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MINOR MENTION.

See Joseph Reiter's spring styles. Additional local on seventh page. CHEAP RAILROAD TICKETS.—Buy them from D. W. Bushnell, 5 doors north of postoffice. District court opens here to-day, Judge Reed presiding. There were only two Saturday night drunks run in, Dan Riley and J. Silva. The Harrison are to appear in "Notes" at Duhany's Tuesday night. The superior court is now trying to run without a code, some one having borrowed or stolen the book. The Catholic ladies are making big preparations for a festival to occur at Duhany's hall on Tuesday, May 22. The social and dancing party given by the Spiritualists at their hall Saturday night proved a happy one and was well attended. Mr. Probstle has moved his wooden building on Broadway back to the rear of his lot, and is preparing to build a brick store. All those who have filed applications for saloon licenses have paid in the necessary cash, except three or four of the most prominent saloonists. The work on Main street causes much hardship to many business men and property owners there just now, on account of the heavy falls of rain and the absence of any facilities for running the water off. City Engineer Toern was surveying Broadway on Saturday in suspicious proximity to the steps leading into the city building. It is possible that these steps are in the street, and ought they not to be removed? Judge Bond should look into this case. The mission that has been conducted by the Redemptionist Fathers, O'Shea, Cook and Henry, at the Catholic church, closed last night. During the past two weeks the church has been crowded to its utmost capacity every night and morning. Fathers O'Shea and Henry will remain in the city a short time longer. Father Cook will proceed at once to St. Louis. There was a merry wedding party Saturday evening, at the residence of Wm. A. Highsmith, on Second avenue, the contracting parties being C. C. Cochran and Miss Rose Davidson. Justice Abbott performed the ceremony in the presence of a large number of friends. The happy couple were the recipients of many gifts and many congratulations. Dancing and other festivities were kept up until midnight. City Marshal Jackson says he proposes now to enforce the cow ordinance strictly on all the principal streets and in the central part of the city, but does not propose going into the rural districts to drive cows in, unless special complaint is made to him, in which case he will, of course, attend to the matter. In the thickly populated part of town where cows are really an annoyance he proposes to run them in but will let the cows who are pasturing on vacant property in the outskirts roam about until complained of. A man named Mulvaney was arrested for carrying concealed weapons, a revolver being found upon him by the police officers who arrested him for being a little too boozey and noisy. Mulvaney explained that he had bought the revolver that day to protect himself on a trip that he was going to take south. Capt. Price took up the defense and discovered that the information did not set forth the fact that Mulvaney was not a police officer, and the evidence failed to show what he had a right to carry the weapon. This technical flaw in the information was large enough for Mulvaney to crawl through, and he was let loose. Mueller sells nowadays lots of those fine Weber-Linderman and Hordman pianos. Nugent & Smith, merchant tailors, have received an excellent line of summer suitings, and are prepared to make them up in the latest styles, and on shortest notice. Give them a call, and examine their goods, Nos. 7 and 9 Main street. A GOOD TAKE The Oakland Editor Takes to Himself a Worthy Wife. An enjoyable occasion was that which occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lyman on Thursday evening, May 10, occasioned by the marriage of A. T. Cox, editor of The Oakland Aeon, to Nettie L. James, daughter of Stephen James, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. C. Martie, of Indiana. After many hearty congratulations and partook of a bounteous repast. The bride never appeared lovelier and was the recipient of many tokens of friendship. Mr. Cox has been the editor of The Aeon for something over a year, and by the use of his willing pen and untiring efforts has done much to increase the thrift and prosperity of our busy town. With the care and prudence peculiar to A. T. he has created a fine residence in West Oakland, into which he will soon move, and where it is hoped he and his wife will live and prosper for many years to come. EQUINE. Kedzie's fillets at Birby's. Have you sampled those oranges and bananas at Braun's European restaurant? Dr. West, Dentist, 14 Pearl street

THE MYSTERY OF MIND.

Another Stride in the Theory of Evolution.

John Ahles Presents Clearly Some Fresh Thoughts of Scientific Interest.

Despite the drenching rain there was a goodly sized audience gathered yesterday morning to hear John Ahles' lecture, and the closest attention was given him from the very start. As all know here, where Mr. Ahles has lived so long, he lays claims to no high-sounding titles, and makes no parade as a scientist, and yet—as is also well known—he is a close student, and does lay claim to being a conscientious thinker and candid speaker. He labors under the difficulty of having to present his thoughts in English, instead of his mother language—German—and although this is a great difficulty, especially in handling scientific subjects, where fine shades and accuracies of speech are so necessary, yet he overcame this obstacle nobly in his lecture yesterday. He presented many facts and thoughts which were new to those who listened, and which showed that he had not fallen behind the latest writers and investigators in that part of the scientific field in which he has for several years been so enthusiastically interested. It is next to impossible to give a satisfactory and just synopsis of a scientific lecture of this sort. Statements of theories having been closely studied and concisely framed, illustrations well chosen, and links in the chain of reasoning closely riveted, it is difficult to give a just idea in any brief manner. The lecture needs to be heard in full. An outline may, however, not be entirely amiss. The speaker opened his lecture with a bird's-eye view of evolution and its growth, and how the school had divided on the question as to whether the mud of man had been slowly evolved from the lower types of mental life, or whether it stands apart from all other types. The speaker held to the former idea, and made a strong argument in its favor. He believed that the man's mind differed from that of the lower animals in degree rather than in kind. He believed that while perhaps not every fact of animal intelligence could not now be explained fully on this theory, yet the exceptions were so few, and the probability of their speedy explanation with further study was so apparent, that the theory should be accepted. He held that most animal instincts could be explained on the ground of natural growth, rather than the belief that they were implanted by the creator. The migratory instinct, the home instinct, and one or two others needed a little further scientific inquiry, but there were countless cases of animal instincts which could be explained by two hypotheses. One, that they arise from the effects of habit in successive generations, and are originally intelligent, and become stereotyped into permanent instincts. Instincts might arise from intelligent observation and adjustment gradually growing into a non-intelligent or instinctive adjustment. The other way in which animal instincts might arise was from the survival of the fittest, which the speaker illustrated by facts in incubation, the protection of eggs being the primary motive of the mother, and the effect of the warmth being secondary. He also illustrated by the sucking instinct as shown in a form of a jelly fish, very close to the vegetable form of life. He held that in most cases of animal instincts, intelligence is hand in hand in producing the results, natural selection always securing and rendering permanent any advantages which intelligence may have made. In closing this part of his subject he called attention to the fact that instincts are plastic and not rigidly fixed. The other great difficulty in accepting the theory was the enormous difference between human and animal intelligence. We were not prepared to suspect the possibility of man's mind being developed from animal intelligence, until convinced that his body was a product of natural evolution. Yet it was a question of degree, not of kind. To show the similarity the speaker illustrated how the emotions of fear, affection, passion, pugnacity, jealousy, sympathy, pride, reverence, emulation, shame, hate, curiosity, revenge, cruelty, the sense of the ludicrous and that of the beautiful, were found in animals, as well as in man, differing only in degree. The speaker carefully defined instinctive and rational acts, the difference being that the former were acts so often repeated as to need no conscious effort of thought, while the rational act required a conscious effort. Men acted often instinctively in common with animals. Was it too much to believe that animals acted often rationally in common with man? There was a great chasm between the reason shown by man and the gem of reason in the brute, but it was a difference not of kind, but of degree. One of the causes of this difference was the fact that man possessed the power of speech. Mr. Ahles illustrated how, without the help of signs or words, it was impossible to read more than the lowest degree of abstract thought. In order to make speech possible there was required a peculiar mental and vocal organization. When this was developed the rudimentary speech began, and speech in turn advanced thought, and thus they reciprocally helped develop each other. This the speaker accounted in part for the great degree of difference between man's mental powers and what are termed the instincts of the brute world, and yet insisted that human intelligence was of the same kind as that of the animal, and developed to so high a degree that people had been led to think that the Creator had given to one more mere instinct and less blessing than to the other with reason as an absolute

gift. In closing, the speaker said that this theory need not necessarily do away with other beliefs as to each being the Lord's and the fairness thereof, or that God created all, unless the idea of law was held to be in opposition to that of a creator. At the close of the lecture, Dr. Paulson showed a photograph he had received of the child monkey, secured by the great scientist Hook, in India, and which is now causing such a stir in Europe as being "the missing link" so long searched for to support the Darwinian theory. The doctor gave a very interesting account of the capture of the precursors of this girl, who seems half monkey and half human. Carpets, Furniture and Stoves at Mandel's, cheap. Parlor and ceiling decorations in wall paper at P. C. Miller's, 29 North Main street. Soyuzna figs, as well as candies of all varieties, at Braun's, 404 Broadway.

THE POWDER HOUSES.

They Must be Removed in Order to Quiet the Nerves of the Timid. Some year or so ago there was quite a little commotion raised about the powder houses, which are located in the outskirts of the city. At that time it was discovered that the doors had been used as targets by careless shooters, and that there were residences so near the powder houses that in case of an explosion there might much death and destruction follow. The city council, being woke up, ordered all the powder houses removed within six months. Little has been done since then, and the order has been a dead letter until a short time ago, some of the women, who had tired of waiting for the men to do anything, signed a petition and protest, and moved to the city office to have it made public. Since the woman's document was published in The Bee, there has been a little more stir, and on Saturday D. K. Dobson filed in the court a complaint against Oliver & Graham for maintaining a powder house in Plum Hollow. The city marshal says he is going to have the owners of other powder houses brought to time also. In most if not all these cases the local firms are simply agents for powder mills in the east, and do not own the powder houses, but handle the powder on commission, so that if all are forced to move their houses the local men will only have to charge the manufacturers a little more for the extra trouble of having the powder stored at a greater distance. The ordinance is being violated in other ways in the city, and retail dealers in powder should also read it up and see to it that they have the required signs posted in the windows and that they do not keep on hand more than the law allows. A good awning for sale. J. C. Birby, 333 Broadway. Seaman is closing out a stock of dolls at very low prices. Deeds of Dirt. The following transfers of real estate are reported for THE BEE as taken from the county records by J. W. Squires & Co., abstractors of titles and real estate and loan agents, Council Bluffs: H. M. Wyman to A. W. Wyman, n e e and part s e 27, 74, 42. Robert Wilson to O. Riley, part of lot 166, O. P. city; \$2,500. Nancy J. Barnes to J. W. Snoderly, lot 6 in block 11 Williams' 1st city; \$350. Treas. to A. B. Walker, s e of n e of n w 13, 74, 44; \$26.73. Treas. to A. B. Walker, lots 1, 5 and 6 in block 36, Baylies & Palmer's add. \$41.60. J. Polson to M. A. Marshall, lots 20 and 21 in block 37, Central sub., \$200. E. Wadsworth to V. Wing, lot in block 12, \$1. A. H. Wing to T. Harle, part s e of n e 27, 74, 44, \$1. J. H. Swanson and L. T. Nelson to J. W. McMullen, w e of n w 24, 76, 44, \$2,000. A. B. Walker to Mary B. Swan, lots 6 and 7 in block 10, Howard's add., \$500. Remarkable Escape. John Kuhn, of Lafayette, Ind., had a very narrow escape from death. This is his own story: "One year ago I was in the last stages of Consumption. My best physicians gave me up, and I had not long to live. My friends then purchased a bottle of Dr. Wm. Hall's BALM FOR THE LUNGS, which benefited me. I continued until I took another bottle, and am now in perfect health having used no other medicine. Rubber Hose at J. C. Birby's, 333 Broadway. Our New Loan and Improvement Co. Investigation into the matter convinces us that one of the most equitable, reasonable and feasible plans of building houses is that proposed and in operation by the Mercantile Loan, Trust and Improvement company of this city. By investing in shares in this institution, which is backed by some of our best and most reliable business men, it becomes possible and comparatively easy for a man of moderate means to secure a comfortable home for himself and family. In taking a certain number of shares, at a certain monthly payment, in a few years a man can own a house of his own for about the same as he pays monthly for rent. We believe the Mercantile Loan and Trust company, by organizing and opening up for business, having filed a long felt want in Council Bluffs. Their plans and system of loans will bear the most careful scrutiny and examination, and we have no hesitancy in pronouncing them reasonable and equitable, and backed by gentlemen of honor and integrity. As the company exists it becomes at once an institution of value and credit to our city and those who desire homes. Their president is T. A. Kirkland, vice president, Judge Poake; secretary, I. R. Hoery; treasurer, Col. Beebe, and their office is in the basement of Shugart's and McKee's block, corner First and Pearl streets.

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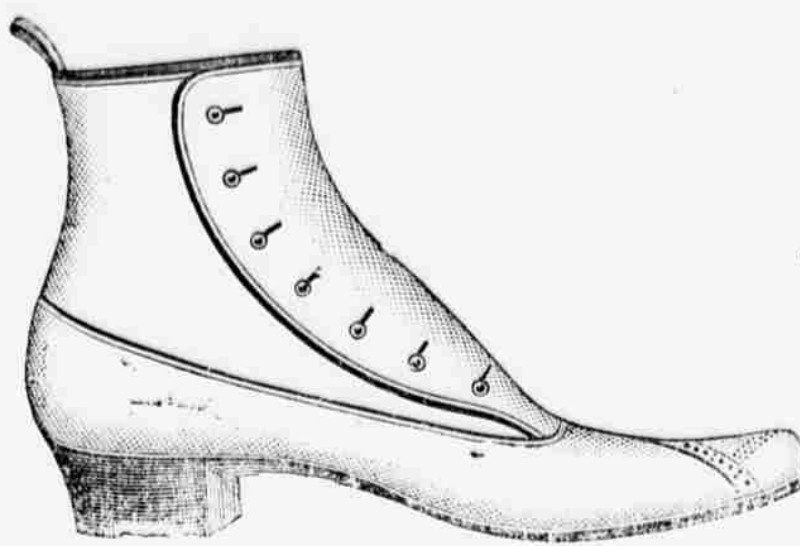
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