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MINOR MENTION.

N, Y. Plumbing Co. C. B. Water Works Co. Removed to 30 Pearl street. Council Bluffs Lumber Co., coal. Craft's chattel loans, 204 Sapp block,

Burhorn's diamonds, watches, holidaygoods, Ed F. Clark of Denver will assume the management of the Grand hotel this morning. A feature of the dinner at the Women's Christian association exposition today will be lovely chicken pie.

The Congregational and Christian church ladies will serve dinner at the Women's Christian association hall today.

The defendant in the damage suit of W. S. Mayne, assignee of Cocke & Morgan, against M. E. Smith, yesterday filed a motion for a new trial in the district court. The criminal docket will be taken up in the

district court next Monday morning. The cases against Butler, Reberts, Martin and Harrison are the first four on the assign-The ladies will sell the magnificent apples donated by the Horticultural society to the Women's Christian association by the peck,

bushel or barrel. You will find them at the exposition hall in the Masonic temple. A special car passed through the city yesterday forenoon, coming in on the Northwestern and leaving over the Union Pacific. It contained a party of prominent Chicagonia, among whom were Mrs. George Pull-

man and daughter, en route for the west. Jimmy Maher was arrested vesterday on the charge of being concerned in the case of the Fristry girl, but the young lady decied having ever seen him before, and as he suc-ceeded in showing that he had nothing whatever to do with the affair, he was released.

City Engineer Tostevin is having a large quantity of rock dumped into Indian creek at Second street, with a view to raising the bed of the stream so as to increase the fall of the water. The present intention is to raise the bed of the creek in this way throughout its

It is stated that a company has been formed for the purpose of managing the affairs of the opera house at Hastings, Neb. The company is composed of four young men of this city, and the name of James L. Vesey is mentioned as the probable manager in case the deal is consummated.

Mrs. Corig, a gypsy fortune teller who wandered about the streets for a couple of days past with ner little child, was arrested yesterday morning on a complaint made by the keeper of a Lower Broadway restaurant that she had eaten a meal and refused to pay for it. She was locked in the city jail to await a hearing.

The defendant in the case of Florence M. Westcott against R. B. Westcott filed a motion in the district court yesterday asking that the case be reopened for the further introduction of testimony. He claims to have found, since the case was submitted, a number of letters, by which he hopes to show that his wife has changed her opinions in the last few weeks with reference to his moral and matrimonial character.

A move is on foot to have the order made by the Board of Trade several years ago re-fusing newspaper men admission to their meetings, rescinded. Ever since the rule was passed the board has been steadily drop-ping out of sight of the public from lack of booming until there is a desire on the part of certain members to got the reporters back together with their free advertising. It is stated that a resolution to that effect will be presented at the next meeting of the board.

The Sale Will Be Continued For one week longer, teapots filled with tea going at 58c, Lund Bros.

The ladies of Trinity Methodist church will open their "Country Store" in Foster's old stand, 521 Broadway, December 16 and continue until Saturday.

The Nicest in the City. George S. Davis, 200 Broadway, has the nicest display of holiday goods up to date in the city. He was the first to show the public the beautiful things brought out this year, and he will dominate the trade on his end of the street,

Jarvis 1877 brandy, purest, safest, best. Fresh oysters, 25c and 30c can, at C. O. D. Brown's.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

L. G. Wahlquist of Hastings, Neb., is in the city, a guest of O. D. Haigh. Mrs. C. D. Loomis and Mrs. S. C. Harlow of Avoca were in the city yesterday. J. M. Fenion returned Thurday night from a'v sit of several days to Paxton, Neb. Miss Watts of Neola was among those who attended the Stewart reception last evening C. C. Micbener, assistant state secretary of Young Men's Christian association, is in

W. H. Ware will deliver an address this evening at the Quick school on the silver

J. L. Stewart has returned from an eastern trip. Mrs. Stewart will remain in Canada for some time before returning. Mrs. Thomas Lawler of Prairie du Chien and Miss Brown and brother Maurice of Dubuque are guests of the family of J. J.

Prof. C. E. Dean, superintendent of the city schools in Hastings, was in the city yesterday, accompanied by Hon. L. T.

Mrs. Wheeler, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. George T. Phelps, for some weeks past, returned yesterday afternoon to ber home in Unicago.

Mrs. Norrick of Mt. Vernon, O., who has been visiting her brother, W. B. Reed, left for home Thursday evening, accompanied by her brother and sister, Mrs. Phillip Thomas, of Neoia, who will be absent several weeks-

Carman Feed and Fuel company, wholesale and retail hay, grain and feed. Special prices on hay and grain in car lots. 706 Main street, Council

Cordwood for Sale

Dry cordwood \$2.25 per cord. Inquire of David Lane, Lake Manawa.

Telekatharos, perfectly cleaned and seeded currants, the finest thing in the world at Slead's grocery, opposite the Ogden.

Reiter, the tailor, 510 Broadway, bas all the latest styles and new winter goods. Satisfaction in every respect

Dell G. Morgan & Co., druggists, 742 Broadway, are giving their customers this season an elegant plush toilet set.

Kicked Another Man's Wife. E. Peterson, a man living in the south part of the city, called at the office of the city clerk yesterday and stated that he wanted a warrant issued for the arrest of J. Williams, better known as "Denmark." He stated that Williams had come to his house warrant was issued, charging him with dis turbing the peace, and was placed in the bands of Deputy Marshal Fowler. After a lively chase Williams was rounded up in the rear of Sam Ford's saloon on Upper Broad-way and taken to the calaboose.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria, When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,

THE OMAHA BEE. NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS,

Mag | ficent Reception Tendered Mr. and Mrs. Stewart at the Gables.

FIVE HUNDRED GUESTS WERE PRESENT.

Midst Masses of Palms and Banks of Flowers the Young Couple is Welcomed from Their Wedding Tour.

The Gables, the magnificent residence of litors are always welcome. John T. Stewart on Bluff street, was the scene last evening of one of the most brilliant social affuirs that has ever been witnessed in Council Bluffs. It was a reception tendered by Mr. and Mrs. Stewart to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Test Stewart, who returned last week from their extensive wedding tour in the east and are now residing in this city. The house was thrown open and brilliantly lighted from top to bottom. The floral decorations were most elaborate. Fully 500 representatives of the wealth and aristocracy of Council Bluffs and Omaha were present in response to the invitations sent out by the

host and hostess.

The parior, where stood the receiving party, was one mass of palms and white chrysanthemoms, the plants being banked along the south side of the room, and scatalong the south side of the room, and scat-tered about in the corners, the firepiace and everywhere they could be put. The ceilings of the halls and the library rooms were richly decorated in green ferns and white chrysanthemums, interwoven with sprays of chrysanthemans, interwoven with sprays of holly and mistletee. In the reception room, decorated in white and gold, stood a huge punch bowl which was presided over by Miss Eleanor Stewart. On the other of the long table in the uning room stood a center piece of white chrysanthemums and ferns, with broad pieces of green moire rib-bon running to each corner of the table. The table was decorated with tall silver candelabras, which furnished all the light there was

Mrs. John T. Stewart was assisted in re-ceiving by Mrs. Charles T. Stewart, Miss Bessie Stewart, Mrs. John M. Kirkendali of Denver and Miss Hoagland and Miss Laura Hoagland of Omaha. Mrs. John T. Stewart Hoagland of Omnha. Mrs. John T. Stewart was attired in a black velvet costume trimmed in pearls, with gold passementerie and point lace and with diamonds. Mrs. C. T. Stewart wore her wedding gown of white faille Francaise, trimmed with broad flounces of point lace and orange blossoms. Her only ornament was a large diamond sun, the wedding gift of her bushand. Mrs. Kirkendall ding gift of her husband. Mrs. Kirkendall wore a dress of white mousselaine de soie, trimmed with white embroidered flounces. Miss Bessie Stewart wore her maid of honor gown of white brocaded l'eau de soie, trimmed with embroidered chiffon and crystal passes with embroidered chiffon and crystal passe-menterie. Miss Laura Hongland, light blue silk, chiffon embroidery, with pink rosebuds. Miss Hongland, green sea foam, made very plain. All the costumes were decollete with the exception of that of the bride. Mrs. M. E. Smith, in black satin, served at the coffee table, while Mrs. Bushnell, in a gown of old green Bengaline silk, and Mrs. Rice in black, received through the rooms

Rice in black, received through the rooms. The hours of the reception were from 9 to 12 p. m., and there was a steady stream of guests passing in and out all during that time. Full dress was the rule, and the costumes of the ladies, under the brilliant gas-light or the mellow rays of the candles, made a scene which, for loveliness, surpassed any thing of the kind that has been given in the city for years.

VISIT THE BOSTON STORE.

Book, Holiday and Fancy Guds Departments, Council Bluff-, Iowa.

The Boston Store is acknowledged by every one to be headquarters for holiday goods, books, etc. Note a few of the prices contained in our book depart-Our own edition, 12mo, cloth binding, 19c, with a great variety of authors,

including Edna Lyall, Wilkie Collins, Diekens, Black, Haggard, etc. Gladstone edition, 12mo., cloth bindng, 25c, stamped in gold on back.

Farrous Half Bound, 12mo., 33c. These books are bound in substantial tyle, gold stamping, marble sides and edges. The paper, printing and binding being far superior to any of the cheap cloth lines published at higher

Red Line edition of the poets, 50c, This edition is handsomely bound in cloth and gold stamped in ink and gilt edges. We carry a full line of all the most popular poets.

Padded seal edition of the poets, 95c; publisher's price, \$1.75.

Ziz-Zag Journey, publisher's price \$1.50 per volume; our price \$1.19. Three Vassar Girls series, publisher's price \$1.50 per volume; our price \$1.00. Will Stanley in Africa, publisher's Fice \$3.00; our price \$2.00. Golden Days of '49, by K. Munro, pubisher's price \$1.50; our price \$1.19. Ran Away From the Dutch, by Perener, publisher's price \$1.50; our price

The Boys of 1812, by Russell Soley oublisher's price \$2.00; our price \$1.19. The Boys of '61, by Carleton, publish-'s price \$2,00; our price \$1.19.

Dore's Master Pieces, publisher's price \$6.00; our price \$1.17. Dore's Bible Gallery, Dante's Inferno, Purgatory and Paradise, Milton's Para-

lise Lost—all \$6.00 books for \$1.17. Canon Farrar's Life of Christ, illusrated, publisher's price \$5.00; our price Europe and America, illustrated, pub

isher's price \$2.59; our price 95c. BOSTON STORE. Council Bluffs, Iowa.

To prevent fraud Ohio assed a law requiring the inspection of maple sirup, and H. V. Slead, the grocery man, has the only genuine stuff in t'e city, bearing Crain Bros.' affidavit and the Ohio inspection stamp.

Shooting for the Dipper. The members of the Council Bluffs Rifle club indulged in one of their periodical shoots vesterday afternoon at the Crittenden rifle range. There were fourteen contestants, and the rivalry was very spirited. A number of the best shots among the number allowed themselves to be handicapped in amounts varying from three to fifteen points. so as to encourage those of less skill to enter the ring. The first ten rounds were for the possession of the gold badge, and resulted in giving the prize to F. L. Sackett for the next two weeks, his score being seventy-one points out of a possible 100. Five more rounds were then shot, resulting in placing W. J. Jameson in the read by a score of ninety-three points out of a possible 150, A. E. Avery being a close secend with a score of ninety-two and one-half This shoot wass the first of four to be held on the next three Fridays. The member who is in the lead at the end of the series will be awarded the "Danny Dioper," which has been reade for the carrier of the series will be awarded the "Danny Dioper," which

Swanson Music Co., Masonic temple.

Walnut block and Wyoming coal, fresh mined, received daily Thatcher,

As an incident to the refurnishing of the New Ogden the billiard parlors have been leased to Chas A. Fox, and fitted up with new tables and everything necessary for a first class resort for gentle-

Why pay 45c a quart for oysters when you can get them for 30c at C. O. D.

Seized Under a Mortgage. A chattel mortgage was placed on record in the office of the county recorder vesterday afternoon, transferring the wholesale cigar tore of C. M. Oberholtzer, at 102 Main

was at once taken possession of by the mortgagee. It was learned through E. W. Peterson of the R. G. Dun commercial agency, that the real proprietor of the store was H. R. Oberholtzer, a brother of C. M. Oberholtzer, He failed several years ago in Des Moines and since that time has been in business here, nominally in the employ of his brother, who is in an Omahalean office. He has been doing most of the traveling for the house himself and the running expenses have been very light, so that no reason can be assigned for his failure. A number of inquiries were made at the office of the commercial agency last evening by eastern creditors with refer-

last evening by eastern creditors with reference to the affairs of the house. The Woman's Christian association exposition hall is open every afternoon for the free use of the public, and vis-

Dell G. Morgan & Co., druggists, 742 Broadway, are special agents for the fa-mous "Blush of Roses."

Gave Bim the Cold Shake. A report was circulated on Thursday that three young men, two of whom live in this city and one in Omaha, had been held up the night before by a man who displayed an overweening desire to relieve them of their valualbles. When questioned about the affair all the parties who were mentioned as being connected with the case denied that any such thing had taken place, and it was not until yesterday that one of the young men sprang a leak and let the story out. According to the story told by this young man, the trio was passing the mill at the corner of Bryant street and Washington avenue, when a man with his face masked and one of his hands filled with a gun ordered them to halt. Instead of complying with the request, they started on the double quick for as many different points of the compass as could be conveniently covered by three young men. It was afterwards learned that the supposed other was a manufact of the fire decortment obber was a member of the fire department whose intentions were in every way as hon-

break and run. Tonight's Concert. Rare musical treat by home talent at the Women's Christian association exposition tonight:

orable as could be desired and he bad no

dea what was the matter until he saw them

Loure Bach
In the Evening Schumann
Persian March Strauss-Grunfeld
Miss Bella Robinson. Song..... Miss Mary Oliver. Æolian Harp | Waltz, E min. }Chopin Berceuse Miss Bella Robinson. Song Miss Mary Oliver,

Rhapsodie Hongroise No. 6.....Liszt Miss Bella Robinson Mrs. Stelling and Miss Patterson. Admission 25 cents.

The Fifth Avenue Epworth Methodist adies and the Married Ladies Social society will serve dinner and supper at the Exposition building today.

Jarviswild blackberry is the best. Teapots filled with tea 58c this week t Lund Bros.

W. C. A. Exposition. Another pleasing entertainment was given at the Masonic temple last ecening by the adies of the Woman's Christian association. The program included vocal solos by Mrs- J. A. Roff and Mrs. I. M. Treynor, piano selections by Miss Grace McKenzie, Miss Beebe and Miss Ohie Cook, a recitation by Miss Tominson and a couple of college sengs by the boy choir of St. Paul's. The patronage was not so good in the evening as during the day, and the excellence of the entertainment deserved a great deal larger attendance. It deserved a great deal larger attendance. It is to be noped that the public will turn out

to all the entertainments during the rest of the season and help make the exposition a success in every way worth of the object for which it was designed. All the apples exhibited by the Horticultural scriety have been given to the adies of the Woman's Christian association, and are on sale at the exposition hall by the peck or bushel.

We have our own vineyards in Califor nia. Jarvis Wine company, Co. Bluffs Fresh bread, 2 loaves for 5c, at C. O

Death of Frank Williamson. Franklin Williamson died last evening at his residence, 1624 Fifth avenue, at 6:45 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks, aged 48 years. He was general bookkeeper for the Omaha & St. Louis Railway company at this point. His itlness rendered it impossible for him to eat anything since a week ago Monday, and he literally wasted away. He leaves a wife, who will have the sympathy of a host of her friends in her sad bereavement. Funeral exercises will be held at the house this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the remains will be taken to Chicago over the Rock Island at 4:30 o'clock where

hey will be interred in Graceland cemetery Fresh oysters received daily direct rom Baltimore at C. O. D. Brown's, Council Bluffs.

Commercial men, Hotel Gordon the best \$2 house in Council Bluffs,

The only kindergarten in the city is in the Merriam block, next to the Young Men's Christian association. Experienced teachers and only one-half usual rates are charged.

Drs. Woodbury, dentists, next to Grand hotel; fine work a specialty.

Rayal Arcanum Party. The third and last of the series of parties given by Fidelity Council No. 156, Royal Arcanum, took place in the parlors of the society last evening. The attendance was fully as large as on either of the previous occasions, and all the details were carried out with the utmost smoothness. The program

from 9 o'clock until after midnight. At 11 o'clock an intermission was taken and supper was served. Many guests were present. Mandel & Kline will move their entire stock to Sioux City January 1. Until that time you can buy furniture, stoves, carpets, at your own price.

consisted of eighteen numbers and lasted

The largest stock of Japanese and

Chinese goods east of San Francisco, Frisco prices, at 317 Broadway. Try Carman's for hard and soft coal and wood. 706 Main stree

TOOK A HORRIBLE REVENGE. Molten Lead Poure: Into a Colored

Woman's Ear. Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 11.-The wife and intant child of Albert Coleman, colored, were the victims tonight of a most diabolical cutrage. She and her children were asleep when some unknown person entered and poured moiten lead in her ear and spattered a large quantity of it on the child. The woman's ear is burned out and the physicians think she will die. The child is

terribly burned, but may recover.

A Curious Tree. One hundred years ago a Mr. Marr of Cape Elizaleth, Me., set out a willow slip, which grew to be a good-sized tree. Mr. Marr was an obliging sort of person, and he kept his grindstone-one of the few in that vicinity-under the willow by the roadside for the convenience of his neighbors. Some of the neighbors were ungrateful yokels, for often when they had done grinding their axes, they would try the blades upon the sheltering tree, so that its beauty was spoiled and its life endangered. Then Farmer Marr street, to his father, H. H. Obernoltzer. The consideration named was \$7,797. The place drove a lot of spikes into the trunk, snuff and a six-shooter.

Catleura Remedies, and Says They Cured Our Child.

Father Went 25 Miles to Get Cutleura, and Feels Than'tful and Wants Others to Do as He Did.

My child broke out with scrofuls when two months old, and we tried everything that the dost recould do. It took out his hair and broke out on his limos and nose. It was then CUTRUIA REMEDIES were recommended by our doctor who attended him, and is now sitting here. The doctor said CUTRUIA AREMEDIES of the interest of CUTRUIA REMEDIES. I went for all diseases of the skin and blood. It did not take but one set of CUTRUIA REMEDIES. I went twenty five miles to get them. My child is well and his a fine head of hair as can be, for which I feel thinkful to you, for my wife is in batheath I have recommended the CUTRUIA REMEDIES to others. Print this if you think it will cause any person to do as I did. Son to do as I did.
D. F. PENSON, Langley, Pike Co., Ark.

I am the doctor that recommended CUTICURA RESEDUES to D. F. Penson. I have known them to cure several had cases of skin and blood diseases, and I say they are good.

MISS MARY E. BROOKS, M. D.

Cuticura Resolvent

The new blood and skin purifier and greatest of humor remedies, cleanses the blood of all impurities and poisonous elements, and thus removes the cause, while CUTICURA the great skin cure, and CUTICURA SOAP, an exquisite skin beautifier, clear the skin and scalp, and restore the hair. Thus the CUTICURA REMEDIES cure every species of liching, burning, scaly, pimply, and bloody skin scalp, and blood diseases, from pimples to serofula, from infancy to age, when the best physicians fall.

Soldeverywhere, Price, CUTICURA, 50c; SOAP, 25c.; RESOLVENT, \$1. Prepared by the POTTER DRUG AND CHEMICAL CORPORATION, Boston. FS Send for "How to Cure Skin Discasses." 64 pages, 50 lliustrations, and 100 testimonials.

IT STOPS THE PAIN.

Back ache, kidney pains, weak ness, rheumatism and muscula pains relieved in one minute by the Cutleura Anti-Pain Plaster. 25c. covering the heads artfully with bark, and when the neighboring vandars had spoiled a few axes they quit trying edges on the willow. Marr and his neighbors are all dead and forgotten these fifty years, but the willow still flourishes, and the ax marks are obliterated, while the protecting iron spikes are grown deep into the heart of the great trunk.

THE DELAWARE PLAN.

Criminals Receive Doses of the Cat and Pillory.

The regular fall whipping in Delaware took place at Newcastle on the 25th. The unique old jail yard was thrown open to the public about 10 o'clock and there entered a motley crowd of men, women and children. It had been announced that about twenty persons were to be whipped and that two of these were to receive the full penalty of the law. The extra attraction drew a big crowd to the jail, and when the sheriff started in to do his work he had an audience of several hundred persons. The crowd entered with particular

zest into what they apparently considered the "sport" and "guyed" at the unfortunates who were compelled to hug this Delaware relic of barbarism. James Carr was the most unfortunate man of the day. He and Joseph L. Townsend had been convicted of highway robbery and the sentence of the court was that they were to receive forty the highest under the law, one hour in the pillory and a year in jail. Townsend's lashes were remitted by the governor, but Carr had to stand everything. When he went to the torture of the pillary today his face wore a smile and he persisted that he was innocent of the crime charged against him. When he descended the adder he was scarcely able to straighten himself out. The locks of the pillory had stiffened him so that any movement caused pain. Sheriff Simmons at once took him to the post and locked his arms to either side. Never a muscle moved as the forty lashes descended upon his bare back. Sheriff Simmons felt kindly toward him, and in view of the fact that his companion in crime had got off, he was disposed to construe liberally the law's requirement of "well laid on. Carr's back was like fresh beef when the sheriff was through. Although the blood was not drawn, the marks of the

lashes were plainly visible. Two white men, Charles McGlunn and John Heck, were whipped. Heck has been to the post several times before, and is one of the few men that each sheriff, as he takes office, is supposed to have a chance at. He views each whipping as a sort of amusement and will discuss with any one that will listen to him the respective merits as whippers of the sheriffs he has met Heck does not steal for the sole purpose of gain. His only object is to get money to buy liquor, and when he has accomplished that he cares but little what follows. The court knows this and when Heck is brought before it there is always a disposition to be lib-

Four colored men were whipped for stealing chickens, and, strange to say nearly one-half the people who hug the post do it for stealing chickens. Among the criminal colored population this is re-garded as more of a disease than a crime, and sheriffs have always been lenient

with the victims. The whipping post in Delaware is an institution that dates back to the settle ment by the Swedes before Penn had come up the Delaware river. Up to within a few years ago every kind of offense was met with the lash. About 1850 a number of the laws imposing corporal punishment were remealed, and with a strange anomaly the law whipping women was allowed to remain. Re-peated efforts have failed to repeal this portion of the law. No woman has, however, been whipped for seventy years.

A Count Factory. Great republican that he is, Mr. Labouchere once vied with royalty itself in creating a count. The editor of "Truth" (London) makes this confession himself: "I was an attache at a foreign court. In those days the main business of an attache was to viser and issue passports. An Englishman of my acquaint-ance confided to me that he wanted to be a count. 'Nothing more simple,' I said: bring me your old passport and I will exchange it for a new one, in which I will dub you count.' This I did, and, when it became known, I had so many many applications that I gave away three books of passports, and I must have made about 150 counts. Occasionally I meet the son of one of my counts; from the height of his nobility he looks down on

3 oonshine. The whiskey made by moonshiners seldom becomes a week old, and very often it is drunk warm from the still, naving he effect of broken glass on the pulate It is frequently adulterated, tobacco being used to make it bite, and rattleweed to make it bead. In the moonshine districts almost everybody drinks-men and women, old and young and the quart bottle of the stuff, a package of

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Why do we do it? Because we are going to quit business in Council Bluffs. We have too much goods left.

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Everybody convinced who pays us a visit that our Great Quitting Sale is bona fide.

Model Clothing Co.,

SAPP'S NEW BLOCK,

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COUNCIL BLUFFS,

Combination Effected by Letding American and Foreign Companies.

MAY PROVOKE FURTHER LEGISLATION.

Agents' Commissions Reduced and Arrangements Made to Do an Exclusive Cash Business -Mason City Fire.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 11.-Representatives of all the leading American and foreign insurance companies doing business in Iowa have been in session here for the past three days. The work has been carefully guarded, but it was learned tonight from unquestionable authority that a compact was entered into that is in direct violation of the Iowa law prohibiting pools, trusts and combina-

This compact establishes a schedule of rates for the state, a plan of writing risks by an agreement to do an exclusive cash business and to reduce agents' commissions from 20 to 15 per cent. These insurance men were somewhat disturbed by the presence in the city of quite a number of members of the incoming state legislature who were here selecting quarters for the winter and who talked strongly of over-hauting the lowa insurance law, making it till more stringent against rate agreement and in favor of a valuation policy law after the plan of the Wisconsin statute. It is also probable that this new law will create the office of insurance commissioner and thus separate the insurance business of the state from the business of the state

FIRE AT MASON CITY.

Flames Destroy the Day Block-Other Disastrous Results. Mason City, Ia., Dec. 11.-[Special Telegram to Tue Ber. |-A bad fire broke out in

damage will be to the hardware store of Maclechert & Dunbar, Richards & Tucker's meat market, the Farmers Institute newspaper office and C. P. Shipley's office. The loss will probably reach \$30,000. Two buildings were completely gutted. Fired late the Crowd. MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Dec. 11.- Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-At a dance at Little Sloux last night Ed Springer filled up on bad whiskey and got into an altercation in which

he drew a gun and deliberately fired into a

One of the shots took effect on a

the Day block at 1:30 p. m. The principal

bystander, Will Faitor, and inflicted a serious wound. Immediately after the shooting Springer disappeared and has not been seen since. Faitor is in a critical condition, but will probably recover. But the Bridegroom Came Not. DUBUQUE, 1a., Dec. 11,-Fred Boomer and Miss Luclia Thompson were to have been married at Waukon today, but when the time came for the ceremony the bridegroom had mysteriously disappeared. No one knows where he has gone. His father is a banker at Waukon and the prominence of the parties

has made the affair decidedly sensational. Traveling Man Commit: Suicide. FORT DODGE, Ia., Dec. 11.-R. N. Kirk, a commercial traveler for a cigar house in Chicago, suicided this morning at the Hotel Dun combe. He came here from Mason City De cetaber 3, and was awaiting a draft and orders from his firm. Not receiving these as soon as expected, he became despondent and

ended his life by taking rough on rats. Fell Over a Precipice. DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 11.- Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- The fourth fatal accident in three days occurred here today. Martin Garbel, aged 20, while wheeling dirt at the new German Congregational parsonage, fell over a precipice and fractured his skull, causing death in a short time,

Child Burned to Death. DAVENPORT, Ia., Dec. 11 .- | Special Tele gram to THE BEE.]-Mrs. John Nues went away from home a few minutes this morning leaving her 2-year-old son playing with papers near the fire. When she returned she found him burned to a crisp and dying.

He Was Not Guilty. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 11.-The coroner's jury in the case of Henry Meyers of Vinton. who was reported to have been killed by Egbert George yesterday during a quarrel found that Meyers killed himself.

WORTH A GUINEA A BOK. BEECHAMS PAINLESS---EFFECTUAL-DISORDERED LIVER

25 Cents a Box, t generally recognized in England fact if roughout the world to be "we guinea a box," for the reason that they WILL CURE a wide range of com-plaints, and that they have saved to many sufferers not merely one but wasy guineas,

Of all druggists. Price 25 cents a box. New York Depot, 365 Canal St. 29

IOWA INSURANCE INTERESTS. SPECIAL NOTICES. COUNCIL BLUFFS.

> 1 00 Iowa farms for sale. Farms of from 40 to 200 acres and from \$15 per acre up. Send for list. Furnished hotel of 33 rooms for sale or exchange. Johnston & Van Patten. FOR RENT-Furnished room, at 128 Fourth

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Curious Inscriptions Copied From the Metal in England. In the current number of the Newberg Magazine there is an interesting article on "Bell Inscriptions." A bell

MOTTOES ON BELLIA

at Bentley, N. H., is inscribed: John Eyre gave twenty pound To meck me a losty sound. Several inscriptions on bells are of an amatory character. A very common inscription is the following, found in Cov-

entry, Knaresborough, Northampton, and other places: In wedlock s bands all ye who join With hands your hearts unite. So shall our tuneful tongues combine

To laud the nuptial rite.

Bakewell (1798):

On a couple of Lincolnshire bells-one of 1807 and the other of 1808-we have the following: When female virtue weds with manly worth We catch the rapture and we spread it forth. Very often the happy pair is reminded of the transitoriness of human existence and of the end of all things. Here is a specimen of this kind of inscription from

When men in Hymen's bands unite, Our merry peals produce delight; But when death goes his dreary sounds We send forth sad and solemn rounds. A very suggestive inscription is that no the bell at Hough-on-the-Hill, Lincolnshire. It is dated 1638, and runs as follows:

When you do hear this mournful sound. Prepare yourself for underground. Each bell in a peal at St. Michael's Coventry, if we are to judge from the mottoes, had a special use of its own. Thus No. 4 was evidently the workmen's bell: I ring at 6 to let men know

When to and from their work to go. No. 7 was the bell for summoning worshippers to church: ring to sermon with a lusty bombe That all may come, and none may stay at home. No. 8 was the fire bell, of which, too,

we have a specimen in the church at Lord! quench this furious flame, Arise, run, put out the same.

One bell in All Saints', Northampton. says: I mean to make it understood, That though I'm little, yet I'm good, Whilst another at St. Ives says:

But will be hanged before I crack.

Arise and go about your business. Punning inscriptions are not often to be met with. The following, found at Towchester, North Hants, may be held as belonging to this class: Pull on, brave boys I'm metal to the back.

Horaswoggied. N. Y. Tribune: "Some folks," said a hotel clerk, "are so easily Hornswoggled?' Oh, that's Greek I guess and means that you are fooled.

Now for instance, a man in a restaurant the other day ordered broiled mackerel. and he ate if with great relish, loudly declaring that broiling is the only way to cook mackerel. But was his mackerel broiled? Not much. It is too much trouble to broil a fish; so the cook put it in a pan and fried it, and then made burnt lines across it with a redhot poker kept in readiness for such emergencies. So the man was 'hornswoggled,' but as he didn't know it, he was as happy as though he had really eaten broiled mackere!. I tell you imagination is three-fourths of life."

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