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.

Gl. E. Lodwig of Marne was a city visitor yesterday.

L. Kahl of Mineola was a Bluffs visitor yesterday.

D. E. Whitfield of Malvern is in the city visiting friends.

Fred Pomfrey of Atlantic was in the city yesterday on business.

J. N. Clardy and I. N. Bassitt of Blanchard were in the city yesterday.

Klondyke for fine gold and the Bluff City for fine laundry work. Phone 314.

T. R. Jones and John Morgan, cattlemen of Wales, Ia., are in the city on business.

A. J. Vaughn and daughter of Westmark were in the city yesterday visiting friends.

The seduction case wherein Fred Duncan is defendant has been continued until next term.

John Rohrberg and wife of Mineola were in the city yesterday making a visit to friends.

E. H. McMartin and F. McMartin, stockmen of Oakland, were in the city yesterday on business.

Ed Smith of Deadwood, S. D., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith, on First avenue.

John Eugold and Anna Zridlar, both of Papillion, Neb., were married yesterday by Justice Burke.

John Van Kirk of Silver City, one of the largest stock feeders in the west, was in the city yesterday on business.

Miss Lulu Rudio has returned home on her holiday visit. She is attending All Saints' school at Sioux Falls, S. D.

In the district court yesterday the case against John Crowe was dismissed for lack of evidence. The case has been pending for nearly a year.

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 Girls' Industrial school will meet this afternoon at 2:30 in the Ekeman building. The little girls are anxious to complete the garments they are working upon for Christmas.

The intervention of County Treasurer Arnd in the assignment of the Globe Publishing company to make the taxes now due one of the preferred claims was argued in the district court yesterday and submitted.

Mrs. Fremont West was called before Judge Green yesterday for the purpose of examination relative to her ability to pay a judgment that has been returned against her and her husband. She was compelled to give a full list of her property, including moneys and credits.

A short time ago a quaint little bit of Oriental furniture was put upon the market, designated as Indian stools, and they have become a most extraordinarily popular fad. S. S. Keller has been obliged to order the third consignment of them. They are very handsome and durable and make a most appropriate and cheap Christmas present.

The Transmississippi association has been advised that its articles and incorporation now on file in the office of the secretary of state are not as strong as they might be. The articles bear the signature of only nine of the members, and it has been suggested that all the signatures of the committee of fifty should be attached. The association has decided to recall the articles and have all the members sign them and forward the document at once.

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.

We are not content to simply give big value in shoes. In order that our customers shall get complete satisfaction we aim at all times to keep our line up-to-date, and thus are able to give our friends the latest and most stylish stuff at prices much lower than are asked by some of our competitors who are about six months behind the times and always howling low price. $1.98, etc., which should be $1.75. SARGENT, SIGN OF THE BEAR.

Domestic soap wrappers call for spoons.

MOBILIZING THE STATE MILITIA.

Move to Gather the Iowa National Guard Here in 1898.

Secretary Judson of the Council Bluff's Transmississippi Exposition auxiliary, is beginning under direction of the association a regular campaign in the interest of the mobilization of the Iowa National Guard at Council Bluffs next year. This work is one of the most important things that the association has undertaken to accomplish. It is in line with the original intention to do everything possible to assist in the larger enterprise of national mobilization. Hundreds of letters coming officially from the association have been sent to members of congress in Iowa and adjoining states, and to prominent citizens and politicians, urging them to make use of all their influence to secure national mobilization. This work has been productive of good results, if the numerous responses containing favorable replies and strong pledges can be taken as any indication. The association has deemed it wise to make a personal appeal to the citizen soldiery of Iowa, and for this purpose has instructed its secretary to send a letter to the commissioned officers and noncommissioned staff of the Iowa National Guard. Over 100 of these letters were consigned to the mails yesterday. The letter is as follows:

This association is endeavoring to secure a grand encampment of the entire Iowa National Guard at Council Bluffs in the fall of 1898, during the continuance of the Transmississippi and International Exposition. It is possible that we may also secure an encampment of a large portion of the national guard of other states as well as a mobilization of the cream of the regular army of the United States during the same period. In any event it will be a grand opportunity for the improvement of the national guard along these lines, as we have some 1,200 acres of choice camp ground within the city limits and directly on the electric car line connecting this city with the exposition grounds.

We hope to have your valued co-operation and that of your command in our endeavor, especially as certain legislation will be necessary in order to consummate this project.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to the following named persons:

Name and Address.	Age.
John Eugold, Papillion, Neb.	34
Anna Zridlar, Papillion, Neb.	34

A Cavalryman's Experience

Chris. Jensen, of Troop D, 6th Cavalry, U. S. A., Easily Vanquishes a Foe.

Fort Robinson, October 13, 1897.

Eureka Chemical and Mnfg. Co., La Crosse.

Gentlemen: Baco-Cure has certainly done all you claim for it in my case. I have absolutely no desire for the narcotic, in fact when anyone is smoking where I am, the odor is unbearable to me. Your remedy is wonderful, and I have recommended its use to several other soldiers and they are going to give it a trial. I think that if I ever get to using tobacco again it will be learning the habit over again. I have not the least desire for tobacco and I regard myself as entirely cured. Yours truly,

CHRIS. JENSEN,
6th Cavalry, Troop D, Fort Robinson, Neb.

The wonderful part of a cure from BACO-CURO is that it removes every trace of nicotine from the system, leaving it as free from the narcotic as it was before the first smoke or chew. Write for *proofs of cures*. We give a written guarantee to cure permanently any case with three boxes, or refund the money. 50c. or $1 a box, three boxes (guaranteed cure) $2.50. Druggists everywhere, or EUREKA CHEMICAL AND MNFG. CO., LA CROSSE, WIS.

WHITTLESEY'S PAL WEAKENS

Shorty Norton Leads the Chase to the Defaulter's Hiding Place.

CAPTURE OF THE ABSCONDER CONFIRMED

Bondsman Wickham Goes with Norton to Danville and Overhauls the Wanted Ex-Surveyor of the Port There.

Confirmation of the report published in The Bee yesterday morning of the arrest of R. N. Whittlesey, the defaulting surveyor of customs at the port of Council Bluffs, was in abundant evidence yesterday. Little more of the details, however, were obtainable. It is only known positively that his arrest was due to the assistance given by his friend, "Shorty" Norton, who accompanied him at the time of his flight. Officer Anderson returned from Kansas City yesterday and was able to contradict the report that he was the officer who arrested Whittlesey at Danville, Ky. It was largely owing to the work that Anderson accomplished that the arrest was effected. He learned at Kansas City enough to convince him that Norton could tell where Whittlesey could be found and advised the bondsmen and officers to put prompt pressure upon the young man. This was done and Norton weakened. It has been learned that Norton had in his possession a letter written by the parents of Whittlesey and given to him to mail. The letter was in a plain envelope and Norton was to address it to Whittlesey at Danville, using the name of G. T. Munro. Norton was induced to consent to deliver the letter in person to Whittlesey and was accompanied on his mission by E. A. Wickham. The information proved to be of the most authentic character and Norton led Wickham to the Kentucky town where Whittlesey was temporarily sojourning.

The program yesterday was to bring Whittlesey here today, but this may be interfered with by the part federal officers will play in the case. It was the original intention to let Mr. Wickham take the responsibility of bringing Whittlesey back and turning him over to the federal authorities, but the plan decided upon yesterday afternoon was to intercept them at Chicago, where he will be taken in custody by the federal officers. If this program is carried out Whittlesey may not be brought here at all, but will be taken directly to Des Moines, where Judge Woolson is now holding a term of the United States district court. Whittlesey may conclude that it is best to avoid the unpleasantness of a public trial and enter a plea of guilty before Judge Woolson at the present term and let the law take its course.

The amount of money Whittlesey had in his possession at the time of his arrest is not at present known, the telegram received from Wickham, directed to Postmaster Bowman, giving only the information of the arrest. It also said nothing about the arrest of the woman in his company.

The fag ends of a rather sensational story were picked up around the federal building yesterday. It is intimated that future developments will show that Whittlesey's misappropriation of government funds covers a period of several years instead of several months and really began under the Cleveland administration, which was responsible for his appointment. Inspector Crowley would neither affirm nor deny these rumors and would offer no explanation of the apparently remarkable oversight that would permit the surveyor's office to remain uninspected and unchecked for a series of years.

Inspector Crowley stated last night that Whittlesey had been turned over to the charge of a federal officer at the direction of the Treasury department and that he would be brought direct to Council Bluffs. Unless the present plans are changed, he said, Whittlesey would arrive here today. He thought he might be arraigned before Commissioner George F. Wright and then perhaps taken to Des Moines.

A story was in circulation last night that Whittlesey had not contemplated flight when he left, but had gone to Cincinnati and Evansville for the purpose of getting money to straighten up his accounts with the government. The story could not be traced to an authentic origin.

A man's imagination will do almost anything for him. A man can tell a lie so often that eventually he will begin to believe it himself. Some of our competitors are in danger of contracting this pernicious habit.

The best shoe ever made for women is the shoe we sell for $3.00. It combines style, durability, and comfort. That is why it is called the composite. SARGENT, SIGN OF THE BEAR.

Domestic soap wrappers call for spoons.

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

Domestic soap wrappers call for spoons.

SAWYER GAINS TWO MORE VOTES.

Net Result of the Recount in Ten Additional Precincts.

The election contest between Prof. Paulson and Prof. Sawyer is moving along very swiftly and with excellent prospects of reaching an earlier conclusion than was at first anticipated. This is largely due to the excellent good feeling that prevails between the contestants and their attorneys, and the members of the board. Ten precincts were recounted yesterday. The results showed a net gain in all of two votes for Sawyer, making his plurality at the present time twenty-eight votes. In Crescent township Sawyer lost eight and Paulson six votes. In Garner Sawyer lost one and Paulson three, evening up the loss in the previous township. Seven ballots were thrown out of the Grove returns for Sawyer and six for Paulson, giving Paulson one the better of it. In Hardin township each candidate lost five votes. Five votes were thrown out in Hazel Dell for Sawyer and six for Paulson, once more making the score for the day even. James township count resulted in the loss of four votes for each of the candidates. The returns from the city were then taken up. In the first precinct of the first ward Sawyer lost six votes and Paulson seven, giving Sawyer once more the advantage of one. In the second precinct of the first ward fourteen votes that had been improperly counted for Sawyer were thrown out and fifteen for Paulson, making Sawyer's net gain for the day two. There was no change in Kane outside of the city, each candidate receiving twelve votes.

The result of the day's contest largely increased the cheerfulness of Sawyer and his friends. Nearly all of the precincts counted are heavly democratic, and they figure that a corresponding increase of loss for Paulson will be encountered when the board comes to examine the ballots cast in the republican precincts. The poor farm proposition continues to be shown to be the bete noir of the voters. Those who desired to vote against it emphasized their opinion that it was not the proper thing for the people to invest nearly $20,000 in such an enterprise, by marking their ballots in such a manner that they were clearly mutilated within the meaning of the law. The board will work today on the other precincts of the city, and Sawyer's friends predict that the result will increase his lead by a large majority. It is said that in one of the precincts thirty-seven votes that were counted for Paulson had the poor farm proposition obliterated by vindictive assaults of the marking pencil in the hands of the voters. Under the rule established these must be rejected.

Mining Company Meeting.

A special meeting of the Gold Belt Mining, Milling and Prospecting company was held in the office of Secretary George F. Wright yesterday afternoon. The meeting was called by President G. R. Wheeler, who has just returned from the mining camp, for the purpose of transacting some important business in connection with the company's affairs. Of the board of directors there were present John Beno, George F. Wright, W. J. Davenport, William Moore, Harvey Pace and John Frost, who lives in Weston. The principal thing done was the ratification of the purchase of a large amount of additional property.

Domestic soap wrappers call for spoons.

Finds Kinney Guilty.

The jury in the district court that heard the story of John Kinney's attempt at cattle stealing from his employer, Solomon McMillan, returned a verdict yesterday afternoon of guilty as charged.

Domestic soap wrappers call for spoons.

Iowa and the Exposition.

Des Moines Leader: The narrow-minded editors who are sneering at the Transmississippi Exposition because held in Nebraska perhaps are not aware of it, but nevertheless they are injuring the future of Iowa. Iowa must look forward to becoming a manufacturing state, or else be satisfied with little more than its present population. When Iowa becomes a manufacturing state its chief market will be in Nebraska and the transmissouri territory. We should cultivate friendly relations with the west. It is certainly not a good way to do it to seek to discredit a great enterprise in which the west takes great interest and in which Nebraska feels a jealous pride.

Red Oak Express: The State Register has repeatedly declared that no Iowa paper of any standing favors any additional appropriation for the Omaha exposition. The Express has not canvassed the matter in any wise, but we can cite three or four very respectable exceptions—the Creston Gazette, the Council Bluffs Nonpareil and the Atlantic Telegraph, to say nothing of the humble merits of the Express.

Burlington Hawkeye: The Transmississippi Exposition at Omaha promises to be a tremendous affair, and will be an interesting object lesson in the productive industries of the great west. Twenty-three states and territories west of the Mississippi have given notice of their intention to be represented there. The United States government has appropriatd $200,000 for a building. Mexico will have an exhibit and South America will be represented by Peru, Chili, Brazil and the Argentine Republic.

An Iowa Man Saw Lafayette.

A few days ago Thomas B. Doxey read an account in the Waterloo Courier of the recollections of a lady who had seen General Lafayette while he was in this country. Mr. Doxey now tells the Courier that in the city of Baltimore in the year 1825 he saw the great general and had the honor of being spoken to by him. Baltimore was entertaining the noted Frenchman, and among other diversions he was given a ride about the city. Mr. Doxey, then a lad of 5 years, had gone from his home with a small tin pail for some water at a spring nearby, and having secured it, stood in the line of people watching the parade. As the carriage bearing the distinguished visitor came opposite to where he was General Lafayette remarked that he would like a drink from that little pail. Proud as a president, Tom passed the shining vessel up to the carriage, and when it was returned to him General Lafayette leaned over and thanked him for the courtesy and dropped a piece of money into his hand. That was seventy-two years ago. Mr. Doxey is now 77 years of age, but he remembers the incident well.

How Iowa Has Grown.

In the Tenth general assembly, which convened at Des Moines January 11, 1864, Lee, Scott and Dubuque counties each had two senators. The Thirty-ninth district was composed of Hardin, Grundy, Black Hawk, Butler and Franklin, and C. F. Clarkson of Grundy was the senator. The Forty-third district was the big district of the state and was composed of twenty-eight counties, coming east as far as Wright county and south including Harrison, Shelby and Audubon counties, considerably more than one-fourth of the state in territory and in the number of counties. There is a little difference in the make-up, says Lieutenant Governor Parrott in the Waterloo Reporter, but the territory of that one senatorial district then makes now practically the Tenth and Eleventh congressional districts. Or, to put it differently, that one senatorial district of thirty-three years ago now has two congresamen and eight or nine senators. This is a forcible illustration of the growth of northwestern Iowa, and it is well to bring the matter to mind once in a while because we forget how rapidly Iowa has developed.

Iowa News Notes.

Seventeen families are quarantined in New Sharon on account of the measles.

The delinquent tax sale at Independence only took about an hour, but few tracts being thus taken up.

Harry Fox, formerly division superintendent on the Rock Island at Des Moines, is now a conductor on the road.

A builder has submitted to the Commercial club of Muscatine drawings for a $35,000 opera house under contemplation.

Linnie Haguewood, the blind and deaf girl at Vinton, now uses a typewriter and is getting along nicely in her work.

Page county had nineteen criminal prosecutions the year ending October 1, which cost an average of $133, or a total of $2,481.

In the October term of the Mahaska district court there were forty applications for divorce and in the December term forty-four.

Mrs. Flora Furman has sued the town of Eldora for $6,000 damages on account of injuries received by a fall on a defective sidewalk.

There is an idle packing house at Sabule and this week three prominent capitalists from Chicago spent several days looking it over, but did not inform the people of their plans.

John W. Clement, aged 59, died a few days ago at the Soldiers' home at Marshalltown. He was a member of a Pennsylvania regiment during the war and went to the home from Hampton.

James Chamberlain died in North Liberty on Tuesday. He was 80 years old and had lived there since 1841. The same day Francis Grove died in North Liberty at the age of 76. He had lived in the county forty years.

The woman suffrage workers in Lucas county secured the signatures of 500 voters to a legislative petition in one day. It is beginning to be evidenced that the suffragists mean to make good the promise of a warm fight at Des Moines this winter.

Iowa Press Comment.

Sioux City Journal: Governor-elect Shaw is rapidly disposing of the chief appointments. There are only a few more to make. It is well to get this matter out of the road in good time before the meeting of the legislature.

Des Moines News: The recommendation by Secretary Van Houten of the Iowa Horticultural society that the elements of practical horticulture be taught in the schools of the state would seem to be practical. The Horticultural society embraces some of the brightest men of the state.

Cedar Rapids Republican: Members of the legislature who desire to please the people will resolve on a short business session. Thirty days will be time enough in which to do all that needs to be done. The extra session put things in such shape that a long regular session will be inexcusable.

Keokuk Gate City: Those white caps out in western Iowa who intimidated a witness ought to be punished to the full extent of the law. Public sentiment in this state is overwhelmingly against such an outrage and will support the officers in meting out speedy and severe punishment to the offenders.

Davenport Democrat: The crusade in behalf of the Orphans' Home is being carried on throughout the state, the veteran soldiers and the friends of needy childhood in general rising up in opposition to the scheme of herding these children in the poor houses of the state in preference to giving them a place in a state institution where they will be developed into good citizens. This citizens' movement is likely to be heard from at the next session of the general assembly.

Coughs and colds. Those who are suffering from coughs, colds, sore throat, etc., should try Brown's Bronchial Troches. Sold only in boxes.

KLONY TELLS HIS STORY

Placed on Trial for the Killing of Jesse Conway.

OUTCOME OF THE IOWA MINERS' STRIKE

Accused Man, in His Attempt to Relate the Story of the Shooting, Breaks Down and Sheds Tears.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The trial of Frank Klony, a Russian miner, for the killing of Jesse Conway, a striker, developed sensational features today. Klony went on the stand in his own behalf. He spoke very poor English and finally, becoming fearful that on account of his poor understanding of the language, he was compromising himself, broke down and wept like a child. Court was adjourned till tomorrow. Klony said John Dazell, another Russian, representing the Carbondale Fuel company, had contracted with him and sixty other Russians to come here. Dazell told them there was no strike in the district. The first they knew was when they left the cars at the mine and found it surrounded by a mob of strikers, who hooted at them. He said threats were made against his life and he was finally furnished a revolver at the company's store, near the mine, to protect himself. On the night of the shooting he had been to town to buy tools and was riding home with Dazell and others. Several men surrounded the wagon and shouted things which Klony did not understand. Dazell told him they were going to be mobbed and instructed him to fire. Klony says he pulled the gun and pointed it back of him at the men in the rear of the wagon, without aiming at anybody and not intending to hit any of them. He fired and Conway fell, but he testified he did not know it at the time. The case will probably go to the jury Monday.

In federal court today thirty-two cases were dismissed on motion of State's Attorney Fullen, whose term expires at midnight tonight, and who desires to clear the docket for his successor, Louis Miles of Corydon. Mr. Miles has not been confirmed by the senate, but is expected to be in a few days. Among the cases dismissed is one against M. C. Booge and D. D. Frazee of Sioux City, who were indicted for using the mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud. It was charged that they operated a bucket shop, and used the mails for their advertising circulars; that they swindled Grinnell people out of $30,000. Another case dismissed was against Mrs. Alice Whissen Knapp, who married George Knapp of Muscatine and induced him to give her $3,500 the same day, deserting him at once and refusing to have anything to do with him thereafter. Her health has broken down and she is likely to die at any time.

The annual convention of the Iowa State Teachers' association will be held here December 28, 29 and 30. There will be no less than 2,000 teachers in attendance.

GOSSIP ABOUT APPOINTMENTS.

A special from Denison to the Leader states that Governor-elect Shaw announces the appointment of Major Melvin H. Byers of Glenwood as adjutant general. Major Byers had the support of most of the Prime men after it became appearent that Prime was not likely to be appointed, but the Prime men did not entirely lose hopes to the end. Byers has a good soldier record and has been for many years connected with the guard. He succeeds General H. H. Wright of Centerville. The same dispatch states that L. S. Gates of Manchester is announced for dairy commissioner to succeed W. K. Boardman of Nevada. Mr. Gates had a strong endorsement from the dairy interests of the state. When he entered the race he was weak on account of home support. S. Odell had captured all the home indorsement for warden at the Anamosa penitentiary. An arrangement was made by which each was given the full indorsement of his home county and agreed to take his chances. These announcements leave the position of state librarian the only first class one to which appointment is yet to be made and the situation is such that Johnson Brigham of Des Moines is regarded as a pretty sure winner.

Contest Over a Will.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Samuel Sawyer, a wealthy farmer, died in Audubon county about a year ago, leaving the larger part of the estate to the Methodist church. The heirs contested the will, and after a long and bitter fight it was set aside. Elwin Sawyer formerly lived in Jones county and last April young Sawyer appeared before the district court and asked that he be appointed administrator of the estate on the ground that his father was not of sound mind. The prayer was granted. Recently the Audubon county court appointed Attorney Nash of Audubon as administrator of the estate, and when Elwin Sawyer refused to turn the property over to him the court issued a bench warrant and ordered the sheriff to take him to Audubon to show cause why he should not be fined for contempt of court. Sawyer was arrested Thursday, but while passing through Marion Sheriff Cone served a writ of habeas corpus upon him issued by Judge Giberson of the superior court of this city. A hearing on the writ will be heard tomorrow.

Growth of Dubuque.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The Evening Times yesterday published a trade and commercial edition showing the improvements in the city of Dubuque in the last year and the business done here. By this showing it is learned that the population of the city is now 44,325, a gain of nearly 2,000 in a year, the street improvements for the year amount to $254,611.21, the postoffice business shows an increase of about 7 per cent, the manufacturing output is $40,672,000 annually, with over $42,000,000 invested in industries, and the wholesale business is showing a steady increase.

Circuit of Chautauqua Meetings.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A meeting was held here this week of representatives of the Chautauqua associations in this city, Burlington, Waterloo and Clarinda for the purpose of forming some sort of a combination to secure the best talent for all the Chautauqua meetings in Iowa and to arrange dates that would not conflict. It is understood the Chautauqua association at Spirit Lake would also come into the combination.

Dividing Up an Estate.

ELDORA, Ia., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The property of George Dexter, deceased, and late of Charles City, north of here, is now being distributed by the attorneys as follows: Hamilton college, New York, $18,000; Charles Dexter of Sedalia, Mo., $29,000; heirs of Edgar Talman of Madison, Wis., $11,000; American Bible society, $1,400; Mrs. George Dexter, widow, $125,000.

Notice of Contest.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Thomas H. Smith of Harlan, who was candidate for senator in the Cass-Shelby district, and was defeated by Dr. M. J. Emmert, democrat, of this city by twenty-two votes, has had notice served on the latter that he would contest his election.

Wants His Attorney Fee.

CHEROKEE, Ia., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Judge C. H. Lewis, who was attorney for Atlee Hart of Dakota City, Neb., in the cases connecting him with the Sunday Sun scandal and who assisted in procuring a pardon for Hart after he was sentenced for extortion, has sued Mr. Hart for $2,000 attorney's fee and attached property in this county to secure the same.

Hard Paper on the Editors.

The suicide of Editor Elmer W. Reed of the Preston (Ia.) Times, who shot himself dead because of despondency, says the Burlington Hawkeye, is rendered peculiar by the fact that Editor Liddle, Reed's predecessor on the Times, also committed suicide a year or so ago. Liddle wrote up his suicide, headlines and all, on the day the paper was to appear, hung the copy on the hook, left the office, and within a half hour committed suicide by throwing himself beneath a train at the spot and in the manner he had described. The copy was found on the hook where he had hung it, and, in accordance with his implied wish, appeared in the paper as he had written it.

A Flag in the Sky.

The flag of the United States was hung up in the eastern sky this morning, says the Davenport Democrat of last Monday evening. A little after 6 o'clock, though the sun was still below the horizon, his beams lighted the heavens there. The sky was a bluish white, with suggestions of pale green. Crossing it in horizontal bars, at almost equal intervals, were bands of red clouds. At one end of the space thus gridironed the brilliant planet Venus hung like a small sun, while near at hand was a great patch of blue. The colors were all there, and they didn't need much rearrangement to be in proper form.

Business Troubles.

OELWEIN, Ia., Dec. 17.—The Citizens' bank of this city, H. C. Sturgis & Co., proprietors, made a voluntary assignment today and closed its doors. Liabilities, $25,000; assets, unknown. James Smith is the assignee.

Remarkable Record of Crime.

AMADOR CITY, Cal., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The Gold Keystone mine here since it was first opened has produced $15,000,000, by the company's books. The mine was formerly worked to the depth of 1,400 feet and was thought to be about exhausted. The management had almost decided to close the property when a change in superintendents brought about a change in the development of the mine and proved that it held in reserve in its upper works ore bodies as large and rich as those of the mine's earliest history. The upper levels are now being reopened and worked and at present the ore is coming from the 700-foot level, where the vein is nearly 100 feet wide. The Keystone still promises many years of profitable production.

Caught an Albino Coyote.

HUGO, Colo., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A pink-eyed coyote was killed near here a few days ago, the first albino wolf ever reported in the west. The regulation eye of the coyote is a black pupil with a hazel iris, but the present specimen had a dark red pupil and pink iris. The nose was also pink, the usual color being very dark. The albino fell into the trap of H. A. Lowell, a cattleman. The coyote was the usual size, with a coat of clear white. The pelt was sent to a taxidermist of this city, with instructions to make a rug of it.

Deaths of a Day.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—M. J. Drummond died suddenly at his home in this city early this morning from heart trouble. Mr. Drummond was about 50 years of age and had been ill for about three months. He had lived in this city for about ten years. He leaves a widow and five children.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Samuel Till, who has resided in this vicinity for a number of years, died Wednesday night at the residence of Joseph Cornelius. He was about 65 years of age. He leaves a wife and several grown children.

Double Hanging in Georgia.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 17.—Dad Crooks and Grady Reynolds, who together murdered Merchant M. C. Hunt of Belton, Ga., were taken from the county jail at Jefferson and hanged on a scaffold erected on a hill a few yards distant. The drop fell at 12:17. Both men died on the same gallows.

Absconding Cashier Arrested.

DENVER, Dec. 17.—Harry N. Clarke, formerly cashier of the First National bank of Bridgeport, O., who is accused of having embezzled $8,000 of the bank's funds, is in custody here and will be taken back to Ohio for trial. He was arrested at Cripple Creek.

Extend the Gambling Concession.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A special to the Herald from Monte Carlo says: There is good authority for stating that a further concession of fifty years has been granted to the Casino company.

Danger of the Future.

Chicago Post: "If masculine and feminine ideas of appropriate dress, especially in the way of outing costumes, continue to move along on converging lines," said the man who always finds something to worry about, "I can plainly see that the time will come when the man who refuses to wear a breard or mustache will be arrested for masquerading as a woman."

Joy.

An Irishman was naturalized the other day in Philadelphia, and after the ordeal was over he expressed his satisfaction as follows: "It's not so aisy for a mon of little eddication to answer all the judge's questions, but Oi did it, begorra and, thank God, Oi'm now a native-born American citizen."

CHILD MURDERER CARR SWUNG OFF

Pays Penalty for One of the Most Heartless Crimes on Record.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—William Carr, the child murderer, was hanged at the Clay county court house at Liberty at 10:34 this morning.

Carr passed a restless night. When breakfast was brought to him, he turned from it with disgust and lighting a cigar, stood for a long time looking out from his window. Presently the undertaker arrived and asked Carr what disposition he wanted made of his body. "Let my wife take care of it, oh, let her take care of it," he exclaimed with a sob. His spiritual advisers followed and urged him to face his fate like a man. "I'll try," Car sobbed, "that's the best I can do." The bible was read to the prisoner, followed by the singing of a hymn, during which Carr sobbed and trembled like a child.

Carr presented a pitiable sight as he was finally led to the gallows, but braced himself spasmodically and went through the ordeal with a comparative show of strength. The sheriff pulled the trigger at 10:34 and two minutes later the life had gone out of the child murderer. The neck was broken, cracking like a whip cord. Following the first momentary lull after the drop had fallen, the mass of 800 spectators, as if moved by a single impulse, rushed forward, calling, crying, shrieking and laughing as they surged under the gallows and packed close around the dangling corpse. It would not be satisfied until a close view of the hanged man was revealed. The men were angry and cursed one another; tried to force themselves up the gallows steps and cried and hooted at the sheriff. Finally in their excitement the crowd attempted to break down the barricade surrounding the scaffold. Sheriff Hymer rushed through the first breech and excitedly warned the crowd against any further violence. The sheriff's deputies ranged about him and the crowd halted for a moment, then suddenly with one accord a mighty scream was sent up and surging forward the crowd swept back the guards and burst through the frail stockade. Once in the street the crowd gave vent to its feelings with further shouts and finally dispersed without trouble, and what for a few minutes looked like a small sized riot ended quietly.

William Carr's crime was one of the most brutal and unprovoked in the history of the state. His capture and execution followed with fitting dispatch. On October 10 last the body of Belle Carr, a 3-year-old child by the murderer's first wife, was found on a sandbar in the Missouri river near Kansas City. The case remained a complete mystery until October 25, when Carr was arrested at his home in Liberty. He at first denied his guilt, but when brought to Kansas City to prevent a lynching broke down and confessed. Later Carr, who is a gaunt backwoodsman 37 years old, told without the least show of emotion how he had carried the child from its home, tied its arms and limbs securely, corded a heavy stone to the little one's breast, and then unheeding her query: "What are you going to do, papa?" threw her into the water. He admitted that Mrs. Carr had told him to get rid of the child, and it developed that she had been brutal to Belle, but Carr maintained stoutly that his wife had no hand in the crime. For a time Carr delighted in his notoriety and talked glibly to his visitors of the crime. This was followed by a spell during which he begged to be done away with without delay. At his trial on November 16 Carr was convicted promptly, and since then he has weakened perceptibly, and only a week ago Sunday he tried to commit suicide by swallowing pounded glass.

Something About Craig.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—David N. Craig of Rawlins, who will be appointed judge of the Third judicial district to succeed Judge Jesse Knight, advanced to the supreme bench, was born at Belfast, Ireland, of Scotch parentage in 1858. He came to America in 1879 and was admitted to the practice of law at Springfield, Ill., in 1884. He located at Rawlins in 1885 and has since lived there. In 1888 he was elected county attorney of Carbon county and was re-elected in 1890. In 1894 Mr. Craig was elected to the senate of the state legislature for a term of two years. Mr. Craig's appointment will be for one year.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS.

Survivors of Late War Remembered by the General Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Pensions have been issued as follows:

Issue of December 1, 1897:

Nebraska—Original: Benjamin Spieth, Wood River, $6. Increase: John McGiven, Soldiers' and Sailors' home, Hillsborough, $8 to $12. Original widow, etc.: Minor of Robert Jeffers, Brownville, $10; Eliza Ann Rains, Brownville, $8.

Iowa—Original: William Thornton, Ankeny, $6; George Garnsey, Des Moines, $8; George W. Guthrie, Bloomfield, $8; John Moats, Emerson, $8. Additional: Lewis T. Long, Blackmore, $6 to $8. Restoration and reissue: William F. Armstrong, deceased, Logan, $12. Increase: Ovid P. Welding, Sioux City, $6 to $8. Reissue: Marion T. Farmington, Ottumwa, $8. Original widow, etc.: Sophie Wildow, Garnaville, $8; Marie Peterson, West Decorah, $8; Elizabeth W. Barrick, Janesville, $8; Sarah Wagner, Winterset, $8.

Montana—Original: Thomas K. Smith, Noxon, $6; Lorain B. Sykes, Helena, $12; Elbridge McLaughlin, Butte City, $12. Increase: Taomas McGuire, Kalispel, $8 to $10; Albert A. Stowe, Poplar, $6 to $10.

Colorado—Original: Arthur Dooley, Gunnison, $6.

Wyoming—Original: Horace W. Moore, Cheyenne, $6.

Try to Wreck Fast Mail.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—An unsuccessful attempt to wreck the fast mail train from New Orleans to Chicago on the Illinois Central was made last night near Alma, 233 miles from Chicago. Six pieces of flat-plate iron, four feet long, were placed across the track at a place where the embankment was very steep. The train struck them while running at a rate of fifty-five miles an hour, one of the plates being cut completely in two. Fortunately the engine did not leave the track. The motive was presumably robbery.

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