

# CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEST FROM IOWA.

### MINOR MENTION.

Copier, Fire ins., 6 Pearl, tel. 372. Schmidt's hat relief photos are the latest. Spruner Grocery Co., 323 Broadway, Tel. 314. T. C. Heady of Avoca is in the city on business.

F. S. Price of Glenwood was a city visitor yesterday.

George McMillen of Glenwood was a Bluffs visitor yesterday.

A. Green and H. Green of Lewis were in the city yesterday.

P. H. Meagher of Walnut was in the city yesterday on business.

F. P. Davis of Chicago was in the city yesterday on business.

The place where satisfaction is always assured—Bluff City Laundry.

Jacob Hansen of Underwood was in the city yesterday on business.

F. Bohrer and W. P. Bohlander of Shelby were in the city yesterday.

William Price of Hardin township was in the city yesterday on business.

J. H. Morgan of Harlan was in the city yesterday on business.

C. A. Wilson of Fremont is in the city, attending to some matters of business.

E. H. Balas of Living Springs is in the city, spending Sunday with friends.

J. D. Hohler and wife of Phillipsburg, Kan., were in the city yesterday, visiting friends.

Elmer Mather and Robert Wallace are home from Tabor, to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents.

### WHITTLESEY HELD FOR TRIAL.

**Abandoning Surveyor of the Port Brought Back from Kentucky.**

**BONDSMAN WICKHAM'S WILD PURSUIT**

**Chase from Council Bluffs to Danville and the Return—Amount of the Shortage—Definitely Ascertained.**

R. N. Whittlesey returned to the city yesterday morning in custody. He was taken before Commissioner George F. Wright, where he waived examination and was bound over to the federal grand jury. His bond was fixed at \$5,000.

Whittlesey came in custody of E. A. Wickham and his friend Norton, whose valuable information led Wickham to the Kentucky town where Whittlesey was temporarily sojourning. Mr. Wickham was pretty well tired out when he returned, but he gave the itinerary of the long trip. After securing the information from Norton that Whittlesey had assumed the name of Munroe and had named Danville as the place where he could be reached, Wickham had just five minutes to reach the depot in time to catch the St. Louis train. He took Norton with him and made a quick run for the depot and boarded the train without telling his family or friends where he had gone.

On the train Norton was undecided whether it was Danville, Ky., or Danville, Tenn. He was reasonably sure that it was the former, and the journey was made direct there. They arrived at Danville at 1 o'clock in the morning and went to a hotel. The landlady was a little suspicious of them, for when they had no baggage and inquired into their business, Wickham registered as E. A. Williams, and gave Norton's name as J. T. Hougher, Cincinnati as the place where they were from. Wickham kept raising the grade of the miles until he had refused to accept or look at a donkey that did not weigh over 100 pounds.

WHITTLESEY'S HANDS.

The rooms of all of the hotels was made but the name that Whittlesey had given was not found on any of the registers. The fact was he had arrived in advance of Whittlesey. During the day he was sitting in the hotel near a window where he could watch the postoffice in the hope of seeing Whittlesey if the latter should call for the letter he had been waiting for. While he was sitting there an omnibus drove up and Whittlesey and a woman got into it. Wickham dodged behind a door and stood watching them until they were gone. Then he went to the desk to register and Wickham and Norton followed. After Whittlesey had placed the name of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Munroe on the register, Wickham was greatly surprised, but Wickham says a look of relief passed over his face as he exclaimed: "My God, that is the man!" He whispered to him to come up to his room if he wanted to avoid publicity. This was agreed to and the two talked the matter over. Whittlesey returned to his room and his friend and bondsmen all of the money he had in his possession, which amounted to \$2,165, almost the exact amount of the check he cashed on the day he fled. He was willing to return home and assist in clearing up the shortage as far as he was able. The return trip was begun at once. He had been living at the residence of Postmaster Bowman near the city of Cincinnati, where it is said she was sent for her home in Paducah, Ky. When Chicago was reached three return tickets were bought and the party started on their journey. When Wickham was drawn aside by a couple of men who said they were special officers of the treasury department and at a warrant for the arrest of Whittlesey, Wickham assured them that the man would be taken to Council Bluffs and turned over to proper authorities. One of the officers, Inspector Stone, said he was going to Omaha, and got aboard the train. At Maquoketa, Ia., Deputy Marshal Reikman got on the train. He had a warrant issued upon Whittlesey and he was arrested on the train. Whittlesey was not placed under arrest and did not know that he was in custody of the officers until after he reached this city. He was permitted to go to his home in custody of Mr. Wickham, where, after a short conversation with his wife, the latter returned in bills which she had concealed under the carpet on one of the rooms. This money was handed to Wickham.

### NOVAK'S BAIL IS REDUCED

**Supreme Court Makes it \$18,000 in Place of \$37,500, as First Fixed.**

**HOLDS FIRST AMOUNT WAS UNREASONABLE**

**State's Attorneys Insist That Murderer Is Not Insolvent in Iowa, but the Court Rules Against Them.**

DES MOINES, Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The supreme court today ordered the lower court to reduce the bail of Frank A. Novak, the Benton county murderer, to \$18,000. The lower court fixed it at \$37,500 and the defense brought a proceeding in habeas corpus before the supreme court to compel a reduction. The state's attorney insisted that murder is not bailable in Iowa, but the court declined to discuss this on the ground that the lower court had granted bail and the only question was as to the reasonableness of the amount fixed. It was held that the amount was unreasonable and the reduction was ordered.

The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad company announced that it will, during 1898, complete the double tracking of its main line across Iowa. This work was undertaken several years ago, but after it had been completed to Belle Plaine was dropped because of the hard times. During the last year the grading has been completed on the second line as far as Tama City, and iron has been going down for some time. This section will be ready for operation as a double track early in the new year. Belle Plaine and Tama City are both important junction points on the system. In the early spring work will be resumed on grading the second track toward the west, and the division to Carroll will be opened early in the summer. Carroll being still another junction point with northern Iowa lines. Thus all the energy will be devoted to the line into Council Bluffs, which it is promised will be ready for traffic with the opening of 1898.

The Saturday Review of today announces that it will suspend publication with its next week's number. Editor John E. Carey makes a characteristic announcement of his retirement from the review, to which he has been occupied for several years. Probably no man ever had so much fun running a weekly paper in Iowa as Carey has had. Three or four years ago he entered into a warfare against the gas company and without any other newspaper support managed to get an ordinance under consideration in the council to reduce the price of gas from \$1.70, at which it was then furnished by the company to \$1.30. The ordinance was bitterly opposed by the gas company and its fate was uncertain. It was suggested that the gas company was using money to influence the council's decision. One week the Review came out without a line on the gas question, which caused a greater sensation than any of its acrid utterances against the company could have possibly caused. On the succeeding Monday evening Carey appeared before the council at its session and walking up to the desk of the clerk planked down \$1,000 in crisp greenbacks, which he stated had been paid him by a representative of the gas company for silence. Carey said he had lived up to this agreement; he had furnished a high grade article of silence for an entire week. Now he said that the public ought to know how the gas company was manipulating things. Of course it caused a huge sensation. The gas ordinance finally passed and it is still in force. Carey says that the gas company suspends because it doesn't altogether pay to fight the battles of the public. He admits that he has had lots of fun, but there hasn't been anything in it for him.

Elie Rhodes, colored, fell down a mine shaft at the Des Moines coal company's mine, and was instantly killed. He fell 220

### LOOKS FOR STOLEN HOGS.

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SAWYER'S PLURALITY GROWING.

RECOUNT OF THE BALLOTS SENDS HIM HIGHER AND HIGHER.

Great progress was made yesterday in recounting the ballots cast at the late election. The contest heard that is sitting for the purpose of deciding whether Sawyer or Paulson shall be the next county superintendent of schools, examined eight wards and are dated. In the first ward there were 1,000 votes in the city. The result showed a net gain for the day of seventeen votes for Sawyer, swelling his total plurality up to date to 157. The city of Council Bluffs is producing the exclusion of ballots that were improperly marked. Not one has been found to have been counted wrongly. In the First precinct the Third ward Sawyer lost eleven and Paulson won five. In the Second precinct the Fourth ward Paulson again lost eleven and Sawyer gained five. In the Third ward Sawyer broke even, with a loss of six votes, but when the count of the Second precinct of Paulson's votes had been thrown out and only four of Sawyer's, making the total of Sawyer's votes in his favor 20.

At the present rate the recount is going on it will be finished this week, and if Sawyer keeps up his gains he will have a handsome plurality over his opponent.

The hardware department in the big store of J. Zoller & Co. is fine and useful Christmas presents.

Hoffman's fancy pants four makes the best and most bread. Ask your grocer for it.

Christmas holly at J. Zoller & Co's.

**Looks for Stolen Hogs.**

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For sale at a bargain, a small but well-established and remunerative mercantile store, at No. 13 Pearl St., near 13th Street, Council Bluffs, Ia.

All kinds of fruits, candies and dairies for Christmas made at J. Zoller & Co's. Telephone 320.

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### AMOUNT VERNON PURE RYE WHISKEY

For Sale Only by JOHN LINDER, 13 Main St., Council Bluffs.

**SPECIAL NOTICES**

**COUNCIL BLUFFS WANTS**

**MONEY TO LOAN—REDUCED RATE ON**  
first-class Improved Farm and Town  
property. Apply to Jas. N. Cassidy, Jr., 12  
E. 3rd St.

**VIOLIN**  
Instruments, Alois Hunter, studio  
123 Broadway. German method  
of Dresden Conservatory.

**J. W. SQUIRE, CITY AND FARM LOANS.**

**FOR SALE, AT A BARGAIN, A SMALL BUT**  
well established and remunerative mercantile  
business, a quarter of 1st W. 12th, 121  
E. Council Bluffs, Ia.

**FOR SALE A FINE TWO-STORY SLIGHTLY**  
cheap. 55 South Seventh street, Council Bluffs.

### AMOUNT OF THE SHORTAGE.

At Commissioner Wright's office the amount of the shortage was definitely ascertained. The information furnished by Inspector Crowley raised the check on Wickham's books which he had not drawn \$300 in sight. He had brought the total amount returned \$2,665, bringing the total of the shortage yet to be made up between \$1,700 and \$2,000.

Whittlesey is very much perturbed over the future, but expresses his determination to do all in his power to atone for his offense. He attributes the responsibility of the shortage to the first amount of the government's money he lost in backing Dan O'Hara last summer. He expressed himself as being heartily glad that the bondsman took enough interest in him to bring him back. He has recovered of his appearance, and the growth of side whiskers which he was wearing when he fled, and his appearance was greatly changed.

A strenuous effort was being made last night to secure the bond required. E. A. Wickham was the first of his bondsmen to announce his readiness to go on the new bond. The bond was not fixed at 6 o'clock last night. Whittlesey has but little to say about his intentions at the time he fled. He says he was driven to desperation and had an idea that he could escape by a short-cut route through the mountains of Kentucky, where he believed he could remain until he could get something worth turning up that would help him to straighten out matters.

The \$5,000 bond exacted by Commissioner Wright has been furnished up to 11 o'clock last night, although the commissioner remained in his office until nearly that hour in the hope that it would be forthcoming. The work of securing it was abandoned and will not be resumed until Monday morning. Whittlesey was not taken to jail, but was committed to the custody of an officer, who will be responsible for his appearance when wanted. The bond was nearly completed last night and it is believed will be ready for filing early today.

Wickham and Bowman, two of the old bondsmen, were most active in the effort to secure enough other property owners to make the bond comparatively light for each.

A dollar reaches its greatest purchasing power at J. Zoller & Co's.

Baltimore arrivals—oysters, solid packed. \$1.50. "what they are"—the finest in the city only 25 cts. per quart. At Sullivan's. Phone 161.

See Davis for fine perfumes.

**Church Services.**  
Services will be held in the Council Bluffs churches at the usual hours today.

Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. J. H. Senanoy, Pastor—Preaching at 10:30 a. m.; class meeting at 12 m.; Sunday school at 12 m.; Junior League, 4 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.; revival service at 7:30 p. m.

Services at the First Baptist church conducted by the pastor, Rev. V. C. Roche. Morning services at 1:30. Pastor's school, "Christmas Joy." Bible school at 11 m.

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