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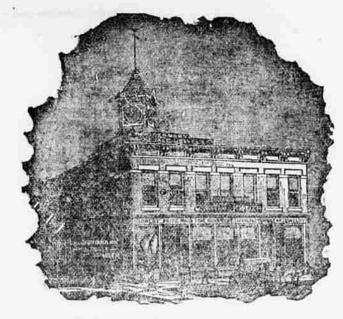
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### COUNCIL BLUFFS

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS

THE COUNTY BOARD.

The Probability That They Will Call a Special Election,

The county board of supervisors held no regular session yesterday, and took no formal action in regard to the new very good sources that they will probably call a special election and submit the such action on their part, is that officials,

records and papers, affecting the title of every inch of property in the county. They feel that they must either have fire proof vaults or a new court house, and that by submitting the matter to the people, they will only perform a plain duty. Another fact stares them in the face, and that is that it becomes apparent from yesterday's meeting that Council Bluffs paying two fifths of the county taxes, a majority of the taxable property through its representatives are in favor of a special election, and a new court house. The board is made up of men of pretty good stuff, and if they are thus convinced, as they seem to be, that it is their duty, as well as the will of the people, to have a special election, they will surely call one.

### A Rush of Boys,

When the recently organized association for helping the boys was put into active operation, it was intended simply to provide work or homes for destitute boys. The simple plan was hit upon of having such boys leave their names and addresses at some business office, and then anyone wanting a boy could apply there. Judge Bond and Mr. Sibley, the coal man, whose offices are under the Citizen's bank, kindly consented to take brought him back tens of millions. the names of such boys. Col. Hogeland, in his enthusiasm, however, did not seem to make the plan quite plain enough, and the boys getting an idea it was some sort of a society, and that all who wanted ribbons and big dinners should go there, the opening of the office was accompanied by such a rush of boys as has never been seen before. Boys of all conditions in life, of all sizes and ages, of all colors and garbs came storming in to get blue ribbons and join whatever sort of a "hurrah" there might be. Poor Judge Bond was nearly driven wild, and sought rest by getting out of the office, after wrestling with names and addresses, and asking questions for a few hours, and Mr. Sibley, with all his business coolness and tact, was beaten out. The press of the city was appealed to that the rush might be stopped by announcements that only needy boys need apply. The plan begins to be better understood now, and promises to run not only smoothly hereafter, but to result in giving practical help to those who need it so greatly.

WALL STREET GHOSTS,

Jim Keene Drops Out of Sight-How Speculators Retrieve Their Fortunes-A Wiser Plan,

special dispatch to the Globe-Democrat. New York, January 31 .- The enforced sale of James R. Keene's last horse, and his disposal of his final remaining share in a large apartment house, mark the failure of his latest attempt to recoup. This has reminded busy Wall street that Keene still existed, but needed something of the sort to recall him to memory, for he has dropped entirely out of the anancial world, and is no more a factor in the making of prices than is any broker's office boy. Yet Keene had a bril-liant career while it lasted. He came on here with \$3,000,000 or thereabouts in his pockets and struct the boom of 1879 80, and at one time was worth not far from \$15,000,000. The riff raff and the hangers-on and the adventurers of thestreet fastened on to him. lattered him, told him of his mission in life and his duty toward mankind was to break Jay Gould, and offered theiradvice and influence. Keene made money fast as long as prices advanced. He bought with great freedom and courage, and his name was in every one's mouth. But when the tide turned Keene was loaded. He did not have the sagacity and celerity of Gould, who has a knack of turning even misfortunes to good account, but kept on getting in deeper until the inevitable rapped at his door, and he found or four times a year all hands in the street agree that stocks are very low. gone down 10 or 20 per cent; they are from the crowd and departed. When sure to react within a comparative short time. Then it is that the prudent man comes to the front with his cash. But the man who goes down into the street every day though he must do something every day and that kind of trading never fails to wreck the longest purse. Keene was always in the market, and he was always buying. The sharp set of fallows who buying. The sharp set of fellows who manipulated Denver and Rio Grande up to 110 or thereabouts and sold a great lo to take more to hold the price against their raids when they had sold it short. He never was cunning enough to concea! his operations, and the sharks of the street marked him from the first. He was indiscreet enough to quarrel with

boys call a ghost of Wall street. WALL STREET GHOSTS,

and you can make nothing else out of it. Nineteen out of twenty of the men who engage in it leave money. They always have some good explanation of why they fail, but the fact remains that they do fail. And that should be convincing and should serve as a warning. Threequarters of the Wall street operators of to-day are striving not to increase their fortunes, but to get back what they have lost. There is a fascina-tion about winning a few hundred dollars that over balances the regret of lesing a few thousand. A man will lose four times running and yet go in the fifth court house, but it is understood from time with an assurance within him that he can win back all he has lest. If he chances to win \$1,000 after he has lost \$4,000, he ins antly believes that he can matter to the people. One of the great make his fortune. He never loses that ressons warranting, in fact demanding belief while he has a hundred dollars remaining, and when the hundred is broken sworn to look after the interests of he repairs to a bucket-shop-having bethe county, they find that come a ghost of Wall street—firm in the belief that on a cash capital of \$10 or afforded for doing the county's business, and no safe place is provided for the him back into a regular broker's office, where he will pile up money until he is rich again. And so he gambies every cent on which he can put hands. A LOSING GAME,

> present is a losing game, and the sooner a man who is behind the game severs all connection with it, the batter off he will find himself in the immediate hereafter. Jay Gould did not make his money trading in the fluctuations of the tooks. He did it by buying entire railroads, reorganizing them, watering their stock, consolidating them, and putting them on the publicat an enormous advance on first cost or cost to himself. His gigantic schemes have been originated by him. The theory has been to get possession of bankupt roads and consolidate them and give hem the appearance of prosperity. The Wabash system is made up of some twenty different roads, not more than three of which were paying running ex-penses when Gould bought them. Yet ie threw them together and ran the price of preferred stock up to 80, and the common stock up to 60, at which prices the public relieved him of them and put up fresher jobs. His amalgamations and is consolidations have been on a most stupendious scale; and have demanded the out-put of millions; but they have The same is true, but to a lesser extent, of Vanlerbilt. He has increased the fortune that his farther left him, not by speculating in stock\*, but by solid investment and by the increase in values of the properties that came into his possession. The men who have made fortunes through stock speculations are indeed few. The men who have lost fortunes in the same manner are numbered by thousands.

### A MIDNIGHT DUEL,

On Top of the Blue Ridge-A Romantic Story of the Late War,

"There is no doubt," said an old soldier yesterday, "that many singular things occur as we journey through life," and he looked as though memory was struggling with some sad feature of his existence. He sighed as he continued: 'I remember as though it was yesterday the march of Hill's corps along the wind-ing Shenandoah up to the famous Luray gap. Who could ever forget that march? The road winding with the beautiful river, and overhung with the majestic chain of Blue Ridge mountains, while across the crystal lake the magnificent valley, with its charming cottages dotting the bountsons land with white-like balls snow rebed in flowers.

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cance beside the peerless women of this olessed country, and you may well believe that when the camp was struck the soldiers lost no time in making their way to the surrounding cottages. Soon the music of the violin was heard, and the shuffling kept time to the music, while, for a time, the soldier's face was lit with oldtime joy. At one of these cottages the beile of the valley reigned suprame, while several southern soldiers vied with each ther in paying homage to the gueen Among others were two young soldiers— one from Georgia and the other from Mississippi-who were specially energetic in their attentions, and so marked had this become that those present watched the play with constantly incresine interest, fully believing that both ex hibited a case of love at first sight. This surmise on the part of those present was only too true, as the tragic event which followed fully proved. The Georgian seemed to have the lead on the Missisipplan, and when the dancers were called point the Mississippian was seen to approach the couple and heard to claim the lady's hand for the dance. An altercation ensued, but both were cool, brave soldiers-two of the best shots in the army-who did not believe in a war of words. So it was ended by the Georgian GIVEN Day or evening. Terms very moderate dancing with the lady, and the significant remark of the Mississippian that "I will

see you after this set."
"When the dance was over the
Georgian was seen to seek the Mississsipian, and together they each called a friend outside both claimed that an insult had argument, how

avail with these men so it was arranged that the duel should take of stock to Keene, and he was compelled place on top of the Blue Ridge, near the center of the road that passes through the gap; that the weapons should be pistols at fifteen paces, and to fire at or between the words one, two or three, firing to continue until one or both were

"The point was reached, the ground Jay Goul | and to threaten him, and measured off, and the men took their Gould the reafter did not count him as a friend. It is very much better for a special s friendship than his enmity. And so the silence was broken by the signal: "One, two, three." At the word "one" Keene floundered until his money was gone. He bids fair to become what the the report of two pistols rang out on the midnight air, but the principals main ained their respective positions. The That thoroughfare is full of ghosts-of Georgian's left arm was seen to drop men who have been rich and who now are closer to the side, but the Mississippia penniless. They march down to the street every morning regularly as do the to the front. Again a pistol shot was millionaires and wander from one broker's heard, coming from the Georgian, and office to mother, bending over the taps and talking all day long about the market but he did not fire. The Georgian prowhile they up a \$5 bill in a bucket-shop murder him, but no answer was returned and strut around like fighting cooks if The Mississippian's second approached they increase it to \$10; but that is the his principal and found him dead, sho through the eye on the first discharge of the weapons. Death it seems had been dents, ex-bank presidents and ex-every-bodys. It is sad to see them and sadder disturb his squilibrium. I may forge instantaneous, so much so as not even to

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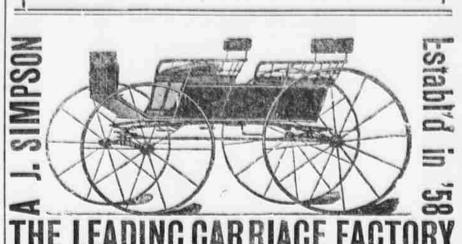
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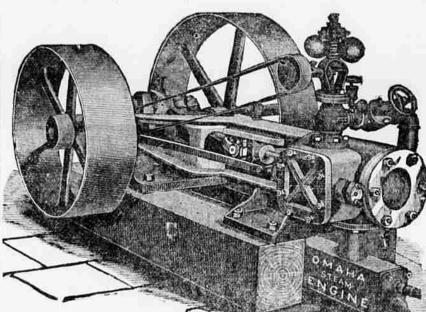
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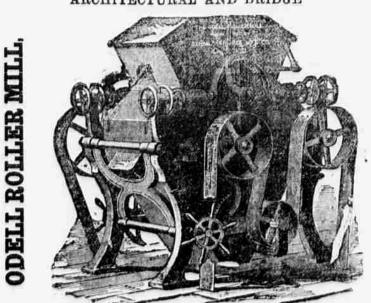
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