cleveland On Van Couver Island.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The Merchants' Exchange received a telegram from Nansaimo, B. C., in which the captain of the missing steamer Cleveland says the vessel was wrecked on the west coast of Van Couver Island. She carried a crew of thirty and twelve passengers. The purser arrived at Nansaimo, having gone across the island. He reports that twenty-two of the crew are missing. It is supposed they took to the boats and were blown out to sea.

Austro-Hungary Alike.

BUDA PEST, Dec. 15.—Francis Kosuth, leader of the party advocating the independence of Hungary, has declared, in the course of an interview, that his party wishes economic separation from Austria as a lever to obtain political independence. "We want," he said, "a separate army and separate finances. The king of Hungary would be emperor of Austria as a sort of supplementary occupation. Vienna is already a suburb of Buda Pest, and in time Austria will become a conglomeration of provinces attached to Hungary."

Small Wheat Acreage.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 15.—Reports to the state board of agriculture, December 1, show one of the smallest areas of winter wheat ever sown in the state, the total acreage seeded being estimated at 1,483,000 acres, a deficit of 414,000, or 12 per cent compared with last year's acreage. The area devoted to corn this year was 7,051,500 acres, the largest since 1886, the total yield being 230,360,000 bushels.

No Tariff Tinkering.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Dingley tariff law will not be changed in any of its customs features at the present session of congress. An understanding to this effect has been reached among the republican members of the ways and means committee, who feel it is most desirable to avoid what is generally known as "tariff tinkering."

Passing of Alphonse Daudet.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Alphonse Daudet, the French author, is dead. He was dining with his family, when he was seized with a sudden syncope and died almost immediately.

Legalize Non-Catholic Marriages.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 16.—After a warm debate the senate passed the bill as to non-Catholic marriages, which had already received the sanction of the chamber of deputies.

BREVITIES.

Chicago aldermen a few nights ago raised their salary from \$3 a week to \$1,500 a year. The ordinance which accompanies it was passed under suspension of the rules by a vote of 56 to 8.

Burglars entered the postoffice at Ottumwa, Buchanan county, recently, obtaining a small amount of stamps and money. They were discovered and fired upon, but escaped. It is thought they were local parties.

At Davenport recently the jury in the case of Richard Steinecke, charged with assault with intent to murder his father, brought in a verdict finding the defendant guilty as charged. The defense tried to establish the prisoner's insanity.

Washington dispatch: In view of the senate resolution calling on the government to bid on the Kansas Pacific road, Attorney General McKenna has taken steps looking to a postponement of the sale of that road, now set for December 15, to February 15.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

HOUSE.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The house today passed the pension appropriation bill without amendment and adjourned till Monday. The amendments offered by democrats to correct alleged existing abuses were all ruled out on the point of order that they were new legislation. As passed the bill carries \$141,263,890.

SENATE.

Washington, Dec. 13.—A resolution was adopted calling on the civil service commission for information regarding the operation of the civil service law. Bill allowing settlers to make second entries on 100 acres passed. Secretary Alger submitted a recommendation that reindeer be purchased with which to convey supplies to Dawson City.

HOUSE.

The appropriation committee reported the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, with notice that it would call it up to-morrow.

SENATE.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Both the senate and house, after short sessions, adjourned out of sympathy for the president, whose mother was buried at Canton to-day.

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Washington, Dec. 15.—A bill providing for the prohibition of pelagic sealing passed, after an amendment by Pettigrew, providing that by the 1st of June next Great Britain has not disagreed to the pelagic sealing, all seals shall be killed, had been defeated. Allen presented a resolution of inquiry as to the purpose and the result of the recent trip of the monetary commission to Europe.

HOUSE.

The house spent the day in consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. Eighty-nine of the 113 pages of the bill were covered and only one amendment of importance was adopted. It reduced the clerical force at the pension office 95, involving a reduction in salaries of \$115,000. A resolution for a holiday recess from December 18 to January 5 was adopted.

SENATE.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Woolcott, of the European monetary commission, stated that the commission had not yet reported to the president, but he would explain the matter in a speech after the holiday recess. A resolution passed directing the secretary of war to send supplies to American sufferers in the Klondike region. House resolution for holiday recess was adopted. The treaty for the extension of the time for completing the marking of the Mexican boundary line passed.

HOUSE.

The house passed a bill appropriating \$75,000 for the relief of the prospectors in the Yukon river country, and also a bill passed by the senate yesterday to prohibit pelagic sealing by American citizens.

AFTER CIVIL SERVICE.

Republican Congressmen Organize to Find a Way to Cripple It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A largely attended meeting of republican representatives in congress was held at the river and harbor committee room to devise means for securing a change in the present civil service law. About sixty members were present, representing twenty-five states, having republican delegations in congress. Among those present were Messrs. Grosvenor, Weaver, Shattuck, Lybrand and Brownell, of Ohio; Werner, Mills, Prince, Balknap and Connolly, of Illinois; Steele, Faris and Landis, of Indiana; Hepburn, of Iowa; Costiss, Smith and Snover, of Michigan; Johnson, of North Dakota, and Strode, of Nebraska. Representative Hepburn acted as chairman. It was finally determined to name a committee to devise a plan of action and a resolution was adopted authorizing the chairman to appoint a committee of seven, the chairman of which shall be Representative Grosvenor of Ohio, with the chairman of this meeting as a member, who shall examine the bills pending before the committee on reform of the civil service and report to subsequent meeting of this conference by bill or otherwise.

LYNCHED FOR MURDERING SIX.

Mississippi Negro Meets Violent Death at Hands of a Mob.

Wesson, Miss., dispatch: Charles Jones, the negro who murdered Mrs. Brown Smith and four children near here, was captured and lynched by a mob. Jones visited the Smith home and brutally assaulted the wife and then brained her with a club. Then to hide his guilt he began killing her six children, only sparing the babe, which was left untouched. The 5-year-old girl regained consciousness and told her father the name of the brute. The murdered mother and four children were found dead and lying in the yard showing how they struggled to escape. The negro was captured and taken to the county jail and then brought back and fully identified by the little girl. It is said he was promptly lynched. The country is excited and it is feared other lynchings may follow.

Printers Agree on a Day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The conference between committees of the New York Typothetae and Typographical Union No. 6 has ended in a compromise. Instead of the nine hour day demanded by the printers, a nine and one-half hour day was agreed upon.

IOWA PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

DES MOINES, Dec. 17.—Six applications prepared in our office and prosecuted by us in the U. S. Patent office have been allotted to Iowa inventors as follows:

To O. A. Rogers, of West Union, for a device for drying hay.

To R. G. Rider, of Mt. Airy, for a nut lock specially adapted for railway rail joints, and for bolts in bridges.

To J. R. Braden, of Rowen, for a tree protector, made of woven wire adapted to be adjusted to trees, de-liciously fastened and provided with a top of bibulous material to be saturated with tar or other adhesive matter.

To H. R. Gregory and R. H. B

FLOWERS OF SLEEP.

There is a pretty story connected with the legend of the poppy. According to the old legend it is the flower-love of the swallow and fills the woods with sunshine at the bird's appearance, dying with its desolation.

Very ancient is the history of the poppy. Its name is entwined with that of the lotus of Egypt and the thyme of Greece. It was one of the flowers the ancients dedicated to Venus. The Shirley poppies in our gardens are descendants of the wild red poppy of Europe.

YOU CAN'T STOP 'EM.

The fire broke out in one of the packing rooms on the third floor during the noon hour, and had made considerable headway before it was discovered. The Sterling Remedy company is the principal industry of the beautiful little city of Attica, employing several hundred people, besides being affiliated with the interests at the Indiana Mineral Springs, the famous Magna-Mud Cure. The entire population was worked up to a frenzy of excitement.

Meanwhile the almost proverbial energy and presence of mind of "Hustling" Harry Kramer, the general manager of The Sterling Remedy company, was displayed. He was the coolest man at the scene. He quietly walked away, and secured a big carriage shop room near by, and had all office furniture, charred and delapidated as it was, taken there. Several shipments were made the same evening from goods saved, and on Friday morning all departments were at work in various rooms about town, while a gang of men were cleaning away the wreckage preliminary to rebuilding.

The actual damage amounts to many thousands of dollars; the loss due to interruption of business and confusion of detail is inestimable, but pluck and energy of one man will turn defeat into victory and move the wheels of business to ever-increasing speed. Nothing can stop the success of Cascares and No-To-Bac, with such characteristic force behind them.

What man has done, woman can undo.

HOW TO WASH WITH EASE.

Any Woman With a Little Experience.

Can Wash Garments Satisfactorily. That the family washing cannot be satisfactorily done with a scant supply of hard water and inferior soap is a fact not always understood by housewives. Yet these inconveniences are the cause of many faded garments. Strong lye soap, made in the home kitchen, may have answered for the use of our grandmothers, and the cheap laundry soap found in the village stores half a century ago was thought good enough for women who had learned to make head rubbing the work which good soap should have done. But in this age of progress labor-saving appliances are used by intelligent women, and in no place do they count for more than in the laundry. After sorting the clothes, put the linens in a tub nearly full of hot water, and rub them with Ivory soap. As each piece is washed, it should be wrung out, and placed in a clean tub. When all are washed pour boiling water over, and let stand until cool, then rinse, and starch the clothes. After the linens are washed, the white wearing clothes should be washed in the same way, then the colored garments taken through fresh soap, rinsed, starched, and hung on the line. When dry each piece should be taken from the line, shaken out, sprinkled, folded and laid in a basket until morning, when they should be carefully ironed.

ELIZABETH PARKER.

ABOUT THE HOUSE.

The unsightly creases which destroy the effect of a new boot or shoe may be removed by putting the boot on a last or stuffing it tightly with soft paper. Then quickly and firmly rub across the wrinkles with a shankbone of mutton.

Very effective table scarfs are now made of light-colored satin with bold leaves at the edge worked in white satin and gold thread so that the outline of the leaves rests on the tablecloth. Less ornamental kinds are embroidered in cloth of light tones in silk, waved at the edges, on which leaves and flowers are to be punched out in different color cloths.

Few people who have canaries for household pets understand their requirements. Each morning the bottom of the cage should be covered with clean, dry straw. Water should always be fresh and during the moulting season a bit of rusty iron nail should be added to the water. Brown rape seed, lettuce and apple should be fed the birds. A bag of sulphur hung in the cage will destroy all insects.

Miss Florence Hudson, of Baltimore, has a tooth of gold, with a diamond in the center of it. The ornament cost her over \$150.

PROF. JOHN RHYS.

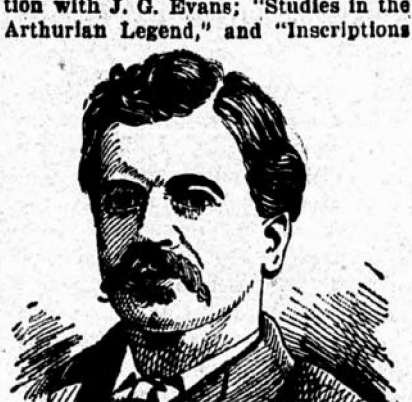
A SKETCH OF THE WORLD'S FOREMOST SCHOLAR.

He Has Been Honored by Every Enlightened Nation—Is Soon to Visit the United States—Some of His Best Works.



PROFESSOR JOHN RHYS is one of the most eminent of philologists in Europe. In 1873 the Societe Linguistique de Paris made him a perpetual member, and he was made a corresponding member of the Dorpat Gelehrte Ethnische Gesellschaft in 1887. In the same year he was elected an honorary fellow of Jesus College, Oxford. At the same time he was appointed professor of Celtic in the University of Oxford, and while occupying that chair he published his "Lectures on Welsh Philology." He had already established his reputation as a Celtic scholar by his contribution to Kuhn's Beitrage zur Vergleichenden Sprachforschung, to the Revue Celtique, and to the Archaeologia Cambrensis. He delivered the Hibbard lecture for 1886 and he chose as the subject "Celtic Heathendom," in which he illustrated the origin and growth of religion. In 1889 Professor Rhys delivered the Rhind lectures in Edinburgh on archaeology in connection with the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. His other works are a "Series of Welsh Texts," done in conjunction with J. G. Evans; "Studies in the Arthurian Legend," and "Inscriptions

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ITALY FOLLOWS GERMANY.

Rumors That She Will Demand Indemnity From Hayti.

New York, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Port Au Prince says: More trouble similar to the recent Leuders affair threatens Hayti; and Port Au Prince may have to face another menace of bombardment. Italy has long had claims against Hayti, and these, it is alleged, never have been settled. One claim which has been pending since 1893 was the case of a merchant of Port De Paiz, whose vessel and cargo worth \$80,000 were, it is alleged, illegally seized and sold by the Haytian government. The other case was that of an Italian fisherman assassinated in Port Au Prince last October, the man who was accused of committing the crime not having been brought to justice yet. Italy, it is reported, intends to push a settlement of these claims at once, and rumors have been sent back to the demands. If this report is true it is believed that President Sam will be forced by the people to declare war.

SIMPLY A SPANISH TRICK.

Autonomy Only a Scheme of Spain to Gain Time.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Full copies of the Sagasta autonomy scheme have been received at the Cuban legation here and Senor Gonzalo de Quesada, the charge d'affaires, says without hesitation that the Spanish plan is "merely a trick to delay action by the United States and to dupe the Cubans now in arms if possible." In discussing this scheme which creates the council of administration, Senor Quesada said: "It declares that eighteen members shall be elected and seven shall be appointed by the governor-general in the name of the king. Any impartial observer can see that this upper chamber will be always controlled by Spain, and if we further consider the requisites of membership no doubt can remain. It is necessary to have an annual income of \$4,000 for a man to be either elected or selected to council of administration and from this it can be seen that wealth and not wisdom and ability is the prime requisite for such preferment."

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OEMS OF THOUGHT.

The little that is done seems nothing when we look forward and see how much we have yet to do.—Goethe.

Loving kindness is greater than laws, and the charities of life are more than all ceremonies.—Falmagne.

Aspirations without faith are powerful only for destruction. They can kindle a revolution, but they cannot mould a new order.—Westcott.

To live in the presence of great truth and eternal laws, in which to be by permanent ideals—that is what keeps a man patient when the world ignores him, and calm and unoppressed when the world praises him.—Balzac.

Life is made up, not of great sacrifices and duties, but of little affairs, in which smiles and kindness and little services cheerfully rendered are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort.—Sir Humphrey Davy.

We lie in the lap of immense intelligence, which makes us receivers of its truth and organs of its activity. When we discern justice, when we discern truth, we do nothing of ourselves but allow a passage to its beams.—Emerson.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 18.

RACE ECHOES.

A serious fire at Tonguloo University, Tonguloo, Miss., Thursday of last week the dormitory valued at \$30,000 was entirely destroyed. The students escaped without injury. The building was insured. —American Baptist.

The new three-story brick edifice of the Colored Industrial Institute at Pine Bluff Ark., was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on the 25th. The school is in charge of the Sisters of Nazareth. —Statesman.

Negro of North Carolina are getting in their work this year. They have a half dozen postmasters and the only Negro Congress man for the present House is furnished by that state. As for minor position there are to many held by the race for us to mention. —Major.

George Kerford if perhaps the most active business man among our people in Atchinson and regardless of class or other distinction is one of the most substantially fixed of the Atchinsonians. He is a contractor, and is personally supervising the operations of two of the largest quarries in the state, owning one and a half interest in the other. These quarries give employment to from 50 to 75 men the monthly output amounting to from 30 to 50 cars. —Blade.

NEWTON NOTES.

Mr. W. E. Fine has been seriously ill but is improving slowly at this writing.

Mr. Jason Green has recovered from his recent attack of lumbago.

Several of our young ladies will spend the holidays out of the city. Miss Emma Mayes is agent for a book entitled "Mothers Story", she is meeting with success.

Several of our young men gave a sleighing party Monday evening which was greatly enjoyed by those who were fortunate enough to receive an invitation.

Mrs. Wm. Moore who had her limb broken several weeks ago is slowly improving. Her daughter Mrs. L. Coates of St. Louis is expected this week to care for her.

A grand entertainment will be given at A. M. E. church Saturday evening for the benefit of Rev. Lewis' wife.

The misses Green have opened a Fancy Work store in their fathers' store adjoining his barber shop. This is the only establishment of the kind in the state owned by Afro-American.

MARQUISVILLE NOTES.

The Marquisville Baptist church organized Sabbath last by Rev. Godbow and delegation from East Side Baptist church of Des Moines, is progressing nicely. Services are held at 11:30 a. m. and 8 p. m. The Sabbath school, under the management of Miss Sidney Davis is preparing for a Christmas tree and program on the 28th.

A good program was rendered at the literary last Thursday night. The literary in Marquisville is a late organization, the officers are as follows: Mr. Thomas Raleigh; President, Mr. Scott Mitchell; Vice President, Miss Sidney J. Davis; Secretary, Mrs. Sarah Jones; Treasurer, Mrs. Maggie Nicholas; Chaplain, Mr. Noble Morris; Critic. Visitors are most welcome.

There will be a festival given in the hall Monday Dec. 20, for the benefit of the Sabbath School.

We were expecting Rev. Reeves Sunday but he failed to come.

After 3 o'clock Sunday School the Methodist had class and a very nice union meeting.

Mrs. Emma Pindexter is teaching the bible class in the 3 o'clock Sunday School. She starts out on her missionary duties, hunting up children for the school.

Mr. John Robinson returned from the city Saturday, very much improved.

Mr. Ed Knowles has opened a first class barber shop.

Mr. Tom Brown is convalescing. He has been ailing with the tonsillitis.

CLINTON ITEMS.

Miss Emma Saylor is recent addition to the clerical force of the candy kitchen.

The election of trustees for the ensuing year takes place at Bethel A. M. E. church on Thursday evening.

At the last regular meeting of Gen. M. Crocker S. V. No. 120 the annual election of officers was held. A. A. Bush being elected 1st Lieut. unanimously and Wm. Allen members of the Camp Council.

F. E. McNeal of the candy kitchen and J. Hancock, Clintons popular confectioners and caterers are showing some very choice articles in their line already, there holiday trade is very extensive.

A most unfortunate accident in the construction of the new Economic Opera House occurred Friday morning, the inner wall and archway 60 ft. square in the west wall 30 ft of the east wall together with the inside timbers and roof fell and are in a heap the rear end wall 70 ft high is still standing. Gen. Smith Government architect is in the city looking over the wreck his opinion is the places of the building are all right and that the building when finished will be perfectly safe. The cause of the collapse being the warm weather melting the ice in the mortar which becomes frozen while the walls were in construction.

The annual Christmas tree of the A. M. E. Sunday school will be held on Christmas Eve with appropriate program.

DEADLY SHOTS FIRED BY GUN

In One Instance an Innocent Man Was Sentenced to Be Hanged.

In a recent paper appeared an account of a strange accident in which a man was killed by the discharge of a gun while lying asleep on a lounge in his room, the weapon being discharged by reflected rays of the sun falling upon the cartridge chamber of the firearm, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. Since the publication of the story a correspondent from York, Pa. writes concerning the accident and refers to a similar case, in which, through the efforts of a clever Cincinnati lawyer named G. C. Wallis, the person accused of murder and sentenced to be hanged was set at liberty, the circumstantial evidence on which he was convicted being entirely exploded by a witnessed demonstration as to how the accident really occurred. The York correspondent referred to volume 12 of the Criminal Law Magazine, page 607, on which a full account of the case appears. The case was that of the state of Tennessee against Avery, tried in Henry county, that state, and is one of the most remarkable in the history of criminal jurisprudence. In June, 1887, Charles Ensley, the cousin of a man of the name of Avery, was killed in his room while lying on a lounge about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The weapon which caused the death was a small rifle, sending a 32-caliber ball through Ensley's brain. No one was in the house at the time but Ensley. An empty rifle was found lying on a rack on a wall of the room in which the killing occurred and the bullet fitted the tube. Avery was arrested for the crime, as he was the only living relative to Ensley, and by his death profited to the amount of about \$100,000. Avery was tried, pleaded not guilty, but was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged. He appealed to the Supreme court and engaged Mr. Wallis to defend him. The Supreme court remanded the case back to the Circuit court on technical errors. Two mistrials were brought about and then came the strangest part of the story. The brilliant Wallis struck the keynote to the mystery. In August, 1891, he had the rifle loaded and hung on the wall. A white sheet with the form of a man marked on it was placed in exactly the position occupied by Ensley when lying asleep, and a heavy cut-glass pitcher of water like the one found in the room was placed on the shelf above. The temperature was 90 degrees in the shade, one of the hottest days of the year. The pitcher acted as a sun shining through the water were refracted directly on the cartridge chamber of the rifle. Eight witnesses were in the room and a few minutes after 3 o'clock a puff and a report occurred and the ball struck the outlined form back of the ear in the exact location where Ensley was shot and the theory of circumstantial evidence went to pieces. The incident, being witnessed and sworn to, readily explained itself to the jury.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON SPECIAL EXECUTION.
State of Iowa, Polk county, ss: District Court of Polk county, Iowa.
Des Moines Investment Company versus Alexander S. Brown, Lavinia F. Brown, et al. By virtue of a special execution to me directed, issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Polk county, Iowa, in favor of Des Moines Investment Company, and against Alexander S. Brown, on a judgment rendered by said court on the 20th day of November, A. D. 1897, wherein it was ordered, adjudged and decreed that the following described property be sold to satisfy said judgment, to-wit: The south eighteen (18) feet of the North thirty-six (36) feet, and five (5) inches of lot ten (10), division two (2), of Grimmer's addition, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa.
Now therefore, public notice is hereby given that unless the said defendants appear at my office in Des Moines on or before the 6th day of January, A. D. 1898, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day, at which time said aforesaid property is hereby advertised to be sold, and pay off the amount of said judgment, with interest and costs, I will sell said property, or sufficient thereof to satisfy said execution, with interest and costs, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, at the east front door of the court house, in Des Moines Iowa, for cash in hand to pay off said execution.

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Notice to redeem from tax sale:
To Myrtle A. and F. M. Swain: You are hereby notified, that the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit:
Lot seven (7) Gray's subdivision of lot sixty-one (61) of the C. & D. addition, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa; was sold for taxes for the year 1895, on the 3d day of December, 1894, to A. H. Kelsey, who assigned the certificate of sale thereof to J. S. Coskery, that the certificate of sale thereof has been assigned by J. S. Coskery to, and is now owned by B. F. Loose, and that the right of redemption will expire, and a Treasurer's deed for said land will be made unless redemption from such sale be made within ninety days from the completed service of this notice. You will govern yourself accordingly.

Dated 1st day of November, A. D. 1897.

B. F. LOOSE.

Owner and present holder of the certificate

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION TO REDEEM FROM TAX SALE.

To T. J. Hudson: You are hereby notified, that the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot two (2) of block two (2) in Stanley's addition, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa, was sold for the taxes of 1893 on the fourth day of December, A. D. 1894, to A. H. Kelsey, that the certificate of sale thereof was assigned by the said A. H. Kelsey to, and is now owned by B. F. Loose, and that the right of redemption will expire, and a Treasurer's deed for said land will be made unless redemption from such sale be made within ninety days from the date of completion of service of this notice. You will govern yourself accordingly.

Dated this 24th day of Nov., A. D. 1897.

B. F. LOOSE.

Owner and present holder of the certificate

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION.

To C. M. Brookhalt: You are hereby notified, that the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot four (4), in block eight (8) in the town of Polk City, Polk county, Iowa, was sold for the taxes of 1893, on the twenty-fourth day of December, 1894, to A. N. Porter, that the certificate of sale thereof has been assigned to and is now owned by Addie Taylor, and that the right of redemption will expire, and a Treasurer's deed for said land will be made unless redemption from such sale be made within ninety days from the date of completion of service of this notice. You will govern yourself accordingly.

Dated this 17th day of Nov. A. D. 1897.

ADDIE TAYLOR.

By GEO. M. TAYLOR, Agent.

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION.

To F. S. Tovey: You are hereby notified, that the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot eighty-four (84), Gray's subdivision of lot 61, Brooks & Co.'s addition, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for taxes for the year 1893 on the 3rd day of December, 1894, to W. G. Hamlin, who assigned said certificate to J. S. Coskery, that the certificate of sale thereof has been assigned by J. S. Coskery to, and is now owned by B. F. Loose, and that the right of redemption will expire, and a Treasurer's deed for said land will be made unless redemption from such sale be made within ninety days from the date of completion of service of this notice. You will govern yourself accordingly.

Dated this 19th day of Oct., A. D. 1897.

B. F. LOOSE.

Owner and present holder of the certificate

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON SPECIAL EXECUTION.

STATE OF IOWA, POLK COUNTY, ss: District Court of Polk county, Iowa.
E. C. Sickles versus W. T. Swearingen and Ella Swearingen.
By virtue of a special execution to me directed, issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Polk county, Iowa, in favor of E. C. Sickles and against W. T. Swearingen and Ella Swearingen, on a judgment rendered by said court on the 20th day of November A. D. 1897, wherein it was ordered, adjudged and decreed that the following described property be sold to satisfy said judgment, to-wit: Begin at a point twenty five (25) feet North and twenty five (25) feet East of the South west corner of the North one-half of the South-east quarter of the South-west quarter of section twenty-three (23) in township seven (7) N., Range twenty-four (24), West of the 5th P. M., Iowa, running thence North fifty (50) feet, thence East one hundred (100) feet, thence South fifty (50) feet, thence West one hundred (100) feet to the place of beginning.
Now therefore public notice is hereby given that unless the said defendants appear at my office in Des Moines on or before the 6th day of January, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at which time said aforesaid property is hereby advertised to be sold, and pay off the amount of said judgment, with interest and costs, I will sell said property, or sufficient thereof to satisfy said execution, with interest and costs, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, at the east front door of the court house, in Des Moines Iowa, for cash in hand to pay off said execution.

J. E. STOUT.
Sheriff of Polk county, Iowa.

By S. Compton, Deputy.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Eighth Church of Christ—situated on Eleventh St. between Crocker and School Sts. is preaching at 11:30 a. m. Sunday School at 9 o'clock. Christian Endeavor: F. M. preaching at 8 p. m. Rev. Geo. F. Duffy, pastor.
St. Paul A. M. E. Corner of Second and Center Streets. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. Sunday School at 3 o'clock. Epworth League at 7 p. m.; preaching at 8 p. m. T. Heaves, pastor.
Baptist—East Second Street—between Walnut and Court Avenue. Services at 10 a. m. Sunday School at 1 p. m. Bible services at 6:30 p. m. conducted by Mrs. Williams. Regular services at 7:30 p. m. Rev. T. Godbow, pastor.
First African Baptist Church—Corner Fourth and School; preaching at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 12 m.; preaching at 8 p. m. Rev. F. Lousack, pastor.
Burns M. E. East Second and Des Moines street—Preaching at 10:30; Sunday School at 11:30. Sunday school at 12:30 p. m. preaching at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday. Rev. T. A. Clark, pastor.

SECRET ORDERS.

North Star Lodge, No. 2, A. F. A. M.—Meets First Tuesday of each month at Masonic Hall—Corner West Sixth and Walnut. G. H. Cleggitt, W. M.; J. F. Biagioni, secretary.
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King Solomon Commandery, No. 6—Meets Second and Fourth Tuesdays in each month at Masonic Hall. Fred Jackson, M. C.; G. H. Cleggitt, Rec.
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Neomi C. N. 3—Meets Second Monday in each month at Masonic hall. Mrs. J. H. Shepard, matron; Mrs. Fred Jackson, secretary.
Iowa Chapter, O. E. S.—Meets Third Wednesdays of each month at Masonic hall. Mrs. G. H. Cleggitt, matron; Mrs. Mary Bell, secretary.
Mt. Olive Court, No. 4—Meets First Thursday of each month at Masonic hall. Mrs. Susa White, matron; Mrs. Flora Majors, secretary.
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON SPECIAL EXECUTION.

STATE OF IOWA, POLK COUNTY, ss: District Court of Polk county, Iowa.
Nancy C. McWilliams versus Seth Macy, Frances D. Macy, New England Loan and Trust Company.
By virtue of a special execution to me directed, issued by the clerk of the district court of Polk county, Iowa, in favor of Nancy C. McWilliams, and against Seth Macy, on a judgment rendered by said court on the 24th day of November, A. D. 1897, wherein it was ordered, adjudged and decreed that the following described property be sold to satisfy said judgment, to-wit: The south-east quarter (S. E. 1/4) of the south-west quarter (S. W. 1/4) of section thirty-three (33), township seven (7) N., range twenty-four (24), west of the 5th P. M., Polk county, Iowa.
Now therefore, public notice is hereby given that unless the said defendants appear at my office in Des Moines on or before the 6th day of January, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at which time said above described property is hereby advertised to be sold, and pay off the amount of said judgment, with interest and costs, I will sell said property, or sufficient thereof to satisfy said execution, with interest and costs, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, at the east front door of the court house, in Des Moines Iowa, for cash in hand to pay off said execution.

J. E. STOUT.
Sheriff of Polk county, Iowa.

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To Andie Terrill: You are hereby notified that the real estate hereinafter described, situated in Polk county, Iowa, was sold at tax sale on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1894, for the taxes thereon for the year 1891, to-wit: Lot number nineteen (19) in the subdivision of lots 50 and 62 of Brooks & Company's addition to East Fort Des Moines, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines. That it was purchased at said sale by W. G. Hamlin, and that I am the lawful holder of the certificate of purchase thereon by assignment; that the right of redemption from said tax sale will expire, and a Treasurer's deed for said real estate will be made unless redemption from said tax sale is made within ninety (90) days from the completion of service of this notice.
Dated this 17th day of Nov., A. D. 1897.
B. F. LOOSE, T. A. STOUT.

Lawful holder and owner of said certificate.

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