THE DAILY BEE.

Saturday Morning, Dec 17.

Weather Report

(The following observations are taken at the same moment of time at all the stations named.)

WAR DEPARTMENT, U. S. SIGNAL SERVICE, OMAHA, December 16, 1881. (1:45 p. m.)

STATIONS.	Barometer	Thermometer.	Direction of wind	Force of wind	State of Weather
Denver	30.23	50	E	Light	Fair
Cheyenne	30.31	41	S	Fresh	Clear
Platte	30.15	50	SW	Fresh	Cloudy
Omaha	30.07	53	S	Brisk	Cloudy
Yankton	.....	44	SW	Brisk	Cloudy
Des Moines	30.07	50	W	Brisk	Cloudy
Davenport	30.13	50	SW	Brisk	Fair
St. Paul	29.92	41	SW	Light	Fair
St. Louis	30.36	52	S	Fresh	Fair
Moorhead	29.92	24	NE	Fresh	Fair
Vincent	29.96	10	N	Fresh	Cloudy
Bismarck	30.02	30	NW	Brisk	Clear
Buford	30.06	35	S	Fresh	Clear
Custer	30.19	45	S	Fresh	Fair
Deadwood	30.24	41	C'm	Calm	Clear
Assiniboine	29.98	37	SW	Fresh	Cloudy

River above low water mark, four feet and seven inches, and frozen.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

—The Knights Templar of Omaha go to Lincoln on Monday.

—Social Art club reception to-night at Max Meyer's hall.

—Remember the matinee of the Gigantean Minstrels this afternoon.

—Gigantean Minstrel's matinee at Boyd's opera house this afternoon.

—Specialty of Prescriptions at Opera House pharmacy Schroter & Becht. oc25tf

—Go to Parr's 10th street drug store for Holiday goods. dec15-10t

—FRENCH, the Grocer, has about as fine a lay out of Fresh Poultry as we have seen this season.

—The reception and opening of the Childs' hospital takes place this afternoon and evening.

—Nindell & Krelle, Practical Hatters, have removed to N. E. corner of 13th and Farnham streets. d13-5t

—Alice, wife of Geo. L. Prentiss, died December 15th, 1881. Funeral took place 2 p. m. yesterday.

—An Omaha Crockery house Wednesday received 29 cases of crockery from a Liverpool house, imported direct.

—A motion to arrest judgment in the case of D. H. Garey was filed Thursday, on the grounds of a defective verdict.

—Orders for cleaning Water Closets, Outhouses, etc., will be promptly attended to by addressing Owen Conly, postoffice, city. dec9-6t

—Nindell & Krelle, Practical Hatters, have removed to N. E. corner of 13th and Farnham streets. d13-5t

—It is said that before his removal East Mr. A. E. Touzalin contemplated the erection of a club house for the B. & M. boys in Omaha.

—The lecture that was to have been delivered before the graduating class at Brownell hall, on Friday evening, by Hon. Guy A. Brown, has been postponed until Monday evening.

—"Cuckoo," the Saratoga correspondent of THE BEE, is in danger of his life since his latest communication. The compositor made four young Misses married women, by setting it up Mrs. instead of Miss, in the account of the Lyceum meeting. "Cuckoo" was not to blame.

—A colored man stopped a white girl on Dodge street, near Jefferson, recently and demanded money of her. Two gentlemen, who were driving by, heard the girl's screams and drove rapidly to the spot. As they came up the negro fled and the frightened girl was taken safely home.

—The new Bohemian theatre, recently built at Kessler's garden on South Thirteenth street, cost $3,500. It is a neat and substantial frame structure, 34 feet wide and 78 feet long. The auditorium has a high arched ceiling and the seating capacity is something over 400. The stage is located at the west end.

—The Herald says: "When General Grant returned from California, the victims of the 'Holly swindle' in Burlington allowed the veteran to see their waterworks throw a 3-inch stream from the same level 307½ feet high." The Herald's ignorance on the subject has been the cause of much mirth among firemen and waterworks men to-day, as such a thing as it asserts is an impossibility. The alleged test was a joke on Pat O. Hawes, which was possibly overheard and conveyed to the Herald editor.

—Mr. S. Lehman has purchased the property on the southwest corner Twelfth and Douglas streets, formerly owned by H. Latey, and now occupied as a drug store. He intends to remodel the entire building and fit it up as one of the most elegant jewelry stores in the city. Considering the big boom in corner lots, and the fact of its being located nearly opposite both the Millard and Metropolitan, we think Mr. Lehman has made a splendid investment, having bought it at the low price of seven thousand five hundred dollars.

—The first Herdic coach ever seen on the streets of Omaha was in town Thursday, having been driven over from Council Bluffs, with a party to witness the operation of the water-works. Among the number were Chief Engineer Lacey, Thomas Bowman, president of the Rescue hose team, Manager Brown of the Western Union office, Messrs. Dawson, Beckley, Kicher and Howe. An exhibition of water-throwing by the Omaha works was made under the direction of Chief Engineer Galligan for their benefit, and they were very much pleased with it.

—The proposed banquet of the Omaha board of trade, on January 3d next, in the new rooms of that association, is attracting the attention of our merchants, and, if carried out, it is intended to make it a grand success. A special meeting of all members of the board is called by the officers for Saturday evening, December 17th, at the rooms in Union block. Every member is requested to be present or notify the secretary whether they favor the banquet or not, and at this meeting the committees are to be appointed to take charge of the affair. Parties having facts bearing upon street paving and public improvements' are also invited to be present.

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You are sick; well, there is just one remedy that will cure you beyond possibility or doubt. If it's Liver or Kidney trouble, Consumption, Dyspepsia, Debility, "Well's Health Renewer" is your hope. $1. Druggist Depot, C. F. Goodman, Omaha. (4)

"WINE OF CARDUI" for Ladies only.

C. F. Goodman's.

ST. JOHN.

The Great Temperance Governor of Kansas Lectures in This Wicked City.

And Declares That Prohibition is a Grand Success.

The celebrated prohibition leader and republican governor of Kansas arrived in the city yesterday, after lecturing at Lincoln and Plattsmouth on the subject in which he is so deeply interested. Gov. St. John came to this city on the invitation of Mr. John B. Finch, and lectured only in Omaha and the other two cities named, his appearance here being announced several days ago for Friday evening. The distinguished visitor was given a grand reception at Lincoln, where he was escorted about by the university cadets and band, but though warmly welcomed here there seemed to have been no systematic arrangement for his reception, his coming even being unknown to a large number of our citizens.

The lecture was delivered at the First M. E. church, that edifice being only comfortably filled, but the audience being of a character very flattering to the ability and renown of the temperance governor. The lecturer is a man of medium stature, nervous and wiry constitution, and very prepossessing in his manner. He has a pleasant voice and delivery, is a graphic talker, and at times grows quite eloquent in the discussion of his favorite theme.

The lecture was in substance an earnest appeal for temperance, enlivened by considerable wit and humor and many apt and well told anecdotes and illustrations, just enough statistics being worked in to show that figures wouldn't go back on the cause. An editorial in a morning paper of yesterday was taken up and its paragraphs answered one by one. The speaker was frequently interrupted by the heartiest applause and his sallies in a humorous direction greeted with no little laughter.

THAT ASSAULT.

Yesterday's BEE contained a dispatch from Plattsmouth to the effect that John B. Finch, the temperance advocate, assaulted the editor of the Plattsmouth Journal on Thursday night. The assault was provoked by the following paragraph that appeared in the Journal the same evening:

"It is to be hoped that the prohibition meeting in this city this evening will not be attended by the notorious John B. Finch, whose reputation is so thoroughly smirched by immoral disclosures that his presence would detract greatly from the good effect of the meeting."

In the evening Finch went into The Journal office and, after a few hard words with the editor, C. W. Sherman, struck him in the face. Sherman had Finch immediately arrested. Upon arraignment yesterday the temperance leader pleaded guilty and was fined ten dollars and costs. The affair created some excitement in Plattsmouth.

DIED FROM LAUDANUM.

James Harris Commits Suicide on a West Bound Train.

James Harris, a young and well to do famer of Atlantic, Iowa, committed suicide while in a sleeping car birth on board the Union Pacific train westward bound, Thursday night. The suicide was discovered near Kearney, and the unfortunate man died soon after his rash deed was disclosed. The remains were brought back on train No. 4 yesterday forenoon, in charge of his brother, B. B. Harris, and uncle, D. A. Harris, both residents near Atlantic.

The brother stated to a BEE reporter that the deceased suffered an injury by falling, last summer, which, coupled with a previous sunstroke, tended to derange his mind. He was taken to the mountains in the summer and returned, evidently benefitted. Recently, however, his symptoms of insanity had reappeared, and his brother and uncle had started to again take him to the mountains. The insane man would frequently complain of a terrible pain in his head, and desired to procure laudanum to ease it. It was the especial watch of the two men to prevent him obtaining the drug, but through some means he succeeded in getting a vial at the Omaha depot, and after retiring to his berth he took the contents. While under the influence of the poison he cut a slight gash in his neck, which at first was thought to have been the cause of death. The physician, however, declared that the wound thus inflicted was not fatal and that Harris died from the laudanum.

The remains were taken to his home near Atlantic yesterday forenoon, and the funeral will be held to-day. The wife and relatives of the deceased have the sympathy of the entire community in which they reside.

Feeble Ladies.

Those languid, tiresome sensations, causing you to feel scarcely able to be on your feet; that constant drain that is taking from your system all its elasticity; driving the bloom from your cheeks; that continual strain upon your vital forces, rendering you irritable and fretful, can easily be removed by the use of that marvelous remedy, Hop Bitters. Irregularities and obstructions of your system are relieved at once, while the special cause of periodical pain is permanently removed. Will you heed this?—[Cincinnati Saturday Night. dec1-13

I. O. G. T.

All the members are requested to meet at the lodge room at 7:30 this (Friday) evening, to attend the temperance lecture of Governor St. John, of Kansas, at the First M. E. Church.

W. J. WARD, Secretary.

An Important Business Change.

We notice that the old Marsh Harvester company, of Sycamore, Illinois, so well known throughout Nebraska, has given place to the Marsh Binder Manufacturing Company. We are informed that this corporation has been organized specially to meet conditions arising from the expiration of the licenses long ago granted by Marsh Brothers to Easter, Gammon & Deering, and to the Sycamore Marsh Harvester Manufacturing Company. All territorial limitations on the Marsh harvester are ended, so the Marsh Brothers, in connection with other leading capitalists at Sycamore and vicinity, have formed this new company, with an authorized capital of $600,000 (of which amount $300,000 has already been paid) and increased capacity in order to carry on the extensive business contemplated.

The Marsh Brothers, who are well known in this community, have a majority of the stock. Among the other heavy stockholders are J. S. Waterman, a wealthy banker, J. L. Ellwood, of DeKalb, the western barb wire king; R. Ellwood, president of the R. Elwood manufacturing company of Sycamore, Illinois, and C. W. Yale, a Chicago capitalist—a list of men who can and will back the institution for whatever it may require for future extension of business. We understand the company will devote itself principally to the manufacture of their new Marsh harvester and binder and the Marsh-Whitney platform and binder, the demand for both machines being largely in excess of present ability to supply.

We notice among the officers the name of Wallace Wheeler as general agent, with headquarters at Sycamore, and while we regret to lose so good a business man as Mr. Wheeler from our midst, the office will be continued under efficient management.

THE GIGANTEAN MINSTRELS.

A Fine Show, Well Handled and Full of Fun.

The Gigantean minstrels, traveling from Boston under the proprietorship of M. B. Leavitt appeared at Boyd's opera house last evening before a good sized audience. While not as "gigantean" as their name implies, the troupe are nevertheless good, and gave as pleasant and generally fastidious an entertainment as could be asked for.

The first part was set with Lew Benedict, Dave Reed, P. C. Shortis, R. Carl, and John Cameron as manipulators of the "bones," and Billy Arlington, Harry Armstrong, John Evans, John Kelly and John Rand as "tambos." These ten end men are all well known in the minstrel business, and make several excellent hits in new jokes, besides presenting a pleasing variety of ballads. Of the latter, "The Chicken Jubilee," "Blue Alsatian Mountains," and "Higher and Higher" were especially well sung, Lew Benedict presenting the last named.

P. C. Shortis in his specialties did good work and was heartily applauded. He especially took the house in his act of dancing and playing his own accompaniment on the violin.

The operatic finale from Boccacio, entitled "The Coppers," was very pleasingly presented and included many novel features. The singing was especially fine, and the closing chorus elicited much applause.

Connors and Kelly, as "song and dance artists" were immense. They were called out several times, and the ludicrous situations and high and lofty tumbling they engaged in were of the most laughable nature.

The Gigantean Quartette, consisting of Arthur Cook, R. T. Tyrrell, William Kellogg, and J. W. Lamont, are without question the equals of any minstrel quartette in the country. Their voices are splendidly concerted, and all evince a high musical culture. They were called for several times, and responded with pleasing selections.

Old time minstrelsy was a novel feature, and represented the first scene in minstrelsy ever produced in this country, as placed upon the stage by Dan Emmett, the veteran, about forty years ago. In its presentation last night Mr. Emmett was the central figure, and his introduction to the audience was a signal for applause.

The remainder of the entertainment consisted of a burlesque oration by Billy Arlington, which contained some good hits; the three Rankins in their side-splitting amateur rehearsal; Dan Emmett and Dave Reed in a specialty; and concluded with a laughable afterpiece entitled "Patience, or the Snake Charmer," in which Burton Stanley, the masculine soprano, appeared at his best. Burton is a fine female impersonator, equal to, if not surpassing J. Arthur Doty. During this burlesque, the "Gobble Duett," from "The Mascotte," was well rendered by Burton and William Kellogg. Harry Armstrong, as "Tattle," was a big hit, and kept the audience in a roar with his funny performances and insatiable appetite.

As a whole the Giganteans are a fine minstrel troupe. Their costumes are of much better get-up than those of any other troupe, except the Mastadons, ever in Omaha, and their vocal artistes are of a very high order. They give a matinee and evening performance to-day.

Dr. Amelia Burroughs, Withnell House, Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. tf

PERSONAL.

J. S. Halbert went east yesterday.

L. A. Beltzer, of Osceola, is in town.

Miss Emma Wilson, of Kearney, is in city.

Loran Clarke, of Albion, Neb., is in the city.

N. S. Harding, of Nebraska City, is in the city.

Geo. H. Brooks is among the Lincolnites in this city.

S. S. Lowe, of Fremont, arrived in the city yesterday.

H. W. Hardy, of Lincoln, spent yesterday in Omaha.

A. G. Scott, of Lincoln, arrived in Omaha last night.

L. M. Diehl, of Syracuse, Neb., is visiting Omaha a few days.

E. F. Morris, of Falls City, is a guest at the Withnell house.

Prof. Samuel Aughey, of Lincoln, arrived in Omaha yesterday.

E. R. Griffin and wife, of North Platte, are registered at the Withnell House.

J. D. Jones, late of THE BEE establishment, has secured a position in Seaman's paper warehouse.

Mrs. J. H. Pierce, accompanied by her sister and two children, leaves for her home in Dixon county to-day.

The friends of J. H. Wells, formerly chief clerk of R. G. Dunn & Co.'s mercantile agency, will be pleased to learn of his promotion to the assistant managership of the Omaha office in the employ of the same company.—[Detroit Free Press, December 4.

FACTS THAT WE KNOW.

If you are suffering from a severe cough, cold, asthma, bronchitis, consumption, loss of voice, tickling in the throat, or any affection of the throat or lungs, we know that DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY will give you immediate relief. We know of hundreds of cases it has completely cured, and that where all other medicines had failed. No other remedy can show one half as many permanent cures. Now to give you satisfactory proof that Dr. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY will cure you of Asthma, Bronchitis, Hay Fever, Consumption, Severe Coughs and Colds, Hoarseness, or any Throat or Lung Disease, if you will call at J. K. ISH & MCMAHON'S Drug Store you can get a trial bottle free of cost, or a regular size bottle for $1.00. jan16-1y(2)

C. C. Cook & Co., Council Bluffs, Iowa, general agents for H. D. Rush's Golden Eagle Flour for Omaha, Neb. Orders solicited by telephone or otherwise. dec12-1m*

Bromptonica the Boss cough Physic. See card in another column. dec. 2-tf.

APPLE JELLY at one third the price of butter

dec16-2t at J. I. NICHOLS.

CHRISTMAS GOODS at the "BOSTON STORE."

TRUNKS, BAGS AND TOY TRUNKS, dec15-3t AT MARHOFF'S.

A SURPRISE.

Mr. A. Rosenbery's Residence Invaded by His Employes and Friends.

Last evening a party including the band of the Musical Union orchestra, left the residence of Mr. W. S. Martinovitch for North Omaha on a very delightful mission. The object of the night raid was to surprise and capture the castle occupied by Mr. A. Rosenbery, the contractor and builder so long and favorably known as a citizen of the Gate City.

It was Mr. Rosenbery's 37th birthday anniversary and the visitors, his employes and friends, went with music and refreshments to make merry and rejoice with him over the fact. A substantial mark of esteem and regard was conveyed by the party in the shape of superbly made and beautiful set of silver—ten pieces and a salver. The pieces included coffee and tea urns, pitchers, sugar bowl, etc., all of which were gold lined and engraved with a card design in bas relief, the whole being one of the richest patterns manufactured. On the salver were two solid gold plates, upon which was engraved the words, "From his employes to A. Rosenbery on his 37th birthday," followed by the list of donors as follows:

M. S. Martinovick, C. O. Tullin, W. Coolin, Ira Pritchard, R. Thomas, P. Sperling, Foster & Gray, Chicago Lumber company, A. L. Strang, L. Kolrush, E. Frost, A. Stohl, A. Malberg, A. Jansen, E. Rix, F. Hollenbeck, C. Rathbun, J. Kendall, J. Loftus, P. Nich, A. Swanson, and many others.

The set was obtained at the jewelry emporium of Max Meyer & Bro., who pronounced it one of the finest in every respect ever sent out of their establishment, while the work of engraving was done in their best style, the whole costing upwards of $300.

The company succeeded in completely surprising the recipient of the magnificent gift, and had a royal time at his residence, returning at a late hour. The orchestra furnished some first-class music on the occasion.

Jacob Martzoff, Lancaster, N. Y., says your SPRING BLOSSOM works well for everything you recommend it; myself, wife, and children have all used it, and you can't find a healthier family in New York State.—Oct. 5, 1880. eod-1w

BAD BOYS.

The Result of Reading Modern Juvenile Literature.

Some time ago an account was published of a cave or den in the northern part of the city, fitted up and occupied by a band of youthful devourers of the dime novel and similar literature, anxious to emulate the deeds of noted robbers and highwaymen. Since then several arrests have been made in the southern part of the city, the juvenile offenders being of decidedly tender years, and last night another clique of the same sort was arrested and broken up, the various officers picking out a pretty clear case of depravity against the rising generation.

In this latter case the boot and shoe store of Messrs. Feeney & Connally, on Sixteenth street near Cass, was the point of attack, and the alleged gang included four small boys named respectively Owen Connolly, Eddie Warbright, Denny Thompson and Vincent Valentine, the latter possessing a name well calculated to adorn the history of a noted outlaw.

The depredations of these boys began about two weeks ago, when they stole a pair of boots from the books outside the front door. It was at the time suspected that there was an organized attempt to raid the store, and this suspicion became a certainty when, Thursday afternoon, a pair of valuable Arctics were stolen, followed by the audacious theft yesterday afternoon of two pair of rubber boots.

The last act, however, was discovered in time to capture the youthful party and recover the plunder. Connolly, Thompson and Warbright went to the front of the store, and while one engaged the firm in a conversation about picture cards, the other two sneaked the boots off the hooks and decamped with them up the alley. They had scarcely gone when a neighbor informed the firm of the theft and a chase was given at once. The trio was overhauled on Webster street between 18th and 19th, in a private yard which they had entered to wash their feet and put on the new boots. On seeing that they were pursued they fled, but Waybright was captured by Mr. Feeney and Connolly run down by Mr. Wm. Fleming, who was passing by in a buggy at the time. Waybright was handed over to Constable Chas. Hollow, who took him home to his mother. Connolly was taken before Judge Benecke and gave the whole business away and was released on bail, warrants being issued for the other boys, the charge being petit larceny.

The examination will probably take place to-day.

Our Experience from Many.

"I had been sick and miserable so long and had caused my husband so much trouble and expense, no one seemed to know what ailed me, that I was completely disheartened and discouraged. In this frame of mind I got a bottle of Hop Bitters and used them unknown to my family. I soon began to improve and gained so fast that my husband and family thought it strange and unnatural, but when I told them what had helped me, they said "hurrah for Hop Bitters! long may they prosper, for they have made mother well and us happy."—The Mother.—[Home Journal. d1-15

The Grand Jury Adjourns.

The grand jury, which has been occupied for the past two weeks in investigation of the Smith murder, adjourned yesterday until Thursday next, without action in the matter. They found two indictments against August Arndt, the man arrested on Thursday evening, charging him with having menaced and intimidated Judge Dundy. What the action of the grand jury in the Smith case will be it is difficult to foretell.

Knights of Taber Ball.

A dance was given in Standard hall last evening for the benefit of the colored societies known as the "Knights of Taber" and the "Daughters of the Tabernacle," About a hundred couple attended. Hoffman's orchestra furnished the music. Supper was provided in the hall dining room. The dance was of a very pleasant nature, and those present "shook it down" lively until late at night.

Take "BLACK-DRAUGHT" and you will never be bilious

C. F. Goodman's.

Child's Hospital Opened.

The child's hopital, for the care of sick and indigent children, which has been instituted under the auspices of the Episcopal and other churches, was formally opened yesterday afternoon and evening. The hospital was visted by large numbers of ladies and gentlemen, and its appointments were highly commended. There are six beds in the hospital, two of which are now occupied. Sister Sarah is the lady in charge and it is sure that the affairs of the hospital are in good hands. Bishop Clarkson and a number of the clergymen in the city were present during the afternoon and evening. Quite a liberal sum was subscribed for the maintenance of the hospital, and its permanency is doubtless assured.

A CURIOUS CASE.

Alleged Imprisonment of a Woman for Board.

George McKinney arrived in this city with his wife about three weeks ago, and engaged board of Mrs. M. W. Simpson, corner South Eleventh and Leavenworth streets. Thursday he appeared before Judge Benecke and made complaint against Mrs. Simpson and one Joseph W. Kaye, charging them with falsely imprisoning his wife and baby—the latter born since its parents arrived in Omaha. The parties complained against were arrested Thursday and gave bail in $500 each, Ed Stericker becoming bondsman for appearance at two o'clock yesterday.

McKinney alleges that his wife was taken ill soon after they went to Mrs. Simpson's house, and is now in a delicate condition, with a babe but two weeks old. He was unable to pay Mrs. Simpson the full amount of her bill, which she made out at $15 per week, and so when he had hired a house and proposed to remove his wife and child there, the McKinney woman and Kaye, who seems to be "the man about the house," refused to either allow Mrs. McKinney to leave or give her husband admittance into the room where she is. He therefore swore out a warrant against them for imprisonment of his wife and child.

The Minstrels

Leavitt's Gigantean minstrels arrived in the city yesterday and give a grand entertainment at Boyd's opera house tonight. The street parade, made at noon, was very creditable, and a first-class, laughable performance may be expected to-night. An exchange says of the company:

"The first part presented thirty-four performers; and when we say 'performers, we mean artists, all of them, no charwa mers being used to fill up the stage, which has often been the case of late with a great many of the large shows. This portion of the show was excellent, the fine singing of the quartette being heartily encored; and the end men kept things lively with their funny sayings and doings, and to their credit be it said, they were mostly new. The olio is a fine one, not a poor or tedious act in the same, and some of them above the average by several degrees. Mr. Shortiss gave as clever and enjyable an act as we have ever seen in a show of this kind. Cool Burgess was as funny as ever. The four comets are a team that make everything go with a hurrah while they are on the stage. The old time minstrel scene, led by the veteran Dan Emmett, was greatly enjoyed, and the musical act by the Weston Brothers and Wood and Beasley was the most enjoyable and artistic one we have ever seen. The burlesque closing the bill sent all home in high good humor, ready to give a good word for Leavitt's minstrels.

THE FINEST AND BEST

FITTING CHILDREN'S SPRING HEEL SHOES ARE LAIRD, SCHOBER & MITCHELL'S, FOR WHICH WE ARE THE ONLY HOUSE IN OMAHA, BUYING DIRECT FROM THE FACTORY, THEREBY GIVING THE BUYER THE BEST SHOE POSSIBLE TO WEAR. F. D. MORSE.

War Department Matters.

National Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—The war department has published a general order stating that more discrimination should be given in courts martial where men are trised for desertion to the intention of men, whether they were merely absent without leave and intending to return, or whether they intended to desert. Desertion, it says, is unauthorized absence accompanied by the intent of not returning and both must be proven to sustain the charge.

The war department has notified the signal service observers that their records are part of the records of the war department and not open to unauthorized inspection or to be produced in court upon a subpoena without authority from the war department. When such is required the war department must be notified, when proper orders will be issued.

Dead

National Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, December 16.—M. A. Warts, since 1861 recording secretary of the Sunday school union and president of its board of mission, in which capacity he had been instrumental in organizing 2,400 Sunday schools, with a membership of 27,000, is dead.

THE MISSISSIPPI.

Synopsis of the Report of the River Commission.

National Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—The Mississippi river commission report covers about eighty pages of foolscap and is accompanied by several voluminous appendices giving details of surveys of the river. The following is an abstract of what the commission says about levees:

The utility of levees as a means to prevent destructive floods, which is one of the aids enumerated in the act creating the commission is too obvious to require comment. The importance to be attached to that object is a matter wholly within the discretion of congress and not suitable to discuss here. That the utility of levees as a means to deepen the channel of the river and improve and give safety and ease to navigation, is a subject on which difference of opinions exist, and in respect to which the facts alluded to do not carry equal weight, is evident to the minds of all the members of the commission. It is considered by all that levees, by confining the flood waters of the river within restricted space, aided in some degree to increase the flowing and deepening power of the current; but as to the extent and potency of these influences on the improvement of the water channel for the purpose of navigation merely, improvement is most needed, and their value for that purpose, as compared with other methods of improvement, and as compared with their cost, are regarded as subjects requiring further observation and study and the accumulation of further and more comprehensive data before the final conclusion can be reached concerning them. In the meantime the existing state of knowledge and the judgment of the commission cannot be better expressed than in the words of their report of February 17, 1880. The commissioners say they are not in possession of the data deemed neccessary in making a trust worthy the estimate of the entire cost of a levee system, but a great reduction is evidently practicable in the amount of former estimates, based on the assured existence of a river bed not subject to evasion and on levee work at forty or fifty cents per cubic yard.

Speaking of solid structures the report says: "Failure, disappointment and imperfect results are to be expected in some degree when dealing with national agencies of great magnitude by means of novel and immatured expediencies. It has been shown by years of patient and lasting effort that solid and heavy structures will not stand in the bed of the Mississippi river, unless built of dimensions and carried to depths that would forbid their general use for the purpose of channel improvement, and it may well be doubted whether the marvelous capacity of this water way will ever be usefully developed and made tributary to the power, wealth and happiness of the people, unless it can be accomplished by the use of light and comparatively inexpensive devices like those which have been named or may be devised and perfected. It is the unanimous opinion of the commission that the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi below Cairo upon the plan recommended in 1880 is entirely practicable, and that completion of the works, for which partial estimates were then submitted, with others of similar character where the navigation is bad or may hereafter become so, will establish and maintain a continuous low river chanuel not less than ten feet deep over all shoals and bars between Cairo and the head of the passes, with the possibility of attaining practicable depths considerably beyond that limit. In making the required estimate of the total cost of these improvements, difficulties of a peculiar character are encountered; among them may be mentioned the uncertainty necessarily attending the novel methods of construction, the absence of precedents indicating the degree and promptness with which the desired results may be achieved, the possible existence of gravel beds which will have to be removed by dredging, and the probability that one of the effects of the improvement will be the development of bad bars and the necessity of additional works at localities where the navigation has heretofore been good." It is expected that $33,000,000 will cover the improvement.

WORTHY OF PRAISE.

As a rule we do not recommend patent medicines, but when we know of one that really is a public benefactor, and does positively cure, then we consider it our duty to impart that information to all. Electric bitters are truly a most valuable medicine, and will surely cure Biliousness, Fever and Ague, Stomach, Liver and Kidney complaints, even where all other remedies fail. We know whereof we speak, and can freely recommend to all.—[Ex. Sold at 50 cents a bottle. Ish & McMahon. (7)

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MONEY TO LOAN—Call at Law Office of D L. Thomas Room 8 Creighton Block.

$50,000 To loan at from 8 to 10 per cent on good real estate security, by DR. ISAAC EDWARDS 1109 Farnham St.

$250,000 TO LOAN—At 8 per cent interest in sums of $2,500 and upwards, for 3 to 5 years, on first-class city and farm property. BEMIS REAL ESTATE and LOAN AGENCY, 15th and Douglas Sts.

HELP WANTED.

WANTED—A position as clerk or salesman. Best references given. Address, Vincent, Bee office. 731-16*

WANTED—Orders for music lessons in private families, both vocal and instrumental, 5 years experience. Address, J. E. M., Bee office 733-16*

WANTED—Board in private family for a lady and two children during the winter. Address stating terms and Location, (German family prefered), C. E. H., Bee office. 735-17t

WANTED—One good cook. Apply at office of Chief Engineer, Union Pacific Railroad Headquarters Building. 739-17

WANTED—Girl for general housework, at 1310 Jackson St. 737-19t

WANTED—A girl for housework. German or Dane preferred. Mrs. Bingham, 16th St., bet. Leavenworth and Marcy. 712-14t

WANTED—A first class cook immediately, at the Occidental. 723 tf

WANTED—Parties having special work in the woodworking line, such as sash, box making, common tables or anything belonging to that class of work will find it to their advantage to address, Woodworker, Bee office. 726 16

WANTED—A girl for general house work in a family of two. Good wages and steady employment. dec13-4t.

WANTED—Immediately a cook, at 920 Harney St. 692 tf

WANTED—A No. 1 barber, 706 South Tenth Street. 717-17*.

WANTED—At the Garfield House, four or five boarders also day boarders, 14th and Jackson streets. 718-17*.

WANTED—Situation by a competent miller. The best of reference given. Will come any time between now and the 1st of January. Address J. B. Lindsay, Windom, Minnesota. 719-17.

WANTED—Girl to do housework. Enquire 1110 Farnham St. 442-tf

WANTED—Funding bridge and school bonds. H. T. Clark, Bellevue. 26-tf

FOR RENT—HOUSES AND LAND.

FOR RENT—New house of 4 rooms, near U. P. shops. Apply at 1131 Sherman avenue. 725 16

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished front room, 2 unfurnished rooms; east side 17th St., one door north of Douglas. 738-19t

FOR RENT—3 rooms over Jacobs' Clothing store, No. 1120 Farnham St. Suitable for offices or sleeping rooms. 736-17

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms, suitable for light house-keeping, 2219 California st. 734 tf

FOR RENT—Large brick store on Fourteenth and Farnham Sts. Inquire at Nindel & Krelle, Cor. 13th and Farnham. 720-17

FOR RENT—A furnished room to a single lady or a gentleman, with or without board. Apply N. W. corner California and 19th St. 721 17

FOR RENT—Pleasant front room, corner of Burt and 17th, 1706 Burt St. 714tf.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms at A. A. Gibson's, California, bet. 14th and 15th. 711-tf.

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished rooms with board, a few day boarders can be accommodated, 2013 Cass St. 704-tf

FOR RENT—One furnished room for single gentleman, also 2 large rooms with a piano in same will be for rent 15th inst. S. W. Cor 18th and Capitol avenue 699 19

FOR RENT—Boarding house, corner 16th and Dodge Sts. 905-17*

SPECIAL NOTICES—Continued

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for one or two gentlemen, N. W. Cor. 20th and Cass Sts. 687-15

FOR RENT—A store 22x60, fitted for groceries and dry goods. Apply JOHN FOWLER, 684-21* Waverly, Neb.

FOR RENT—1½ story house, 7 rooms, cellar well and cistern, $18 per month. 1221 N. 9th St. 681-17*

FOR RENT—A pleasant front room, newly furnished southwest corner 19th and St. Mary's avenue. 699-15*

FOR RENT—A suite or single rooms, nicely furnished, at N. W. cor. 25th and Davenport. 60-tf

FOR RENT—A first-class hall for society purposes. Centrally located. For particulars enquire Kennard Bros., 14th and Douglas Sts. 664-tf

FOR RENT—One parlor on ground floor and one chamber handsomely furnished, 2112 California St. 653-tf

FOR RENT—Furnished room with closet. Good location. Size of 14x14. Enquire at Y. M. C. A. 641-tf

FOR RENT—New house of 7 rooms, 19th and Grace Sts. Enquire E. V. Smith. 634-tf

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, north side of California St., 2d door west of 21st. Inquire after 1 p. m. 434-tf

FOR RENT—2 furnished rooms over Merchants' Exchange, N. E. cor. 16th and Dodge streets. 289-tf

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—A team of black horses. Enquire of Omaha Merchants' express barn, 727-21

FOR SALE—Or will exchange for Omaha property, an improved section of land adjoining a station on U. P. R. R. M. DUNHAM, 1412 Farnham St., Omaha. 720 3m1

FOR SALE—Or trade for city property, one span of horses, harness and wagon. Address S. Y., this office. 722 tf

FOR SALE—A building 22x60, with a complete stock of dry goods, groceries and fixtures. Inquire 814 N. 16th St. 698-17

FOR SALE—Large business lot on Harney St., suitable for wholesaling. John L. McCague, Opp. P. O. 621 tf

FOR SALE—A good seven-year-old horse Warranted to drive single or double. Enquire of George Canfield, Canfield house. nov18-tf

FOR SALE—Team good ponies, cheap; at Bed Barn, 16th St. oct21-tf

BRICK FOR SALE. 203-tf ESTABROOK & COE.

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STRAYED OR STOLEN—A sorrel mule with small bunch on hind leg. Finder will be rewarded by returning him to Patrick Ford, Omaha. 732-16*

STRAW, STRAW—Plenty of nice oat straw, at Charlton Bro.'s feed store, 16th and Davenport Sts. 724 tf

TO LET—Nicely furnished rooms, with or without board, 1417 Howard St. 719-17

BEMIS' NEW CITY MAPS, 10c.—Mounted Maps, $2.50. GEO. P. BEMIS.

J. HACHSTRASSER Pays the highest cash price for second hand billiard and pool tables. Call or address, 509 South 10th street, Omaha, Neb. d9-1m*

TAKEN UP NOTICE—Taken up on Saturday Dec. 3rd, two bay horses, ages about 5 and 6 years; fair size and well matched. Owner can have same by proving property and paying charges. WM. RAWITZER, ½ mile west of Qualey's soap factory, Douglas precinct. 651 vem 5t

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PORTRAITS IN CRAYON—Pastile and Oil, also decorative painting. MRS. D. R. WARDNER, room 1, Jacob's Block. 542-tf

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BALED HAY—At A. H. Sander's Feed Store 1013 Harney St. s19-tf

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FOR SALE—First-class saloon 1½ miles east of city on "Mo quito," on line of R. I. R. R. Good place to make money. Address, BEE Office, dec9-6t Council Bluffs.

WANTED—Everybody in Council Bluffs to take THE BEE, 20 cents per week, delivered by carriers. Office corner Broadway and Main, up stairs, Council Bluffs. 662-tf

POTTER'S TICKET OFFICE—War in railroad tickets continues to boom. Unprecedented low rates to all eastern points. Every ticket guaranteed. Orders filled by telephone. From one to ten dollars saved by purchasing tickets of C. A. Potter, successor to Potter & Palmer, No. 40 South Fifth street, four doors below the postoffice, Council Bluffs, Iowa. oct13-tf

WANTED—Boy, with pony, to carry papers Inquire at BEE office, Council