

THE DAILY BEE.

COUNCIL BLUFFS

FRIDAY MORNING DEC. 24.

OFFICE, NO. 12, PEARL STREET.

Delivered by carrier in any part of the city at twenty cents per week.

H. W. TILTON, Manager.

TELEPHONE:

BUSINESS OFFICE, No. 44.

NIGHT EDISON, No. 23.

MINOR MENTION.

N. Y. Plumbing Co.

Burborn for bargains.

New fall goods at Reuter's.

Complete sets of Dickens for \$5.50 at Bushnell's.

Books of all kinds very cheap at Bushnell's.

Clearing out of liner goods at Publishers' book sale Friday and Saturday.

4,000 pounds of fine candy at reduced price; Palmer's, No. 12 Main street.

We will keep our store open until 10 o'clock to night or later, if our friends continue to call on us. Harkness Brothers.

John Dummond and Albert C. Henderson were yesterday fined for being drunk.

4,000 pounds of fine candy at reduced price; Palmer's, No. 12 Main street.

The Sons of Veterans masquerade takes place this evening in Masonic temple.

No one will be allowed on the floor at the printers' ball to-morrow night unless masked.

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To-night, Christmas eve, in Masonic hall, the Sons of Veterans masquerade takes place.

Permit to wed was yesterday given Antonine Newman and Emma Newman, both of this city.

The Knights of Labor will hereafter hold their meetings in the G. A. Hall, having rented the same.

The printers' ball to-morrow night financially is assured of success, they having sold a large number of tickets.

The street railway company are putting in another switch, the new one being on Pearl street opposite Bayliss park.

There was such a rush of business yesterday at Eiseman's People's store that the proprietors had lunch served in their store for their clerks.

We carry a larger stock than ever before. Our stock is the cleanest, best advertised, newest designed in the city. Our prices defy competition. See and convince yourself. Burborn, Jeweler, No. 17 Main St.

H. J. Palmer, the confectionery man, selling out some Jumbo cigars for his customers to wear during the holiday season. Each one is large enough for a winter's smoking.

Bartlett, the young man caught going through Judge James' house, was yesterday tried and convicted of burglary. He did not testify at all in his own behalf and called no witnesses. An attempt was made to get him acquitted on the technical point that he was charged with entering the dwelling house, whereas the fact was that he entered the summer kitchen, which was being connected with the house proper by a short walk about three feet long. The court instructed the jury that this was a part of the house, and the jury was only out a few minutes.

L. B. Crafts & Co. are loaning money on all classes of chattel securities at one-half their former rates. See them before securing your loans.

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Holiday goods at less than wholesale prices at Publishers' Book sale to-day.

An elegant line of short wraps, new markets, etc., cheap, to close them out. JOHN BENNO & CO.

The Total Taxes.

The county auditor has completed the apportionment of taxes for 1886, and the amount of the assessments of the several townships appears as follows:

TOTAL TAX.

General \$ 6,647.58

Balknap 5,667.14

Oakland City 4,482.02

Crescent 4,080.86

Center 3,935.04

Carson City 3,887.17

Grove 6,589.72

Garner 11,556.49

Hardin 6,556.59

Hill Dell 7,417.13

James 7,973.88

Knox 11,521.46

Avoca City 6,532.71

Keokuk 6,000.00

Walnut 5,579.36

Lincoln 6,638.12

Lewis 9,935.59

Maconville 6,000.04

Macdonald Ind. 1,480.89

Minden 9,934.28

Mindens Ind. 1,110.58

Neola 7,055.15

Neva Ind. 6,667.35

Norwalk 6,000.00

Pleasant 7,104.01

Shelby Co Ind. 401.10

Rockford 6,167.55

Shell Creek 6,000.04

Valley 8,861.58

Washington 7,519.40

Wardland 6,592.45

Greely Ind. 42.50

Wright 6,592.37

York 6,592.37

Council Bluffs 213,195.87

Total \$119,955.71

The total valuation of the county is \$1,160,000.

The total valuation of the city is \$1819,940.

The total tax this year for the new court house and jail amounts to \$11,109, and the city's share of this is \$3,819.

Buy Christmas wares of W. S. Homer & Co., No. 23 Main street, and save money by so doing.

The Publishers' Book sale will close out all holiday goods at less than wholesale prices.

We have a fine large line of Christmas novelties that we are selling cheaper than ever was known, also mittens, silk handkerchiefs, ladies and gent's gloves, clothing, fine stockings, etc.

JOHN BENNO & CO.

They Must Go Now.

To day and to-morrow at the Publishers' Book sale, their entire stock of holiday goods will be sold at almost any price, in order to use up the surplus.

The goods are all nice and fresh and will go for less than wholesale cost, and must be sold, as it does not pay to carry them over until next season.

See that your books are made by Moorehouse & Co., room 1, Everett block.

THE MAJOR IS ACQUITTED.

Supposed Findings of Those Interested in the Trial.

THE SHOWING OF TAXES.

The Alleged Walnut Seducer Appears and Gives Bonds—A Holiday Wedding—Gersenberg Again at Large.

Williams Acquitted.

The jury in the case of Major Williams, after being out all night, brought in a verdict yesterday forenoon acquitting him of the murder of James Hughes. It was a surprise to nearly every one. The prosecution had been attended with many difficulties. It seems that every possible obstacle has been thrown in the way to prevent the conviction of this fellow. The verdict will not change the opinion of the overwhelming majority of the persons knowing anything about the case, and to many it seems exceedingly strange that such a verdict should be reached. Conjecture is that the details of the finding of the jury should have been about as follows:

THE JURY'S FINDING.

That the jury find that it is far better that a number innocent men should be acquitted than that one guilty man should be convicted innocently.

That no one says Major Williams shoot James Hughes, therefore the major could not have shot him.

That when Hughes made the dying statement to Mrs. Unthank that he was shot by Major Williams that he was only told so.

That Hughes was not killed.

That Williams was the one that was killed.

That Williams was not of age, and not responsible for what he did.

That he did nothing.

That what he did was all right.

That Williams must have felt himself innocent, for he did not even open his mouth to give a single word of explanation of the damning evidence against him.

THE PEOPLE'S FINDING.

We, the people, find ourselves surprised.

We find that owing to the peculiarities of our methods of executing law, a man can shoot down another in a public place, and get away with it, seeing him.

That important witnesses can be kept out of the way, and those who are not out of the way cannot be made to tell what they know.

That it is just such sort of weaknesses in our legal processes, court machinery, and state books, that causes the people occasionally lose all patience and take the enforcement of law into their own hands.

That when we learned that Williams pulled a revolver on Hughes, and that in two minutes afterwards Hughes was shot, we justly suspected Williams of being the shooter.

That we were sadly mistaken in giving so much weight to the dying statements of those who claimed by whom they were shot.

That it is high time that in such cases the authorities should see to it that witnesses are kept under bonds, and that attachments should be issued to hold the memories of those who are liable to lose theirs.

GEORGE GUERNSEY'S FINDING.

It was then that we learned that Williams pulled a revolver on Hughes, and that in two minutes afterwards Hughes was shot, we justly suspected Williams of being the shooter.

That we were really mistaken in giving so much weight to the dying statements of those who claimed by whom they were shot.

Stoves! Stoves! Stoves! For the next thirty days I will sell heating stoves at cost for cash only.

P. C. DEVOL.

"Woman Against Woman."

Miss Ellis Etler appears in this popular play at the opera house this evening, to-morrow afternoon and to-morrow evening. The Inter Ocean thus speaks of the production of the play in Chicago:

Last evening, at Headley's theatre, a successful production of the new and peculiarly original play by Mr. Frank Harvey, author of "Waves of Life," etc., was given. The new work is entitled "Woman Against Woman," and though it has little or none of the melodramatic effect and sensational coloring of the first of this author's plays, it by no means fails to interest the audience. It has superior claims to excellence in character, in the consistency of the story, and is brighter, fresher and generally more satisfactory as an entertainment. *

The development of the story is strong, consistent and admirable.

Hard and soft coal, best quality, all sizes. Mission and Iowa wood. T. B. Fuel company, 339 Broadway. Telephone.

For every two dollars' worth of goods purchased, you will receive a coupon ticket, good for one chance in the drawing Grand Prizes to be given away by us on January 15th, 1887.

FIRST PRIZE—One suite of Parlor Furniture, consisting of sofa, tea-table, and four grand easy chairs, all upholstered in various shades of elegant silk.

SECOND PRIZE—One Mahogany Bed Room Suite, consisting of Bedstead, Dresser and Wash Stand of elegant finish with bevelled glass, worth \$100.

THIRD PRIZE—One of the very best six-drawer Nickel Plated Domestic Sewing Machines. The very best machine in the United States, worth \$65.00.

FOURTH PRIZE—One Mahogany Bed Room Suite, consisting of Bedstead, Dresser and Wash Stand of elegant finish with bevelled glass, worth \$80.00.

FIFTH PRIZE—One elegant Seal Cloth London Dyed Clock, to be made to order to fit the lucky ticket holder, worth \$60.00.

SIXTH PRIZE—One pair of the finest White Blankets made by the Pioneer Woolen mill, of California, worth \$40.00.

SEVENTH PRIZE—One Beautiful Decoupage Dinner and Tea Set, consisting of one hundred and forty pieces, worth \$23.00.

EIGHTH PRIZE—An Elegant Seal Skin Muff, worth \$30.00.

NINTH PRIZE—A very fine Paisley Shawl, worth \$65.00.

TENTH PRIZE—One Angora Beaver Shawl, worth \$30.00.

ELEVENTH PRIZE—One Gentleman's Suit of Clothing, made of Imported Wool, guaranteed a fine fit for the wearer, worth \$35.00.

TWELFTH PRIZE—A Gentleman's Fur Beaver Overcoat, worth \$30.00.

THIRTEENTH PRIZE—One Boy's Overcoat, for a boy between the ages of 3 and 16 years, to be chosen by the lucky ticket holder, worth \$10.00.

FOURTEENTH PRIZE—One Boy's Suit, for a boy between the ages of 3 and 16 years, to be selected by the winner, worth \$15.00.

FIFTEEN PRIZE—One Elegant Infant's Cloak, worth \$10.00.

SIXTEENTH PRIZE—One Elegant Brass Parlor Table, worth \$10.00.

SEVENTEEN PRIZE—One piece of 50 yards of silk of the Loum muslin, worth \$1.00.

EIGHTEENTH PRIZE—One half dozen of the very best Celebrated "Gold" white shirts, of which we are the exclusive agents, worth \$9.00.

NINETEENTH PRIZE—One Fine Silk Muff, worth \$5.00.

TWENTIETH PRIZE—One Linen Sheet Set, consisting of Table Cloth and a Dresser Cloth, worth \$2.00.

TWENTY-FIRST PRIZE—A Cash Present of a Twenty Dollar Gold Piece.

No. 22—One Toilet Set.

No. 23—One very fine Doll.

No. 24—One Handkerchief Box.

No. 25—One elegant Hand Bag.

No. 26—One large Doll.

No. 27—One Stand Cover.

No. 28—One elegant perfume.

No. 29—One Table Cap.

No. 30—One Table Scarf.

No. 32—One fine Line Basket.

No. 33—One hummed brass Umbrella.

No. 34—One half doz. fine Towels.

No. 35—One Silk Umbrella.

No. 36—One fine Doll.

No. 37—One set China Dishes, suitable for little folks.

No. 38—One Brass Broom Holder.