NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells glass.

Moore's food kills worms and fattens.

C. E. Alexander & Co., picture frames.

Iowa Furniture & Carpet Co., 407 B'way.

J. C. Bixby, heating, plumbing. Tel. 193.

Ex-Sheriff John P. Hazen of Avoca is in the city on business.

C. B. Jacquemin & Co., jewelers and opticians, 27 South Main street.

Get your work done at the popular Eagle laundry, 724 Broadway, 'phone 157.

A. G. Gilbert is at St. Luke's hospital, Chicago, where he recently underwent an operation.

John Mowery of 1010 Avenue I has been taken to St. Bernard's hospital on order of the county physician.

Peter Wagner, 1112 South Twelfth street, has reported to the police the theft of eleven turkeys from his place.

All members are requested to be present this evening at the meeting of Myrtle lodge, Degree of Honor.

County Treasurer Arnd yesterday turned over to the city $6,448.60, being its share of the taxes collected during February.

The members of the Ideal club will give an art exhibit and reception at the Pierce Street school this afternoon and evening.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Alexander Nevels, aged 21, and Josephine Hammett, aged 19, both of South Omaha. Justice Ferrier performed the ceremony.

P. J. Clatterbuck, a former Council Bluffs boy, rteurned yesterday from Idaho Falls, Idaho, and expects to take up his residence here again.

Two cases of measles were reported to the Board of Health yesterday. They were Jarrold Joseph, 725 Mynster street, and Mary Rice, corner Third avenue and Tenth street.

Council camp No. 14, Woodmen of the World, will meet in regular session tonight. Members of the committee on law now in session in Omaha are expected to be present. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

Samuel Haas and the other owners of the canning factory have sold the plant to the recently incorporated Smith Refining company. The sale price is said to have been $10,000, the transfer of the property being completed yesterday.

John Booth of Harrison street was taken suddenly sick at the court house Wednesday and had to be conveyed to his home in a carriage. His daughter, Mrs. Alice Stork, who was in Chicago at the time, was notified by telegraph and returned home yesterday to care for her father.

Manager Rosenthal of the Creighton-Orpheum theater of Omaha has written to the Council Bluffs Woman's Sanitary Relief commission offering to bear the expense of cabling to Manila the money raised by the benefit entertainment at the Dohany theater for the hospital fund of Company L, Fifty-first Iowa volunteers.

Levi Gunn, a resident for upward of forty years of this city, died last evening at his home on East Broadway near the Gunn school. He was 86 years of age and had lived in Council Bluffs since 1856. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence and burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

There will be a special meeting of the Woman's Sanitary Relief commission this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the office of Stone & Tinley in the Shugart block. All members who have cash for tickets sold for the entertainment last night are requested to turn it in at this meeting without fail, as the money has to be cabled at once to Manila.

The report of the Christian Home just issued shows that the receipts continue to be in excess of the general needs. The grand total to the manager's fund was $45.94, being $10.94 above the needs of the week, while the receipts in the general fund amounted to $390.18, being $190.18 above the estimated needs for the current expenses of the week.

Mrs. Almira Stringham died yesterday morning at the home of her son-in-law, Grant Kemp, 2407 Avenue B. Deceased was 75 years old and death was due to paralysis resulting from old age. The funeral will be held this morning from the residence at 10 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. S. M. Perkins of the First Christian church and interment will be in Fairview cemetery.

N. Y. Plumbing company. Tel. 250.

Great Men

and Famous Women and all kinds of magazines bound by Morehouse & Co.

Devine Declines to Make the Run.

L. A. Devine, one of the democratic nominees for the Board of Education, has declined to be a candidate. He so notified Chairman Wyman of the democratic city central committee yesterday morning. The vacancy on the ticket will be filled by the city central committee and Chairman Wyman and Chief of Police Bixby held a conference yesterday afternoon with a view to picking out some candidate to their liking.

Think! If only thirty people start in on the first Bee wheel contest the average number of subscribers they have to get will only be ten. Of course more will start, and if you are one of them why should you not get a wheel? You choose any make.

Davis sells drugs.

Sawyer Will Speak.

County Superintendent Sawyer goes to Neola this morning, where this evening he will deliver an address at the Methodist church on "Modern Education, the Teacher and the People." From there he goes to attend the meeting at Oakland of the school directors of the eastern half of the county. The teachers of the townships of Neola, Minden, York and Hazel Dell will hold a meeting at Neola tomorrow morning.

The more people who enter The Bee wheel contests the easier the wheels will be won. Start in early and you can get a wheel.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers were filed yesterday in the abstract, title and loan office of J. W. Squire, 101 Pearl street:

David W. Foster and wife to F. J. Day, trustee, part n½ ne¼ nw¼ 31-75-43, q c d	$ 60
Jemima J. Lowe and husband to Alvin Lock, n¼ n½ ne¼ se¼ 8-75-43, w d	1,500
Charles Vosler and wife to Grant DeWitt, lot 1, and part lot 3, Auditor's subdiv of s½ se¼ ne¼ 3-74-40, w d	1,500
C. F. Clarke to G. L. Mundorf, nw¼ 6-74-38, w d	4,000
The Avoca Bank to Lucius G. Consigny, w 125 feet lot 13 and all of lots 14 and 17, official plat of sw¼ se¼ 9-77-39, w d	1,800
South Branch Elevator company to William Carse, lots 8 to 13, inclusive, block 13, and lot 8, block 7, Carson, w d	3,000
Sheriff to J. Konigmacher and W. K. Seltzer, executors, part n½ lot 1, block 8, Jefferis' subdiv, s d	3,178
Sheriff to State Savings bank of Council Bluffs, lot 4, block 6, Riddle's subdiv, s d	496
Same to same, lots 2 to 27, inclusive, block 6, and lots 16, 17, 18, 19 and 21, block 7, Mayne's 1st add to Council Bluffs, s d	930
Same to same, lots 26 and 31, block 7, and lots 18, 23, 24, and 25, block 8, and lot 11, block 3, Mayne's 1st add to Council Bluffs, s d	158
Savings Loan and Building association of Council Bluffs to E. Pampkin, lot 13, block 3, Van Brunt & Rice's add to Council Bluffs, w d	725
People's Building, Loan and Savings association of Syracuse, N. Y., to George W. Neidier, lot 7, block 14, Hall's add to Council Bluffs, d	800
Jane Haas and husband to G. M. Hanchett, s½ lot 4 and n½ lot 5, block 10, Bayliss' 1st add to Council Bluffs, w d	2,800
Carrie M. Van Fossen and husband to Fort Dodge & Omaha Railroad company, part of middle ½ of lot 5 of section 14-75-44, w d	456
Fourteen transfers, total	$21,413

Bee bicycle contests. You choose any make.

CONFRONTED BY A CONDITION

Revenue Not Sufficient to Take Care of Current Expenses.

FACE TO FACE WITH A PROBABLE DEFICIT

Reduced Valuation of Property in the City Cuts the Revenue to a Bedrock Basis.

Under the new system of assessment a decrease of almost one-third is looked for in the city's revenue next year and the municipal officers are much perturbed over the prospects of having to face a deficiency.

Under the old system, property was supposed to be assessed at its full value, but it was a general, although unwritten law among the assessors throughout the state to assess at about one-third. The new law provides that assessors shall ascertain the actual cash value of all property to be assessed and take 25 per cent of such value as the basis for making the assessment. This method, it is said, will reduce the income of the city about one-third and leave it without sufficient funds to run the municipal government. Under the old system the assessed valuation of the city amounted in round numbers to $4,500,000, but under the new law it will be decreased to about $3,000,000.

A decreased valuation would of necessity mean an increased tax levy, but so far as the general and water funds of the city are concerned this cannot be. Under the law the levy for the general fund is restricted to 10 mills and the water fund to 5 mills. From the general fund all expenses for the maintenance of the city government, such as police and fire departments, salaries of city officers and employes are paid. Under the old valuation the general fund has received about $42,000, but under the new method of assessment, this fund will be reduced to about $30,000.

As to the water fund, a 5-mill levy on the decreased valuation will realize but $15,000, whereas the contract between the city and the water works company calls for the yearly payment of $26,150 as hydrant rental. This, therefore, would leave a deficiency of $11,150, which would have to be taken from the general fund, thus further reducing that fund that amount, leaving only about $19,000 available for the running expenses of the city.

Outside of the 10-mill levy the only revenue to swell the general fund is that obtained from saloons and from, as Mayor Jennings termed it yesterday, "soforth." The "soforth" referred to by the mayor meant the gambling houses.

The prospect of a deficiency in the city's revenue was the subject of discussion at a conference of the city officials and the mayor yesterday afternoon, and all agreed that the situation was far from encouraging.

At a conference held between the finance committee of the city council and City Treasurer Brooks Reed, the latter declared his willingness to pay either the old or current warrants if the committee would show him any legal authority for doing so. In face, however, of the ambiguous ruling of the supreme court in the Phillips warrant case, he is not willing, he said, to take the risk of paying any money out of either the general or water fund until he had such legal opinion. The finance committee has submitted the question to eminent counsel and is now awaiting an opinion. The name of the "eminent counsel" the committee declined to make public.

Bluff City laundry, 'phone 314. They never crack your collars.

JURY FINDS ED LINCOLN GUILTY.

Convicted of Robbing George Templar—Sentence Comes Monday.

After being out nearly forty-eight hours the district court jury in the case of Ed Lincoln, the negro charged with robbing George Templar, a white man, brought in a verdict of guilty yesterday forenoon. Judge Thornell announced that he would pass sentence next Monday. An examination of Lincoln's record shows that he has already served three terms in the penitentiary.

John Lawrence and R. B. Tracy, on trial on the charge of breaking into the poultry house of E. M. Lorenz and stealing over 100 chickens and turkeys, are endeavoring to establish an alibi. John Wiatt, indicted along with Lawrence and Tracy, has demanded a separate trial.

Lawrence and Tracy yesterday set up the defense that on the night that Lorenz's place was broken into they were in Carson and that the chickens which were found in their possession when arrested in Omaha had been purchased by them from a man named "Sheeney Joe." They say they left Carson at 3 o'clock on the morning that they were arrested, reaching Omaha about 7 o'clock, having driven the thirty-two miles with a load of chickens in about four hours.

In support of their alibi a young man named Robert Johnson, working in a livery barn at Carson, was placed on the stand. He testified to seeing Lawrence and Tracy there on the night of January 31, the night Lorenz's place was raided, and that they left early in the morning before he was awake. He was asked on cross-examination if he had ever seen the attorney for the defendants before.

"Never until today in this court," he answered.

In rebuttal of this testimony the state put Hi Miller on the stand. He swore that only a few days ago he drove the defendants' attorney to Carson and that the latter informed him his visit there was for the express purpose of seeing Johnson. The taking of evidence was not concluded when court adjourned for the day.

Judge Thornell will pronounce sentence this morning on James Lee, convicted on the charge of breaking and entering Sargent's shoe store and stealing two pair of shoes.

The attorney for T. J. Foley, vice president and general manager of the Peru Plow and Implement company, filed a resistance yesterday to the application of F. S. Maclafferty for a writ of mandamus to compel Foley to give access to the books of the company. Foley is willing that Maclafferty, being a stockholder, should have access to the stock and transfer books, but not to any others.

Mr. Span has arrived in Council Bluffs with twenty head of choice work horses, which will be disposed of at private sale. They can be seen at Lawrence Holt's livery stable, 12 Scott street.

Will Mysteriously Missing.

Although it was generally understood by the heirs of the late Mrs. L. S. Amy that she had left a will no such document has yet been filed for probate, and it is stated that the document is mysteriously missing. A search through Mrs. Amy's papers, both at her home and in the two banks in this city where she did business, has failed to bring the missing will to light, and her heirs are in consequence much concerned. That she drew up a will several years ago is evidenced by a receipt given by the attorney who prepared it acknowledging the payment of his fees for doing so, which was found among her papers. Some of the heirs are inclined to the belief that Mrs. Amy may have afterward destroyed it, intending to make a new one.

When you ride a wheel why not ride the best? Bee bicycle contests March 1st. You choose any make.

THE BEE WHEEL CONTESTS

The More that Enter the Contests, the Easier the Wheels Will Be Won.

Every boy and girl will want to ride a wheel this spring and The Bee is going to give you a chance to get one in a very simple way. What is more, it is going to let you pick out any make wheel you want, for it knows you all want a certain make, "which is the only make on earth."

Now let us tell you how The Bee is going to give the wheels away. We want a lot of new subscribers to The Bee in Council Bluffs. As soon as the first 300 orders have been handed into our office, the first contest closes and we will award the wheel to the one bringing the most orders out of this 300. Then Contest No. 1 closes and Contest No. 2 opens on the next 300 orders.

Just see how easy this is. Say only thirty girls and boys start out on March 1 to get subscribers. They only have to average ten apiece to make the total, so the winner will not have to get very many orders, you see. You want to start in early and hand in your orders as soon as possibte.

Now about the orders. Each order must be for an actual new Council Bluffs subscriber. Each subscriber must take The Bee for at least three weeks and pay for it in order to be counted. It is better, but not necessary, to pay in advance, only no order will be counted until the subscription is paid for. If the subscription is paid for in advance it will count one on your score for each three weeks for which it is prepaid. For example: If a subscriber pays in advance for six weeks, it counts two; if he pays for twelve weeks, it will count four; if he pays for one year, it will count seventeen. On orders which are not paid in advance it will count only one on your score no matter how long he continues to take it.

There, that is plain, isn't it? Now see what you can do. The first contest begins March 1. Sincerely yours,

OMAHA DAILY BEE.
Council Bluffs Department.

N. B.—Call at The Bee office, 10 Pearl street, to register and get sample copies. No one connected with The Bee will be allowed to enter this contest.

Remember the exposition by getting some copies of Snap Shots at the Council Bluffs office of The Bee. Ten cents each.

Bee bicycle contests begin March 1st. You choose any make.

NEAT SUM FOR THE SOLDIER BOYS.

Dohany Opera House Packed by the Citizens of Council Bluffs.

Not even on the night when the house was first opened to the public of Council Bluffs has such an audience been gathered at the Dohany opera house as was there last night to greet "A Night in Bohemia," the entertainment given under the auspices of the Woman's Sanitary Relief commission for the benefit of the hospital fund of the soldier boys from this city. Every seat was taken, chairs placed down the aisles were filled and standing room at every available point in the house was at a premium. The gallery lacked its usual occupants, but in their place were pretty women and well dressed men who rather than miss the show and having been too late to get seats in any other part of the house were content to "go aloft."

The women to whom had been entrusted the decorations had done their work well and the house presented a pretty appearance. In keeping with the spirit of the occasion, the Stars and Stripes predominated. Hanging from the center of the proscenium was an immense American flag with the legend beneath, "Company L, Fifty-first Iowa Volunteers." The boxes were tastefully draped with smaller flags, while on the left hand side of the stage was the first flag of the Dodge Light guards.

The entertainment was an immense success from the rise to the drop of the curtain. It is expected that the hospital fund will derive at least $500 from the entertainment, as the souvenir program, which was a model of the printer's art, tied with "Manila" string, was a source of several hundred dollars revenue. The business men of the city have patronized it most liberally.

Will you ride a free Bee bicycle contest wheel? You choose any make.

Do you want a high grade wheel? If you have no money, get one in The Bee bicycle contests. You choose any make.

THIEF WELL PAID FOR TROUBLE.

Looting of Bloomer's House Proves a Rich Haul.

Later investigation shows that the thief who invaded R. H. Bloomer's residence Wednesday afternoon got away with more plunder than was at first reported. In addition to the goods already published the thief stole six solid silver soup spoons, a gold and silver bonbon spoon, eight silver plated spoons, a lady's gold watch, a pair of opal earrings, a pair of gold cuff buttons and one garnet ring. The police have dropped the idea that the thief was merely a tramp and now believe the work to have been that of a professional.

The announcement made by the police the night of the robbery that the back door had been left unfastened was incorrect. The door was locked, but the key was left in the lock on the inside. The thief secured an entrance by cutting a hole in the panel of the door just above the lock large enough to admit a pair of nippers with which he turned the key and thus opened the door. The hole in the door was evidently cut with an ordinary pocketknife. The shavings the thief carefully picked up and placed in a slop bucket that was standing on the back porch. After gaining admission he again locked the door on the inside and after donning Mr. Bloomer's large overcoat, the pockets of which he filled with plunder, he left the house by the front door. The police have a pretty good description of the thief, as he was seen to leave the house by a neighbor, and are working on a clew which they hope will lead to his arrest.

Another Bee wheel contest opens the minute the first closes. If you don't get the first wheel, try for the second. You choose any make.

Searching for Dead Soldier's Friends.

AMES, Ia., March 9.—(Special.)—President Beardshear of the Iowa State Agricultural college in this city has received a letter asking for information regarding a young man named Richard W. Johnson. Johnson enlisted in the First Illinois volunteer infantry and left for Tampa, with his regiment. While at Siboney, Cuba, he died and his body would have been returned to his relatives, but none can be found. To a comrade he had stated that he had graduated from an Iowa university, but no such person ever attended the college here.

Agree on Yearly Rate.

OTTUMWA, Ia., March 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Miners and operators of Appanoose county at Centerville today agreed on a uniform yearly rate of 85 cents per ton for digging coal and an eight-hour day. This action is important, because it will influence similar action in other fields in the state and marks the inauguration of the eight-hour day for miners in Iowa.

DEMOCRATS MAKE MYSTERY

Temporary Officers of Convention Named, but Date of Occurrence is Not Revealed.

DES MOINES, March 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The democratic state central committee at its meeting this afternoon selected the following temporary officers for the next convention: Cato Sells of Vinton, temporary chairman; Stephen B. Morrisey of Harlan, temporary secretary; A. L. Sartor of Mason City, temporary reading clerk. The committe decided to hold the convention in this city, but did not fix the date. There was somewhat of an air of mystery about leaving the date open and the members were not inclined to talk, but it was finally discovered that Chairman Townsend and George A. Huffman, the latter being the committeeman from this district, were appointed to confer with the populist and free silver republican leaders so that another triple convention may be held on the same day and fusion once more accomplished. It seems as if their preliminary talk the first of the week about inviting all democrats, irrespective of their ideas on the money question to attend was all bluff and that if the necessary arrangements can be made with the other party leaders, the democrats will head the fusion ticket again this fall.

Mrs. Ann Hughes and her granddaughter, Elizabeth Hughes, were nearly asphyxiated last night by escaping gas and Mrs. Hughes still lies dangerously ill. The gas came from a hard coal stove, which had not been properly closed. The child will recover, but there is a doubt about Mrs. Hughes.

C. H. Alexander and M. D. L. Jordan of Dallas, Tex., are in the city and it is reported that a deal has been nearly consummated for trading the Dallas street railway for several business blocks in this city owned by Garret Van Ginkel.

Adjutant General Byers today issued a call for the election of officers in the new Fiftieth Iowa to take place at the company stations on March 20. Adjutant General Byers commenced the organization of the new Fifty-second Iowa this evening by mustering in the company at Perry. Tomorrow he goes to Sioux City to muster in two new companies there.

Excursion Line Prepares to Open.

BURLINGTON, Ia., March 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Captain John Killen of Dubuque, general manager of the Diamond Jo line; Isaac P. Lusk of St. Louis, secretary and treasurer, were in the city today, arranging for the opening of the summer steamboating season. They state that there will be no war between themselves and the Davenport-Burlington Packet company; that the officers of the two lines are on friendly terms. Each line will occupy separate warehouses hereafter because the present Diamond Jo house is not large enough to accommodate both, as heretofore. The season will open with good prospects on April 1.

Coal Mine Ceases to Bear.

AMES, Ia., March 9.—(Special.)—The coal mine known as the "Squaw Creek mine" has played out. This mine has been operated for over twenty-three years by Hutchison Brothers, and has put out thousands of tons annually. The coal was of a high quality and was used extensively in this part of the state.

RECIPROCITY WITH FRANCE

Negotiations Which Have Been in Progress for Over a Year Are to Be Resumed.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Henry Peartree, president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Paris, who arrived on Tuesday, will go to Washington to have an interview with John A. Kasson, the reciprocity commissioner. Mr. Peartree said:

"The negotiations between Mr. Kasson and the French government have been carried on for eighteen months, interrupted only by the war. The plan which has been discussed has been under section 4 of the Dingley law to arrange for the granting by France of a 'minimum tariff' on American goods, and, on the other hand, by the United States, a reduction of 20 per cent on a number of articles imported from France.

"Heavy increase in exports to France can be followed by a surprisingly large gain in the same direction if the Americans can consent to an arrangement in force between France and twenty-two other nations. In fact, the United States is the only great country which does not have the advantage of France's minimum tariff, a gain to exporters of about 25 per cent.

"Frenchmen have little idea of the variety of American manufacturers, and, with a low tariff and a fulfillment of the plans now being formed for an extensive exhibit of our products at the coming exposition, the possibilities of our future trade with France would pass all conservative expectations."

RUNS INTO FREIGHT TRAIN

Engineer and Fireman of the Way Passenger Are Killed—No Passengers Hurt.

ALTOONA, Pa., March 9.—The way passenger train, westbound, ran into the rear end of a freight train at Aliquippa, six miles west of this city and just west of Horseshoe Bend, this morning.

The killed:

JOHN FARR, engineer of the first engine hauling the passenger train.

GEORGE KEIM, fireman.

None of the passengers was hurt.

SPORTING NEWS.

Winners at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, March 9.—This was the eighty-eighth day of the Crescent City Jockey club's winter meeting. Weather clear; track fast. Sir Florian was the only winning favorite. Summaries:

First race, mile and seventy yards, selling: Seaport won, School Girl second, Atlantus third. Time: 1:44¼.

Second race, six and a half furlongs, selling: Fintan won, Nellie Prince second, Philidias third. Time: 1:22½.

Third race, mile and an eighth, selling: Egbert won, Babe Fields second, Judge Steadman third. Time: 1:57¼.

Fourth race, six furlongs, handicap: Sir Florian won, Hobart second, Takanassee third. Time: 1:15.

Fifth race, one mile, selling: Mouseltoff won, Climacus second, Willie Howard third. Time: 1:45.

Sixth race, seven furlongs: Ma Angeline won, Little Sallie second, Protus third. Time: 1:29¼.

East Coast Golf Turney.

MIAMI, Fla., March 9.—The annual three days' tournament of the Florida East Coast Golf club on the Miami links opened this morning with pleasant weather and good attendance. Of those who entered many turned in no cards at the close of the eighteen holes, medal play. The following qualified, their handicaps and net scores being:

Maddock, scratch, 104; Ballard, two, 107; Sutherland, scratch, 118; Merrill, scratch, 115; Sanborn, ten, 119; Lind, twenty-five, 94; Griswold, twelve, 101; Thompson, twenty-five, 101.

The close handicapping by Servos made the play very interesting.

On the day's play Maddock won the Home Royal Palm cup for the best gross score and Lind won the Miami cup for the best net score. Saturday the finals in both contests will be played.

Not Enough Money for the Ryans.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 9.—The fight scheduled to take place this afternoon between Tommy Ryan of Syracuse and Australian Jimmy Ryan did not occur, the latter refusing to go on, claiming there was not enough money in sight. The men were to fight for the gate receipts and Tommy offered Jimmy an extra $100 to go on, but he still refused. A large crowd had paid to see the fight and the Australian is severely condemned for his peculiar action. The club will make no more engagements for him.

Turkish Wrestler Posts Challenge.

CHICAGO, March 9.—Lou M. Houseman, the manager of Hall Adall, the big Turkish wrestler, has posted $500 with Will J. Davis of the Columbia theater, with a challenge offering to bet any part of $2,500 that Hall Adall can throw four times in one hour the alleged "Terrible Turk," who wrestled Ernest Roeber in Boston. Houseman says that notwithstanding reports to the contrary, Hall Adall has not been in Boston.

Johnson Challenges McLeod.

TORONTO, March 9.—Tom Eck has issued a challenge on behalf of John S. Johnson to race Agnus McLeod, the Canadian bicycle champion, one mile, best two in three heats. The heats must be ridden inside of 1:50. The race is to take place in June for the largest purse offered in Canada and $500 a side. McLeod said today that he would accept the challenge.

Nilsson Wins Again.

ST. LOUIS, March 9.—The two-mile skating race at the Ice Palace was won tonight by John Nilsson. Time: 6:36. Harley Davidson stood a splendid chance up to the final lap, when he collided with Nilsson and fell. John S. Johnson was one lap behind when Nilsson crossed the line. This race ended the three night series between the three skaters.

New Skate-Jumping Record.

NEW YORK, March 9.—The world's record established by Frederick L. Gerner of the Long Branch Athletic club at the Clearmont avenue ice-skating rink, Brooklyn, Tuesday night, for the running high jump on skates was again broken last night by the same athlete. His jump was four feet one inch, three-fourth of an inch above the world's record.

Reds Get Ready to Play.

CINCINNATI, March 9.—The Cincinnati base ball team left here tonight for its preliminary practice at Columbus, Ga. All the players except "Pink" Hawley and Henry Peitz will be ready for practice next Monday. Both Hawley and Peitz are ill and will not be able to leave for Columbus, Ga., until next week.

Mephisto Wins Double Award.

CHICAGO, March 9.—At the Mascoutah club's bench show today Mephisto, winner of the first prize in the St. Bernard puppy class and owned by F. F. Lurch of Duplainville, Wis., was awarded the silver bowl offered by Frank Jay Gould for the best St. Bernard puppy exhibited.

PROFIT BY LOSS.

The Bank of England Makes Money in This Way.

It is a fact, that to many minds, no doubt, must be very curious, that the Bank of England has always had a pretty steady source of profit in the loss and destruction of its bank notes. What it has gained of late years in this way, reports the London Mail, we are unable to say, but during a period of forty years preceding 1832, the bank has made a clear profit of £1,330,000 from outstanding paper never likely to be presented for payment. When the destruction or the irrecoverable loss of a note can be proved, as in the event of a fire or a wreck it can, the bank, of course, will always pay the money it represents; and even when there is doubt about it the cash is paid on security being given for indemnifying the bank should the note ever be presented. The £60,000 worth of paper—or £20,000, as it appears to have been reduced to—taken from Parr's bank, will, therefore, not represent a loss unless the crisp little billets have some day to be duly honored at the Bank of England counter. In that case the cash paid in exchange for them will have to come out of the coffers of the plundered bank.

Many years ago a bank director lost a note for £30,000. But being a man of credit, and as there was no doubt about the loss of the bill, he gave the usual indemnity and got the money. Many years after, when the man had long been dead, the paper was presented. It was payable on demand and had come from abroad in the ordinary way of business, and the sum it presented had to be handed over, and as the indemnity that had been given was repudiated by the heirs of the man who had given it, and for some reason could not be enforced, the bank on that occasion had to put £30,000 on the debit side of the account. For once in a way they paid double honor to a bit of their own paper.

There is another story of a sum of £20,000 which the bank in its early days for a short time refused to hand over in exchange for its own notes. They were presented by a Jew, whose assertion that he had bought them was not disputed, and whose personal integrity was above suspicion. They had, however, undoubtedly been stolen, and on that ground the bank refused to pay the money. The Jew went out into the city and began to spread it abroad that the bank was shaky, and couldn't cash its notes, and as he backed his assertion by displaying his indisputable paper, the assertion would in all probability soon have caused a run on the bank, and in a few minutes a messenger came to say the notes would be cashed if he would present them again.

WEBSTER AT BUNKER HILL.

Great Orator as He Appeared When Delivering His Famous Speech.

The first time I remember seeing Daniel Webster, writes Senator Hoar in Scribner's, was on June 17, 1843, at Bunker Hill. The students of Harvard, where I was a freshman, had a place in the procession. We marched from Cambridge to Boston, three miles and a half, and stood in our places for hours and then marched over to Charlestown. We were tired out when the oration began. There was a little wind which carried the sound of Mr. Webster's voice away from the place where we stood; so it was hard to hear him during the first part of his speech. He spoke slowly and with great deliberation. There was little in the greater part of that weighy discourse to excite a youthful auditor; but the great thing was to look at the great orator. Waldo Emerson, who was there, said of him:

"His countenance, his figure and his manners were all in so grand a style that he was, without effort, as superior to his most eminent rivals as they were to the humblest. He alone of all men did not disappoint the eye and the ear, but was a fit figure in the landscape. There was the monument and here was Webster. He knew well that a little more or less of rhetoric signified nothing; he was only to say plain and equal things—grand things, if he had them; and if he had them not, only to abstain from saying unfit things—and the whole occasion was answered by his presence."

He went almost through his weighty discourse without much effect upon his auditors other than that which Emerson so well describes. But the wind changed before he finished and blew toward the quarter where the boys stood, and he almost lifted them from their feet as his great organ tones rolled out his closing sentences:

"And when both we and our children shall have been consigned to the house appointed for all living, may love of country and pride of country glow with equal fervor among those to whom our names and our blood shall have descended! And then, when honored and decrepit age shall lean against the base of this monument and troops of ingenuous youth shall be gathered round it, and when the one shall speak to the other of its objects, the purposes of its construction, and the great and glorious events with which it is connected, there shall rise from every youthful breast the ejaculation: 'Thank God, I—I also—am an American!'"

A MATTER OF DOUBT.

It Was Hard to Tell Whose Funeral it Would Be.

It was a hot day on the mountain road, and I had stopped at a spring by the wayside to let my horse have a drink and to get one for myself, says a writer in the Washington Post. As I sat enjoying the shade and the scenery sweeping out across the valley below me, a mountaineer on a mule, with a Winchester thrown across his saddle-horn, rode up and stopped to let his "critter beast" have some water. We passed the time of day and as he seemed to be in no especial hurry I began to ask him a few questions, including one about one of the peculiar mountain cemeteries I had seen about a mile farther back.

"I wuz jist a-goin' thar myself," he said.

"What's going on?" I inquired. "A funeral?"

"Oh, no; not as I knows of. We do most uv our buryin' on Sundays."

I commented upon this and passed on to the subject of a store I had seen about a half mile further along than the graveyard.

"It's Parish's," he said. "Purty nice store fer the mountains, too, don't you reckon?"

"Excellent, but I didn't have time to examine it very closely. There was a drunken fellow out in front swinging a gun and making himself so disagreeable that I got away as soon as I could."

The mountaineer's face lighted up at my information.

"What kind uv a lookin' feller wuz he?" he asked. "Mighty long in the couplin', with red whiskers onto his chin and only one eye?"

"That was the man, I presume, at least, that describes him. I heard some one call him Jim."

"That's him, shore," said my friend jerking his mule's head up out of the grass by the roadside and stiffening up in the saddle. "I said a minute ago," he went on, "that thar wusn't no funeral goin' on at the graveyard, but thar's likely to be one ef somepin' don't happen to the contrary. Air you goin' on over the mountain?"

I said I was.

"Well," he said, moving off down the mountain, "you stop at the fust house at the head of the branch and tell somebody that Jim Anglin is down at Parish's drunk, an' I'm headin' to'rds him. They'll know the rest. Good-bye, thar ain't no tellin' whose funeral it's goin' to be, fer Jim ain't no slouch in a settlement uv the kind that's got ter be betwixt me an' him fer the six hogs uv mine he's shot out of the woods, jist fer spite."

HELD UP NEAR FORT RILEY.

Practice for Four Officers Who Have Since Started for Manila.

Seven officers who left New York for Manila about ten days ago were held up and robbed a few days before they left Fort Riley, Kan., for New York City. The story of it was told a Sun reporter by a Nashville, Tenn., man, who, at the outbreak of the war with Spain, got a quartermaster's appointment in the regular army through the influence of Congressman Grosvenor of Ohio.

"It was one night during the cool spell in Kansas," said the quartermaster, "that six other officers and myself decided to go to town, six miles away, to see a show we had heard a good deal about. The snow was very deep and more was falling, and so we decided to hitch four mules to an ambulance and go in that. We had gone about half way to town when the driver stopped the mules and told us there was a man lying out in the road ahead of us. We thought, of course, the man was a soldier—a picket or a straggler from the fort, overcome by the cold, and we all got out to go to his rescue. We had scarcely stepped out of the ambulance before a pistol was thrust in the face of each officer and we were ordered to throw up our hands. The order was obeyed. An artillery colonel, distinguished for his bravery, lowered one hand to rub his eye which had got full of smoke from his cigar, and his temporary superior in command fired a pistol so close to the colonel's ear that his hands went up as high as he could reach by standing on tiptoe.

"While we were guarded in this way two men went through our clothes and took our pocketbooks and everything of value we had. I had $1,200 of government money in my coat pocket and they took that. I begged them to let me keep it, for I would have to make it good somehow, and even then it might cause me trouble. They said they did not give a cuss for the government; money was what they wanted and they would just as soon have the government's money as mine.

"After robbing us the highwaymen, all of whom were masked, marched us back up the road toward the fort and ordered us to run, emphasizing the order by firing several shots. Well, of course, we obeyed, and the bullets that sung over our heads as we ran prevented us from pausing too long in the snow drifts where we might have frozen. When we got back to the fort nearly frozen we went into the clubhouse and were telling of the hold-up to an excited crowd of men before we noticed that the colonel of artillery, who had been with us, was missing. We were just starting out with an armed party to rescue him and pursue the outlaws when the ambulance drove up and the colonel stepped out, followed by ten other officers with masks in their hands. Then I knew why the colonel of artillery had insisted on all of us leaving our arms at the fort when we started to town.

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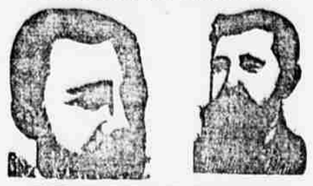

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