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MAJOR MENTION. Council Bluffs Lumber Co., coal, Crafts' chert, 204 Sapp block.

Genline Rock Spring coal. Thatcher, 36 Main street.

Judge Thornell yesterday rendered a decree of divorce to Neppi O'Brien from his wife, Sarah O'Brien.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Martin E. Hamilton and Josephine Miller, both of this city.

Theodore Thomsen and Miss Margie Frode, both of this county, were married yesterday afternoon by Justice Hamilton.

The Right Reverend William Stevens Perry, D. D., will visit St. Paul's church on Monday, March 18, for the purpose of confirmation.

Thomsen against O'Brien McGuire which has been pending in district court, was continued yesterday until the next term by agreement of the parties.

Andrew O'Hara died of a grippe yesterday at St. Bernard's hospital, aged forty-five years. The deceased was lately of the Black Hills. The date of the funeral has not yet been set.

Special communication of Epworth lodge No. 359, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, this evening, at the usual place.

Masons in road standing cordially invited, by order of the W. M.

J. M. Easley, the barber who assaulted a man named McLaughlin, has made arrangements to plead guilty when his case comes up for trial in district court.

A notice to appear in the large case yesterday which has been set for trial in the grand jury in the case of the

W. A. Russell and Frank Long have purchased the Model restaurant on Pearl street and will take possession at once. They will give the place a thorough renovation.

The ladies of the Broadway Methodist church will give a dinner, supper and banquet in Masonic temple Thursday, March 15. All articles for the banquet should be left with Mrs. O'Connell, 222 Cass street, as early as Monday, March 12.

William Daubert, who keeps a grocery at 219 East Broadway, lost a fine horse Thursday. His search for the animal along Broadway near the Geise property when the horse took flight at a passing motor car, heading down the block, was so frightened that it stepped, breaking its leg, by the force of the fall. It was shot to put it out of its misery. The boy was injured.

Herman Koenig has filed a petition in the superior court against the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway company, asking for \$50,000 damages on account of injuries which he received while traveling. He left Chicago for this city on February 25, buying for a first class ticket. When near Van Hook, this state, he was injured by a train which he received injuries which laid him out for some time and compelled him to pay out a great deal of money.

The case of Martin Jackson vs. the Council Bluffs and Omaha branch railway company was argued in the superior court yesterday by the attorneys in the case, Marie & McCune for the plaintiff and H. J. H. for the defense. The subject of the controversy is the payment of the bill for carrying the trunk on the train.

The case of the Council Bluffs and Omaha branch railway company vs. the plaintiff claims that this building under the company was granted long before it was ever expressed that the company should have any paved streets, and operating under the charter which was given to the Omaha Council Bluffs and Omaha branch railway company, which the company is operating under one or the other of the charters, and that under whichever it may be, it must assume the responsibility of the street.

Due to the death of a sister who was stopping with Rev. Alexander, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, the Post Sisters' concert will be postponed until a future date. Tickets purchased will be recognized then.

For sale, restaurant and fixtures. For particulars inquire at 305 West Pierce street.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

E. A. Shaver is a victim of the grip.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clark has returned from Duluth, Minn.

Mrs. Frances Murphy is in the city for a visit of a week with her mother.

A. Logan of Rock Oak, sheriff of Montgomery county, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Grace D'Urre has returned from a visit of several months in Europe.

Mrs. John Davis of Rock Oak, Wis., is in the city visiting her father, H. H. Oberholzer.

Mrs. John C. Lee has returned from Chicago, where she has been visiting friends for several months past.

City Clerk A. J. Stephenson was out yesterday for the first time, after a ten days' struggle with a gripe.

George Oliver has returned from Evansville, Ind., where he has been for the last two years, employed on the Courier.

Miss Minnie Sutter has gone to Illinois for a visit of several months. She will spend some time in Chicago and in Freeport, her former home.

R. F. Smith, who has been connected with the firm of Hays, Bradley & Co. for several years past, will leave next Monday for a visit to his old home in Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant H. G. Callagher, who has been visiting his father-in-law, Henry Callagher, some time past, returns to his post at Fort Niobrara, Neb., this morning. His wife will remain in the city a while yet, as Mr. Callagher is about to receive a promotion to the position of first lieutenant, and as a consequence he may have to leave his present headquarters.

Dr. T. H. Cleland, former pastor of the Presbyterian church, has given the subject of his lecture on "Travels Abroad," Monday evening, March 12, at the Presbyterian church. Admission 25 cents.

Sturgis & Co. carry largest stock of bulk field, garden and flower seeds in the west. Catalogue and samples by mail.

A Free Ride and a Free Hotel.

At Black was a passenger on the Rock Island freight train which arrived in the city at about midnight night before last. He boarded the train at Neola, and when asked by Conductor Case to contribute his mite toward keeping the Rock Island road running, he refused. He was thereupon put off. Nothing doing, he mounted the caboose and hiding behind the lookout he succeeded in evading the wintry blasts and the eyes of the trainmen. When the train reached the Bluffs he was discovered by the conductor, and made to alight. As he came down he was given a kick by Case, to which he responded by a scolding which was promptly stopped by a valise he carried. Officer Waiken happened to be there, and arrested the pugilistic deadbeat. He was assessed a fine of \$15.00 in police court yesterday morning.

A Worthy Choice.

J. J. McConnell, superintendent of the Atlantic public health, was appointed to the chair of diseases in the state university at Iowa City at the last meeting of the regents, which has just been held in connection with the commencement exercises of the medical department. From the Bluffs he was appointed to the Bluffs, he having been engaged in educational work in this part of the country ever since his graduation from the state university in 1878, and having assisted in the teaching of a number of times. His many friends here will unite in wishing the utmost prosperity in his new field.

Coughs, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, etc., quickly relieved by Brown's Bronchial Troch. A simple and effective remedy, superior to all other articles for the same purpose, holden in boxes.

NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS.

How Phillip Mergen Fooled a Brace of Bigus Check Workers.

CARVER HOFFER CONVICTED ON TRIAL.

Death of Mrs. Seabrook—Ready for the Fight—A Damaged Reputation—Where Was the Money?

Phillip Mergen, proprietor of the Merano hotel on South Main street, has read the newspapers considerably during the course of his life, and has heard of how bold and man occasionally induce unsophisticated people to cash checks which are made out by some other man than the one whose name is signed. That is the reason why he is paid \$5.00 richer today than he would have been had he not read the papers. Two men came to his hotel yesterday, noon and afternoon. After they had dined, they went to the bank and one of them presented a check for \$100 on the First National bank, out of which he wanted Mr. Mergen to take the most for the meals and give him the change.

Mr. Mergen at once brought him of the story he had heard and wisely told the man that he did not have money enough in the place to cash the check, but he was going up to the bank and would take his check along. That seemed to satisfy the man, and the trio started out for the bank. When they arrived at the door of the Citizens' State bank the man who had the check to be cashed began feeling in his pocket for the previous piece of paper. He suddenly turned to Mr. Mergen and said, "I've lost the check," and started to go back to the First avenue, followed by his companion and a moment later by Mr. Mergen.

At the corner the two turned and ran up First avenue, and when Mergen reached the corner they had both disappeared. Mergen made a search for them, but failed to run them down. He then returned to his home to meditate upon how much better it was to be out of pocket \$50 cents than \$100.

The Manhattan, sporting headquarters, N. O'Brien.

The New Pacific is the most centrally located hotel in Council Bluffs.

HOFFER CONVICTED.

Mrs. Bohning's Assailant Found Guilty of Assault and Battery.

In the district court yesterday the trial of Henry Hoffer took place, the charge against him being assault with intent to do great bodily injury, and his victim Mrs. Bohning, who keeps a bakery on Lower Broadway. Since his conviction Hoffer has been found to be an assumed name, his real name being Henry Orrell. When not in jail he lives at Shelby, where he follows the occupation of a blacksmith. Hoffer was arrested at the corner of Twentieth street and Avenue G. The money was payment of a pension and was received on Monday last. That night young Poland went to the house of his father and stayed all night. Hoffer is now in jail. Hoffer's money was gone and has not been heard of since. The young man has been out of reach ever since that time, but his father has been awaiting a sign of his whereabouts. Hoffer was arrested by Officer Beswick. His hearing is set for this afternoon, and it is thought his father will not prosecute him.

Stole His Father's Cash.

Bert Poland was arrested yesterday morning on an information which was filed against him in Justice Patton's court, charging him with the larceny of \$80 from his father, T. Poland, who keeps a saloon at the corner of Twentieth street and Avenue G. The money was payment of a pension and was received on Monday last. That night young Poland went to the house of his father and stayed all night. Hoffer is now in jail. Hoffer's money was gone and has not been heard of since. The young man has been out of reach ever since that time, but his father has been awaiting a sign of his whereabouts. Hoffer was arrested by Officer Beswick. His hearing is set for this afternoon, and it is thought his father will not prosecute him.

Ready for the Fight.

City Engineer Stevenson has been busy preparing the maps which are to be used in the trial of the Cut-Off island case which is now pending in the supreme court of the United States. It has been no small job to have away down into the records of the past and find just what the course of the little Missouri has been at each stage of its career, but the engineer has had to do it, and he has done it, the work being completed yesterday.

There are five of these maps, all of which will be used by the engineer in his testimony in connection with the coming trial. The first of these is intended to show the relative position of the island in the case of the two cities in case the suit should be decided according to the claims of the plaintiff in the case, in other words, the state of Nebraska. The second map shows the channel of the river and the new, and the result of the original map is that the plaintiff's map shows substantially the same things from different standpoints. The work has been done by the direction of the city engineer and it is thought that the exhibit attached will be ready for filing in the court by the 25th of this month. The city attorney will be in charge of the defense by Attorney General Stone.

Struck on the Shin.

"Do you see that man strapping in the center of the car?" said a conductor on the Columbus avenue line to Boston Herald reporter the other day while on a newspaper trip about 10 o'clock in the morning.

"Yes, anything unusual about him?"

"Only that he is struck on himself."

"How does he show it?"

"By declining to take a seat when a passenger leaves. I have been watching him for some time, and he is a regular. If there are a number of ladies in the car when he enters he insists on standing, notwithstanding the amount of vacant space at his disposal. From his actions one would think that he was blind, and frequently it happens that some kind-hearted old gentleman who never loses an opportunity to be of service to his fellow-man, will poke Mr. Vanity in the back with his cane, and give him attention to a seat. He always meets a solicitation of this nature with 'No, thank you; prefer standing, as I intend getting up shortly.'"

"If there is a pretty girl in the car he manages to get up as far as possible, so that when the car sways in taking a curve he can justly against her and go through the street car etiquette of lifting his hat and bowing her pardon."

"If he enters a car that is already occupied, and no ladies are present, he takes a seat as close to the door as he can, in order to be the first one to rise when a lady does come. The 'thank you' he receives for his disgraced conduct he interprets as a recognition of his personal attractiveness, and his actions for the remainder of the trip are based on this presumption. If the lady should be chaperoned, he takes his seat and his attitude strength to his false supposition and additional height to his mountain of conceit. When she leaves the car he follows her with his eyes until she is out of sight, and he hopes that she will turn and give him some sign of recognition."

"It makes little difference to men of this character how often they are made to feel the sting of their own conceit, as it is without apparent effect."

Opened the Jack-Pot and—A Head.

A brisk game of poker was in progress in Philadelphia, Pa., when Knathop and Samuel Deacon, both of the Bluffs, were smoothly until Deacon said Anderson was cheating and made a grab for the jackpot. Anderson then struck Deacon on the head with a hatchet. The winner of the jackpot was held for further hearing under \$500.

Wife's Little Early Risers.

No grating, no nausea, no pain, when Mrs. Little Early Risers are taken. Small pill. Safe little. Best pill.

Dr. Williams' Little Early Risers; cost little pills for dyspepsia, sour stomach, bad breath.

GREAT UNDERWEAR SALE.

At the Boston Store, Council Bluffs, to Make Room for Spring and Summer Goods.

WE WILL MAKE SWEEPING REDUCTIONS.

In Our Hosiery and Underwear Department—Read the Prices Carefully.

It will pay you to lay in your supply for next winter. You will save from 50 to 75 per cent; a better investment you will never make.

4 DAYS ONLY, Today, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Ladies' all wool black hose, seamless, with ribbed top, former price 25 and 30c, sale price, 10c.

Ladies' extra quality all wool seamless hose, former price 35c, sale price, 25c.

Children's all wool seamless hose, sizes 5 1/2 to 6 1/2, former price 25 and 30c, sale price, 15c.

Children's all wool seamless ribbed hose in blacks, seamless, size 6 to 8 1/2, former price 20 and 25c, sale price, 10c.

LEADINGS.

Leggings in all wool, former price 25c, 45c and 50c, sale price, 15c, 25c and 30c.

GENTS' UNDERWEAR.

Gents' heavy gray shirts, former price 25c, sale price, 15c.

Gents' extra quality heavy gray shirts, former price 45c, sale price, 25c.

Gents' super natural gray and sheep's gray, former price 40c and 45c, sale price, 25c.

Gents' heavy gray undershirt, former price 50c, sale price, 30c.

Gents' scarlet all wool shirts and drawers, former price 40c and 45c, sale price, 25c.

Gents' extra quality all wool gray shirts and drawers, former price \$1.00, sale price, 60c.

Gents' heavy searlet and gray all wool, former price \$1.00 and \$1.25, sale price 75c and \$1.00.

Gents' natural wool gray, former price \$1.25 and \$1.50, sale price 80c and 1.00.

LADIES' UNDERWEAR.

Ladies' white all wool ribbed vests, former price \$1.50, sale price 90c.

Ladies' gray all wool vests, former price \$1.00, sale price 60c.

Ladies' gray all wool and searlet all wool, former price \$1.25 and \$1.50, sale price 80c and \$1.00.

Ladies' gray all wool quality, sale price \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Combination suits in white only, \$1.00 quality, sale price 60c.

CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR.

Children's white merino vests and pants, size 10 and 12, former price 15c and 17c, sale price 10c and 12c.

Children's all wool vests and pants, size 10 and 12, former price 20c and 25c, sale price 15c and 20c.

Children's extra quality searlet and gray natural wool in vests and pants, size 10 and 12, former price 25c and 30c, sale price 15c and 20c.

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