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N. Y. P. Co.

Gleason coal.

Council Bluffs Lumber Co., coal.

Western Lumber and Supply Co.

Thatcher coal, see advertisement.

The Boston store for holiday goods.

Best coal and wood at C. B. Fuel Co.

Carbon Coal Co. wholesale, retail, 10 Pearl.

The Avoca fire department has just received the silver trumpet which was awarded to it as a prize at the firemen's tournament held in this city last June.

G. G. Albee paid $8.10 yesterday morning for getting full and abusing his family. He was making kindling wood of the furniture when the police interfered.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Amos Wendell and Dora Stone, both of Omaha, and George T. Nickolson of Omaha and Blanche E. Holbrook of Lincoln.

The regular meeting of Excelsior lodge, No. 259, will be held tomorrow evening. The election of officers will take place and a full attendance is desired. Nat Shepard, recretary.

After being out about thirty hours the jury in the Baehr-Clark diamond case reported that they could not agree and the court discharged them. The vote stood ten to two in favor of the defendant.

The sociable of the St. Paul's church will be entertained on Monday evening December 9, by Mrs. Thomas J. Evans and Mrs. Meyers at the home of Mrs. T. J. Evans, on Oakland avenue. Everybody is invited.

The switchmen are preparing for their fourth annual ball, to be given at the Masonic temple Tuesday evening, the 17th inst. Music will be furnished by Dalbey's band. These events are always very largely attended, and the committee of arrangements will see that the coming ball is complete in every detail.

The electric motor company is constructing a "Y," at the lower end of the Main street line for the purpose of turning double trains. There is no necessity for it when the trains consist of a single motor, but when a trailer is pulled a switch of some kind is needed, and for this reason a spur is being built on Fifteenth avenue.

The Phythian Sisterhood will give a social entertainment at Knights of Pythias hall Thursday evening, to which all knights and their friends are cordially invited. Special invitation is extended to all knights. This branch of the Pythian order was but recently organized here, but is rapidly growing and is in a most flourishing condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Dugan were towed in yesterday for disturbing the peace. The domestic atmosphere was considerably ruffled, and a storm of quite exaggerated proportions was ready to break when the blue-coated minions of the law interposed a restraining hand. Both parties were released on their own recognizance, and will appear for trial tomorrow morning.

The December term of the superior court convenes tomorrow. The first case to be tried will be that of Mynster, Lindt & Seabrook vs George Fourhauken, to recover attorney fees for defending Fourhauken on a charge of receiving stolen property. The latter case was tried at the last term of the district court and the defendant was convicted and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Yesterday morning Mat Harle, the liveryman and trainer, was thrown from his buggy on Vine street, during a runaway, and dragged some distance. He was painfully cut, bruised and scratched, and will be laid up for several days. Fortunately no bones were broken. The runaway was caused by his horse becoming frightened by a farmer's team backing into him on Madison street. The buggy was completely wrecked.

Chief Walters yesterday filed an information in Judge Aylesworth's court charging E. L. Landsberg and Frank Hollenbeck with violating the fire limit ordinance. They moved a frame building across Fourth street contrary to the wishes of adjoining property owners and without obtaining the necessary permit. Chief Walters forbade moving the building and will vigorously prosecute the case.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" will apparently never get out of date, judging from the audience that assembled at Dohany's last evening. There was not a vacant seat in the house. It was simply "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and that must account for it. The performance will be repeated tonight. This will be the inauguration of Sunday theatrical performances in the Bluffs. That they will prove successful there is little doubt, as hundreds of people from this city have made Omaha an objective point since the opening of a Sunday theater there. Manager Dohany has determined to give it a trial, and tonight will be a fair test.

Charles Strohm, a bridge builder claiming to hail from Cleveland, O., is in difficulty, and the prospects are that it will accumulate. He recently visited a Broadway restaurant and secured four meal tickets by representing that he had a gang of men for whom he wanted them. He put up the tickets for whisky at a saloon near by, and afterward tried the same game at a restaurant to the lower part of the city. It failed to work and he was run in. He told a pitiful story in court, and insisted that he had to drink whisky for the asthma. The court sent him up for thirty days for vagrancy and when the time is up he will be arraigned for obtaining property under false pretences.

An event to which many of the pleasure seekers are expectantly looking forward is the party to be given next Wednesday evening at the Masonic temple by Harmony chapter, No. 25, O. E. S. This is the second of a series of parties to be given this season by the Order of the Eastern Star. The initial one was a most successful affair, and there is every indication that the succeeding ones will be even more enjoyable, if such a thing is possible. No pains have been spared in making the arrangements. The ladies will serve a fine supper, and Dalbey's orchestra will furnish delightful music. Cards and social games in the armory parlors will be among the pleasant features. An evening of unalloyed pleasure will be enjoyed by those who attend.

The Pullman restaurant, 534 Broadway.

Money loaned at L. B. Craft & Co.'s loan office on furniture, pianos, horses, wagons, personal property of all kinds, and all other articles of value, without removal. All business strictly confidential.

Saddle Rock restaurant, 402 Broadway, open day and night. First class. J. E. Yancy, prop.

Chapman's art display will be kept intact during the holidays. Go and see it.

All fancy silks at 75c per yard, this week only, at Friedman's.

Good flour 85c sack at "The Famous."

Personal Paragraphs.

L. T. Genung of Hastings was in the city yesterday.

Richard Thompson, publisher of the Hastings (Neb.) Tribune, was in the city yesterday.

L. A. Hills of Salt Lake City is the guest of J. H. Atkins, corner of Sixth street and Sixth avenue.

Mrs. H. Ward of Milwaukee who has been visiting in the Bluffs for several weeks, leaves for home today.

Mrs. John Wagner left Friday evening for Cincinnati, in response to a telegram announcing the death of her father.

P. C. Miller, best paper hanging and decorating. The best is the cheapest.

Fountain cigar, a strictly 10c cigar for 5c at the Fountain. Try one.

Kelley & Younkerman do not try to palm off shoddy Christmas goods on their customers, but their stock is strictly first class, and it always pays to buy the best.

THE DOINGS IN THE BLUFFS.

More Fire Apparatus of Some Kind Must be Purchased.

THE CITY WANTS FIELD NOTES.

Moving for a New County Road—The Depot Delegates Return—The Fruit Growers Made a Fine Exhibition—Society.

A Proposed New Road.

A move is now on foot to overcome the difficulties of getting into the city from the east, caused by the steep grades through the Bluffs, by locating a new road up the creek bottom, beginning near the residence of Peter Weis, on South First street, and passing the Jeffries tract and across the land owned by Vic Keller and Theodore Guittar, thence past the Chautauqua grounds and out through Garner township. The parties owning the land are anxious to have the road established, and it will probably be located by the board of county commissioners before very long. At the last session the board refused to appropriate any money for cutting down the road through the Canning street cut, on the ground that it would be a very expensive job and that there were dozens of other places which had just as much right to the appropriation. It is maintained that it would have cost fully $5,000 to have brought the Canning hill down to an easy grade, and it is argued in favor of the location of the proposed new road that it could be opened with an outlay of not exceeding $1,000 or $1,200. It would give an entrance to the city without a single hill or steep grade, and would accommodate the bulk of the travel coming in from the east. It would give easy access to any part of the city, as travel could come in over McPherson avenue, South First street, or over Graham avenue, which latter would give a direct outlet to the southern portion of the city. The new road would also furnish a means of easy communication with the Chautauqua grounds, and would make a much shorter drive than is now necessary to reach that spot.

The first Sunday night theatrical at Dohany's tonight.

Stamped linen goods at cost this week at Friedman's.

Miss May Gleason has removed her dressmaking parlors to the rooms lately used by the public library, No. 14 Pearl street, where she will be glad to see her old friends.

New Fire Apparatus Need d.

"There don't anybody seem to know," replied Chief Walters yesterday morning when asked what apparatus was to be placed in the new fire house on lower Broadway. "The house is nearly ready to be used, but no move has yet been taken toward furnishing it with apparatus. There is some talk of getting a chemical engine, but that would, of course, be stationed at the central fire station. The Holloway company is now building an engine to be tested here and the Fire Extinguisher company has a 'Champion' at the factory, all completed but putting on the name. The latter company has just put in a new engine in Omaha, and I rather expect they will borrow that to exhibit here, as they absolutely refuse to ship one here for a competitive test.

"But a chemical will equip the new house, as a hose reel and ladder truck is what is needed down in that part of the city. The question is, where are we going to get the reel? We cannot take the one from the Main street house or the one on upper Broadway, for the folks would raise a terrible racket. I know how that goes, for I tried to change them around a while ago and the people will not be satisfied with the one-horse reel after they have had a double one. The double reels must stay where they are and that leaves only 'Old Pat' and the single reel. Is wouldn't do to send that down there, for something different is needed to haul apparatus over the unpaved streets in that locality. The only way that I can figure it out is that the city will have to purchase a new double reel and about 1,000 feet of hose. The little truck is just what is needed in the western part of the city, and the big truck would protect the business portion of the city. If they get a chemical for the central house that would carry ladders enough to answer all purposes in outside districts where the big truck could not go. A new reel and a chemical would put everything in excellent shape. The single reel would stay where it now is, and besides answering alarms in the heart of the city could be used by the sewer inspector for doing his flushing work. It is about time something was being done, for the new house isn't worth a picayune unless it is equipped."

Reduced prices for Uncle Tom's Cabin at Dohany's tonight. Only 35c and 50c for reserved seats.

Silks reduced from $1.25 to 75c per yard at Friedman's.

All goods retailed at wholesale prices this week for cash by the Council Bluffs Carpet Co. Carpets, curtains and shades, rugs, door mats and oil cloths, blankets, comforts, plushes, fringes, fancy goods, pon-pons, felts, upholstery goods, etc.

Always on Time.

If you wish to purchase a good and reliable watch 25 per cent less than club rates, and on easy terms, then call at once and make your own selection at C. B. Jacquemin & Co., 27 Main street.

The Engineer's Field Notes.

"I want to prepare a resolution to present at the next meeting of the council," announced Alderman Waterman yesterday morning as he presented himself at the office of the city clerk ready for business. After cudgeling his brain for a few moments he presented the following: "He it resolved by the city council of the city of Council Bluffs that the city engineer be required to prepare and file for record with the city clerk an invoice of all the city property in his possession, and that he shall be required to turn over to the city all such property at the expiration of his term of office."

"There," said the alderman from the First ward as he finished reading the resolution, "I rather think that will do the business.

"It has got so that the city has got to buy an entire new outfit for every engineer that is elected, and I propose to put a stop to it. When they go out of office they take their field notes and all such property, which I maintain is the property of the city. The other day we had to get Tom Testevin to give the lines of an alley, because the field notes of the original survey were in his possession. If this thing is kept up, where will the city be after a while? All the notes taken and plats made while the engineer is working for the city are the city's property, and should be kept. They are valuable for reference, in fact some of them are well well nigh indispensable. I will have this resolution adopted and then we will have all this property invoiced.

"The chief of the fire department is required to furnish a complete inventory of every article in his department belonging to the city, even down to coal scuttles and brooms, and the same plan will work well in the department of city engineer. If these field notes belong to the city, the city wants to keep them, and if they do not belong to the city it is time that we knew it, so as to provide for getting some that the engineers cannot claim to own."

Uncle Tom's Cabin at Dohany's tonight.

Sheet music 10c, 538 Broadway.

Finest market in city—J. M. Scanlan's.

C. B. steam dye works, 1012 Broadway.

The Manhattan sporting headq'rs 415 B-way.

The Farmers Kick.

The farmers are rising in open rebellion against the condition of the roads leading into the city. "You folks here in the city may imagine we have to come here to do our trading, but you are badly mistaken," remarked a prosperous farmer of Garner township yesterday afternoon. "We discussed the matter very fully at the last meeting of our alliance, and we decided that unless something is done we will do the greater part of our buying at Weston. The hills are bad enough, but now that the electric motor has built up around the loop it is worse than ever to get into the city.

"Pierce street is so narrow that there is not room for two teams to pass on either side of the track, and it is a dangerous job to try to get over to Broadway by way of Oak street. The motor track makes a very sharp curve around the corner, and it is very liable to catch a man right on the nose. What we want is a chance to get onto Broadway a little above there. A street could be opened across from Pierce to Broadway between Siedentopf's and the Hagg property, and that would fix us all right. It would cut off a block and would hurt nobody. If we can't come in over an open street we won't come at all. We must have a better road into the city."

To See is to Believe.

And a personal test is positive proof.

Come and see Henry Eiseman & Co's. toy and holiday department.

Entire new stock now on sale.

Nothing like it was ever shown in this western country.

Every conceivable style, kind and make of novelties manufactured in all parts of the world will be found in the department, at prices much lower than they can be duplicated by any house in America.

Children are especially invited to see our line of toys and holiday goods. Take the elevator to the third floor.

Look out for our show window display on Monday and this week. It will be better than Barnum's or Forepaugh's circus.

Twenty new clerks to wait upon the people at Eiseman's new toy department.

Look out for the live Santa Claus. He will be with us during this week, receiving orders from the children.

Special opening display of all kinds of holiday novelties every evening this week. Music from music boxes, sweet sounds from cornets, horns, drums and all kinds of musical and mechanical toys will be the order of the evenings.

Store open and goods sold from 8 a. m. until 10 p. m. during this week.

Everybody invited. Everybody welcome at

HENRY EISEMAN & CO'S.,
Broadway and Pearl, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Shepherd-Phillips.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. H. L. Shepherd and Miss Ruth Maria Phillips next Wednesday at the residence of the bride's sister, Miss Mary O. Phillips, No. 105 Bluff street. Mr. Shepherd is a member of the firm of Lutz & Shepherd, real estate and insurance, and is one of the sterling and progressive business men of the city. He has been a resident of the Bluffs for the past three years. The bride-elect is the third daughter of the late J. M. Phillips, and has resided in this city all her life, and holds an enviable place in social circles. Both of the young people are highly esteemed and respected members of Council Bluffs society. The wedding will be a very quiet affair, only a few guests, except the relatives, being invited. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. G. W. Crofts of the Congregational church. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd will at once commence housekeeping at their new residence, No. 249 Harrison street.

Now is the time to buy your furniture. C. A. Beebe & Company have too many goods for their storage capacity and are cutting prices to make goods go. Berkey & Gay chamber suits, sideboards and dining tables, Windsor, Welsh and Berkey folding beds, parlor suites, lounges and all kinds of fancy chairs at unheard of figures. These goods are all of the finest designs and finish. Don't buy until you learn their prices. A clean sweep to be made. Come and see for yourself.

The Ross Investment and Trust company

We Don't Claim the Earth,

But we do claim that we make the best fitting pants, especially for fat men, to be obtained in the twin cities. Reiter, tailor, 310 Broadway.

Chenille tassels 25c per dozen at Friedman's.

A Fine Fruit Display.

The exhibition by the Pottawattamie Gardeners' and Fruit Growers' association at the court house yesterday afternoon was a most creditable display. The display of fruits, etc., while not large, was all that was expected. Among the exhibits were those of Colonel W. F. Sapp, J. W. Templeton, A. S. Bonham, D. J. Smith, Alex Woods, Mr. Prouty, J. R. Macrae, John Wilcox, Mr. Kuhn, James Rainbow and others. The varieties of apples were numerous, and included almost every kind of this fruit raised in the county.

In Colonel Sapp's exhibit, which was the largest, were the Ben Davis, winesap, talman sweet, seek no further, Jenett, rambo, wagoner, northern spy and tolpehokin varieties. There were also two exhibits in this lot marked "unknown." They were excellent samples of the fruit, of a rare kind but no one present could name them. The other exhibits were all good and consisted of almost perfect specimens of the various varieties. Mr. Templeton exhibited several varieties of corn, one kind having yielded eighty bushels per acre. He also displayed three mammoth watermelons. J. F. Wilcox made a display of horseradish, parsley, spinach, oyster plant, mushrooms and radishes. It was a very creditable display for each exhibitor. The articles were boxed last night and will be shipped to Glenwood and Des Moines to be exhibited at the meetings of the Western Iowa and the State Horticultural societies.

To the Ladies and Children of Omaha

Do you know that Henry Eiseman & Co. of Council Bluffs keep a nicer, larger and better line of holiday goods than any two houses in Council Bluffs or Omaha combines? And do you know that it only costs 10 cents to take the motor to our beautiful store? And do you know that Eiseman refunds the motor fare both ways to Omaha customers that come to shop at their store? The most wonderful display of toys and holiday goods we are showing brings hundreds of the best Omaha people to our store.

Don't fail to call and see our great store, we are sure to please you.

HENRY EISEMAN & CO.,
Council Bluffs, Ia.

The Bechtele has been remodeled and refitted and name changed to Hotel Jameson.

Union Depot Delegates Return.

Judge W. C. James and Hon. George F. Wright returned home yesterday morning from Chicago, where they went to confer with the railway managers relative to the erection of a union depot in this city. The judge states that the matter was carefully and fully presented, and the managers will meet in this city within the next two weeks to further look into the matter. Some of the roads are favorably disposed, but the question of getting across the river is what is agitating them at present. The Northwestern is holding out to see what position the Union Pacific will take, and the Rock Island is carefully watching a few irons which are heating.

It is the opinion of the committee that the depot will be built, but there are other matters which must be settled first. Some of the lines have already agreed to run their trains into the new depot, and it is believed that the others will follow suit. The managers of the roads will call the next meeting here, and every road will be represented. The depot committee will meet with them, and the situation will be fully discussed.

Solid gold rings at Wollman's, 538 B'way.

J. G. Tipton, real estate, 537 Broadway.

Neumeyer hotel, first class, reasonable rates

Probstle's harness shop, 552 opera house block, headquarters for robes and blankets.

They Object to Waiting.

The motor company will soon be convinced that the attempt to please everybody is bound to result in disappointment. Since the opening of the Fifth avenue line passengers have complained of the failure of the trains on this and the Main street line to make connections, and this necessitated a tedious wait at the corner of Fifth avenue and Pearl street. The Fifth avenue cars run only to Pearl street, and wishing to obviate the difficulty, Superintendent Reynolds yesterday gave orders for the Main street cars to wait at the junction, and still there is kicking. The Fifth avenue passengers are satisfied, but the Main street patrons kick because they have to wait on the corner until the other car arrives. They insist that there is no necessity for it, and demand that the Fifth avenue cars be run up Broadway and around the loop. This would undoubtedly be a satisfactory solution of the question, as it would do away with any waiting on either side at the corner of Fifth avenue and Pearl. In that event the system would be the same at the other end of the line, some of the Main street cars going around the loop and others to the park. It is the intention to make this change before very long, but it will require the running of two or three more cars. The Fifth avenue extension is proving to be a paying line, and it will be given a satisfactory service when the new schedule is issued.

The Boston Store Leads.

There are few handsomer displays of Christmas novelties to be found in any city than can be seen at the Boston Store. It is a veritable store house of Santa Claus wonders, and thousands of people have enjoyed the free show and carried away beautiful gifts that will make their friends and children happy. The line of holiday goods is larger than ever shown before in the city, and the prices are 50 per cent less. There are many leaders that it will pay you to call for. They constitute substantial, beautiful and useful gifts. Ask for our leader in fine papetrie—24 envelopes and 32 sheets of paper for 15c.

You will not find a single thing this week in any of our departments that is not a splendid bargain. Look for bargains in ladies underwear and hosiery. Look for bargains in dress goods. Take advantage of the bargains in good warm flannels and heavy underwear for men, boys and children. Bring your pennies to the Boston Store. They count as much as dimes used to. Come to the Boston Store this week.

Fine stock of watches and jewelry for the holidays at Wollman's, 538 Broadway.

Drs. Woodbury have removed their dental office to 101 Pearl street, up stairs.

In the Pulpits.

There will be revival services at the Overton mission every evening this week. The services will be conducted by Rev. A. Overton.

Broadway M. E. Church—Services, at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Evening topic, "The Palace Beautiful." Sunday school at 12 m. Epworth league and class meeting at 6:30 p. m. Strangers and all others without a church home are cordially invited.

First Presbyterian Church—Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 12 m. Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. Strangers and others cordially invited.

Trinity Methodist Church—South Main street, opposite Eighth avenue. At 10:30 a. m. there will be a converts' meeting and the sacrament of baptism. The revival meetings are still in progress and will be held tonight at 7:30. About fifty persons have united with the church during the past week. Young people's meeting to be held at 6:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. S. Alexander, pastor.

Fourth avenue Methodist church, near Seventeenth street. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school, 3 p. m.

At the new "Epworth" Methodist church, corner of Twenty-fifth street and avenue B. There will be preaching at 3:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday's, 7:30 p. m.

Saint Paul's Church—Divine service today at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 12:15. Service at All Saints chapel, corner Third avenue and Eighteenth street at 7:30 p. m., conducted by Mr. Ernest Cook. Young men and strangers cordially welcomed to these services. T. J. Mackay, rector.

Congregational—The Rev. C. A. Towel will preach for the pastor in the morning. In the evening at 6:30 there will be a general Christian endeavor meeting. Mr. Towle will speak. No preaching at the First church in the evening. Gospel meeting at the Pilgrim church, corner Ninth street and avenue A at 8 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Christian science service today at 3 p. m. in Press club room, entrance No. 19 Pearl St.

Coal oil 10c gallon at "The Famous."

Best country butter 25c lb at "The Famous."

Fancy plushes reduced, this week only, from $3.50 to $1.75 yer yard at Friedman's.

Granulated sugar 13 lbs $1.00 at "The Famous."

Do You Want a Fine Pair of Shoes?

If you do call and see our gents and ladies fine shoes. We can give you a bargain in as good goods as you can find anywhere. In ladies' chamois lined shoes we have the best in the market, and at prices that defy competition. Bankrupt Shoe Store, 25 Main st.

Will Organize Tomorrow Night.

The real estate exchange is several days and one meeting nearer being an established fact than it was last Monday night. Another meeting was held at the board of trade rooms last evening and about a dozen real estate men, loyal to the cause, responded to the call. Notwithstanding the small attendance it was quite a successful meeting, and considerable business was transacted. A committee was appointed to prepare a preamble, and the majority of those present signed it, agreeing to become members of the exchange. Messrs. Metcalf and Day were appointed a committee to look up a location. Messrs. Siedentopf, Walker and Saunders will prepare a constitution and by-laws, and Messrs. Judd, Walker and Ross will solicit membership. Another meeting will be held tomorrow night and the exchange will be permanently organized, rain or shine. Officers will be elected and a constitution and by-laws adopted. The real estate exchange will be a go with a capital G, and those who desire to have their names appear on the roll of honor must signify their wishes by depositing a full grown $10 bill with the proper party. Now that the preliminary skirmishing is over with and the projectors are ready to get down to business, it is very probable that matters will go ahead with a rush, and many who have been holding off to see how the matter will terminate will fall into line and become active and valued members.

Children's Week at Eiseman's.

Every boy and girl is invited to look through Eiseman's toy and holiday department this week.

Special illumination every evening.

Grand free show in front of our store.

A glorious time for children.

A live Santa Claus receives letters from the good children.

Bring your orders in the evening between 6 and 8 o'clock when Santa Claus appears in front of our store in full costume to receive orders from the children of Council Bluffs.

Children under five years should bring their parents or friends with them.

Keep your eye on the show window display this week. Henry Eiseman & Co., Council Bluffs.

Pleasure's Devotees.

The past week has been a lively one for the society people of the Bluffs. Social events have been numerous and the pleasure seekers have been kept busy. The young people opened the week's festivities Tuesday evening, when they were entertained at a dancing party given by Miss Georgie Bennett, at her home, No. 305 Willow avenue. The party was not a large one, but it was a very enjoyable affair. Dancing, music and refreshments were the features of the evening.

On Friday afternoon, from 2 to 6, Mrs. Dr. C. H. Pinney gave a reception to her many Council Bluffs and Omaha friends, at her elegant home on Pearl street.

The rooms were beautifully decorated and illumined, the utmost taste being displayed in the floral arrangement. The choicest refreshments were served. The reception was a very elaborate affair, and a large number of guests partook of the charming hospitality of the accomplished hostess.

AN OBSERVATION PARTY.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. F. A. Conover entertained a large company of her lady friends by a novel "observation" party, given at her residence, No. 811 Third avenue. Daylight was excluded from the parlors which were made brilliant by the chandeliers. The floral decorations were numerous and elaborate. One of the most unique features in this line appeared over the mantel where, extending above the graceful grouping of ferns, was a very large spider web, with a big black spider apparently enjoying his gaury surroundings. The menu was temptingly served, consisting of chicken salad, brown and white breads, coffee, ice cream and cakes. After the refreshments were served, the ladies were given an opportunity to satisfy their curiosity as to the significance of the word "observation" which appeared on their invitations. They were escorted into the dining room, and each allowed an opportunity of observing for a few minutes a variety of articles displayed on the table. As each passed out she was handed a slip of paper and pencil, with the request to note down, from memory, as many of these articles as she could recall. These slips were gathered up and referred to a committee who examined them. The lady recalling the largest number was to win the prize. Examination of the slips recalled the fact that it was a tie between Mrs. I. M. Traynor and Mrs. Zevely. Cuts were drawn resulting in the former carrying off the handsome cut glass finger bowl. All the ladies were greatly interested in this test of their powers of observation, and much merriment resulted.

On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Conover entertained another large company. Cards were the chief amusement feature of the evening gathering. High-five was the game. The first prize was carried off by Mrs. W. H. Burns and Mr. F. H. Hill, the second by Mrs. F. M. Gault and Major Lyman.

MRS. KEY'S RECEPTION.

Thursday afternoon there was a large reception at the residence of Mrs. Key, on South Seventh street. The ladies receiving with her were Miss Owens of Kentucky, Miss Search of Pennsylvania, Miss Warren of Canada, and Misses Sackett and Key of this city. The parlors were charmingly adorned and all the details of the affair were elegant. The table from which the refreshments were served was very tastily arrayed, adorned with smilax, while in the center appeared a tall pyramid of macaroons with threaded sugar gracefully placed over it. The hours were from 3 o'clock to 6 o'clock. All the ladies present were enthusiastic in the expressions of their enjoyment of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Maxon entertained a high-five party Thursday evening, at their elegant home on Harrison street. Choice refreshments were served at 12. Among the guests were a number of people from Omaha. The affair was very enjoyable.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. M. E. Smith entertained a large company of lady friends, the invitations bearing the suggestive word "Thimbles."

Invitations are out announcing a reception to be given next Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. W. A. Maurer.

Mrs. W. A. Mynster gave a dinner party Thursday, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. Y. Allen, on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

Booming Council Bluffs.

"Nothing succeeds like success," remarked Harry C. Cooke of the new architect firm of F. M. Ellis yesterday. "We have only been located in Council Bluffs a week and have to add another room to our suit of offices in the Merriam block and will have to ask THE BEE to get us two more draughtsmen at once. We have contracted to furnish plans for eleven splendid residences and one magnificent business block that will be finer than anything Omaha can show. Pretty good week's work, ain't it! We are prepared to do the next work that can be done and do it promptly and reasonably. Council Bluffs is growing faster than any town I know, and we are here to do our part towards securing beautiful, substantial and modern buildings."

RELIGIOUS.

According to the propaganda in Rome there are 218,000,000 Catholics in the world.

The Christian college at Lucknow, India, has 11,507 pupils enrolled, of whom 2,027 are Christians.

There are today 3,847 young men in American colleges preparing to preach the gospel in every land under the sun.

A missionary training school is now open at the Baptist tabernacle, Boston, under the presidency of Rev. A. J. Gordon, D.D.

Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D., of Stryker seminary, Minneapolis, has accepted a call to the Thirty-fourth street Dutch Reformed church of New York.

Rev. A. W. Radsill, a Methodist missionary to India, has returned to Baltimore for his health. He formerly had several pastoral charges in that city.

The Rev. C. D. Martin, who now lives at Dakota City, Neb., in April, 1860, preached at Vermillion the first Protestant sermon ever delivered in what is now the state of South Dakota.

The number of Presbyterian ministers reported in the minutes of the general assembly of 1889 was 5,936; the number of ruling elders, 23,259; the number of deacons, 7,459. All these amount to 36,645.

In the New Hebrides there is a babel of tongues, but the Presbyterian missionaries have reduced twelve of them to writing. The seventeen missionaries laboring on the group are busy with the work of translation.

Rev. A. R. Graves, for seven years past rector of Gethsemane Episcopal church at Minneapolis, will be consecrated at that city on January 1 next as bishop of the diocese of the Platte. Bishop Tuttle of Missouri, Bishop Worthington of Omaha and other prelates will be present.

The receipts of the American board for the first month of the new financial year amount to $235,726.91, an advance over those of the first month of the preceding year of a little over $12,000, of which increase about $3,000 is from donations and $9,000 from legacies.

The Rev. Dr. George R. Vandewater, an Episcopal rector in New York, says: "I have been told that we are running away from the poor, but it seems to me that any church that rents its pews from the chancel to the front doors has already run away from the poor. It is the sheerest nonsense for members of a church whose pews are all rented to flatter themselves with the thought that they are reaching the masses."

EX-SENATOR BRUCE.

A Man of Uniform Courtesy—He Travels Only By Day.

Boston Traveler: Ex-Senator Bruce of Mississippi is one of the familiar figures of Washington. He is a light-colored mulatto, weighing about 200 pounds. His hair is kinky and he wears a mustache on his jolly face. No man in the country, either white or colored, has more perfect manners than the only man of his race who ever occupied a seat in the United States senate. One of his friends said to me today as he passed down Pennsylvania avenue: "An interesting incident happened when Bruce was in the senate. One day a southern lady called at the house of representatives and had an interview with a Mississippi member, who was a democrat. She explained that the war had reduced her family from affluence to positive poverty, and she implored him to obtain her a place in one of the government departments here. He replied that he was sorry; that he could do nothing with a republican administration, and that there was only one man who could help her—Senator Bruce. The lady replied that she could not think of lowering herself by asking a negro for a favor, even if he was a United States senator. She was greatly disheartened, but upon thinking the matter over, she concluded to swallow her feelings and call upon Mr. Bruce. That afternoon she sent in her card, and the senator met her in the reception room. She explained her position and asked his aid. Mr. Bruce listened and said he could arrange for her appointment. With all the courtesy of a gentleman of the older school he handed her to a carriage and directed the driver to proceed to the treasury department. He took another cab and met her at the office of the secretary. In a few moments the appointment was made and the lady, who at one time owned more than a thousand men of the senator's race was put on the road to earn her own living. Mr. Bruce had many opportunities of performing similar acts while he was in the senate, and he never failed to improve a single one. I called upon him the other night and found him at dinner in his room. I was somewhat surprised and asked him why he did not take his meals in the public dining room of the hotel. He said: 'It is my rule never to intrude where there is a shadow of a suspicion that my presence may not be desirable. For that reason I never patronize a sleeping car or take meals on the train. Before I start on a journey I arrange so as to travel by daylight, and my wife prepares a luncheon for me.' This reminds me that Mrs. Bruce is one of the handsomest ladies in Washington. Her marriage with the senator created an immense social sensation in Cleveland. She was a school teacher there and her family mingled freely in white society. There was not a suspicion that they had colored blood in their veins, and if I remember correctly, her brother was quite high in the Masonic fraternity. Their eldest child is a beautiful boy. When Bruce's credentials were presented in the senate, his democratic colleague refused to escort him to the front to take the oath of office from the presiding officer. The situation was an embarrassing one for a moment, but the quick eye of Senator Conkling at once grasped it. He arose, and with that dignity which but few men possess, he extended his arm and with the great republican leader at his side, Mr. Bruce was sworn in. Senator Bruce never forgot this kindly act. His son's name is Roscoe Conkling Bruce."

SHOCKED THE DOGS.

A Dead Hog Creates a Circus Among St. Paul Canines.

Last Thursday a dog was observed to twitch suddenly, then yelp and run away just as he was passing the butcher shop of Will & Vuckel on seventh street, says a St. Paul dispatch to the St. Louis Republic. Presently another dog meandered along that way and took occasion to smell of the carcass of a hog that was hung outside the shop, but the moment his nose touched the carcass he shot backward as if sent that way by the toe of a boot. He recovered himself quickly and ran away yelping vigorously. A third dog came along, smelled of the carcass, and went heels overhead across the walk into the gutter, where he quivered a moment, then sprang to his feet, and ran away howling. Quite a crowd of people was soon attracted by the strange gymnastics of the passing dog, but all were content to stand quietly by and be amused at the way the canines were getting fooled on the hog carcass. Nobody understood what was the matter, and all seemed to be overcome by a sort of superstition and willingness that the dogs should do all the investigating. The proprietor and employes of the shop soon joined the spectators and grinned with satisfaction as one and another well known liver-colored hound, brindle pup and yellow cur came along to steal his accustomed nip at some carcass or other only to get disgracefully left and sent away very much hurt.

The curiosity of all the dogs around that saw the odd capers of their fellow curs was also aroused, and very soon there was almost a mad rush among them to see what was the matter. One dog was ahead of another, and the hind dog became jealous of the one ahead and rushed with all his might between him and the carcass, took first a snap with a growl at the outside canine, and then a snap without a growl at the carcass. Result: Two astonishd dogs went sailing out into the street. A canine which witnessed the performances then concluding that the carcass was poor meat, thought he would try a dressed turkey hanging near. He was a cautious dog, and sniffed at the turkey at long range. Another dog thought he was a coward and proposed to make him ashamed of himself; so the brave dog took first a sneaking look at the people about to estimate his chances of getting kicked, and then opening his mouth wide enough to envelope half of the bird, made a bold rush for it. For a moment there was a limp and quivering dog hanging to the turkey, then the cur suddenly came to, and his body began flying about the turkey like a chicken's during the process of neck wringing, while he yelled as if mad.

A butcher standing by got excited at the way the dog hung to the turkey, and forgetting all about the previous scenes, rushed in headlong to save the bird. The butcher went to grass with a dull thud, and then it began to dawn upon the people what was the matter. An investigation disclosed the fact that an arc wire was touching the iron posts upon which the carcass of the turkey hung, so that the meats were all heavily charged with electricity. A half hour later an electrician remedied the difficulty, but the butchers say they were half sorry it was done until a certain dog or two they have been laying for got a chance to investigate the meats.

Not His Lookout.

Detroit Free Press: A horse attached to a wagon loaded with light wood was slipping and sprawling along State street in the heavy frost of Saturday morning, when a policeman halted the rig and said to the colored driver:

"Your horse hasn't got a shoe on any foot."

"No, sah. He's jist like de Lord dun made him."

"But how do you expect he's going to get along in this frost?"

"Dat's not my bizness. If de Lord makes a hoss widout shoes an' den brings a frost to make him slip down, it hain't fur me to find fault. Reckon dar's an obieck in it, an' it's a good 'un. Hey, Douglass—hole yer head up higher!"

First Issue of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

The crowning glory of the National Era was that most famous of novels, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," says the Washington Gazette, by Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, which began in the issue of June 1, 1851, and ended April 1, 1852. Before it was half finished it had created such a sensation that the Jewells of Boston had it stereotyped, and immediately after it was completed in the paper it was published in book form. In its earlier stages of publication in the newspaper it seemed to fall flat. The circulation of the National Era was 15,000 when "Uncle Tom" was begun. On August 1, 1852, shortly after the great romance was completed, the circulation had gone up to 19,000. On December 30, 1852, it reached 27,000.

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