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### MINOR MENTION.

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Gleason coal.

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Thatcher coal, see advertisement.

The Boston store for holiday goods.

Best coal and wood at C. B. Fuel Co.

Carbon Coal Co. wholesale, retail, 10 Pearl.

Two drunks were hauled in last evening with their tanks overflowing with Christmas booze.

Family reunions were held yesterday at the residences of Charles Baughn, on Madison street, and F. J. Day.

An unknown Dane was robbed of $25 on Ninth street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first avenues, last night.

Walter Beebe's team took a Christmas run, damaging the buggy somewhat but fortunately injuring no one.

The Danish society gave a dance at Peterson's hall on upper Broadway last evening, at which there was a very large representation of the Danish population of the city.

Alma Bell, the seven-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mr. Stiles, living at the corner of Twenty-third street and Avenue A, died yesterday morning of congestion of the lungs.

Dan Carrigg remembered all the charitable institutions in the city with a Christmas gift of $25 each, which was very thankfully accepted, and added materially to the comfort of the unfortunate inmates.

A certain contractor stated yesterday that he had just closed a deal to erect two $7,000 residences in this city as soon as possible. These make thirty-five new dwellings that he has contracted for during the past two weeks.

One of the largest audiences ever in attendance at St. Francis Xavier's church was present at the 10:30 service yesterday morning, the spacious building being filled to its utmost capacity. There were very many Protestants present.

The Maccaberchor had a pleasant entertainment last evening at their hall on South Main street, at which the members, their families and friends celebrated the close of a happy Christmas day in a fitting as well as very enjoyable manner.

Sheriff O'Neil won the handsome oil painting of "Council Bluffs, from Fairmount Park," that has been on exhibition in Eisenman's window for the past few days. Beside it is another painting from a pen sketch of the Bluffs in 1852, and it is a matter of wonder to all who view the two paintings that such great changes have all taken place in thirty-six years.

A small ripple of excitement was occasioned yesterday morning by an incipient runaway. A little girl was left sitting in a buggy while her father entered a cigar store. The horse became tired of waiting and started off, finally breaking into a run. There was a lively dash for about a block, when the animal was stopped and what bade fair to result in a serious if not fatal accident was averted.

One of the most unique features in the way of building improvements made in the city is the miniature cottage erected by Mr. J. L. Stewart on his grounds for his daughter Miss Eleanor. It is nicely furnished and is very attractive and inviting in appearance, both inside and out. It has just been completed and was given to its young owner as a Christmas present. The young lady will receive New Year's callers in the new cottage and will undoubtedly entertain them most hospitably.

Christmas day passed quietly in police circles. A few individuals surrounded more liquid excitement than they could stand and consequently got into trouble. Charles Graft was towed in for disturbing the peace, and B. Drake wound up in the hole on a similar charge. J. Anderson was drunk and flourished a gun, and he likewise landed in the city soup tureen. He put up $20 for his appearance and was released. Charles Smith managed to unsettle the peace and quiet of the day and had to file a bond to insure his appearance in police court this morning.

Captain Anderson of the merchants' police has received a portion of the goods stolen from the Hankrupt shoe store on South Main street a short time ago, and has returned them to the owner, Mr. Pryor. The recovered property consists of thirteen pairs of shoes, which is about a third of what was stolen. The shoes were found in an unoccupied building on the bank of Indian creek, between Seventh and Eighth streets, which has not been used for years. They were stowed away in a little nook under the roof, and it was by the merest chance that they were discovered. There is no clue to the thieves or to the disposition made of the rest of the property.

### To Stone Contractors.

Proposals will be received at the office of Messrs. Kimball & Champ, Council Bluffs, Ia., until 4 p. m., December 30, for putting in the concrete and stone footing courses for a hotel building. The plans and specifications can be seen at their office. They reserve the right to accept such proposal as may be deemed for their best interest, or reject all.

Hereafter the dining room of the New Pacific will be run on semi-European plan. All meals served at 25 cents each.

Bush & Gert's pianos, 538 Broadway.

The Manhattan sporting headq'rs 418 B-way.

### The Hardman Leads.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Dec. 23.—[Messrs. Mueller music company, city.]—Gentlemen: In reply to your request to give our opinion of the Hardman piano you sold us sometime ago we state frankly that we are fully satisfied with the instrument in every particular. The tone, action and finish are a constant pleasure. In our opinion the "Hardman," like the "Steinway," takes the lead. Respectfully yours, J. R. LINDSAY.

### Personal Paragraphs.

George Cookins of Chicago is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Champ.

Mr. Henry Swan and his niece, Mrs. Kirby, have returned from an eastern trip.

Mr. A. T. Flickinger, with his wife and sister, spent Christmas with relatives in Independence, Ia.

Christmas was made especially enjoyable for Mr. R. H. Pollock by the arrival of his mother and his sister from Knoxville, Ia. This is their first visit to the Bluffs.

Finest line confectionery, fruits, nuts and holiday groceries in the city. S. T. McAtee's.

Fine stock of watches and jewelry for the holidays at Wellman's, 538 Broadway.

Fine candy, fruits, nuts, Christmas baskets, etc., at Palmer's, 12 South Main.

Fountain cigar, a strictly 10c cigar for 5c at the Fountain. Try one.

### A. D. Telegraph Co.

All persons in the city who have telephones can call up telephone 179 for messenger boys, cabs and express wagons, etc. Prompt attention guaranteed. C. G. Robinson, manager, No. 11 North Main street.

### Will Light Up New Year's.

One of the new Sperry dynamos recently ordered by the electric light company has arrived, and the other is expected at any time. The company has arranged thirty lights in three circuits, and one of them is now completed. The lights are being placed in position on the others, and all will be in readiness in about a week. It is intended to start up under the new system on New Year's night. There will be nearly ninety of the arc lights, including the towers, which will be just about three times as many as are now in use. The three new towers will be in readiness when the other lights are started, but will be erected before the middle of January, if the weather continues favorable. Under the new system the city will present a vastly different appearance at night.

Holiday goods and books as low as the lowest at Dell G. Morgan's, 743 Broadway.

Neumeyer hotel, first class, reasonable rates

The Ross Investment and Trust company

# CHRISTMAS IN THE BLUFFS.

## The Day Is One of Feasting and General Enjoyment.

## TO ILLUMINATE ON NEW YEAR'S.

## The Electric Light Company Nearly Ready to Start the Lights—A Strong Pull Needed for Chautauqua—General Notes.

### How the Day Passed.

With not a suggestion of a shiver in the air, with a regular May sunshine bathing the warm earth and clothing the swards and fields with bright green verdure, Christmas day came upon Council Bluffs with nothing to indicate the fact but the happy confusion of the children and the beautiful feasts that were spread alike in palace and hovel. Old Winter, the ever present guest who has never failed heretofore to give zest to this most joyous of all the festivals of the year, failed to make himself felt, but in his place was the warm breath from the south bearing the odor of orange blossoms. The day will long be remembered as the warm Christmas. Houses were open, birds singing and twittering in the open windows, croquet and lawn tennis being played and all kinds of outdoor sports and games indulged in.

Even in the hovels where many of the so-called necessaries of life are often wanting there was a feeling of pleasure that the hopeless, aimless inmates seldom experience, for aside from the fact that the exceeding mildness of the weather was not making inroads on the fuel, the less fortunate ones in all parts of the city had been generously remembered by those blessed with a larger portion of this world's goods. Hundreds of well filled baskets were distributed, and many a bundle of half worn clothing brought comfort and something akin to contentment to those whom Christmas would otherwise have been a day to be bitterly remembered as an occasion that brought out even more forcibly than usual the painful contrast between the favored and the unfortunate, the rich and the poor.

In many homes family reunions or friendly gatherings were held and the hours sped pleasantly. Special features and attractions for the amusement and entertainment of the pleasure seekers were not numerous, and the citizens were left to devise their own plans for passing the day and it must have resulted successfully, for on all sides pleasant, contented faces abounded, and the general opinion seemed to exist that little was wanting to make it a model Christmas.

It was an unusually happy Christmas for all classes of people. During the morning the church-goers filled all the places of divine worship that were open. In nearly all the churches special services were held. In St. Paul's Episcopal church a splendid service was carried out. The holiday decorations were abundant and beautiful. Rev. T. J. Mackay read the usual service and preached a powerful sermon. The music was an especially fine feature and the surpliced choir was assisted by Miss Merkel and Mrs. Evans. There were solos by Mrs. Evans, Messrs. Thornton and Noble and Master Fred Duguette and Fred Showalter. The programme contained an offertory on Christmas themes for the organ, "Te Deum," "Glory to God in the Highest," anthem, "Sing, O Sing," communion service in F and a solo, offertory, by Mrs. Evans. In the evening a special musical service was rendered, consisting of anthems, solos, etc., with an address to the children by the rector.

Special services were held in the First Baptist church, chiefly for the children. The house was filled with little people, who were addressed by pastor, Rev. Dr. Cooley.

In the other churches the Christmas services were carried out as announced in yesterday's BEE, and large congregations assembled in all of them.

At the charitable institutions there was joy and feasting. Generous and kind-hearted citizens had remembered them all, and none had cause to believe that they had been forgotten or neglected in their sickness, infirmity or misfortune.

The effect of Christmas was noticeable at the jails. Judge Aylesworth gave every prisoner at the city jail his liberty as a Christmas gift and allowed them to seek turkey where they would. This was, of course, out of the question at the county jail, and Sheriff O'Neill provided a genuine turkey dinner for his numerous boarders. At the Institute for the deaf and dumb Superintendent Rothert provided a grand feast and the festivities were of the most enjoyable character.

At the hotels the tables were supplied with almost every thing that the inner man could desire. At the Pacific, Jameson, Ogden, Kiel, Creston, Revere and others elaborate bills of fare were offered, but as is generally the case, the patronage was rather under than above the average, many of the regular boarders accepting invitations to dine with private families.

The cancellation of McKee Rankin and company left Dohany's without an attraction and many visited Omaha during the afternoon and evening. The ball game that was advertised for Fairview park did not take place as many of the players did not put in an appearance, although quite a number visited the grounds in expectation of seeing a game.

The principal event of the evening was the annual masquerade ball given by Bluff City Typographical union, No. 293, at Masonic temple, and there was one of the largest gatherings that ever assembled on an occasion of this kind in the city. Over 125 tickets were sold in advance, and fully twice as many more paid the price of admission at the door. Both financially and socially the affair was a grand success. Dohany's orchestra furnished the music, and Louie & Metzger prepared a tempting supper. A programme of twenty-three numbers held the dancers until a late hour. The dance programmes were arranged very artistically and will be preserved as souvenirs.

Saddle Rock restaurant, 402 Broadway, open day and night. First class. J. E. Yancy, prop.

Reiter, tailor, 310 Broadway.

S. M. Williamson sells the Standard and Domestic sewing machines. 106 Main st.

Solid gold watches cheap at Wellman's.

Mixed candy 10c per pound; a full line of hand-made creams, put up in 1 to 5-pound boxes, cheap. Palmer's, 12 South Main.

### A Little More Help Needed.

The persons having in hand the raising of the necessary funds from the sale of lots on the Chautauqua grounds have been quietly but persistently at work, and have provided for about eighty lots. There are now only about twenty lots more to place at an average of $200 each, or $4,000 more to raise to place this grand institution in excellent financial condition. The executive committee insist that the required amount be fully provided before they will authorize the contracts for the next year's programme. The excellence of the future programme is dependant on the immediate provision of this small balance. Those wishing lots should at once select them and thereby secure the more favorable locations and at the same time help make up the small amount needed.

The selection of eighty lots will insure the building of twenty-five cottages with the opening of spring and further increase the number of the resident families on the grounds. It is evident that 200 persons are intending to purchase lots and so have a comfortable summer home. The longer such parties wait, with so many lots sold, the farther they will need to go from the amphitheater and there will also be less lots from which to choose. When these twenty lots are placed no more will be offered at the present prices. Those purchasing the first 100 lots will get 30 per cent from the appraised valuation of the lots. This will not be given after the first 100 are taken. Only twenty more lots are on the market at this favorable offer.

These few lots being placed, attention will be given to the programme. It is proposed to have a programme in no way inferior to that of 1889. It is also the purpose to erect cottages and make other improvements on the grounds, to secure better facilities of transit to the grounds, the cutting down of heavy grades and improving of the highways.

Those interested in any or all of these desirable improvements can materially help them forward by prompt personal support. Waiting for others will help forward no enterprise. Chautauquans do not grow through selfishness, but by liberal, whole-souled giving and personal action. The growth of the industries of the Missouri valley are not depending upon the withholding, but in the planting, that shall make returns. There is a withholding that tendeth to poverty and a giving that maketh rich.

The men who are planting Chautauquas are making rich the future, the harvest of which they shall garner.

Drs. Woodbury have removed their dental office to 101 Pearl street, up stairs.

Smokers' presents at Moore & Bowman's.

Shoes. Perry. Shoes.

Will sell gents' fine shoes at less than cost until January 1. Corner Broadway and Main, under the bank.

J. G. Tipton, real estate, 527 Broadway.

Have you tried
McClurg's Pastry Wafer Sodas!
They are delicate, crisp and delicious.

## EMBARRASSING DILEMMA.

### The Beauty Held Him with Her Blonde Tresses.

A man who was riding down town on a Third avenue train yesterday became involved in an interesting dilemma which afforded amusement to all those passengers who became aware of it, says the New York Sun. He was seated directly behind the last cross seat in the car. In front of him was a young woman who was devoting her time to watching the windows on the opposite side of the street as the train sped along. She was young and pretty. Without her knowledge a few tresses of her blonde hair had escaped from under her bonnet, and had fallen over the shoulder of the man behind her, and had in some unexplained manner become fastened around one of the buttons of his coat. He made one or two delicate attempts to remove the wandering tresses, but was so timid that he only entangled them the more.

He sat there with a frightened but meek expression upon his face, not daring to move. A climax was put to his predicament by the young woman arising, or rather attempting to do so, at Fourteenth street. She had only got half way out of her seat when she felt a violent tug at her hair. She resumed her seat and turned around indignantly to learn the true situation. In a moment her complexion rivalled that of the unfortunate young man and her attempts to release herself convulsed the witnesses with laughter. Her fingers trembled and after fumbling away until the guard had closed the gate, in vain attempts to release herself, she gave one violent yank at the two tresses, breaking them off and leaving the ends still entwined around the miserable button. Although the man saw them and was painfully conscious of their presence, he did not dare remove them until the young woman had left the car at the next station. For the rest of the way to the city hall he kept his head buried in his newspaper.

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Blank books, all kinds, ledgers and journals, 1 to 12 quires, at less than cost. Send for prices. Masonic book store, Council Bluffs.

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Fine perfumes, sachet powders and toilet bottles for the holidays at Dell G. Morgan & Co.'s, 743 Broadway.

## IN THE CLUTCHES OF A BEAR.

### An Exciting Experience in Northwestern Wisconsin.

One of the most remarkable and exciting experiences ever recorded in connection with the settlement of the northwestern Wisconsin wilderness is reported from Unity, a station on the Wisconsin Central railway.

One day last week a woodman named Kleinert, together with his two small children, a boy and a girl, went into the woods a short distance from the station to pick wild blackberries. Kleinert, as is customary with settlers, taking along with him his Winchester rifle.

He had become somewhat separated from the children, when he was startled by hearing the little boy screaming at the top of his voice, and upon running to the spot, was horrified to find that a large black bear had dashed from the dense thicket near which the children were picking berries, and, catching up the little girl, was making off with her through the woods at a rapid rate.

The screams of his child, who was in the clutches of the bear, nerved Kleinert to immediate action, says the Milwaukee Sentinel, and grasping his rifle he hurriedly followed through the woods in the direction from which the screams proceeded.

Owing to the denseness of the forest he could see neither the child nor bear, and was mainly guided by the screaming of the child. After he had proceeded about twenty rods he suddenly came upon the bear, who was standing upon his haunches in a little opening, with the child struggling and screaming at his feet.

The bear showed fight and made ready to pounce upon Kleinert, when he brought his trusty Winchester into use and fired, shooting the bear through the head and killing him instantly.

Beyond being badly scratched by the bear's claws and her clothing torn to shreds, the little girl was unharmed, and at present writing appears to suffer no injury. The bear was a large one of the male species and weighed 430 pounds.

### Always on Time.

If you wish to purchase a good and reliable watch 25 per cent less than club rates, and on easy terms, then call at once and make your own selection at C. B. Jacquemin & Co., 27 Main street.

Christmas tree decorations, costume mottos, etc., at Palmer's, 12 South Main.

Miss Mary Gleason has removed her dressmaking parlors to the rooms lately used by the public library, No. 14 Pearl street, where she will be glad to see her old friends.

Money loaned at L. B. Craft & Co.'s loan office on furniture, pianos, horses, wagons, personal property of all kinds, and all other articles of value, without removal. All business strictly confidential.

## BETTER THAN A GOLD MINE.

### A New Process for the Cheap Production of Aluminum.

If all that is claimed for it proves true Atlanta will come to the front with one of the most valuable inventions of the age, says the Constitution of that city. It is a process by which aluminum can be produced without the use of sodium and at a cost so exceedingly low as to be only nominal.

Mr. Samuel Goode, one of the four gentlemen who control the new discovery, is confident that it will prove an entire success, both as to production of the metal and the cost attendant thereon. In fact, experts have already tested the process, and recently Mr. Goode showed to the reporter and several other gentlemen at his office samples, both in the rough and finished, of the metal as produced by the invention in which he is interested.

He has had the matter under development for some time past, and has corresponded with experts all over the country in regard to it. The replies he has received are of an exceedingly flattering nature, and negotiations have already been opened with capitalists in New York for the purpose of putting the process into operation.

Aluminum is one of the most valuable metals known, but on account of its expensiveness it has been comparatively little used. It is lighter in weight than wood and in strength and hardness equal to steel. Another beauty of the metal is that it will not rust or corrode, but always preserves a beautiful, clear surface. With these qualities it is easily seen how useful and what a revolution in many ways such an article would make if it could only be produced at a nominal cost.

Prof. Henry Denning, an eminent expert to whom Mr. Goode was recommended by the editor of the New York Journal of Commerce, in a letter received the other afternoon, stated that if the newly discovered process would produce aluminum at the figure per pound indicated by Mr. Goode in a few years would without doubt be the wealthiest man in America. Attempts almost as numerous as the efforts to discover perpetual motion have been made to produce the wonderful metal without the use of sodium and at a small cost, but so far all have failed.

The largest manufacturing establishment in the world where aluminum is made is located in Newbury, England. It covers eight acres of ground and represents an invested capital of $5,000,000. There the minimum cost of production is $4.88 per pound and nowhere else can it be made for less than $5 per pound. In large quantities it is wholesaled at $7.50 a pound, and retails in many instances at $11 and $11 an ounce.

With these figures it will at once be seen what a bonanza is possessed by the Atlanta gentlemen. They claim the metal has been already produced by their process, that they can manufacture the aluminum as low as $1 per pound, and under favorable circumstances probably at a less figure.

The secret of the process, says Mr. Goode, was discovered by a well-known Atlanta man, a chemist, who has experimented with it for eight years or more before finally bringing it to perfection.

All the rage, Red Cross Cough Drops five cents per box, sold everywhere.

## LONG LIFE IN CHILI.

### Persons One Hundred Years Old Are Not Uncommon.

It is customary to say that when a man survives three score years and ten he is living on borrowed time, says the San Francisco Alta. Some men at seventy-five consider themselves very youthful, and instances are not uncommon of hale and vigorous men who lack less than a decade of touching par. They had an old Indian from Monterey at the state board of trade not long since who set up a claim of being one hundred and fifty years of age. He might have been younger—perhaps older—but at any rate he was a tiptop advertisement for the "glorious climate," although his complexion was a trifle off color and his skin looked like the tanned hide of an alligator.

It is a matter of comment, almost invariably, by travelers in the Spanish-American countries, that in every settlement of importance there are usually several very aged persons who are at least one hundred years old, and often more. The census of Chili, taken in 1885, furnishes some interesting statistics relative to the longevity of the human race. In the twenty-three provinces of Chili there were found to be in excess of one hundred and one years of age 211 men and 273 women. One man, Rafael Munzo of Colchagua was returned as 150 years of age. There was 1 woman 130 years old; 135 years, 1 man, 2 women; 132 years, 1 man; 130 years, 1 man; 127 years, 1 woman; 125 years, 3 men, 4 women; 123 years, 1 man; 122 years, 2 women; 121 years, 2 women; 120 years, 8 men, 20 women; 119 years, 2 women; 118 years, 2 men, 5 women; 117 years, 1 woman; 116 years, 3 men, 2 women; 115 years, 13 men, 12 women; 114 years, 1 man, 4 women; 113 years, 3 men, 5 women; 112 years, 6 men, 8 women; 111 years, 6 men, 5 women; 110 years, 38 men, 53 women; 109 years, 5 men, 6 women; 108 years, 6 men, 13 women; 107 years, 5 men, 3 women; 106 years, 10 men, 8 women; 105 years, 32 men, 37 women; 104 years, 12 men, 15 women; 103 years, 15 men, 25 women; 102 years, 19 men, 22 women; 101 years, 19 men, 20 women.

It would appear from the foregoing that the women of Chili are not averse to giving their true ages, or else some of them must be as old as "She." If a woman in the United States acknowledged that that she had passed her 138th birthday, it would be a fair inference to set her true age down at not less than 250 summers.

Headache, neuralgia, dizziness, nervousness, spasms, sleeplessness, cured by Dr. Miles' Nervine. Samples free at Kuhn & Co.'s 15th and Douglas.

A remarkable funeral procession paraded the streets of Peking a few weeks ago. It was the formal public celebration of the burial of Tsching Tschu, a grand chamberlain and brother-in-law of Prince Kung. The bier was carried by eighty men, preceded by forty-six flag-bearers, eight camels and twenty-four white horses. One hundred and sixty men followed, bearing sixteen red planks on which were painted in many colored letters the name and titles of the dead nobleman. The whole procession was a mile and a half long.

For delicacy, for purity, and for improvement of the complexion nothing equals Pozzoni's Poweer.

George Hardy, a poor hostler, who picked up a lot on the edge of Bar Harbor a few years ago for $150 and sold it for $600, built a livery stable on a half acre of ground bordering on the site of the Malvern hotel. As his stable became more objectionable to the Malvern's guests the price of Hardy's property climbed up. He absolutely refused offers of from $6,000 up to as high as $18,000, and finally thought he was doing the Malvern's owner a great favor when he sold out for $20,000.

Beecham's Pills cure bilious and nervous ills

A curious historical document hangs in the private office of Judge John J. Gorman at 2 West Fourteenth street, New York. It purports to be the original commission granted by John Hancock, president of the United States, on October 10, 1776, to John Paul Jones, the great naval hero of the revolution. The signature of President Hancock is in his well known round hand, and the script of John Paul Jones' name appears to have been written in the same bold hand.

Pears' soap is the most elegant toilet a djunct

Gospatin Apostoloff, a young Cossack engineer, has designed a bateau plongeur which will dive into the Atlantic off the English coast and come up in New York harbor twenty-six hours later. It is the old story of being shaped like a fish, with a spiral ridge on the outside running around it twice, which in some way or other will be made to revolve.

The Brazilians are said to form the largest and richest foreign colony in Paris. They never haggle over anything.


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Sapp & Knotts, No. 31 South Main St. We handle only first-class brands of coal. Our Black Peerless is indeed the peer of any soft coal in the market. Try it once and you will want it next time. We also have good hard cord wood and stove wood on hand at all times. Full measure, prompt delivery, and carefully prepared fuel guaranteed.
Remember the place,

SAPP & KNOTTS,
No. 31 South Main St. Telephone No. 203.


## HEROES OF BUENA VISTA.

### It was Not Jefferson Davis who Saved that Memorable Battle.

George S. Fisher, First Illinois regiment, in the Washington Post: So much has been said and written before and since the death of Jefferson Davis in eulogy of his bravery and military skill that is entirely extravagant and not in accord with facts, that the writer will be pardoned for what he now writes, more in sorrow than in anger, notwithstanding the exaggeration both of candor and truth.

People so easily forget, much more easily than they forgive. Many of the eulogists of Mr. Davis forget that it was the army of the United States—the few regulars and volunteer forces—that saved the battle of Buena Vista, the writer being one of the survivors of the latter force.

The glorifiers of Mr. Davis, who claim him as "the hero" of "Monterey" and "Buena Vista," forget General Zack Taylor, "Old Zack;" General John E. Wool, and Colonels Yell, McKee, Clay, Hardin and Bissell in the parts they took at Buena Vista, all four of the colonels falling, three of them in the last grand repulse of Santa Anna's charges on that bloody field.

The fact, the incontrovertible fact, is, so far from Davis and the gallant regiment of Mississippians he commanded, saving that battle, the men of which were brave as ever men dared to be—Davis' blundering in the hazardous formation of his regiment in the form of the letter V, thus opening his force to receive a charge—he and his regiment were only saved from annihilation, notwithstanding the bravery of his men by the Second Indianians, under Colonel Kane, and the Second Illinois, under Colonel Bissell, and but for Colonel Bissell's rapid movement there would in all human probability have been no Colonel Jeff Davis and but few if any of his regiment left to tell the tale of Buena Vista. The movement of Colonel Jeff Davis was a blunder, and nothing but the fighting qualities of his men and that of the Second Illinois and Second Indiana regiments saved him then and there.

As for Davis' extraordinary military manoeuver being the turning point of the great battle—the greatest battle ever fought on the continent up to the war of the rebellion—it was not to be compared with the later repulse of the charge by Santa Anna with 5,000 infantry, supported by artillery upon the plateau, where the famous order was given, "A little more grape, Captain Bragg," nor the one later still, with still heavier and more formidable battalions, upon the "pass of Angostura," between arroyos on the right and "the hill," where Washington's battery of the Fourth artillery, supported by the Second Kentucky and First Illinois regiments and a few regulars, resisted it, and where Colonels McKee, Clay and Hardin all fell within a few yards of each other.

Readers of history and congressional debates ought to remember, if not, many living witnesses do, that upon that occasion the skill and bravery of Mr. Davis, the subject of debate in congress, was said to have saved General Taylor's army "a disgraceful rout," and northern bravery was discounted at Buena Vista!

Colonel William H. Bissell, then a member of the house of representatives, denounced the above statement, and declared it was the cowardice of Davis that nearly lost that field; that northern troops saved that battle. This led to a challenge to Colonel Bissell by Davis—that he (Bissell) must retract his charge or fight. Colonel Bissell accepted the challenge; weapons, distance, time and place were agreed upon for the meeting. Colonel Bissell, with friends and a surgeon, was on the ground on time. Mr. Davis did not come to time.

General Taylor was then president, the father-in-law of Davis, and by him the duel was prevented by reasons of state—that such disgrace should not be enacted for words spoken in debate, etc.; besides it became known that the weapons and distance meant death to one or both. The truth was Colonel Bissell meant business. He was not to be cowed. He knew his rights and the kind of stuff his antagonist was made of and that northern blood and courage were as sacred as southern blood and courage ever could be.

Men who knew the battle of Buena Vista, who were there, and who knew Davis and Bissell at the time of the debate referred to, never doubted what the result of that fight would have been and the writer unhesitatingly affirms that Colonel Bissell would not in all probability have missed his aim. A braver, nobler, cooler, truer Christian soldier never pulled a trigger or drew a blade, and he contributed tenfold more to the saving of the battle of Buena Vista than did Jefferson Davis.

Had not Colonel Yell of Arkansas been killed by the unfortunate breaking of his horse's bridle bit he could have told more of this story than Mr. Davis' wildest eulogists ever dreamed of in their extravagance; and the deaths of Colonels Hardin, McKee, Clay, and Yell sealed lips that, living, could tell of the brave deeds of Buena Vista that certainly Mr. Davis took no part in, and which had more to do in saving that battle, next to the undaunted American heroism that survived it, "that did not know when it was whipped," as General Taylor expressed it, than Mr. Davis ever thought or dreamed of.

Just the pure juice of the grape naturally fermented, that is what Cook's Imperial Champagne is; its boquet is unrivaled.

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Illustrating the changes which French names suffer in this country, the Buffalo Commercial says that perhaps no aristocratic French name ever suffered more from foreign usage than that of the early resident and benefactor of Buffalo, Louis Le Couteulx, marquis de Caumont. This gentleman is known in this vicinity as "Look-a-too," or "Ducky-too." It must be admitted that the name is a pretty tough one for Americans to wrestle with.

The latest kind of thieves that New York has produced are men who make a business of stealing toothpicks. They lounge around the cashier's desk in large hotels and restaurants, and, when no one is looking, press their hand on the toothpicks, which are standing end up, and then withdraw their hand into a convenient pocket.

Mr. Jones of Cisco, Tex., got the idea that there were too many rattlesnakes on his farm. The other day he quit his plowing and went gunning for them. Under the edge of a large rock he discovered a nest and began firing at them. He kept it up until he had shot twenty-one large snakes. Scores of young ones got away.

Mr. James T. Jackson of Detroit has in his possession a document of some historic interest. It is a bill of sale for the transfer of a negro named Mose from Mr. Jackson to William Moxley of West Virginia, dated February 4, 1863. It is claimed that this is the latest transfer of a slave on record in the Virginias.

The feat of playing twenty games of checkers simultaneously and winning all but one, which was a draw, was accomplished by Clarence A. Freeman in Providence, R. I., a few days ago. His contestants were experts from all over Rhode Island. The play lasted one hour and forty minutes.

Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" has been translated recently into the Chinese dialect of Amoy. Among the eighty-three distinctive dialects of the world in which this famous book has appeared are the Gaelic, the Malagasy, the Maori, the Orlya, the Barotongan, the Romaic, the Servian and the Welsh.

The year 2118, according to the president of the Manchester Geological Society, will see the exhaustion of the English coal.

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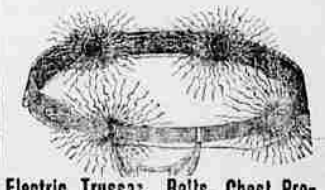

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