

COUNCIL BLUFFS

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

FINE ART.

The Wonderful Display at J. J. Blies' Establishment.

The art display, which opened at J. J. Blies' millinery establishment yesterday, is certainly the finest ever seen here, and draw a large number of admirers, who were enthusiastic in their praise.

Some of the paintings are from the skillful brush of Mrs. Blies herself. She has a very fine painting of a scene on the Seine, a copy of D'Aubigny's wonderful painting, a favorite picture with Napoleon III. She also has two smaller paintings which are real gems.

Mrs. S. D. Rebas, the talented artist, who is a sister of Mrs. Blies, has some of her best work displayed. Her painting of Rip Van Winkle, as he awakes from his long sleep, is highly appreciated by all who ever saw J. J. Blies.

In connection with this art display there is a pleasing showing of the latest fashions in the millinery line, and a variety of novelties to particularly interest the ladies.

Closing out our entire stock at greatly reduced prices for 30 days. Call early. De Vol & Wagner.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. John Dohany is quite ill.

Old Mynter is laid up with a severe cold. H. H. Horne is confined to his room with malaria.

Al. Russell after several days illness about again.

C. F. Schell and wife have returned from their eastern trip.

Platte Overton has returned from his eastern business trip.

Thos. W. Ivory, of Glenwood, was at the Pacific yesterday.

D. C. Tucker has returned with his bride from their wedding tour.

Jake Harb, the barber, has gone to the transfer barbershop for awhile.

Ex-U. S. Marshal Jno. T. Stewart, of Shenandoah, was in the city yesterday.

W. W. A. Smith has gone to Atchison, Kas., to spend the holidays with friends there.

Finley Burke of Orange City, son of City Auditor Burke is here for a few days combination of business with pleasure.

Mrs. Elam Clark is now with S. P. Morse & Co. of Omaha where her Council Bluffs friends will find her at the notion counter.

Masons Attention. You and your friends are cordially invited to visit the art display now given at J. J. Blies, 328 Broadway. It is the finest display west of Chicago.

COMMERCIAL.

Wheat—No. 1 milling, 67; No. 2, 55; No. 3, 47.

Corn—New, 21c. Old—For local purposes, 23c. Hay—\$4 50 per ton; baled, 50¢ per 100.

Wood—Lumber, 100 per 100 pounds. Cord—Wood supply; prices at yards, 6 00¢ per ton.

Coal—Delivered, hard, 9 50 per ton; soft 4 50 per ton.

Flour—Edinburg's, wholesaler at 92c. Flour—City Flour, 1 1/2¢ per bushel. Butter—Creamery, 25¢ per lb.

Cattle—Butcher cows 8 25¢ to 8 75¢. Butcher sheep, 3 75¢ to 4 00¢. Hogs—4 00¢ to 4 25¢.

Poultry—Live old hens, 2 50 per doz; dressed chickens, 8¢; dressed turkeys, 12¢; spring chickens, 9 50¢; dressed geese, 10¢; dressed ducks, per doz, 2 25¢.

Butter—Creamery, 25¢; choice country 16¢ per lb.

Eggs—22 per dozen. Vegetables—Potatoes, 30¢ per bushel; onions, 6¢ per bushel; choice cooking, 4¢; eating, 2 50¢; 10¢; beans, 1 00¢; 1 50¢ per bushel; sweet potatoes, 2¢ per lb.

Cider—32 gallon bid., \$3.50. Oranges—6 50 per bid.

UPSET SALE AT METCALF BROS.

The money-lenders of Burlington are so close that they refuse to take a city loan of \$18,000 at eight per cent. They want ten.

The arrangements by which the B. C. R. R., and C. M. & St. P. roads have used the same depot at Clinton is busted. The former has fitted up a freight car for temporary use.

The town of Audubon, following the example set by other cities, has issued an ordinance licensing the sale of cider, pop, and other drinks not prohibited by law. The license was placed at \$25 per month.

Taxing insurance companies—Several Iowa cities are at present discussing the advisability of taxing insurance companies on the premiums received by them in the various towns and cities in question, and many who are opposed to licensing saloons are in favor of this latest expedient.

The B. C. R. & N. railway now operates 713 miles of road. The total receipts of the company from January 1 to November 30 were \$2,507,707, a slight decrease over the receipts during the same months in 1882 and 1883. During the month of November, 1884, the company's receipts amounted to \$275,132.

It has been ascertained that less than one-third of the voters of the state expressed themselves in regard to the amendments to the constitution at the late election. They were all adopted, however, by comparatively heavy majorities, and are now a part of Iowa's organic laws.

Secretary Little announces that the ninth annual convention of the Iowa Butter and Cheese association will be held at the new opera house, Strawberry Point.

A STRANGE PHENOMENA.

What an Eye-Witness Has to Say About the Underground Fires Now Raging in Highland County, Virginia.

Among the recent arrivals in the city, says the Louisville Courier-Journal, was Mr. Edward B. Elder, of Highland County, Virginia. Of late there have been reports from that section of the country of a strange phenomena which was said to have been witnessed in the mountains a few miles from Monterey Court-House, Highland county, where the earth was said to be on fire.

CHUEL PRAGMICAL JOKING.

Playing on the Credulity of an Octogenarian Farmer and His Well-to-do Son.

Eugene C. Austin is a well-to-do farmer living near Attica, Wyoming county, writes a correspondent of The New York Sun. He is a man 40 years old and a man of fine personal appearance. While perfectly rational and capable in every other way, he believes that his genius as a politician has made him one of the most prominent figures in the country. His father, a wealthy farmer, 80 years of age, shares in this belief, and during the past five years has spent thousands of dollars in furthering the political advancement of his son.

In 1879 the elder Austin assured his son that he could secure the republican nomination for member of assembly. He furnished the money with which the canvass was to be made. He bought a tally-ho coach and engaged a brass band of ten pieces. For weeks the younger Austin drove this coach, four-in-hand, through the country, the band playing inside. Most demonstrations in his behalf were held in many places, at which he made speeches. This freak cost several thousand dollars.

After the election of Garfield the elder Austin urged his son to go to Mentor and present his claims to a foreign mission. The son did so, the old gentleman paying all the expenses of the trip. The failure to obtain the appointment was charged by both father and son to the treachery of trusted friends, and they renounced allegiance to the republicans.

In 1883 a strange man and woman appeared at the Austin farm. They said they were man and wife, and had come from Canada as ambassadors from Lord Halifax, who had been attracted to the younger Austin by the fame he had made in political circles in the states and who desired to have him become the husband of his only daughter, the rich and beautiful lady Anne. Old Mr. Austin furnished funds to these two strangers to return to Canada and arrange for the marriage, and subsequently sent them hundreds of dollars, which they said was necessary in the preliminary formalities of the proposed wedding. These two strangers were evidently aided by parties in Attica who shared in the money obtained from the credulous father and son; and when the story of their operations became known friends of the Austins interfered and stopped the game.

When the republican national convention met in Chicago last summer, letters were sent by practical jokes to the younger Austin, signed with the names of republican leaders, stating that the party must have his influence once more, and offering him the second place on the national ticket. Old Mr. Austin insisted that Eugene must go to Chicago and look after his interests himself. He gave money to a large number of persons to pay their expenses to Chicago, where they were to boom his son. When Logan was nominated for vice president the Austins were announced as a trader. They declared that there was nothing left for them to do but for Eugene to take the second place on the democratic ticket, and sweep New York away from Blaine. Old Mr. Austin chartered a special train of three cars which he was to fill with supporters of his son, and sent them to Chicago to work for him. He invested largely in banners, mottoes and decorations for the train, and had all his arrangements made for the starting of the party, when another son, Elbridge Austin, who had long in vain protested against the actions of his father and brother, asked and obtained the interference of the courts, and the Chicago scheme was stopped by legal proceedings.

The practical joker still kept up their working on the weakness of the old man and his son, and they received assurance that the latter would certainly be the democratic nominee for vice-president. When Hendricks was nominated Old Mr. Austin insisted that now that they had been betrayed by both parties, they should go to work and defeat them both, and this was to be done by Eugene becoming an independent candidate for president, which he did. Just before election he received a letter written on the official paper of the governor and signed with his name, begging Austin to withdraw from the canvass in his (Cleveland's) favor, as that would surely give the democrats the victory and in return the new president would make Austin a member of his cabinet. Austin withdrew. Last week he went to Albany and haunted the executive chamber for two or three days, endeavoring to secure the promised appointment. He spent a great deal of money and was bled right and left by pretended intimate friends of the president-elect. This reached the ears of his brother and he went to Albany and induced him to return home.

It is reported that his brother will now use every means to ascertain who the men who have been prompting Eugene in this and other matters, and if successful will test in the courts the question as to whether they can not be held responsible for damages, as his brother and father have wasted large sums of money in consequence of the suggestions and encouragement given them to do as they did.

Proceedings to settle the question of their sanity and the custody of their property will also be begun.

Dialogue between two men about town: "What is the difference between a stock exchange and a bucket shop?" "I'll explain to you. When a fellow wins he says: 'I've made money on the stock exchange'; when he loses he remarks: 'I've been robbed in a bucket shop.' That's the difference.—French Paper.

A Clinton man has named his wife Fact. Facts are stubborn things.

THE RUTING PASSION.

Minnesota Tribune.

"Well, how did this inveterate gambler, this Tom Mallory, come out, finally?" asked the reporter.

"He lost every cent he had," said the gentleman with the light-colored pants, "lost every cent he could borrow, and finally was driven to the necessity of going to the College hospital when he was attacked with the typhoid fever. There he died. The night he died there were several of us who had not heard of his illness before present, and I will never forget the scene. There was a physician, a minister and three or four sporting men standing around his bed in the ward. When I came in he said to me: 'Frank, old boy, how goes it?' 'All right, Tom,' says I, 'low goes it you're all right.' 'Well, I feel pretty bad, says he, 'and I don't know whether I am going to pull through or not.' 'He is not going to pull through,' said the minister, 'and I have been trying to impress upon him the necessity of preparing for the next life.' 'Mr. Mallory,' he continued, 'the physician here will tell you that you cannot live.' 'Cannot live?' said Tom. 'No,' said the physician. 'I think it but right to tell you the truth—you cannot live an hour longer.' 'Now look here,' said Tom, rising in the bed and looking like an animated ghost, his eyes as big as moons, and the band of death plainly marked upon his face, 'you fellows say I cannot live an hour. I'll tell you what we'll do. I'll put up my pants over there against any pair of pants in the house that I live two hours.' 'I know it would please him, so I said, 'all right, Tom; it's a go.' 'In an hour we saw that his last hour had come, and I made his head easier on the pillow. When we were expecting him to drop off, he rose and said: 'Let's again, by goner! I should have capped that bet,' and he sank back on the pillow dead."

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A NEW INDUSTRY IN THIS CITY.

A new industry in this city consists in canvassing for insurance companies that insure the lives of babies. The canvasser occasionally escapes with his life.

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HOW A VENERABLE IOWAN EVADDED THE GREATEST DIFFICULTY WHICH BESET THE AGED.

Burlington (Ia.) Hawkeye.

An account is going the rounds of the press of a woman who was so afflicted with rheumatism for fifteen years that her entire muscular system became rigid, and for all that period she was kept alive by great force being used between her teeth.

A POWERFUL INFOMICANT.

The Preparation Upon Which the South Sea Islanders Get Fat.

San Francisco Call. "Do you know what that is?" said the captain of a bark lately returned from a cruise in the southern sea to a Call reporter. He held in his hands what appeared to be a gaudily painted barber's pole shrunken to the size of a policeman's club. "That," continued the skipper, "is a piece of gagus stalk. It came from Gault Island, near the Malacca group. I have navigated the South sea for many years, and I never saw it growing upon any other island, and I don't think you will find any sea-faring man who hails from those waters but will bear out what I say. It is a species of cactus. Gault Island is a small one, but it is well populated by natives of the Malay race. In the interior this plant grows wild, flourishing especially in the red rocky soil. It looks beautiful when growing, as you might judge by the bright hus which which this is spotted. The main stalk is covered with sharp, nettle like protuberances, and a prick from one of them will cause more pain than a handful of red pepper thrown in your eyes. When young the plant consists of but one stalk, which shoots up eight to a height of four or five feet. It is a brilliant scarlet in hue. Toward winter a number of offshoots spring out until the thing looks like a broom stood upright. Green and purple specks then appear all over it. A grove of gagus shrubs is a very pretty sight. But it is the properties of the plant which distinguish it. Opium is a potent drug, but I will back the extract of gagus stalk to do more damage on the human system than all the opium in the world. The natives cut the plant in the early spring. After they have gathered a sufficient quantity they put it in large bowls and crush it with large stones. A grayish sap runs out freely, and this they collect and drink after letting it ferment, which it does easily. One drink of a pint is enough for an ordinary man but I have seen natives drink more. Within half an hour after imbibing it the drinker becomes perfectly stupid and lies like a log. The spell lasts a day or more during which time the natives say they live in paradise."

THE RUTING PASSION.

"What effect does it have upon the natives?" "I have known sailors to try it, but they never tackled it twice. Three years ago I had a man in my crew who was driven crazy by one drink."

A RELIC OF THE REVOLUTION.

Bethlehem (Pa.) Times. The jubilees which are being held in this vicinity by the democrats have unearthed a relic of the revolution which very few of the younger people have perhaps ever heard of, much less seen. The relic is a cannon which, in being used in firing salutes at democratic celebrations in this and adjoining counties. The cannon, it is said, was captured from the British at the battle of Princeton. The cannon was evidently intended for use on board of a ship, as it cannot be mounted on wheels. It is five feet long, with a 3 1/2 inch bore, and the charge used is one and a half pounds of powder. It was purchased many years ago from the late Lawyer Gibbons of Allentown by the late Captain C. Ritter of Bitterville. The latter sold it to a stock company, consisting of S. Herman Ginkinger and Frank, William and Tighman Reichart. Mr. Ginkinger now controls the greater portion of the stock, and he has been the gaffer for the past thirty years and has attended many political celebrations.

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Twentieth Anniversary of President Lincoln's Death.

Special telegram to THE BEE. CHICAGO, December 16.—Inter-Ocean's, Springfield, Ill., says, the committee from the Manchester and Turneville of St. Louis were here to-day in consultation with the Bee in regard to honor, with a view to a musical commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of Lincoln's death. A special meeting of the committee was appointed to correspond with kindred societies throughout the country asking them to send delegations here at that time to assist in making it a national affair.

Breaking Up Housekeeping.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., December 16.—The palatial Fourth street residence of George C. Buchanan, now sojourning in Canada, charged with expelling whisky warehouse receipts, was thrown open to the public to-day, and the sale of household effects begun by an auctioneer of the Trust company. The house was the most magnificent in the city and was furnished to a degree approaching splendor. The walls are designed to imitate leather, metal, mahogany and porcelain tiles, contains all the luxuries and artistic appointments money can buy. The Buchanan family still occupy the house, locked them in a room, and during the sale the sons of the wife were frequently heard. The articles offered brought good prices.

Murder and Suicide.

CLEVELAND, December 15.—This morning Bonito Duran tried to induce the wife of a ranchman, named Sanchez to elope. She declined, whereupon he shot her fatally, then killed himself. Both are Mexicans.

Increase of Time.

DETROIT, December 16.—In addition to the cutting of all the extra work the Western Union Telegraph company has notified the operators that the time of a day's work will be increased one-half hour.

That conquering hero, John L. Sullivan, it is said, will affect a single eye-glass. There must be something wrong with Johnnie when he contents himself with one glass.

CELEBRATED MAKES.

Pianos and Organs!

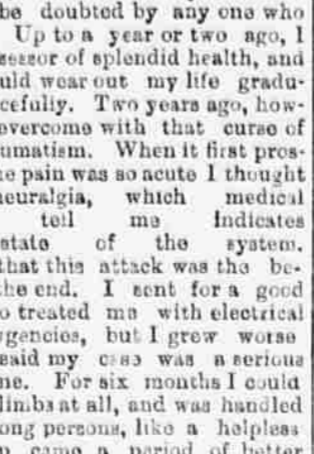
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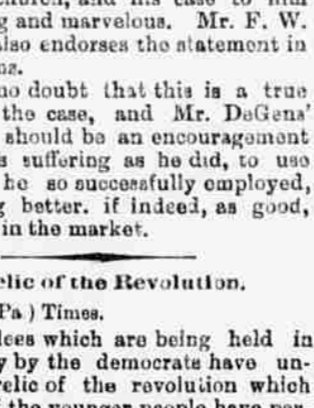
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