CURRENT NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Cooper, Fire Ins., 6 Pearl, tel. 372.

Schmidt's bar relief photos are the latest.

Spooner Grocery Co., 323 Bway. Tel. 314.

F. M. Peterson of Sheldon is in the city.

Dr. Shriver, dentist. Merriam blk., rom 246.

Thomas Riton of Glenwood was in the city yesterday.

J. H. Lowney and E. E. Smith of Macedonia were visiting in the city yesterday.

George Pullman of Silver City is in the city on business.

Ex-Sheriff W. P. Campbell of Mills county spent Sunday in the city.

The Bluff City laundry invites patrons to call and examine their methods.

John Reeder of Sioux City is visiting his brother, Albert Reeder of this city.

Portfolios of Ireland from 1 to 10 can be had at The Bee office, No. 10 Pearl street.

Guy Shepard left last evening for a pleasure trip to Indianapolis and southeastern Ohio.

Alfred Francis has returned from Corning, Ia., where he has been on business and incidentally a visit to friends.

Mrs. W. F. Sapp, who has been visiting in Chicago for the past few weeks, is expected home the early part of this week.

We want you to feel that your package is very welcome at our place, and every effort will be made to please you at the Eagle Laundry, 724 Bway.

Do you want a hair brush, a tooth brush or any kind of a bristle brush? We have them in endless variety, and cheap and good. C. B. Paint, Oil & Glass Co.

The meetings of the Christian Science society, which have previously been held in the Merriam block, will be continued in an upper room of the Sapp block.

The funeral of Mrs. Chambers, grandmother of Mrs. W. E. Chambers, occurred yesterday. The services were conducted by Rev. S. M. Perkins of the Christian tabernacle.

The women of St. John's Lutheran church will have roasts for dinner and chicken pie, ham, peaches and cake for supper, at their annual sale of fancy goods on Tuesday, at 336 Broadway.

C. B. Viavi Co., female remedy; consultation free. Office hours, 9 to 12 and 2 to 5. Health book furnished. 326-327-328 Merriam block.

N. Y. Plumbing company. Tel. 250.

FOOTPADS GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.

Beat a Man and Rob Him of Eighty-Seven Dollars.

Claude C. Scanlan, whose home is in Fairfield, Neb., and who has been employed by the Union Pacific at North Platte, was assaulted by a footpad in this city last night and robbed of $87.

Scanlan had just been released from his engagement with the railroad company and was coming east to take another job. He spent the afternoon in Omaha and came over here about 7 o'clock. He wanted to see a friend who is employed in the Milwaukee roundhouse, and he left the Omaha car at the south end of Main street and started to walk along the tracks the remainder of the distance. When he was within about a block of his destination a man came up beside him out of the darkness and asked some question which Scanlan did not understand. He turned and saw that the man was a mulatto. The fellow mumbled something about being a switchman, and followed the remark by striking Scanlan a fearful blow on the head with a bludgeon. Scanlan was knocked down, but his assailant gave him another blow or two, and as he lay helpless in the snow the negro went through his pockets. His pocketbook containing the money was taken and some other small articles found in other pockets. The pocketbook also contained lodge cards from the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Order of Railway Trainmen and the Young Men's Christian association, two clearance papers, one from R. R. Sutherland of the Union Pacific and Denver & Rio Grande, and the other from the Burlington, signed by Superintendent Campbell.

Scanlan lay in the snow for nearly an hour before he recovered sufficiently to be able to make his way the short distance to the Milwaukee round house. A telephone message was sent to the police station and Officer Clair was sent down to bring the man up. He was suffering greatly and was still dazed, but was able to give a clear account of the assault and a good description of the thug. Orders were given to watch all of the trains and at 10 o'clock Officer Smith took a man from one of the Omaha motors at the bridge who filled the description quite well. He proved to be a white man with a very dark complexion and was not recognized by Scanlan. Scanlan accounts for the presence of so large a sum of money on his person by stating that he had just been paid off. After his wounds were dressed he was sent to a hotel to remain until morning.

Domestic soap wrappers call for spoons.

Zed Bethers Again Locked Up.

Zed Bethers was locked in the city prison yesterday and will be kept there until the officers look a little further into a series of new accusations that have been lodged against the young man. He is accused of stealing a buggy pole from John Evers, a butcher, and a neckyoke and a pair of singletrees from a man who had placed his team in the Neumayer barns. Bethers had sold the stuff for a small amount. He was released from serving a term in the Fort Madison penitentiary a few months ago after being convicted of burglary.

Hoffmayr's fancy patent flour makes the best and most bread. Ask your grocer for it.

Fire Does Slight Damage.

A small fire occurred at an early hour yesterday morning, completely destroying a residence on the corner of Avenue F and Fourteenth street. It was occupied by a family who were too much occupied with the work of getting out the household furniture to turn in a fire alarm. None of the many neighbors who came to their assistance happened to think that Council Bluffs had such a thing as a fire department, and the building was permitted to slowly burn down. If an alarm had been sent in the department would have saved it.

Do you skate? Splendid skating now—get your old skates ground and sharpened up by an expert. The Council Bluffs Cyclery has added a power sharpener and will sharpen up the dullest skates for 15 cents per pair.

Domestic soap wrappers call for spoons.

A new industry. Have your skates made to order. The Council Bluffs Cyclery build skates to order at reasonable prices. A hand made skate of fine materials is always the best.

Cleanliness, Even Heat, Base Heat.

Economy never before seen with soft coal. 1½ tons of soft coal equal 1 ton of hard.

A report from Rev J. Reale, 1152 East Pierce St.: "I have been using your Hot Blast with soft coal as fuel for six weeks. We are very much pleased with it. It not only gives as good satisfaction as our hard coal base burner, but is saving a large part of the expense of heating."

See it Running at COLE & COLE'S, 41 Main St., Council Bluffs. MILTON ROGERS & SONS, Omaha. GEO. W. BRIGGS, South Omaha.

RUSS WHITTLESEY RUNS AWAY

Surveyor of Customs for the Fort of Council Bluffs Skips.

HE IS BELIEVED TO BE A DEFAULTER

Well Known Man Disappears Under Circumstances that Lead to the Conclusion that He is a Criminal.

From all appearances and from the best information to be obtained from his family and friends R. N. Whittlesey is a heavy defaulter and a fugitive from justice. Whittlesey is well known in this city and for sixteen years was the local reporter of the Evening Globe. For over four years he has held the position of surveyor of customs at this point and his defalcation includes the appropriation of $2,163 of government money.

Whittlesey has been away from the city since Friday, and his absence has created a great deal of apprehension among his family and friends. It was not until yesterday that all who were in possession of the facts reached the conclusion that Whittlesey was a defaulter and had deserted his family and fled. The money that went with him came into his possession on Thursday in the form of a check from W. A. Maurer in payment of the duty on an invoice of goods imported from Europe. Whittlesey got the check cashed on Thursday afternoon at the Council Bluffs Savings bank, receiving bills of large denominations for a part of it and smaller currency for the remainder, according to his request. It is believed that he contemplated taking the money before it came into his possession, and by his subsequent acts endeavored to lay the foundation for the suspicion that he had been the victim of foul play. The procedure in the office has required him to draw the cash upon all checks given in payment for import duties and deposit the money in the office of the American Express company, which holds the contract for transferring government money. His instructions require him to consign this money to the subtreasury in Chicago.

After getting the big check cashed Whittlesey took the money to the express office and counted it over after calling for a couple of the express money envelopes. He talked a great deal while doing this and made an unnecessarily ostentious display of the big roll of greenbacks, and concluded by placing the money in the packages without the usual inside cover wrapper. The express agent called his attention to this oversight and he took the money out of the packages with another display that could have been seen by the crowd of people on the sidewalk and about the building. He stood in the doorway and shoved the money into his overcoat pocket, remarking to the express agent that he would take it back to the office and wrap it in the paper provided by the department for that purpose. He failed to return. Later in the afternoon he was seen by several people on the streets and appeared to be very much abstracted and disturbed. Thursday night he spent with his family at the little cottage occupied by himself and his aged parents on Vine street. At 8 o'clock he left the house, telling his wife that he was going to the transfer on business connected with his office. No one can be found who saw him at the transfer, and all traces of him have been lost.

HAS BEEN BEHIND.

It has been learned that Whittlesey has been in a condition of shortage with the department for some time. A short time before election, just prior to the time of his quarterly settlement with the government, he went to Dan Carrig and secured the loan of $400, which he frankly admitted was for the purpose of making up a deficiency of that amount. This money has been paid back in small amounts until Carrigg says the total has been reduced to $75. On one other occasion last September he complained to some of his friends that there was a small discrepancy in his cash account, that was giving him a great deal of uneasiness, but none of his friends ever suspected him of intentional dishonesty. Since the Evening Globe suspended Whittlesey has been without employment, and has been dependent solely on the salary received from his office for his support. This has never reached $550 a year, and has generally ranged from $350 to $475. Since being out of employment he has been leading a rather rapid life, and one of his intimate friends asserted yesterday that he has been furnishing considerable money to a well known gambler who has been playing for him.

Whittlesey was required by the government to give a bond for $5,000. This bond bears the names of Thomas Bowman, Judge J. E. F. McGee and E. A. Wickham. The signatures of Thomas E. Casady and Dan Carrigg are also upon it. The three first named bondsmen held a meeting yesterday afternoon, and endeavored to find out the exact amount of the embezzlement. This could not be ascertained, for Whittlesey took with him all of the books kept by him, or at least they cannot be found. J. J. Crowley, special agent of the Treasury department in Chicago, came here on Friday for the purpose of checking up Whittlesey, but finding him absent went on west with the intention of returning today and looking over his accounts. No suspicion was entertained at the time that anything was wrong.

Whittlesey's family has absolutely no information that will give them a clew to the direction he took in his flight. He has a wife and a bright little girl here. The government has a standing reward of $200, and the bondsmen yesterday intimated that they would increase the reward and let no obstacle prevent his discovery and return.

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Services at Christian Tabernacle.

The services at the Christian tabernacle yesterday were of an interesting character, Miss Annette Newcomer, state secretary of the Christian Women's Board of Missions, gave a detailed statement of the work already accomplished. She gave a very interesting talk on missions and mission work, its object; what had been accomplished by the Christian Women's Board of Missions in the past and an outline of their future work. She said the primary object of the Christian Women's Board of Missions was not to raise money, but the cultivation of a missionary spirit, which was the spirit of Christ, in the people; that no matter how little it may be, we can all do something toward supporting the missionary cause, and while the most of the money that is raised goes out of the state of Iowa, the reflex influence always comes back to us. Miss Newcomer also spoke at the tabernacle at 3 o'clock to the ladies and at 4 o'clock to the Endeavor society.

The sermon delivered by the pastor, Rev. S. M. Perkins, was on the subject of "Broken Cisterns," and he denounced in his usual calm and fearless manner many of the leading customs of the day as "broken cisterns," emptied of the real element which was designed they should contain.

Do not fail to attend the Jubilee Singers tonight at the Odd Fellows' hall.

For the Episcopal ladies. Touching negro melodies at the Odd Fellows' hall tonight. You must hear them.

A specialty of the concert at the Odd Fellows' hall tonight is the sextette; something unique to music lovers.

Burned by Gas Explosion.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—At 12:30 o'clock yesterday morning a gas machine in the Cedar Rapids button factory exploded, liberating the gas, which communicated with a lighted lantern, and which was followed by a second explosion, which set the building on fire, and badly burned Superintendent Duncan Stuart of this city and J. H. Veleer, a young man from Boone, who had been working in the factory about three weeks. The other twelve employes escaped from the building unhurt. The factory, together with all the machinery and about 300 gross of buttons, was totally destroyed by fire, causing a loss of $2,000, upon which there is no insurance.

SUGAR FROM WESTERN BEETS.

Government Agents Report that the Beets Are All Right.

DES MOINES, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Charles F. Saylor, agent of the United States Department of Agriculture, who has been on a tour of the states of the west investigating the conditions relative to the beet sugar industry, says that the report of Secretary Wilson will be prepared as soon as possible setting forth the results of the experiments thus far.

"I can only say that the experiments have been highly satisfactory," said Mr. Saylor. "We have found that sugar beets can be produced in this country on more favorable conditions than in any country in Europe where beet sugar is a great industry. This country imports $100,000,000 worth of sugar annually. It will not require a great area to produce enough to furnish sugar for the United States. The object of the experiment is to determine in what sections the best results can be obtained in order that when capital undertakes to develop the business it may take the least chances of loss. But as to the sections in which we have secured the best results, I am not at liberty to speak. The report will be made public in a short time and will contain all the information. But the raising of beets and manufacture of sugar can be made a success in this country."

Mr. Saylor has been in the western states from California to Washington, and from Kansas north to Minnesota and South Dakota. He has visited Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Nebraska. He intimates that the northern states of the central west—Minnesota, Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska—have presented as favorable a showing as any, and that results show an average of sugar far above the 12 per cent required to make the industry possible. He states that capital is ready to embark in sugar-making and that the department has information that assures it that the sugar beet industry in this country will be a repetition of the country's experience with the tin plate trade, which in a few years has grown from nothing to a point where it supplies the entire American trade, and exports a little.

Breaks a Will.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Judge Thompson, who is now holding the December term of the Jones county court at Anamosa, has just concluded a sensational case. The controversy was a contest over the will of Miss Ella Foqs, a maiden lady of about 48 years, who died last September. She left in the neighborhood of between $4,000 and $6,000, which she bequeathed to strangers, with the exception of a small provision for a brother, who was in the Soldiers' home at Marshalltown, and $500 to a sister living near Martelle. The great bulk of the estate was left to a residuary legatee, a Mrs. George Yount, $300 to a little son of Miles Cook and $500 to the wife of Judge D. McCarn. A hot and exciting three days' contest resulted in the setting aside of the will.

Hard Luck of One Family.

DAVENPORT, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—A queer story was told at the house of detention yesterday by a woman who is the head of a family on the move by wagon. She gave the name of Julia A. Noder and stated that she is a widow with three daughters, and her aged mother is with her. Mrs. Noder hails from Boone, but she says her husband worked in a brass foundry in Omaha until about four years ago. Then they began a roving life in a wagon to keep off the evils of metallic poisoning, but he died last July. Her mother lived in Boone and with her went to Marseilles, Ill., where she had property, but found that it had been sold. They are now on the way back to Boone, traveling overland.

Interpreter Is Badly Needed.

DES MOINES, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—State Auditor McCarthy is in a quandary as to what he shall do with the articles of incorporation of mutual insurance companies written in foreign languages. There are 150 mutual insurance companies in Iowa and under the provisions of the new code the state auditor is requested to examine their articles of incorporation and policies and pass upon their regularity. As several of them are written in either the German language or the Bohemian language he is looking for an official interpreter. No provision is made for such an official, but something will have to be done to secure translation of these documents on file in the auditor's office.

Farmers After a Sugar Factory.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The farmers of this county have organized an association for the purpose of holding a series of Farmers' institutes and ultimately to encourage the building of a beet sugar factory here. About forty farmers were present at the preliminary meeting and arrangements will be made for an institute at an early date. As soon as the farmers are closely united in their organization they will take steps toward getting the factory.

New Populist Editor.

DES MOINES, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The Farmers' Tribune, long the property of General Weaver and ex-Congressman Gillette, and the organ of the populists of Iowa, has passed under the editorial control of Frank Stuart, manager of the literary bureau of the popocratic campaign in Iowa and at one time candidate for congress in the Eighth district against Hepburn.

Purchases a Newspaper.

DENISON, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Henry A. Cook, for many years editor of the Bulletin of this city, has purchased the Grinnell Independent-Signal and will drop out the "Independent" from the name and run it as a conservative democratic paper. He is a sound money democrat and during the campaign worked in the interest of that party.

Iowa's Latest Acquisition.

Cedar Rapids Republican: Ottumwa has secured a new acquisition to its citizenship in "Bloody Bridles" Waite. Dame fortune seems to have a spite against that town.

Perry Chief: Ex-Governor Waite of Colorado has located in Iowa. He doubtless thought after the November slaughter of the innocents he would at last have a chance to wade through blood to the bridle bits.

Davenport Democrat: Ex-Governor Waite of Colorado is coming to Iowa to live. Whether the people of Colorado will place emblems of mourning on their state capitol for the usual period of thirty days is unknown; but if it is possible to reconstruct and reform the great populist of "bloody bridles" notoriety the associations that he finds in the state of Iowa will do it.

Keokuk Gate City: Ex-Governor Waite of Colorado has come to Iowa and will make this state his future home. He has located in Decatur county, where he is at work on a colonization scheme. Mr. Waite will be remembered as the man of "bloody bridles" fame who, as executive of the Centennial state, made himself so generally talked about because of his extreme populistic utterances.

Sioux City Journal: Ex-Governor Waite of Colorado is coming to Iowa to make his home; to Decatur county, which is one of the best spots in Iowa. The ex-governor shows excellent sense in coming to Iowa. He evidently knows a good thing when he sees it. He might have searched the whole world and not have found so promising a community in which to live and prosper. It is fair to surmise that, for one thing, the ex-governor is in search of political quiet and seclusion, and in this respect his choice of Iowa is wise.

Waterloo Reporter: Ex-Governor Waite of Colorado, it is said, will take up his residence in Iowa. He will locate in Decatur county, where he has a colonization scheme to work out. There is room in Iowa for many people, and ex-governors of other states, so long as they behave themselves, will be as welcome as any other class of citizens. It is to be hoped, however, Mr. Waite is not trying to colonize any of his "bloody bridle" business. He ought to leave his slaughter house in Colorado when he moves.

DES MOINES CITY CAMPAIGN

There Will Be a Hot Time in the Iowa State Capital.

OPPOSING FORCES LINING UP FOR FRAY

John Sherman, Nephew of the Secretary of State, Comes Out as a Candidate Against John MacVicar.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The line up for the coming municipal contest in Des Moines is about completed. Although the election is nearly four months away the fight is already bitter. It is really a fight between the present administration of John MacVicar as mayor, and the opposition to his policies of municipal ownership and control. Elected on a municipal ownership platform, which especially pledged him to continue the city's fight against the water company, Mr. MacVicar has opened fights against the electric light company and the street railway company. His recent election to the presidency of the Municipal League of America at the Toledo convention, has given him a new boom, but the opposition, including most of the older and recognized political forces, are making a desperate fight. The opposition has, after weeks of search, found a candidate to oppose MacVicar for the republican nomination. He is announced today, and is John Sherman, nephew of the Ohio statesman, a young business man of prominence and high standing who has been a power in local politics for several years. The administration has agreed on its list of candidates for aldermen throughout the city, and the opposition line up is practically determined, so that the fight is fairly on. Sherman is expected to announce his platform in a few days, and it is said that he will be even more radical than MacVicar on his attitude on municipal ownership.

STORY PROTESTS.

John Story, formerly of Sioux City, who is now deputy labor commissioner and editor of the Republikaneren at Lake Mills, Winnebago county, comes out in the last issue of his paper with a protest against the refusal of Governor-elect Shaw to recognize the Scandinavian republicans of the state. Story was a candidate for labor commissioner, and he takes the appointment of O'Bleness as the text for his remarks. After declaring that he was defeated on account of his nationality, he proceeds: "The question may soon arise, how long will the 45,000 Scandinavian republicans of Iowa be contented with glory and see the loaves and fishes given away to less deserving parties? The question is important and should be taken up. We will at the same time tell our readers that our esteemed senator from Boone, C. J. A. Erickson, met the same fate a few days ago as Mr. Story. Our readers will remember that Senator Erickson was a candidate for minister to Norway and Sweden under the present administration, but was turned down."

Two Boys Lost in Chicago.

WOODBINE, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—It is feared that two boys from this county have been lost in Chicago. About three weeks ago Henry DeGou shipped hogs to Chicago and got transportation for Chris Olsen and Jess Mortensen to Chicago, and on to Liverpool. He went to Chicago with them and left them there, but has since received a letter stating that neither of the boys called for their transportation tickets. Mr. Olsen and Mortinsen had quite a sum of money on their persons and it is believed that they have been disposed of and their money taken. The police have sent for their photographs and are going to look the matter up.

Committee Is Out of Debt.

DES MOINES, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The republican state central committee will have a meeting in this city tomorrow to close up the year's business, no general meeting having been held since the campaign ended. It is understood the committee is out of debt.

Iowa News Notes.

W. Skrogg, a workman from St. Paul, was instantly killed by falling from a building in Oelwein.

The Plymouth County Medical society has taken the initiative in the matter of erecting a hospital for Lemars.

The Tribune company has been organized at Wapello to publish a republican newspaper, with J. B. Wilson as editor.

W. F. Smith, formerly of the Webster City Freeman, is announced as a candidate for deputy oil inspector for the Tenth district.

H. Short, a farmer of Lucas county, says his wife eloped with Charles Norton, taking with them a team of horses belonging to Short. He offers a reward of $25 for the arrest of Norton.

General James Lincoln of the Iowa Agricultural college was tendered and refused the position of adjutant general of Iowa. He could not accept without giving up a large part of his work at the college.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brooks celebrated their golden wedding in Mount Pleasant a few days ago. They were married in Van Buren county, Iowa, by Rev. Moses F. Shinn, one of the pioneer Methodist preachers of the state.

A Webster City dispatch says that Mrs. Barger, who eloped from near Blairsburg, is now in a small town in Nebraska near Lincoln, where her mother lives, but that the man who went away with her is not now with her.

The Audubon Republican says that V. Leonard of Douglas township recently marketed three hogs which weighed 1,670 pounds and it was said that they were likely the heaviest three hogs ever marketed at one time by any Audubon county person. Now cometh H. Mendenhall of the same township and states that seven or eight years ago he marketed three hogs weighing 600, 650 and 710 pounds, total weight 1,960 pounds. Mr. Mendenhall thinks that record has not yet been broken.

DISCUSS MATTERS OF MOMENT.

Secretary Utt Confers with Kansas City Commercial Bodies.

Secretary Utt of the Commercial club returned to the city yesterday morning from Kansas City, where he had been Saturday in consultation with Commissioners Maxwell and Trickett of the commercial bodies of Kansas City and St. Joseph regarding railroad matters affecting Missouri river cities. The meeting was called for the specific purpose of considering the new classification of rates the western roads from Chicago intend to put into effect after the first of the year, but this was not touched because other matters occupied the attention of the commissioners. This rate matter will come up at a meeting of the commissioners to be held in this city some time during the coming two weeks.

The anti-scalping railroad bill and the railroad pooling bill were the subjects of discussion at the conference. All three commissioners agreed to favor the passage of the former by congress. The commissioners from Kansas City and St. Joseph were opposed to the passage of the pooling bill, but Commissioner Utt was not certain of the feeling of the shippers in this city on it and therefore did not commit himself. The anti-scalping bill is thought to be a good measure, since by its passage it will do away with the strong objection railroads have expressed to making special rates from interior points to this and other Missouri river points. The officials contend that the return tickets are invariably scalped.

The pooling bill provides for the pooling of western roads to maintain freight rates. The Kansas City and St. Joseph commissioners were opposed to it because they alleged that it would destroy competition and would therefore raise rates and also because they asserted that it was being pushed by eastern shippers. The bill's advantage lies in the fact that it will maintain stable rates and will do away with rate wars. In order to discover the feeling of the local shippers regarding this measure Secretary Utt will call a meeting of them in a few days.

Father Killed by His Son.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 12.—Patrick McHenry, an aged man, and his son, John, aged 36, quarreled while at the supper table this evening. The father threw a knife at the son, and the latter struck the old man with a chair, inflicting injuries which caused death within a few minutes. The son was arrested.

Bank for Poor Men.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 11.—Major Stillwell of the local Salvation Army corps announces that within a few days he will have completed his task of gathering subscriptions for the poor men's bank, which is to be run under the auspices of the army, and entirely for the benefit of the poorer classes.

Cleveland Arrives at Georgetown.

GEORGETOWN, S. C., Dec. 11.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland arrived in Georgetown at 6:20 o'clock this morning, and left at once for the shooting preserves of General E. P. Alexander, at Ford's Point.

MECHANICAL TOYS.

A Number of Them Brought Fortune to Their Inventors.

"As the holidays approach it will no doubt be a source of much wonderment to many parents, uncles and aunts, where all the toys displayed in store windows and at curbstones come from, and what novelty will appear next," said a large wholesale dealer in toys in New York to a Washington Star reporter recently. "To me it is no mystery, for almost every day in the year some Yankee genius brings me some new plaything to inspect. If it is good I put it on the market, and then if it makes a temporary hit the inventor and myself both make money. When a strike is made the market is flooded with the new favorite, for its popularity is generally short lived. A few days, weeks or months at the most and its reign is over.

"Nowadays nearly all the cheap 5 and 10-cent novelties and the better class of mechanical toys, such as river steamboats, locomotives, trains, trolley cars, dolls that walk and talk and animals that move about almost naturally, are made in America, while such old-fashioned playthings as building blocks, tin soldiers, woolly sheep, skin-covered horses, cows and dogs, all of which, judging from the enormous sales, are as great favorites with the children of today as they were a generation or two ago, come mostly from Germany. In that country these toys are hand-made by peasants, who work at them at night or during dull seasons on the vineyards or farms. Labor is cheap, and although the designing is seldom original, the workmanship is usually good, and the toy can be imported and sold cheaper here than the same class of goods made in this country. As a result of this there are many toys which in their completed state are partly American and partly foreign. Among these are toy vehicles, with horses or oxen attached. The vehicles and everything in and about them may be the product of American machinery, while the animals standing in front of the toy may be from Germany."

"Are many American toys patented?"

"Yes; the most expensive and insignificant novelties are alike protected by patents before the manufacturer puts them on the market. A patent once granted protects the holder from infringement upon his idea for the time during which the patent runs, and he controls the manufacture of his article as absolutely as he would any real estate that might be in his name. Few inventions pay better than popular patented toys. A clergyman in New York state has realized $10,000 during the last two years by inventing a jumping frog that opens and shuts its eyes and mouth naturally. The 'dancing negro,' which can be seen in every toy shop and which is simply a figure of a gaudily attired colored gentleman balanced by a wire, which is moved rapidly up and down by a system of clockwork in the box upon which it dances, provides an income for its inventor of $50,000 a year. The sale of the little wooden figure 'John Gilpin' was incredibly large and a very ingenious toy, known as the 'wheel of fortune,' is said to have produced upward of $300,000 to its inventors.

"One of the most successful of modern toys has been the 'chameleon top,' the sale of which has been enormous. The field of invention is not only vast and varied, but it is open to everybody, without respect to sex or age, station or means. The merest trifle may be the key to a fortune, if it be an article that the public actually wants in great numbers."

FORECAST OF TODAY'S WEATHER.

Light Snow, Followed by Clearing Weather.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Forecast for Monday:

For Nebraska and Kansas—Light snow, followed by clearing weather in eastern portions, fair in western portions, northerly winds.

For Iowa—Light snow, generally cloudy weather, variable winds.

For South Dakota—Fair, preceded by light snow in eastern portions, westerly winds.

For Missouri—Rain or snow, colder in southern portion, northerly winds.

For Wyoming—Probably fair, a slight rise in temperature, northerly winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 12.—Omaha record of rainfall and temperature compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.
Maximum temperature	29	49	32	40
Minimum temperature	24	28	28	32
Average temperature	26	38	30	36
Rainfall	.02	.00	.00	.01

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1897:

Normal for the day	30
Deficiency for the day	4
Accumulated excess since March 1	403
Normal rainfall for the day	.03 inch
Deficiency for the day	.01 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	18.63 inches
Deficiency since March 1	11.01 inches
Excess for cor. period 1896	5.19 inches
Deficiency for cor. period 1895	10.40 inches

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.,

Seventy-fifth meridian time.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 a. m.	Temperature for day.	Maximum temperature.	Precipitation.
Omaha, snowing	28	29	30	.02
North Platte, partly cloudy	24	4	20	.00
Salt Lake City, clear	32	38	40	.00
Cheyenne, clear	24	30	38	T
Rapid City, clear	36	40	52	T
Huron, snowing	24	26	42	.02
Chicago, cloudy	32	32	40	.01
Williston, cloudy	24	30	40	.04
St. Louis, cloudy	28	40	50	.00
St. Paul, cloudy	28	28	36	.09
Davenport, raining	30	30	40	T
Helena, partly cloudy	24	36	50	.00
Kansas City, raining	34	34	46	.06
Havre, clear	30	36	44	.00
Bismarck, snowing	24	24	34	T
Galveston, cloudy	64	68	70	.00

T indicates trace of precipitation.

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$15.00 per month—Cherry Hill and one acre of ground, fruit and garden.

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$9.00 per month—157 Third St., 6 rooms and barn.

$8.00 per month—15th st. and Ave. B; good barn.

$7.00 per month—120 Broadway, store room.

$5.00 per month—506 Graham avenue, 6 rooms.

$5.00 per month—156 Ridge street, 6-room house.

$4.00 per month—House on Ninth street.

ACRE PROPERTY—

$8.33 per month—A well improved 5 acres 2 miles from town, will take one-half of the rent in work.

FOR SALE—City Property—

$400—Good house, barn, shed and two lots 2513 Fifth ave., monthly payments, $7 per month.

$250—Good house and lot on Avenue H, between Eighth and Ninth Sts., $7 per month.

$200—Good house and lot on 6th avenue, between 25th and 26th sts., monthly payments, $6 per month.

15 lots in Wright's add for sale at a very low price.

FARMS FOR SALE—

$35 per acre—240-acre farm, 4 miles west of Griswold, eastern part of Pottawattamie county.

$35 per acre—40 acres of good farming land north of Neola.

$35 per acre—Well improved 150-acre farm east of Loveland, Pottawattamie county.

$25 per acre—40 acres of good farming or fruit land, 3 miles from Sidney, Fremont county.

$25 per acre—30 acres of good fruit land, with small house, north of Hamburg, Fremont county.

$35 per acre—40 acres of good bottom land, some timber, 2 miles south of city limits.

$20 per acre—20 acres of good bottom land, 2 miles south of Council Bluffs.

10-acre tracts of land 2 miles south of South Omaha; will take part payment in city property.