

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Eat Sowle's Candy.  
 C. H. Marion drove to Morrill Monday.  
 Fred Windle of Salem was in town Monday.  
 Sam Edgar and wife drove to Barada Monday.  
 Jim Dewald was in Reserve on business Wednesday.  
 Rib roasts and chuck steak for 8c at Knox & Simons.  
 Bert Whitaker was in Pawnee City on business Wednesday.  
 County Treasurer Zook went to Humboldt yesterday afternoon.  
 Do not forget Coupe & Thornton when you want good meat cheap.

Johnstons will save you money on corsets. See their offer elsewhere. It

J. H. Haver of Hiawatha was in the city on business the last of the week.

Remember that Coupe & Thorntons corn fed beef and pork cannot be excelled.

One of the big white horses belonging to the Chicago Lumber & Coal Co. died Tuesday.

We are still making special low prices on lard and cured meats of all kinds.—Coupe & Thornton.

Peter Kaiser came down from Nebraska City Wednesday to look after his business interests here.

Mrs. Shaffer, wife of Dr. Shaffer of Morrill, Kansas, was visiting in this city during the week.

Mabel Hillyard, daughter of J. S. Hillyard has been very ill this week, but her condition is now improving.

Mrs. Beachel sold four lots to the officials of the Brethren church on which they intend to erect a parsonage at once.

J. L. Slocum placed a new drain pipe on his new building located where John Oswald's old photo studio used to stand.

Two automobile loads of people came down from Nims City Wednesday evening to take in the play at the Jenne opera house.

Practically everyone in Falls City is a convert to the dragging process of improving the roads. The good results of the plan as applied to the streets of Falls City are convincing.

Mrs. Tichen and little child of Dawson, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Murphy, in this city, left Wednesday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. E. C. Hill, jr., near Stella.

Although I have been unfortunate in sustaining an accident, I have been fortunate in securing a first class tailor and my business will go on just the same. Call and examine our line of new spring woolens.—Chas. Hoffman.

Now is the season of the year when man has to contend with his neighbor's chickens. These domestic fowls have caused more neighborhood quarrels and more hard feeling than almost all other causes combined. A man who cares for the good opinion of his neighbors will not allow his chickens to run at large.

Church Announcements.

Rev. Robert P. Howie of Hansen, Neb., will occupy the pulpit at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening and a full church membership is requested to be present at these services.

There will be services at the Brethren church on Saturday evening also regular morning and evening service on Sunday. Rev. Chas. F. Yoder of Ashland Ohio will preach in the city Saturday and Sunday evenings and on Sunday morning at Silver Creek.

Service at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening as follows: Communion and sermon 11 a. m.; evening song service and sermon 7:30 p. m.; Bible school 9:45 a. m.; Junior 3 p. m.; Endeavor 6:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.—J. Elza Holly, pastor.

Palm Sunday, March 27 services at the usual hours and Catechism at noon. During Holy week there will be an address each afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Sermon on the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 7:30 p. m. The Three Hours Devotion will begin promptly at 12 o'clock m. The rector of St. Thomas church especially invites all Christian people to attend the Good Friday services. The sermons will be very plain and easy to follow.—Rev. H. B. Smith, Rector.

BOSTON'S JEWELLED TREE.

Chinese Imperial Treasure in the Museum of Fine Arts.

Recently a story has been going the rounds of the press of the country about "the famous jeweled tree belonging to the imperial family of China" which found its way into the Boston museum of fine arts in some mysterious manner and that "an effort has been made to restore it to the Chinese government."

The article also stated that "for more than two centuries this treasure, made of native Chinese precious stones, standing two and one-half feet high, and radiating a brilliant mass of colors, had been closely guarded day and night, few persons knowing of its existence or where it was kept. Its disappearance several years ago caused a furor among Chinese officials."

Now, there is a somewhat famous Chinese jeweled tree, or branch, in the Boston museum of

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fine arts which in a sense answers the description of the above, but its history is fairly well known and there is no record at the museum that the Chinese government ever took the slightest notice of the fact that the museum possessed this treasure, which has been on exhibition in the ceramic room on the second floor for more than ten years, says the Boston Globe. It is a gift of the late Frederick L. Ames, or rather it is a portion of a magnificent collection of jades and crystals which that millionaire presented to the museum.

There is no doubt that this tree belonged to the imperial family, but there is considerable doubt as to its "sacredness," for the Emperor Tung Che, who preceded the present empress dowager on the throne of China, is known to have presented it to Chung Ho, at one time Chinese minister to Russia, when the latter was about to leave Peking for St. Petersburg to negotiate a treaty with the Russian government. It was probably one of the presents which the Chinese emperor sent the Russian emperor, as is and always has been a custom of the Chinese emperors whenever an envoy was sent away on any important diplomatic mission.

However that may be, certain it is that the "sacred tree" never reached the Russian emperor and probably never left Chung Ho's palace in Peking.

Chung Ho made a very bad mess of his diplomatic mission at the time and he was recalled in disgrace. He was tried and sentenced to imprisonment for life, a sentence which was subsequently commuted and a fine of 2,000,000 taels imposed instead. This was about \$1,400,000 and Chung Ho, not having so much ready cash on hand, sought some wealthy pawnbroker and disposed of some of his personal treasures, among which was the so-called "sacred tree."

In some way Herter, the big New York dealer, through his agents, heard of Chung Ho's pawned treasures, and among

other things he purchased the "sacred tree." At the time it was suspected that Herter was purchasing for William K. Vanderbilt and Cornelius Vanderbilt, whose mansions in Fifth avenue he was then building and furnishing. How it came into possession of the late Frederick L. Ames only members of the family know.

Mr. Ames for years had been collecting oriental jades and crystals, and these he presented, as has been said, to the museum of fine arts. There are several finer specimens in this collection than the "sacred tree," although the latter is the largest in the case. It is about two and one-half feet in height and consists of a lacquered base with a fine design, into which is set a beautiful light greenish jade vase; out of the latter apparently grows the branch or tree with gold stems, dark green jade or jadeite leaves and blossoms of brownish purple hue with white jadeite magnolia blossoms on top of the branch.

Curious Motor Race.

The most curious motor-race ever organized was held in Paris. The competitors were taken to the top of the Eiffel tower, and a distant church-spire was pointed out to them. Then they had to descend, get aboard their machines, and find their way through the maze of streets to the church.

Diving Pigs.

As a rule pigs are generally averse to water, but Mr. J. Turner-Turner reports some diving pigs, which, he says, live in an almost wild condition on certain of the islands off Florida, and subsist chiefly upon the refuse fish cast away by the netsmen. To obtain this the pigs dive under water, walking on the bottom at a depth of five feet below the surface.

Flighty.

Some women are almost as flighty as some bank cashiers.—Chicago Daily News.