

THE DAILY BEE. COUNCIL BLUFFS. Tuesday Morning Dec. 16. SUBSCRIPTION RATES. OFFICE: No. 7 Pearl Street, Near Broadway.

MINOR MENTION. Art display Wednesday at Bliss'. H. R. Stewart, artist, at Chapman's. See J. Heller's new stock of cloths.

The district court is grinding away on civil cases. Road carefully Cocks & Morgan's new advertisement.

New goods and new novelties secured to-day at Bliss'. Salisbury's Troubadours appear at Do-hany's to-night.

The Catholic fair commences Monday, December 27, in Masonic hall. A special meeting of the board of trade is called for to-morrow night.

Everything in millinery and notions can be found at Bliss' at bottom prices. Art display and holiday opening in a few days at Bliss'.

Special sale of linens and handkerchiefs at Cocks & Morgan's. Masquerade costumes for rent. Mrs. J. E. Metcalf, 218 Broadway.

The paving work has been suspended for a few days because of a lack of stone. Weather strips, weather strips, weather strips, at W. W. Chapman's, 107 Main.

The new city jail is getting to be almost as unsavory as the old calaboose. The council did not get a quorum last evening and adjourned until Monday evening.

A barrel race is the amusing feature announced for the skating rink to-morrow evening. Permit to marry was yesterday granted H. H. Woods, of Elliott, and Orpha Jones, of Oakland.

The Presbyterian social union will give a basket social at the residence of E. L. Shugart this evening. The new ticket office at the dummy depot has been at last opened to the public though not yet quite finished.

Christmas cards given away—Ou all cash purchases of fifty cents and upwards at Seaman's closing out sale, 405 Broadway. The furnishings of the Masonic hall were yesterday being removed to the new temple, preparatory to the coming dedication.

Why not revive the project for a union depot in the city itself, to take the place of the so-called one on the bottom. Pure, fresh, home-made buckwheat, rye flour, rye graham, corn meal, and feed of all kinds, 518 Pearl street. John Hanthorn.

Preparations should be made that with the first thaw the accumulation of dirt may be removed from the paved streets. City Weighmaster Galvin is getting ready to sue the city for \$2,000 damages, because the council has been licensing other public scales.

The police have run in a man giving his name Jim Karney, who, it is claimed, has been begging under the pretense of being deaf and dumb. A protest is being prepared for circulation in this city and in Iowa against the proposed extension of time to the Union Pacific railway.

The Sioux City & Pacific has some fine maps for distribution. Any one desiring one should apply to the office next to THE BEE on Pearl street. There seems a probability that the case of Dr. Cross will not be tried at this term of the district court. It will probably be changed to some other county.

The board of trade is to hold a special meeting this evening, and business of importance is to be presented, which should call out a large number of citizens. Mrs. Ruff, who has a charming soprano voice, has taken the place in St. Paul's church choir, made vacant by the marriage and departure of Miss Mueller.

What is to be done with Baylis park? Unless some change is made this winter the springtime will turn that beautiful spot into a big frog pond, it being now so far below grade. John Adolf and John Mollen, who for several years was a clerk in the Rock Island freight office, are preparing to open a sample room under the firm name of Adolf & Mollen.

Council Bluffs needs new street cars and needs them badly. The present ones are old, leaky arks, which give the traveler the idea that this is a second-hand city, instead of a city of the first-class. Dr. Patton appeared before the county board yesterday and urged that he be relieved of the responsibility as one of the bondsmen for Coroner Connell. The coroner was given until to-day noon to supply his place.

The city council a while ago undertook to have all the hotels provided with fire escapes. That able body of legislators got so far as to have an ordinance

drawn up, and the matter has since been allowed to gather dust in the pigeon hole. There are a good many now making the rounds of the stores and selecting holiday goods. It is a good plan to make selections early, before assortments are broken, and before time gets so limited that buyers are forced to make selections which perhaps do not exactly suit.

It is said that C. E. Stone has abandoned his suit against the city, in which he claimed damages for the cutting away of his lot and undermining of his house by overflows of Indian creek, his property being on Vine street.

New locks are being provided for the fire alarm boxes. It would be still better if the old locks were kept and new boxes provided, but the chief says so many false alarms have been sent in lately that something must be done. In many large cities the boxes are not locked at all.

Some of the churches this year are preparing to let the children have a practical chance to test the truth—"it is more blessed to give than to receive"—the children, and older folks, too, to bring in contributions of provisions, clothing, books, toys, etc., to be distributed among those to whom Christmas brings less joy than to them.

There were fourteen free lodgers at the city jail Sunday night. Most of them were husky, hearty men, who were able to work, but claimed to have no money nor homes. Anyone having employment for men can get well supplied by applying to the marshal or his jailer, Ed. Bates, as many call at the station every day who desire work.

A pleasant social was held last evening at the residence of J. Mueller, the special purpose being to give an opportunity to the members and friends of the Congregational church to meet socially. Rev. Mr. Crofts, of Sandwich, Ill., who supplied the pulpit Sunday. Mr. Crofts leaves this morning for home.

The bonds of Hale and Robinson, charged with confining a man named Smith out of quite a sum of money, have been forfeited. The bonds amount to \$1400. The grand jury has returned indictments, and Smith is on hand to testify against them, but they have failed to appear and hence the forfeiture.

In the cases of Zipp vs. the city, Kilfeather vs. the city, Damon vs. the city, and Gilfolle vs. the city, a change of venue was yesterday granted on motion of the city attorney. The cases are for damages on account of changes in grade, and will now go to Mills county. The claim is made, as a reason for the change, that the citizens here are prejudiced, many of them expecting to claim damages, if the cases already started result in favor of the plaintiffs.

UPSET SALE AT METCALF BROS. H. A. Collins, late of Toronto, has opened an art studio in the rooms of Barker's gallery, 100 Main street, and is prepared to supply portraits in oil and crayon in the latest style. Satisfaction guaranteed and inspection invited.

St. John Bros. have bought, cleaned and refurnished the Revere House, 549 Broadway, opposite the opera house, Council Bluffs, where you will find clean rooms, clean beds and well filled tables. Terms \$1.50 per day.

DOWN ON DISCOUNT. City Attorney Holmes Clearly Points Out the Illegal Acts of the Council. For some time past the council has been allowing a peculiar class of bills, which arise in about this way: A man furnishes goods or does work in accordance with a contract with the city. His bill is allowed, a warrant drawn for the amount, he sells the warrant at say twenty-five per cent discount, and then presents a new bill to the council for enough to cover the twenty-five per cent discount, and this is then allowed. Some such bills have been presented amounting to hundreds of dollars. THE BEE has already shown that by this doing the city pays enormous interest, for for every seventy-five cents of work they pay at the end of a year one dollar, and six per cent interest, or in other words pay \$1.06 for seventy-five cents worth of work on goods, or thirty-one cents interest on seventy-five cents, which amounts to over forty per cent interest. No merchant could do business safely or keep up his credit by borrowing money at forty per cent interest and the city can surely not do so.

This matter was referred to City Attorney Holmes at a recent meeting, and he prepared a very clear and full report, which he presented to the council last night, in which he openly pronounced such a course illegal. It remains to be seen whether the council will override this opinion as it has others, and allow such bills whether or no.

The city attorney in his report cites the law providing for sources of revenue to the city, and concerning the limitation of indebtedness. In connection with this he put the pertinent question, how can it be said that when general warrants of the city are at a large discount in the market, that they have been issued on a true basis of anticipation of the revenues to be derived on the tax levy for the current year? He says: "A full answer to this is that the issuance of warrants to pay or make up the discount void, for the all warrants thus issued to make up the discount are void for they do not come within the anticipated revenues to be realized, and are prohibited by the constitution. Otherwise if the practice of so issuing warrants to make up cash deficiencies where the tax revenues were insufficient, would avoid the protection intended to be given to citizens of a corporation coming within the lines of the statute. No evasion of the constitution will be sustained, however it may be attempted to be done. All warrants issued are drawn upon a fund in the hands of the city treasurer, and will be paid when presented without any default, and it is an anomalous doctrine to say the creditor may receive it, present it to the treasurer, and because not paid,

sell his warrant at a discount, and then come and ask for warrants to make good the deficiency. There is no law for that, and this course only creates a double discount and increases the debt of the city, and the but of tax payers not allowed by law.

By sections 556, 557 and 558 of the code, all officers of the city are prohibited from buying city scrip or warrants at a discount, and are punishable if they do. These sections are indirectly violated every time warrants are issued at an amount to cover the discount at which warrants are sold. All warrants are drawn on cash in the custody of the treasurer of the city, and it is on the basis that the treasurer has money to pay them on presentation. If the city has no funds, why issue the warrants? It is issued as cash, and if not paid when presented it draws interest. The holder sells it on the street at a discount, and then asks the city to make good the discount, because there was no money in the city treasury. The holder of a warrant has a right to present his warrant for payment, and if not paid he has a claim against the city, and has the right to sue upon it, obtain a judgment, and enforce the payment, or may sell it as he chooses, at his own loss."

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UPSET SALE AT METCALF BROS. The Y. M. C. A. Both ladies and gentlemen should attend the free literary entertainment at the Y. M. C. A. this evening.

PROGRAM. Reading, Miss Emma Mayers. Duet, Miss Carrie Huntington and Miss Jennie Vriedenburg. Cattle Growers' convention—the following cattle kings will be present: Messrs. Innes, Baker, Haynes, Burchill, Vaughan, Flayler, Halliday, Curtis and others.

INTERMISSION. Instrumental music. Reading G. S. Landis, M. D. Solo, E. D. Stacy. Recitation, J. L. Boyce. Duet, Willie Wallace and Frank Stacy.

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WANTED. A BARRAIN—A horse, top-buggy and single harness, etc. The horse is a sound young family horse and has unusually good qualities and weighs 1125 pounds. Also a pair of team horses, wagon and harness, team is sound and young and weigh 1100 pounds each, and possess superior qualities. Street & Co., 529 Broadway.

FOR SALE—Houses, Lots and Land. A. J. Stephenson, 403 First avenue. FOR SALE—A top-buggy, first-class make and in excellent condition. Or will trade for cheap lot. Address F. M. Bee office, Council Bluffs.

COAL AND WOOD—George Heaton, 628 Broadway, sells coal and wood at reasonable prices, gives 2000 lbs. for a ton, and 125 cubic for a cord. Try him.

FOR SALE—Piano, H. E. Seaman, Paper, Books and Stationery, Council Bluffs. WANTED—Every body in Council Bluffs to take THE BEE. Delivered by carrier at only twenty cents a week.

OLD PAPERS—For sale at Bee office, at 25 cents a hundred.

J. L. DEBEVOISE, Union Ticket Agent, No. 507 Broadway Council Bluffs.

Railway Time Table. COUNCIL BLUFFS. The following are the times of the arrival and departure of trains by central depot, at the local depots. Trains leave transfer depot 10 min. earlier and arrive ten minutes later.

Table with columns for LEAVE, ARRIVE, and various train routes like Chicago Express, St. Paul Express, etc.

THE PLACE To purchase Christmas Presents At Bottom Prices, is HOMER & CO'S China Store, 23 Main Street, Council Bluffs.

JACOB SIMS, Attorney-at-Law, COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA. Office, Main Street, Room 8, Shugart and Reno Block. Will practice in State and Federal courts.

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